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Pope Francis says he feels shame and sorrow for residential school abuse



Pope Francis has officially apologized to Canada's Indigenous peoples for the Catholic Church's role in the residential school system and promised to visit Canada. (Vatican News)





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#### Visit tbnewswatch.com **NEWS** Thursday, April 7, 2022 **Council unsure of bubble location**

#### By Ian Kaufman - TB Source

A decision on where to place a proposed six-court tennis bubble within Chapples Park will wait until May, after Thunder Bay's city council considered the issue Monday.

Mayor Bill Mauro argued council needed more information on how a location suggested by administration – but opposed by the Thunder Bay Community Tennis Centre would impact the club.

The delay puts additional pressure on the tennis centre as it races to meet funding deadlines for completion of the project, the first of which falls in November of this year.

those pressures, but said council

needed more information before deciding between competing visions for the location of the indoor tennis centre.

"Where I'm landing on this is, I don't think it's going to get built in time for this season anyway, unfortunately," he said.

Specifically, Mauro asked for more details on the tennis centre's concerns that administration's suggested location, across a roadway to the south, would result in higher operating costs, including potentially having to hire more staff to supervise the facilities.

The tennis centre has also raised safety concerns that players including children would be

be higher since the area is further from service connections.

In a report, city administration suggested the club's preferred location, directly to the northwest of its existing outdoor courts, would

conflict with plans for the city's proposed indoor turf centre, which is envisioned in the same area.

The 45-foot-high bubble would disrupt the way the turf centre integrates with surrounding sports fields and an adjacent toboggan hill, and block views of Mount McKay, general manager of community services Kelly Robertson told councillors.

"One of the design principles was

the integration of that facility with the sliding hill, with the fields surrounding [it] - the pavilion-inthe-park kind of concept," she said.

"The concerns we've shared with the tennis centre in the past [are]

that the park users will consider it to be quite obtrusive as they're approaching the proposed indoor [turf] facility, blocking the view, in particular the view of Mount McKay, from the perspective of the multiuse indoor turf facility."

Several councillors questioned just how serious those objections were on

"Maybe I'm not getting it, but [one

of] the two main arguments against Option 1 was that it would potentially block the view of a future indoor facility," said Coun. Andrew Foulds. "I don't mean to be facetious here, but I think people who go to an indoor turf facility go to play something - I'm not sure they're going for a view."

The aesthetics were a major driver of administration's concerns, said landscape architect Werner Schwar, who said the bubble would come within about 20 metres of the indoor turf centre in the tennis centre's preferred location.

By passing Mauro's referral motion, council directed administration to return with a report by May 9. Couns. Ch'ng, Ruberto, and You voted against the referral.







**BILL MAURO** 

Monday.

# Pope apologizes for school abuse

Francis will meet residential school survivors in Canada

#### By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Local Indigenous leaders have accepted Pope Francis's apology for the Catholic Church's role in perpetuating an era of abuse at Canada's residential schools.

But both Nishnawbe Aski Nation Deputy Grand Chief Anna Betty Achneepineskum and outgoing Fort William First Nation Chief Peter Collins say there's still plenty of work left to do to complete the healing process.

Francis last Friday apologized to Indigenous leaders and residential school survivors who made the trek to Rome for audiences with Vatican officials, acknowledging the Church's role while expressing sorrow and shame that the abuse occurred.

"For most of us, I believe that we feel that yes, we welcome the apology, but there has to be sincere action behind it," Achneepineskum said last Friday.

"There has to be that acknowledgment and also support for healing initiatives. And the Catholic Church needs to ensure that this never happens again, that no child that is affiliated with the Catholic Church is harmed in any way – and that goes for all the people around the world where the Catholic Church has a presence."

More than 150,000 Indigenous youth were taken from their homes and forced to attend residential schools from coast to coast, facing physical and sexual abuse at the hands of many of those charged with watching over them.

They were also forced to give up their culture and language.

#### Affects still being felt today

As a result, generations of Indigenous people were broken, which led to violence and addiction issues that continue to impact communities far and wide to this very day.

Achneepineskum said the survivors and those affected by the inter-generational trauma of the residential school system live far and wide and need genuine help.

She added the Pope's apology didn't focus enough on the continuing discovery of unmarked graves on former residential sites, which came to light last summer in Kamloops, B.C.

It's part of the of the healing process.

"There wasn't anything like that in (the Pope's) statement and I believe more could have been said about that."

Achneepineskum said Francis's promised visit to Canada to apologize to the country's



Fort William First Nation Chief Peter Collins. (Leith Dunick)

Indigenous population in person should not just occur in a centralized location like Winnipeg.

"I do believe he needs to go to places other than Winnipeg," she said. "I would encourage and welcome it if he went to other places, such as St. Anne's, which was one of the residential institutions where it was known for the most horrific treatment of First Nation children."

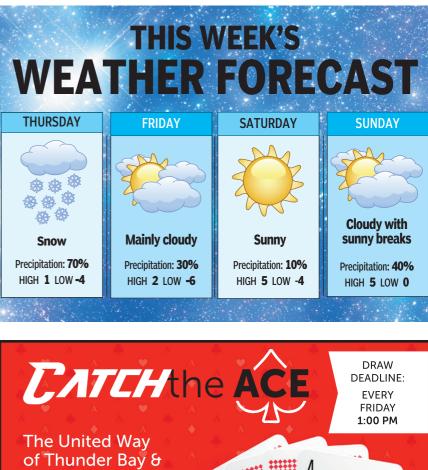
#### **Historic words**

Collins said the damage from residential schools continues to weave its way into modern-day times. However, he said the Pope's apology is a historic day for Indigenous people across the country and those living in his own community.

"It's a historical day for the survivors. It's a historical day for the families in the unmarked graves and I think that's an important message to our communities, our families that have been impacted by the residential schools. We're still seeing those impacts today," said Collins, a former alter boy.

"Today is an important step for the Pope to take. It's really going to give our folks the insight to move on in the healing process. Truth and reconciliation is part of that and hopefully we'll see him in Canada soon to really talk to our community members, to our folks in this country."

A date for the papal visit has not yet been set.



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# **PRO Kids delivers**

#### Progam aims to raise \$50,000 in its Power to Play fundraiser By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Joshua Swearengen says without PRO Kids, he wouldn't be the man he is today. Now a board member with the organization, which helps children who might otherwise go without take part in extracurricular activities, Swearengen said the program has had an impact on thousands of youngsters since it was first introduced in Thunder Bay in 1998.

It doesn't just happen, though, it takes money.

This year, PRO Kids is taking its appeal public, looking to raise at least \$50,000 in April, which if realized, could benefit hundreds of local youth.

"The value comes in many ways. For the child, they get to play the sports that they love, they get to branch out," said Swearengen, whose mother was in a motor vehicle collision when he was young and couldn't work, making it tougher to afford activities like football and hockey.

"For me, it was very easy to meet kids through sports, more so than in my own social life. It also teaches lessons teamwork, discipline, integrity are some. But then also there's the aspect that it lifts the financial burden on the parents. It's really positively affecting the entire family."

There's no doubt with PRO Kids, a lot of kids would go without.

"And there's going to be more moving forward," Swearengen said.

Mayor Bill Mauro, on hand at Fort William Gardens on Thursday to help



Josh Swearengen is a PRO Kids Thunder Bay board member who benefited from the proram as a youth.

launch the campaign, said the numbers speak for themselves, especially when one considers the totality of what PRO Kids has accomplished since 1998.

"Twenty-five thousand young men and women have been supported through this program, all of them likely coming from low-income families. Many of those young men and women probably would not be able to participate in all the activities PRO Kids sponsors," Mauro said.

The mayor said once participants are exposed to sports and other activities, it helps them develop more wholly, learning the benefits of sportsmanship and working as part of a team.

"You learn about discipline, self-

esteem, all those great things that come from it ... There's lots to be proud of here from the city's perspective from supporting and managing this program, and from the corporate sponsors and individuals in the city who financially contribute and make it the program it's become," Mauro said.

PRO Kids works with more than 200 activity and sports providers in the community to provide free or discounted placements in their programs. Fundraising allows them to double the amount.

Donations can be made at any local TD Bank branch, the Canada Games Complex or online at ww.prokidsthunderbay.ca.



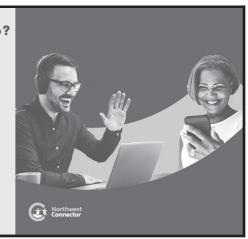
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# **Province gets set for election**

#### By TB Source staff

The province may still be in the midst of a pandemic, but Ontario's chief electoral officer Greg Essensa says voters can expect a smoother and more accessible election in 2022.

Essensa made a pit stop in Thunder Bay last week, meeting with returning officers and several dozen other key staff in the region's electoral offices in preparation for the June 2 provincial election.

Notably, Essensa said, those staff will oversee an expansion of advance voting, while voters will also have access to new digital tools.

The new Elections Ontario app allows voters to access a digital version of their voter identification card and find information they're looking for, like maps to the nearest advance voting locations. It can also flag any changes to voting times, Essensa said.

The agency is hoping for wide uptake and plenty of feedback.

"It's a pilot for us, it's the first time we're entering into that digital arena, so we're really encouraging all Ontarians to try it out and see if it works for them," said Essensa.

Elections Ontario has prepared for scenarios including a resurgence of COVID-19 leading up to election day, he noted.

"We've procured all the PPE possible," he said. "We're not 100 per cent sure how much we're going to use of it, but we wanted to make sure we have the best, safest health measures in place to ensure all Ontarians, whether you're coming to vote or you're coming to work for us, are protected."

Essensa also said Elections Ontario has been working

proactively with First Nations across the province to address access concerns, after three Northwestern Ontario communities – Pikangikum, Cat Lake, and Poplar Hill First Nations – went without access to a polling station on the federal election day last year.

"We plan to be on every reserve in Ontario... and we've been in contact with all of the band chiefs," he said. "We're in the process now of securing all the leases on every single reserve in Ontario. That's our goal and that's our plan – we want to ensure the Indigenous have as much opportunity to vote and exercise their

right to vote in their home community. We're going to continue to strive to be on 100 per cent of [the reserves] in Ontario."

Citing past issues with proper address information on reserves, Essensa said Elections Ontario has developed a new policy allowing chiefs to attest that an individual resides in their community.

The agency will also be looking for plenty of staff for election day, with Essensa saying recruiting "will be a challenge" based on the experience of Elections Canada last year. Employment opportunities are available online.

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Essensa urges all eligible voters to visit Elections Ontario's website to confirm the agency has the right address before voter information cards are sent out.

That will make things easy for everyone on June 2, he said.

"You come in with your voter information card and ID, and we can service you in literally a minute and a half – you can be in and out and exercise your right to vote."

Residents can also vote at advance polls (expanding from five to 10 days this year), an Elections Ontario returning office before the election, by mail, and in some cases, by home visit. More information is available online.



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### Make visit count

**EDITORIAL** 

Pope Francis has apologized for the Roman Catholic Church's role in Canada's residential school system.

More importantly, he's promised to visit Canada to further apologize in person.

It's a visit that needs to be well thought out.

Simply put, the Pope should strongly consider visiting not just a major centre in Canada, but one or more actual First Nation communities

Winnipeg, which is the rumoured destination for Francis' yet-to-bedetermined visit, wouldn't have the same impact as a trip to Eabametoong First Nation or Cat Lake First Nation might have.

Leaders like Pope Francis need to understand the traditions and culture the residential school system tried to wipe out, and there's no better way than to see it first-hand.

A visit to the unmarked grave sites in Kamloops, B.C. would also be appropriate.

Francis' apology was a long time coming and was an important first step. But it's by no means the only step required along the lengthy healing process.



# **Anthology celebrates working-class writers**

*Common People* is an anthology of working class writers edited by Kit de Waal. Working-class stories are not always tales of the underprivileged and dispossessed.

This collection of essays, poems and memoir were written in celebration, not apology: these are narratives rich in barbed humour, reflecting the depth and texture of working class life, the joy and sorrow, the solidarity and the differences, the everyday wisdom and poetry of the woman at the bus stop, the waiter, the hairdresser.

Kit de Waal brings together 33 established and emerging writers who invite you to experience the world through their eyes, their

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voices loud and clear as they reclaim and redefine what it means to be working class.

Eva Verde is a writer from East London who is of dual

heritage. Identity and class are recurring themes throughout her work. In I Am Not Your Tituba she describes her childhood experience of the local public library:

'We'd push at the library's heavyweight doors in unison, our

efforts granting us entry to a massive room of hushed silence and warm, natural light, a full removal from real life outside, speeding noisily along

without us.'

This was her sanctuary: 'The snug, homely bookishness of the space was my personal version of heaven.'

From a young age she was a familiar face to the 'kind vet superior lady librarians nestled behind the front desk, their glasses hanging from necklaces, resting on knitwearencased bosoms.'

If there was anything she wanted to be when she grew up it was to become

a librarian. As a student she volunteered in the local library: 'There were few things more alluring to me than the thick,

slightly grubby scent of well thumbed pages'.

The librarians down turned mouths, with their raised brows and studious expressions, 'always felt more as if they were playing a part rather than singling me out.'

She was familiar with those looks and unfazed by them. She knew the library rules; 'if you appreciate books and are quiet, outside laws are suspended.'

As a parent she took her children to the library: 'In the sunny and purpose-built children's section there are polka dot bean bags and child size sofas and the net at the touch of a button.'

She was always keen to point out

the overlooked nooks, the corners where she spent hours reading and the books she selected. Thanks to the public library, books were never beyond her reach, 'and in the moments when I felt absolutely burdened, books offered a temporary cure.'

Public libraries have always been street corner universities for the working class.

But, as David O'Brien points out in Class and Publishing, public libraries have very few books by workingclass authors because publishing is dominated by the bourgeoisie (who make up 43 per cent) of the industry compared to just 12 per cent who come from the working class.

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**John Pateman BOOK BANTER** 

# Wilde Tales a wild time on stage

#### **By JR Shermack**

Many Canadian families have decided that now might be a good time to get out of the house for some personal recreation or entertainment.

Our family decided to venture out to attend a community event last weekend and things got a little Wilde, Oscar Wilde to be precise.

After public health concerns caused a long delay of public performances, Eleanor Drury Children's Theatre (EDCT) returned to the stage with a new production, Wilde Tales.

It was an original adaptation of the wit and wisdom of Oscar Wilde, featuring his classic children's stories like *The Happy Prince* and *The Selfish Giant*.

We were entertained by a sentimental production featuring the creativity and audacity of a man who boldly wrote about himself, "I have nothing to declare except my genius."

As an audience member I declare that the creativity and audacity of

the young cast members (ages 10 to 18) brought Wilde to life with humor, song and dance.

After a string of successful productions artistic director Aleksa Shermack (my daughter) has once again brought this group of enthusiastic young thespians to a professional stage in Thunder Bay. In past years EDCT has rehearsed and performed on several stages around the city including the Community Auditorium – this year they added one more to the list.

Wilde Tales was skilfully staged at a new venue this year with the support of a new community partner, the professional staff and production team at Magnus Theatre.

It was a tonic for the soul to be part of the audience that day – live theatre and many other loved local cultural traditions have been on hold for some time.

Fortunately these two longstanding organizations have weathered the isolation and restrictions to keep performing arts alive and well in Thunder Bay.

The nerve-wracking experience of the past two years has given Canadians a better appreciation for the importance of a vital local community in our personal lives.

Being deprived of the social pleasures of community life has been a stressful ordeal and now that restrictions have eased, the huddled masses are ready to emerge.

Mask mandates have been lifted for many venues and public health measures are largely an individual responsibility – "mask-friendly" is the new buzz word.

This is an opportunity for local residents (even the most cautious) to re-connect with family and friends to revitalize the community connections they have been missing.

Wilde Tales was a mask friendly event – individual choice was respected and I observed that most of the Magnus Theatre crowd that day was wearing.

It was very gratifying to enjoy local community theatre again, at

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Wilde Tales was a fun show to watch

long last, and we were also pleased to support Magnus, a pillar of the local performing arts scene for fifty years.

Eleanor Drury Children's

Theatre has been a local fixture for forty years and many residents can remember acting on that stage in their younger days.

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EDCT is a non-profit led by a board of directors dedicated to providing opportunities for local children to take part in live community theatre.

Their first production was *Gramma's Stockings* in 1982 and a legacy of children's theatre has continued to enrich our community through to the present day.

What a great opportunity for young cast members to extend their limits and explore their talents to perform on a professional stage for a live audience.

Congratulations to the artistic director, the talented cast, Magnus Theatre and the many dedicated volunteers and "imagineers" who shared their talent and inspiration.

Wilde Tales was written, produced and directed to celebrate the joy that comes from love and understanding.

I was happy to be part of that celebration on my Wilde weekend.

### in and around... The Bay

April 7-8

SIJHL Playoffs

The Thunder Bay North Stars journey up Highway 11-17 to the Fish Tank as the under dog to open their best-of-seven Superior

risn I ank as the under dog to open their best-of-seven Superior International Junior Hockey League semifinal against the upstart Kam River Fighting Walleye.

The Fighting Walleye were the top team in the SIJHL season all season long and are hoping to use home-ice advantage to start their playoff run in winning fashion.

Tickets range from \$8 for youth to \$25 for VIP seats at the Norwest Arena. Game time on Thursday and Friday night is 7:30 p.m.

#### April 7

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All ages welcome. Warning, there is adult content. Doors at 7 p.m., show at 8 p.m. There

will be a 20-minute intermission. Tickets available through Ticketmaster and the Thunder Bay Community Auditorium website.

#### April 9

Mega Hits Figure Skating Show The Thunder Bay Figure Skating Club is excited about the return of our Annual Ice Show.

It's been two long years for our skaters and community since our last show and the club is buzzing with excitement.

Mega Hits will feature our talented members, along with our special guest skaters, two-time American champion Alissa Czisny and fourtime World and Canadian Champion Kurt Browning.

Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$20 at the door. Available from any club member or at Flair Athletics, Pinewood Ford, Petrie's Cycle and Sport, the Breakaway gas station on Oliver Road.

The event takes place at the Port Arthur Arena, with shows at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

#### April 8-9

**Northern Jazz** 

The Thunder Bay Symphony Orchestra will play jazz music, joining local musician Robin Ranger who will provide the vocals and play a little guitar. The show will also feature Mario Potestio on guitar, Dino Pepe on saxophone, with Jeff Christmas conducting.

The concert will take place on Friday from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Italian Cultural Centre on Algoma Street. Tickets are \$16.34 to \$47.84.

The shows take place on Friday and Saturday night, and are all ages.

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# **8 NEWS Police board backs police service**

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Just days after Indigenous leaders called for the Thunder Bay Police Service to be disbanded and asked that major crimes involving Indigenous peoples be investigated by an outside agency, the Thunder Bay Police Services Board says it backs the police department.

The statement came after an emergency meeting was called on Saturday to discuss ongoing concerns raised in recent weeks, including multiple human rights complaints filed against Police Chief Sylvie Hauth and other members of the TBPS leadership team. The police leadership team is also under investigation by the Ontario Civilian Police Commission.



Thunder Bay Police Chief Sylvie Hauth remains under investigation.

"We continue to have confidence in the Thunder Bay Police Service. We recognize members of the Thunder Bay Police Service, who are showing a commitment to transforming the service while serving their community. We support these efforts in addition to the ongoing commitments to provide more training, knowledge, and skill development for members of the Service," reads a section of the unsigned statement.

"The board recognizes that the journey of rebuilding trust with the community takes time. It requires us to acknowledge the errors of the past, and the hurt it has caused, while focusing our efforts on the work set forth in our strategic plan ... The board remains united in our goal to end systemic racism within the Thunder Bay Police Service and provide leadership in rebuilding trust with our Indigenous communities. Dialogue is paramount to achieving these goals. The board is committed to building on the work that is already underway, to instill trust and transform the Thunder Bay Police Service."

The meeting was closed to both media and the public, with board secretary John Hannam citing the Police Act for going behind closed doors.

Lawyer Chantelle Bryson, who represents current board member Georjann Morriseau -- who this week announced she was taking a leave of absence from the board -said in a tweet it's clear what needs to be done.

"Apologize and hold those responsible for abject failures accountable. Stop the PR statements and actually speak with families and leaders about the impact of the failures and the path forward. Strategic plan is nothing more than paint upon air," Bryson said.

Morriseau is one of the complainants who has filed a human rights complaint against the police chief and the police services board.





The Thunder Bay Carvers have taken on a big task. (Justin Hardy)

# Carving a Carousel

By Justin Hardy -TB Source

Members of the Thunder Bay Carvers were more than excited about the chance to show off their years of experience in woodcarving as they help out with the Chippewa Park Carousel restoration project.

"They were up for it and it went well, I think it's one of the biggest projects the Thunder Bay Carvers have ever taken on. At times, it was a little overwhelming but we stuck it out, and we're going to get it done," said Rick Dowswell, Thunder Bay carver.

"You know, I remember taking my kids there and I think a lot of people in Thunder Bay are going to see that and say I want to take my grandkids there, and I think it's going to turn out really well."

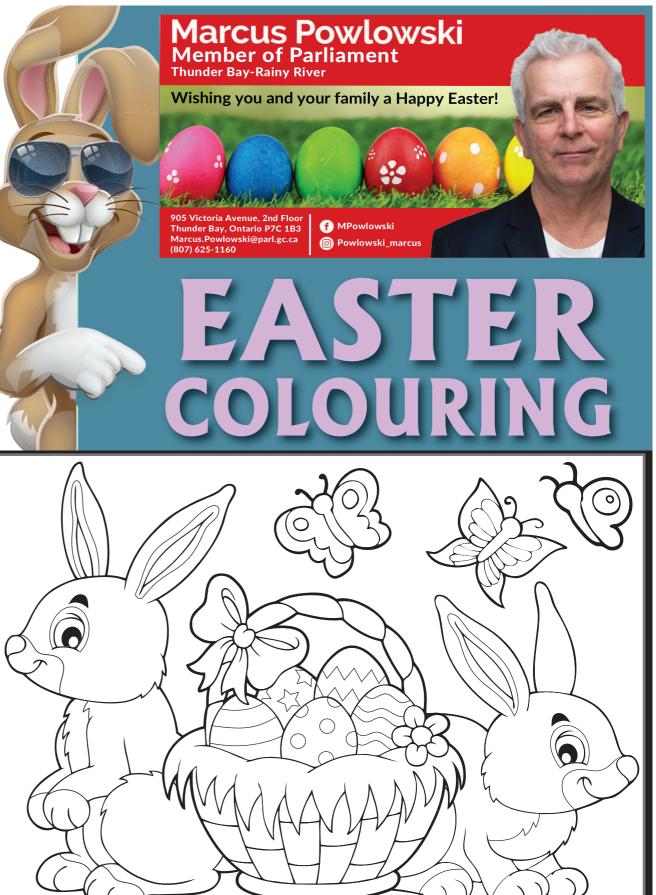
The Thunder Bay Carvers will be contributing horseheads, chariots, and revitalized mirrors for the ride.

The Thunder Bay Carvers' past work shows a clear talent for the craft, and many members feel the carousel project offers new and exciting challenges.

"I'd never thought we'd get into this, but it has really been an experience," said Terry Hurtig, Thunder Bay carver.

"I have learned a lot about that type of carving that I had never done before, but it has been a real experience."

The restoration of the carousel continues to be underway and the Thunder Bay Carvers have a lot more work ahead on top of the hundreds of hours they have already put into the project.



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Police investigate the 2018 murder of teen Braiden Jacob at Chapples Park. (FILE)

## **Not guilty plea** Yellowhead charged in 2018 murder

By Doug Diaczuk – TB Source

An Eabametoong First Nation man accused in the 2018 death of 17-year-old Braiden Jacob has pleaded not guilty to the charge of manslaughter.

The trial against Jonathan Yellowhead, 26, opened in a Thunder Bay Courtroom on Monday before Justice Bonnie Warkentin. The trial is being held by judge alone.

Yellowhead was first charged with second-degree murder on Dec. 15, 2018 following his arrest by the Thunder Bay Police Service with the assistance of the Nishnawbe Aski Police Service.

Jacob, who was originally from Webequie First Nation and in Thunder Bay to seek counselling services, was first reported missing on Dec. 6, 2018. His body was found on Dec. 9 in the Chapples Park area by an individual walking his dog. Following a postmortem examination, police determined his death to be a homicide.

Crown attorney Heather Bracken said during her opening statement that the court will hear about events that took place between Dec. 5 and 9, 2018, which started with a gathering of several young people at an Arthur Street hotel, including Jacob and Yellowhead. Video surveillance presented to the court shows Jacob and Yellowhead leaving the hotel in the early morning hours of Dec. 6. Bracken said further video evidence shows Jacob and Yellowhead together in the Limbrick Street area before leaving after approximately 15 minutes. This was the last time Jacob was seen alive on video surveillance.

In a videotaped statement by Yellowhead on Dec. 8, 2018 to a NAPS officer in Eabametoong First Nation when Jacob was still considered a missing person, Yellowhead said he was with Jacob at the hotel with several other people and they ran off between 1 and 2 a.m. because a window was broken.

Yellowhead goes on to say that he and Jacob went to the Limbrick Street area and Jacob then told him he was going to meet someone else, so he left Jacob and spent the rest of the night at a residence in the area.

Braken called several members of the Thunder Bay Police Service who attended the Chapples scene to testify, including Det. Const. Patrick Wilson with the Forensic Identification Unit, who took the court through video, photo, and drone footage taken of the scene where Jacob's body was found.

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# LIFE 11 **Culinary school memories**

Last week on HCAYK, we discussed the first few years I spent getting ready to enter and then getting into culinary management at Confederation College.

If 20-year-old Derek only knew what he was in for. The triumphs were the highest of highs and the days when I fell flat on my face (don't worry, I'm still kinda pretty). Every career can be a rollercoaster, especially when you're looking back on 25 years, there will be pitfalls and valleys, and some good days too. The one inescapable fact is that to be in this business for a lengthy run vou must love it.

You'll never survive if you are hating every minute of it. The business is designed from the

of it (although some stubborn fools survive).

The program I was a part of in 2001-2003 at the college was a mix

of practical cooking skills, and kitchen and hospitality management courses. We discussed a lot of situations about how to manage costs and people.

An under-rated benefit to the program was the networking, during school you would meet chefs from all walks of

colleagues and friends now.

ground up to weed those people out trying to absorb as much knowledge as I possibly could.

We would cook and serve threecourse lunches weekly, with monthly 7 course dinners in the

evening. Even after being in class all day, we would still work late into the evening.

All of this for the love of the business and fun of it all.

The cooking industry can sometimes destroy the fun and love we all have for it. For most of

life, many of whom I consider fairly fleeting. In my program, those dinners would also be followed by In 2001 however, I was just a kid many drinks at a local south side

watering hole, one that unfortunately no longer exists.

These experiences and (most of) the people I shared them with is something I would never trade for anything. When the students were allowed to start creating the menus, we started to see the early stages of some extremely creative people who are still working in Thunder Bay today. The early years of my career are something I always look upon fondly.

There's something simple about just cooking and drinking and hanging out with my friends.

The thing about cooking, like most industries when you really love the business you're in, you will usually get along easily with the other likeminded people you will find in it. Cooks at their core are a hardworking, hard partying bunch, we like low brow humour, and most of us have a bit of an ego.

We are basically the closest thing to pirates you will find in the civilized world.

Egos can be a bad thing when left unchecked, but they can also be an asset, when you have an ego, you're invested, you have skin in the game, and when something to lose, when it doesn't go right, it hurts.

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With snow still falling in Northwestern Ontario this week, one doesn't have to look far to find it in great plenty, even into April.

## Winter's almost gone But there's still plenty of snow for outdoor adventures

There is a lot of snow accumulation from this past winter and it feels like it might take some time for it to disappear.

Luckily, many of the trails we run, hike, and ride our mountain bikes on during the summer also provide exciting and challenging routes for late winter hiking.

With some good timing and an adventurous spirit, exploring our many urban greenspaces can be a lot of fun at this time

of year.

The best conditions for an early spring hike are dependent on temperature and sunlight. Trudging through the deep, melting snow on a warm day isn't much fun. Additionally, sinking into this soft

snow can leave big holes that will quickly ruin the trail for other users once they refreeze.

**Keith Ailey** 

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This means that timing a hike for early morning is the best option. At first light, you will find that the overnight drop in temperatures had firmed up the remaining snowpack and the solid morning snow makes hiking both easy and very enjoyable. Sometimes, on cool overcast days, these prime conditions will last late into the morning before things soften up too much.

When picking a spot for a morning hike, consider the options closest to home to reduce driving time and make it quick and easy to get some fresh air and exercise before you start the day. The fact that you do not need to travel far to get off the sidewalk and into a new adven-

ture is one of the big advantages of living where we do. Well-used areas

where hikers or snowshoers have been packing the trail c o n s i s t e n t l y throughout the winter are ideal choices for this time

of year. When exploring popular trail systems like those found in our local conservation areas, Centennial Park, George Burke Park, and around Lakehead University, you will find that you can move around quite easily, as long as you stay on the main path, because the snow is packed hard like concrete here.

In addition to providing a boost for our physical and mental health, these morning walks provide an opportunity to spend some time with friends, family, or our pets (on a leash of course). The satisfaction of reaching a destination point, completing a long loop or reaching the summit with a view only makes the experience more satisfying. Since we are in Northwestern Ontario, we are bound to see some breathtaking scenery and probably encounter some wildlife like deer, rabbit, fox or grouse along the way.

As the sun slowly rises and the new day springs to life, there is a window of serenity in the early mornings that is both peaceful and uplifting. Depending on what I need most, this is the time when I like to either plan my busy day at work or simply let everything go and get lost in nature for a few moments before things get hectic again.

The mild days ahead are a great time to get outside. Many of our urban trails follow the local rivers and watching them break free from winter's icy grasp to start flowing again is very gratifying after a long winter.



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# **Calico Coffee House has reopened**

#### By TB Source staff

A Thunder Bay coffeeshop that became collateral damage in the Dec. 22 fire that destroyed the Finnish Labour Temple is now back in business.

Calico Coffee House on Bay Street reopened Monday after a forced shutdown of almost three months.

On the night of the big fire, much of the same water that was used in efforts to extinguish the blaze found its way into the shop, causing extensive damage.

The biggest need to prepare for reopening was the replacement of the boiler, which was flooded out.

Calico is co-owned by Alexis Grunys and Sheena Doran.

"It feels really good to be back and

to see our customers. We're just happy to be back and running," Doran said.

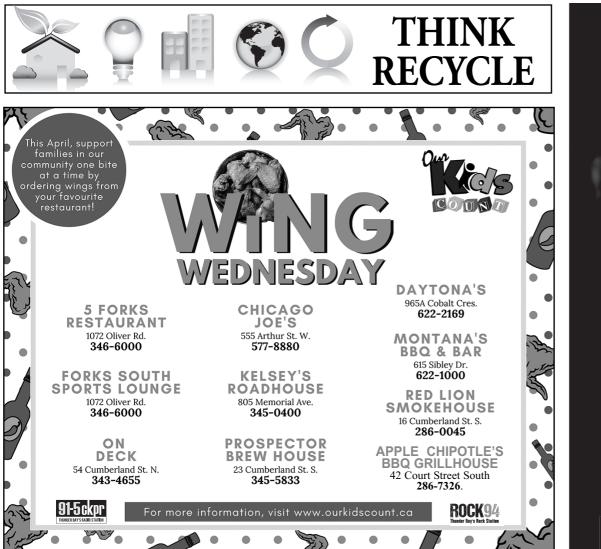
Both women said they're grateful not only to the patrons who returned on Monday, but also for the support they've received over the past few months.

"We're just super thankful for all the support we've gotten. People have messaged, left messages on the phone. And just the general support we've felt today has been amazing," Doran said.

For now, the two women will run the coffee shop entirely on their own. Support staff left for other jobs during the shutdown, so they're currently operating Monday to Saturday rather than seven days a week as in the past.



A customer enters Calico Coffee House on Bay Street on Monday, months after the business was closed due to the Finnish Labour Temple fire.



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# Muddy days are straight ahead

So, it begins - the melt. At last. But with it - mud. What a mess.

Increasingly during the day, the snow is disappearing. The driveway and yard twixt 'hoosie' and barn are transforming into slush and where bare ground has appeared, mud. Evidence of mud is seen on our entrance floor when puppies come back inside - little muddy paw prints.

Therefore, it is time to keep a towel and as the mud season progresses, a pail of water

to sluice paws prior to full entry into Casa Jones. Depending on their moods, this task can be easy or not. One must remember to close the inner door before opening up the front door to allow puppies entry.

Driving can be hazardous until the snow on the driveway is gone. In the morning before the temperature rises, the snow is a crunchy ice.

That condition makes traversing the

yard from house to barn tricky. But worse is the patch just before the gate into the western horse paddock where the equines spend the day.

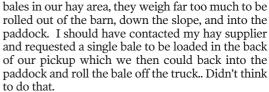
That entrance is down hill and so the melt water collects and freezes making for a miniature skating rink, potentially dangerous for horses.

Driving off and back onto the property involves great skill. One negotiates the straight stretch but when one tries to turn the corner to drive past the barn one must be extra vigilant else the slushy snow will pull the vehicle into a snow bank especially if one is driving the car. Twice I almost wound up off the driveway returning from town.

The problem as I have written before is that I am without my ancient, trusty tractor, Big Red, that I use to scrape up the slushy snow-melt. It is in a repair shop getting a new clutch. And these things take time.

Another problem not having Red at the ready is getting hay to the horses in their paddock. I attach a spear to the bucket and stab the large, round, hay bales and ferry them into the paddock.

I didn't plan well enough and while we have the



It is not the end of the world however, just inconvenient. I will fork hay into the cart being towed by

> our quad and make a couple of trips to the paddock while the horses are eating their morning grain rations.

Speaking of Red getting a muchneeded clutch, my wife, Laura, was speaking with a chap interested in a gardening practice that Laura does when planting her seeds that I mentioned in a precious column.

Turns out he has a farm and he had a breakdown of his machine at about the worst time too. The difference between

him and me is that he was able to go ahead and fix the problem.

Me? "Whaddya mean you hafta split the tractor in two in order to replace the clutch? Oh, and you have to first remove the front end loader? How do you do that?"

So, off Red went to a professional equipment repair chap. I was told that if the loader was a more recent type, it would be easy to remove - simply undo a couple of links.

But my loader is older and there are bolts to the left of me, bolts to the right that must be undone. I looked and wondered where one begins.

This winter has not been a kind one. Usually Laura and I can count on snowshoeing, on making trails over which we can tromp to get into our bush and to get some exercise for both us and our pooches. But it was too dang cold! And then the snow got too deep for our dogs.

So, perhaps spring is being allowed to take over at last. Just have to be patient and soon order and good government and Big Red will return to the land.

# Library's CEO is retiring

#### By TB Source staff

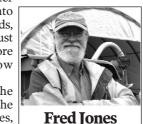
The CEO and chief librarian of Thunder Bay Public Library is retiring.

John Pateman will be completing his contract with the library in September of this year.

During his nine years as CEO, he led the library through a restructuring process and the develop-

ment and execution of two strategic plans. Library board chair Carol Grieve thanks Pateman for his contributions to the library.

"The Thunder Bay Public Library has become a very different place than it was when he came. There's much more diversity and inclusion and John has taken on a lot of partnerships," Grieve said.



**RURAL ROOTS** 





Summer of Soul celebrats African-American music and culture and the music of the Harlem Cultural Festival.

# **Oscar thoughts, Part 2**

This is Part Two of capsule reviews catching up with several noteworthy Academy Award winners and nominees that became available just before the ceremony and others that eluded scrutiny previously.

Best documentary winner: Summer of Soul (Shaw, VOD) focuses on the Harlem

Cultural Festival that featured an all-star line-up of African-American performers over several play dates during summer, '69. The film is an impactful celebration of African-American music and culture, capturing amazing performances and brilliant, varied musical styles augmented by commentary from some stars who

performed there, attendees, and activists, combining to create both a cultural and nostalgic context for America at that time.

The footage sat dormant for almost 50 years because the festival had no marketing takers, overshadowed by Woodstock which was happening 100 miles away. Director Questlove and editor Joshua L. Pearson have assembled a compelling, exhilarating, and sobering film.

Best picture nominee: Licorice Pizza (Netlfix) Also up for Best Directing and Original Screenplay.

Director/screenwriter Paul Thomas Anderson returns to a favoured time and place for his movies, the San Fernando Valley circa 1973.

The film focuses on the adventures of Gary, an enterprising 15-year-old, (Cooper Hoffman, son of Philip Seymour), and

> Alana (Alana Haim) a footloose 25-year-old, who finds herself going along with Gary's ventures including child acting, selling water beds and running

The film gets much mileage out of the banter and charisma of the appealing leads. The meandering structure falters but Anderson is masterful at recre-

Best international film nominee, Norway: The Worst Person in the World (Shaw VOD) focuses on Julie, (Renate Reinsve) a woman in her late 20s, still searching for identity in life and love in Oslo, flitting through career choices and love interests with whimsical abandon.

Reinsve engages our empathy despite her character's self-absorption as we follow her through experiencing the realities of delayed coming of age. Director-screenwriter Joaquim Trier and co-writer Eskilic Vogt creates an engaging story about one

woman's circuitous self-realization.

Best international feature nominee, Italy: The Hand of God (Netflix) Writerdirector Paolo Sorrentino spins this semi-autobiographical coming of age tale set in Naples, 1980s, focusing on teen Fabietto and his quirky family, and their obsession with football star Diego Maradona.

Much of the family narrative is unremarkable, lacking wit, insight. The film is distinguished by lighting and cinematography.

Best sctor nominee: Tick, Tick, Boom, (Netflix) also nominated for best editing.

First-time director Lin-Manuel Miranda grapples with this hyperactive musical, based on Jonathan Larson's one-man show detailing his all-consuming struggles creating his first play.

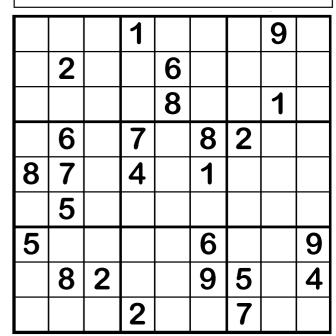
Andrew Garfield is inspired as Larson. Great cast. Larson tragically passed away before seeing the dizzying success of "Rent."

Congrats to Canadian Patrice Vermette who won the best production design Oscar for Dune and to Halifax director Ben Proudfoot who won for best documentary short subject, The Queen of Basketball, about Lucy Harris, the only woman to be drafted by the NBA.

Bravo, Canada!

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# Falcons win No. 7

#### By Leith Dunick – TB Source

Jackson Lawrence is a shooting machine.

On Tuesday night his high-powered stroke delivered a Superior Secondary Schools Athletic Association senior boys basketball championship to the St. Ignatius Falcons, the school's seventh straight title and ninth overall.

Lawrence buried nine three-pointers and put up a game-high 30 points for the Falcons, who fell two points short of their regular season average 96 points a night, dropping the Hammarskjold Vikings 94-52 on their home court to take the trophy once again.

For the Vikings, the title drought increased to 15 years.

Makeer Makeer had 21 for the Falcons and A.J. Tshllombo powered his way to 13, the trio accounting for 64 of St. Ignatius's 94 points.

It's not how the Falcons were hoping to end the season, but with COVID forcing the cancellation of provincials, they'll take the local championship and savour it for a lifetime – especially after losing all of last season to the pandemic.

"After we found out there was no OFSAA, this was really our last chance to play basketball. We wanted to put on a show for all the fans who came out because we haven't had a lot of fans this season," Lawrence said after the Thursday night triumph.

There weren't too many misses for the senior guard.

"I was just trying to help out my teams. I was taking good shots, open shots, that's it," Lawrence said.

The Vikings defenders paid a little too much attention to Makeer and Tshllombo, leaving Lawrence open most of the night.

He made them pay, putting up 16 in the first half, while Makeer, who won a



The St. Ignatius Falcons have won the past seven SSSAA senior boys basketball titles (Leith Dunick).

senior boys football title last fall, was held to 10 and Tshllombo had just four at the break.

St. Ignatius, who led by eight after one, stretched their lead to 19 in the second, hitting the break up 44-25.

They poured it on in the third, outscoring Hammarskjold 32-13, Makeer putting up eight of his 10 second-half points in the quarter.

There just wasn't enough offense for the Vikings, who were unable to regularly penetrate the tenacious Falcons defensive scheme.

Porter Jorgenson managed to put up 20 points to lead Hammarskjold, Justin Pucci finishing with 14, matching his jersey number.

St. Ignatius coach Dino Buset said his squad prided itself on its defence all season long, evident in their 10-0 regular season record. "Give credit to Hammarskjold. We've had some games that we've been fairly close with them, but nothing like tonight, at the beginning, especially. Their defensive scheme at the beginning really hurt us a bit, but Jackson came through and had a really good game," Buset said.

"Tonight was better than some nights, but we can always count on him to give a lot in terms of the defensive and the offensive."

Makeer said the title means a lot to the entire school community.

"We got a lot taken from us and this is a really good chance to come together as one and for our seniors, it's really good to go out a good hurrah," said Makeer, who plans to either take his game to university next season – possibly Lakehead – or return for a final season of high school ball.



# Back in the stands

**Leith Dunick** 

SPORTS SHORTS

How bad have I missed live sports (and live music)?

Just ask my bank account.

This past weekend I jumped in the SUV, crossed the border and headed to Milwaukee and Chicago, for essentially an overnight trip.

The concert was one of my favourites, **The Avett Brothers**, and it felt fantastic being part of a crowd, singing along with thousands of others. The cover of **Jim Croce**'s Operator was the

crowning jewel of a night that alone was worth 11 hours to get there.

On Sunday, back in Milwaukee, I scored a ticket to the Bucks and Dallas Mavericks contest, and watched **Luka Doncic** outshine former MVP **Giannis Antekokounmpo**.

Doncic was two rebounds shy of a triple double, though the Greek Freak had the dunk of the day, slamming into Maverick's power forward Dorian Finney-Smith before making the thunderous throwdown.

We're headed to Minneapolis in a couple of weeks to see the Twins and White Sox and I think I'll get to see the Blue Jays a few times on the road in June — book-ending a weekend set in Milwaukee (again) with a **Willie Nelson/Jason Isbell** set in Grand Rapids, Mich. Add in a Padres home game in August, perhaps a Giants game and potentially games in either Kansas City and St. Louis or Cleveland, and I'm pumped for the summer to get here.

One of the things I saw while driving back on Sunday afternoon, just outside the Wisconsin Dells, was golfers actually golfing. The grass was still yellow and the temps were still in the single digits, but there were plenty of people out working out the rust.

I suspect it'll be mid-May before we're asking about mulligans round these parts.

Speaking of golf, **Tiger Woods**' return to the Masters would have to be the sports story of the year (with apologies to Canada's national men's soccer team).

After nearly losing his leg in a car crash Woods

appeared to be done as a professional golfer, but his recovery has defied all odds.

I highly doubt he wins at Augusta this week (if he plays), but I'd never bet against it. If anyone knows the course, it's Woods.

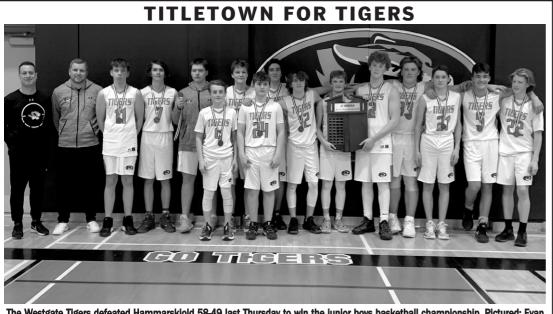
Love him or hate him, Tiger is great for the game of golf. Just look at the crowds that follow him around the course. It's chaos.

It was great to see him showing a Masters rookie like **Cameron Davis** the ropes during a practice round.

My pick to win it all in 2022 is **Cameron Smith**. He was tied for 10th a year ago and has vaulted into the top 10 in the world golf rankings. I like **Corey Conners**' chances too. He's been playing well.

He'll join **Mackenzie Hughes** and **J.J. Spaun** as former Staal Foundation Open participants in the field this week at Augusta. Spaun got in at the llth hour, winning the Valero Texas Open last weekend to grab the final spot, his first PGA Tour win.

Spaun won the Staal Open in 2015.



The Westgate Tigers defeated Hammarskjold 58-49 last Thursday to win the junior boys basketball championship. Pictured: Evan Willson, Mitchell Papineau, Ben Keeler, Nathan Vibert, Griffin Hlady, Brendan Moreau, Edison Liscomb, Hunter Sayers, Thomas Baker, Bradley Kaemingh, Connor Rogalski, Max Leduc, Jack Popowich, Lucas Cameron, Holdyn Presenger. The coaches are Cory Keeler, Jared Miller and Jeff Leduc.



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### **Baseball crystal ball** By Leith Dunick - TB Source It's become an annual tradition at Thunder Bay Source to gather up some of the best baseball fans I know in town and prognosticate what we think is going to happen in the



Toronto's Vladimir Guerrero Jr. had a breakout 2021.

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