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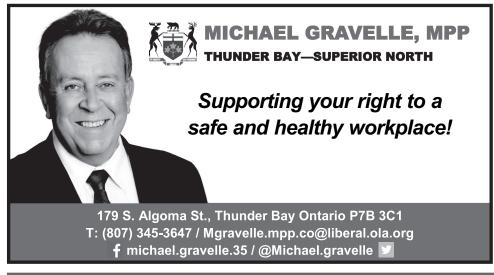
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NEW SPAN COMING: The replacement of the Edward Street Bridge is expected to begin next month and last into the autumn.

# Edward Street bridge \$6.5M repair OKed

CITY HALL

By Ian Kaufman - TB Source

**C**ity council has given the green light to a nearly \$6.5 million replacement of the Edward Street Bridge, with work expected to begin in May and last into the fall.

Councillors voted unanimously Monday to award the tender for the project to local construction company LH North Ltd., which submitted the lowest bid for the project at \$6,458,418.95.

The bid from LH North came in over \$400,000 below that of its closest competitor, with three companies submitting bids. LH North also beat the city's pretender estimate of \$7.1 million by well over half a million dollars.

The real cost to the city, after accounting for HST rebates, is estimated at \$6,029,907.86.

Asked by Coun. Brian Hamilton about the decision to replace the bridge, rather than repair it at a previously estimated \$2 million, director of engineering Kayla Dixon said testing had found worse-than-expected deterioration in some sections.

"We had the ability to do just a rehabilitation, but it would mean we'd be back at that bridge probably

within 10 years doing additional work," she told councillors. "When we looked at the life cycle costing, it seemed more appropriate to do a full replacement."

Replacing the bridge also created the opportunity to add the new active transportation path running underneath it on the south side, she said.

Work to rebuild the bridge, which runs across the Neebing River between Riverview Drive and Parkway Drive, is set to begin in May.

Enbridge is expected to begin moving a gas line that runs underneath the bridge on the week of May 3. Work on the project is expected to start in earnest on the week of May 17, concluding in October or November, said project engineer Mike Vogrig.

Detours will be posted, and access will be allowed along side streets close to the bridge for local traffic

LH North has extensive experience with both the MTO and the City completing bridge rehabilitation and reconstruction projects, a report from Vogrig noted.

Council also approved a \$237,528.26 (including HST) contract with WSP Ltd. for construction administration and inspection on the project.

The tender was awarded by a unanimous vote of council Monday.

# Variants of concern increasing

**HEALTH**By Leith Dunick – TB Source

The Thunder Bay District Health Unit says they've detected 11 new COVID-19 cases tied to variants of concern.

The health unit on Monday announced 10 new cases, but confirmed the 11 variant cases, nearly doubling the number already announced in Thunder Bay.

It takes longer to confirm variants of concern, which

were later detected in previously announced cases.

Variant strains tend to spread more rapidly and often result in more serious illness.

A day later, on Tuesday, the Thunder Bay District Health Unit announced one additional case, bringing the region's total number of cases with variants of concern to 25.

Thunder Bay remains under a province-wide stay-athome order, which Premier Doug Ford says will be in place until at least May 20.

# **Weather Forecast**

### WEDNESDAY



Mainly sunny

Probability of Precipitation: 20% HIGH 14 LOW 1

#### **THURSDAY**



Cloudy with showers

Probability of Precipitation: 70% HIGH 12 LOW 0

#### FRIDAY



**Mainly sunny** 

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#### SATURDAY



**Snow** 

Probability of Precipitation: 60% HIGH 13 LOW 3

#### SUNDAY



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Probability of Precipitation: 30% HIGH 14 LOW 3

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Probability of Precipitation: 20% HIGH 13 LOW 4

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# Hajdu gets vaccinated

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**PATTY HAJDU** 

Health minister jabbed with AstraZeneca shot on Friday

**HEALTH** By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

ederal Minister of Health Patty Hajdu received her first dose of the AstraZeneca vaccine on Friday and she hopes Canadians will follow suit, with new modeling numbers showing if 75 per cent of the population receives that first needle, restrictions could start to ease by the sum-

The AstraZeneca vaccine was made available to Canadians over the age of 40 earlier this week. There have been concerns expressed regarding the vaccine and a very rare risk of blood clots. The first case of a blood clot associated with the vaccine in Ontario was confirmed on Friday.

Hajdu said the risk of catching COVID-19 and spreading it in the community far exceeds any associated side effects of the vaccines

"They are all approved for use in Canada and they are safe and effective," she said. "They stop people from getting seriously ill from COVID and they help to stop the spread in communities. That is the two goals of vaccinations."

Health care professionals agree that the risk of blood clotting is very rare and Hajdu said all licenced vaccines being administered in Canada go through a rigorous assessment process.

'There's a lot of work happening in this space obviously because vaccination is such an important tool and we want to make sure they are safe and they are effective," she said. "We are a gold standard regulator, which means other countries look to our approvals of evidence of safety."

Hajdu added it is normal to have questions regarding vaccinations and she encourages anyone who is uncertain about any potential side effects to contact their health care provider or pharmacist.

There have been more than 11.4 million vaccine doses administered in Canada as of Friday. Chief public health officer, Dr. Theresa Tam, said new modelling suggests that if 75 per cent of Canadians receive the first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine by the end of June public health restrictions could start to ease this summer.

According to Hajdu, COVID-19 vaccine supply in Canada is capable of meeting that target and the federal government is looking at accelerating supply to get people fully vaccinated.

> "Our projection is we are going to get 48 million doses in by the end of quarter two, which would be the end of June, and that would be sufficient to have every Canadian in the country vaccinated with at least one dose prior to the end of June," she said.

> Hajdu added Canada was to procure six million doses by the end of the first quarter and that number reached 9.5 million doses.

> "Pfizer has been a tremendously stable partner and we have delivery schedules right up to the end of May that are very solid," she said. "We have other manufacturers who have schedules as well so we anticipate we will be

able to meet those targets.'

And while that will bring Canada to the beginning of summer, the federal government is also looking far ahead into the future. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced on Friday that the federal government has reached a deal with Pfizer to secure 35 million booster shots for next year and 30 million doses the year after.



JABBED: Canada's Health Minister, Patty Hajdu, urged people to take the first available vaccine.

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MARCH IN MEMORY: Thousands joined a Black Lives Matter protest last June at Waverly Park after George Floyd was killed.

# **BLM** organizer happy with Chauvin verdict

THUNDER BAY
By Leith Dunick – TB Source

pitia Modi says he was confident a jury would return a guilty verdict for Derek Chauvin, the former Minneapolis police officer accused of killing Black man George Floyd nearly a year ago.

But the Thunder Bay student was also prepared to hear a not guilty verdict read.

Modi, who helped organize last June's Black Lives Matter rally at Waverly Park, on Wednesday said he watched the Chauvin trial with mixed

"After the verdict there was definitely a little sense of relief that we saw a police officer held with some accountability. It just shows that we're going in the right direction forward. But there's definitely still a long way to go," said Modi, a St. Ignatius High School graduate who just finished his third year at the University of Windsor.

Chauvin, 45, on Tuesday was found guilty of three counts of murder and manslaughter,

having been accused of kneeling on Floyd's neck for nine minutes after a traffic stop, despite the victim uttering his infamous last words, "I can't breathe."

Floyd's May 25, 2020 death led to worldwide protests, that included the burning of a Minneapolis police precinct and forced a nation to take a long hard look at its policing and the racism within.

Modi is hopeful the verdict is a turning point, one that shows police and other law enforcement they will be held to account

But by no means does he think it solves the problem.

In recent years, a number of high profile killings of Black people, many involving police, have hit the headlines.

In most cases, the accused was found not guilty – or not even charged.

In 2014, New York Police officer Daniel Pantaleo used

a choke-hold on Black man Eric Garner, who later died in hospital. The officer was not charged.

Later that year, Michael Brown was gunned down by Ferguson, Mo. police officer Darren Wilson, who also did not face charges.

In March 2020, Daniel Prude died of asphyxiation while under restraint at the hands of Rochester, N.Y. police and a grand jury decided not to file charges. And then there's the case of Breonna Taylor, a 26-year-old Black woman who was shot to death during a narcotics raid by

Louisville, Ky. police, who fired into Taylor's home while executing a no-knock warrant. One officer, Brett Hankison, was indicted on wanton endangerment charges for his alleged actions.

Modi said there's still a lot of work to be done.

"There are a lot of voices, a lot of talking, a lot of push and a lot of change for those false narratives that have been in place for generations. I think if we just keep pushing that forward and we just keep trying to do better. I think we'll get better."

In recent weeks there have been another pair of high-profile police killings in the United States. Chicago Police shot Latino teen Adam Toledo, who was accused of holding a gun when he was killed. A week ago, during the Chauvin trial, a 20-year-old Black motorist, Daunte Wright, was shot and killed by a Brooklyn Centre, Minn. Police officer, who claimed she thought she was firing a Taser.

Kim Potter, who resigned and is out on \$100,000 bail, faces manslaughter charges.

Modi said he remains realistic about the situation facing minorities when dealing with police on both sides of the border, despite Chauvin's conviction.

"It's very sad to see because at the end of the day, just because (Chauvin) was held accountable for his actions, it's still the same system that was operating before, that was built not to serve the Black community. There's something that needs to be done with that system."

# TBaytel dividends add up to \$21.1M

BUSINESS
By Leith Dunick – TB Source

A year of COVID-19 had no impact on the annual dividend Tbaytel is providing to the City of Thunder Bay in 2021.

In fact, things went well enough the municipally owned utility will be able to give a special \$2.6-million dividend cheque, over and above the \$18.5 million regular dividend.

President and CEO Dan Topatigh on Tuesday said while the company saw a drop in travel-related data packages, due to travel restrictions in place, they also saw at-home users spend more. People spent more time at home and the demand for higher-quality Internet service grew.

"Every product line was up, but most prevalent was the need for more broadband speed, which was certainly heightened. Our employees were there to respond in a safe and responsible manner," Topatigh said during a Zoom news conference.

He added the company also had to include some strong cost oversights during the first year of the pandemic, without jeopardizing capital spending plans.

"We managed to navigate through the pandemic very well and the end result of that was that our net income ended up at \$20 million and that helped to translate into a performance dividend for the City of Thunder Bay of an additional \$2.6 million, which we're very proud to have achieved."

In addition to the dividends, the company also gave out \$458,179 to 95 organizations in 11 communities through its Tbaytel For Good program, including the Special Olympics Canada Winter Games.

Topatigh said Tbaytel was not unlike most businesses, having to reinvent best practices and standard operating procedures in order to fight through the pandemic, which did take away from the company's bottom line.

"We transitioned a large part of our workforce to work-from-home, and that certainly was a change that we needed to accommodate in short order," Topatigh said

"We had the typical types of expenses



GENEROUS GIVE: Tbaytel CEO Dan Topatigh is pleased with this year's dividend.

that related to insuring that our employee base could do their jobs safely and I think that was typical of most organizations that found themselves needing to respond. But I think the thing that we're most proud of is the response to the community needs."

Topatigh said whether that was supporting customers who needed more flexible payment arrangements or other unique supports given to front line workers and school boards and other agencies to help them solve the challenges the pandemic brought, it felt good to be able to help solve the communications portion of the problem.

"It felt quite good that we managed to respond to the community."

The city last year asked Tbaytel to increase its divided between 2020 and 2023 from \$17.5 million to \$18 million, with any amount above \$17.75 million put in the general capital reserve fund to help cover costs of replacing or repairing municipal infrastructure. Tbaytel gave the city \$18 million a year ago, reducing the property tax levy by 9.3 per cent. This year it's estimated to be equal to a nine per cent reduction to local taxpayers.

# **Vaccinations continue to grow**

**HEALTH**By Leith Dunick – TB Source

The Thunder Bay District Health Unit has now vaccinated more than 40 per cent of those eligible to get a COVID-19 vaccine.

The health unit says 56,238 people have received one dose of the vaccine, 41 per cent of the 137,728 people currently 60 and older in the district. Of the entire population of the

District of Thunder Bay, 34.6 per cent have

received at least one shot.

Across Ontario, as of Monday night the number is 29.4 per cent, according to the COVID-19 Tracker.

A total of 7,879 people in Thunder Bay District received their first dose in the week that ended this past Saturday, 18 more than the week prior.

However, the region's overall weekly dose total was down 621, with 639 fewer people getting a second shot this past week.

# Editorial

**EDITORIAL** 

# **Get smart** with doses

ast week, Premier Doug Ford tearfully apologized for his government's handling of recent restrictions put in place to attempt to squash the rapid spread of COVID-19 and its deadly variants of

It takes guts for the leader of a province the size of Ontario to stand up and admit he was wrong.

It doesn't take guts to listen to the experts, however. It just takes common sense.

Ford needs to demonstrate a whole lot more of the latter if he wants Ontario to dig its way out of the current mess they've put the province in.

Vaccine supply is not the issue. Canada is in the top 15 in the world in the number of doses administered.

The key is making sure those vaccines you do have are properly used.

Instead of offering up vaccines in willynilly fashion, while borrowing from districts like Thunder Bay, why not first target the vaccines that are allotted to placed like Peel and Toronto, more effectively.

Jab those working in factories and in vulnerable communities first, like what Thunder Bay did to erase its own COVID apocalypse earlier this year instead of creating a vaccine Fast and the Furious movie on the streets as soccer moms and dads race to the nearest pharmacy announced by Vaccine Hunters.

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# **City salaries too high**

To the editor:

Three-hundred-and-six non-union managerial employees will see their salary rise by approximately \$1573 dollars as council passed an increase of 1.5 percent effective Jan. 1, 2021, and another increase of 1.0 percent effective July 1, 2021 for all non union managerial employees..

I have a few questions for City Manager Norm Gale.

- 1. Why do you think this increase was necessary which will cost taxpayers about \$481,338.
- 2. Why does the city have 306 managers? Thunder Bay's population is just 109,000.
- 3. Why does the city have 559 employees on the sunshine list making an average of \$127,000?.
- 4. Why is the city spending \$71 million to fund these salaries?.
- 5. Other cities in Ontario with a population over 100,000 and less than 150,000 are averaging \$44 million less to fund their sunshine list and have an average of 342 fewer city employees on their sunshine list. Why can't Thunder Bay control it's salaries and staffing levels?

The city of Thunder Bay could save over \$1 billion over the next 25 years if their Sunshine list was in line with other Ontario cities, with a population over 100,000 and under 150,000.

Cities used in the survey were St. Catharines, Milton, Cambridge, Guelph, Kingston, Ajax, Waterloo, Whitby, Chatham-Kent and Thunder

> Ray Smith, Thunder Bay

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



# Genocide tackled in a multitude of works



**JOHN** PATEMAN

BOOK BANTER

genocide wrought on the Indigenous Peoples of North and South America is explored in *American* Holocaust by David Stannard.

In this work of impassioned scholarship he describes in horrific detail the mass destruction of entire New World societies that followed in the wake of European contact with the Western Hemisphere – destruction that lasted for more than four centuries, and that continues in many places even today. In a sweeping introductory overview of the native cultures of the Americas as they existed prior to 1492, Stannard provides a vibrant context for understanding the human dimension of what was lost in that tragic firestorm of violence and introduced disease.

He concludes with a searching examination of the religious and cultural roots of Euro-American racism and genocidal behaviour.

In Native America and the Question of Genocide, Alex Alvarez considers the destructive beliefs of the European settlers and examines various aspects of genocide through examples such as the Sand Creek Massacre and the Long Walk of the Navajo.

Accounting for Genocide: Canada's Bureaucratic Assault on Aboriginal People by Dean Neu & Richard Therrien is an original and controversial book that retells the history of the subjugation and ongoing economic marginalization of Canada's Indigenous Peoples.

Its authors demonstrate the ways in which successive Canadian governments have combined accounting techniques and economic rationalizations with bureaucratic mechanisms -

soft technologies - to deprive Indigenous Peoples of their land and natural resources and to control the detail of their daily economic and social

Particularly shocking is the evidence that federal and provincial governments are today still prepared to use legislative and fiscal devices in order to facilitate the continuing exploitation and damage of Indigenous Peoples lands.

Davis, R & Zannis, M pursue a similar theme in The Genocide Machine in Canada: the pacification of the North.

The authors frame genocide as a 'machine' suggesting that it is systematic and driven as much by policies as people. It is a machine that continues to operate regardless who is operating it.

The UN Genocide Convention emerged out of the horrors of the Second World War and focused on the physical destruction of people such as the Jews in the Holocaust.

As such it was difficult to apply this definition – and prove intention and motive - in less obvious cases of ongoing genocide such as that in Canada. Also the UN Convention left the judgement of genocide up to the very governments who were committing it.

When the Convention was discussed in the Canadian parliament the prevailing view was that 'the possibility of the crime of genocide being committed in Canada seems extremely remote'.

And yet genocide had been happening in Canada since first contact with white settlers and had got worse, although more subtle, over time. It is particularly interesting to note that Canada 'helped to sabotage the inclusion of most of the important "cultural genocide" clauses proposed in the draft convention'. It is no accident that cultural genocide has become the predominant form of genocide in Canada.

# **Vaccination time**

# Mixed bag of emotions arose ahead of appointment

**OPINION**By J.R. Shermack
Special to TB Source

When I looked out my window last Sunday evening the last thing I wanted to see was the freezing rain and snow piling up outside.

Normally I don't worry about April snowstorms but I had an important appointment early Monday morning and I didn't want to be late.

I was pre-booked, pre-screened and prepared to receive my COVID 19 vaccination – I wouldn't let a few inches of ice and snow keep me from my appointed jab.

I went to sleep that night with mixed emotions - anxious to get my shot, cautiously optimistic, relieved that it was finally my turn and nervous for those who still had to wait.

I was experiencing the same vaccine anxiety encountered by millions of Canadians, a mixed bag of emotions that often brings a tear to the eye.

#### **Emotional**

It is hard to tell whether they are tears of sorrow or tears of joy but when some Canadians finally get their COVID vaccination they can't keep from crying.

It is not unusual to get a little choked up or shed a few tears before, during and after the vaccination whenever you reflect on the traumatic events of the past year.

After enduring the life-altering effects of the pandemic the prospect

of receiving my first shot left me with the mixed feelings of relief and disbelief.

Before I left for the clinic in the morning I switched to four-wheel drive – I wasn't taking any chances.

I was wearing a short-sleeved shirt for the occasion and had firmly decided to take the jab in my left arm.

Vaccinations safeguard the safety and good health of local, national and global communities - a pandemicweary public is breathing a collective sigh of relief.

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smooth,

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Actually receiving the vaccination is easy, routine and trouble-free.

Getting a jab in the deltoid muscle of your upper arm is a quick, simple and painless procedure that offers protection from disease and peace of mind during the pandemic.

But apart from some minor physical discomfort from the shot there can be strong emotional side effects that catch people by surprise.

After facing fear and uncertainty for over a year, after the isolation and loneliness, after social distancing and other restrictions, a jab in the arm can open the floodgates.

Sometimes we are overwhelmed by joy and sorrow at the same time which produces a hybrid mix of strong, personal emotions and memories A quick jab in the arm is all it takes. I saw a picture of Minister of Health, Patty Hajdu receiving the AstraZeneca vaccine at a local clinic

 she continues to lead by example with a calm, reassuring voice.
 Canadians have been anxiously and patiently waiting for the vaccine

Canadians have been anxiously and patiently waiting for the vaccine and the protection it provides - Minister Hajdu shared some encouraging news.

#### **Coming soon**

New modelling suggests that if 75

per cent of Canadians get their first dose of COVID 19 vaccine by the end of June, public health restrictions could be relaxed this summer.

She also noted that Canada's vaccine supply is adequate to meet that hopeful target and looking forward, to get our country fully vaccinated.

It is being accomplished steadily and methodically, one arm at a time.

I got to the CLE clinic on time and got my jab – it was a smooth, efficient and hassle-free procedure, almost anti-climactic.

Because even though I received my first dose, not much has changed — I still keep my distance, I still avoid crowds and I still wear a mask.

The only difference is, behind that mask I am wearing a smile – I am smiling with relief, satisfaction and renewed hope.

And right now, that's a fine mix of emotions.



TOOK A SHOT: Thunder Bay Source editor Leith Dunick is vaccinated with AstraZeneca last Friday.

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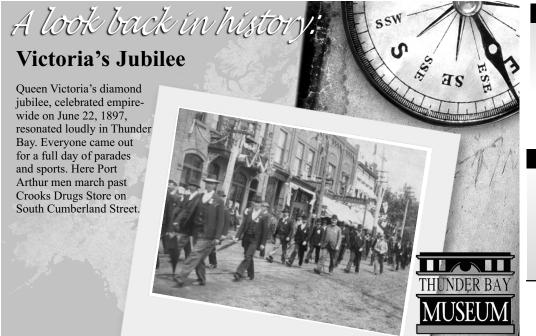
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# **Eating disorders and body shaming**

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MENTAL HEALTH

# Expectations unrealistic for most people

As human-beings, we are naturally hypercritical of ourselves. We compare ourselves to ideals that often don't exist and we measure our self-worth based on validation from those around us.

One of the areas that we are most often sensitive about is our body; we are bombarded, on a daily basis, by images and messages aimed at portraying the 'ideal' body

that are often damaging, unrealistic and shame-based. The anxiety and pressure associated with body idealism can often lead to a much greater mental health concern: that is, the development of an eating disorder.

What is an eating disorder exactly? The discussion surrounding body image is often so varied and skewed that the brass tacks of such a diagnosis is commonly missed.

The American Psychiatric Association defines an eating disorder as "behavioral conditions characterized by severe and persistent disturbance in eating behaviors and associated distressing thoughts and emotions".

#### **Common disorders**

Although there are a number of different disorders which fall under this category, the most common are Anorexia Nervosa and Bulimia Nervosa. Anorexia is typically characterized by an abnormally low body weight due to an intense fear of gaining weight.

As with most eating disorders, those who suffer from Anorexia have a distorted perception of body image. These individuals also place a high value on controlling their weight and shape typically by severely restricting the amount of food they eat. Individuals who struggle with Bulimia also struggle with a distorted perception of body image, however the presentation of the disorder is slightly

different. Individuals who are living with Bulimia may secretly binge-eat, commonly associated with a loss of control over the eating, and then try to get rid of the calories in an unhealthy way, typically through vomiting or the misuse of laxatives and weight-loss supplements.

Although different in their presentation, the common thread amongst eating disorders is a

strong sense of discontentment with one's body weight and image. At any given time, eating disorders affect several million people; although anyone can be affected, theses individuals are most often women between the ages of

12 and 35. It is also important to recognize that eating disorders often co-occur with other mental health struggles, most typically anxiety, obsessive compulsive disorders and alcohol and drug misuse.

#### Must become less awkward

Similar to many areas of discussion regarding mental health, eating disorders are not often a comfortable discussion for most people to engage in; which is exactly why it needs to be talked about.

The prevalence of these struggles is only increasing as our focus on comparing ourselves to others through areas such as social media continues to grow. Individuals are being bombarded by body image pressure younger and younger; the need to create safe spaces for these discussions more important than ever. Research demonstrates that the most effective treatment for eating disorders is therapy. Additionally, nutrition therapy and medications are sometimes beneficial.

The conversation is not comfortable and we know that

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Item #210

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 Item #187

**Armstrong 96 Gas Furnace** 



Armstrong High Efficiency Direct Vent 2 stage furnace with 70,000 BTUs, Heavy duty 2 speed induced draft motor matches power vented to heating output. Fully insulated cabinet and blower compartment provides enhanced efficiency and quieter operation Basic Installation included.

Retail Price......\$4,900 **Opening bid.....\$2,450** 

Items #1- #5 Gift Certificate for Parts or Service



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Wayne Toyota Retail Price ......\$500
Opening bid .....\$250

Items #6- #7

# Gift Certificate for Metal Roofing



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Items #8- #10

# **Gift Certificate**



Gift certificate valid on supply and installation only for Vinyl Window Designs and Everlast products.

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SRS Windows & Doors Retail Price ......\$1,000 Opening bid ......\$500 Items #11- #14

# **Gift Certificate**



Now's the perfect time to renovate!
This Granite Gift Certificate provides

the optimal opportunity for you to use towards your Custom Granite order! Your order will be custom from start to finish regardless if it is ordered or in stock! This amazing gift certificate comes with consultation, crafting and installation.

Superior Coatings Retail Price .......\$3,000
Opening bid ......\$1,500

Items #15- #18

# **Gift Certificate**



Granite Tops by DuraCon is legendary in the region. Decades of expertise and highly

skilled craftsmen are part of every project. Granite Tops is happy to fabricate your custom kitchen counter top, bathroom vanity, fireplace, granite stairs or entryway project. Granite Tops by DuraCon – Not Just Countertops. Gift Certificate may be used towards granite, quartz or tile.

Granite Tops Retail Price ......\$2,500
Opening bid .....\$1,250

| Items | 19-#20 **Gift Certificate** 



Updating a bathroom?
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Chimo Building Centre Retail Price .....\$1,000
Opening bid .....\$500

#21

# **Gift Certificate**



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vative and creative promotional products and clothing, exceptional; and professional service. Use the gift certificate for regular price merchandise. Think bags, hats, jackets, pens and more. Visit mallons.com to check out the latest promotional items. Gift Certificate has no cash value.

Mallons Retail Price ......\$1,500
Opening bid .....\$750

Items #22- #27

# Gift Certificate



unt Certificate

Dulux Paints and Decorating Centre is proudly locally owned and operated to serve

you better and offers many products and services in addition to quality paints, stains and primers. We are a full decorating center that can help from start to finish with any project. Gift Certificate must be redeemed for full retail price, cannot be used with any other offers or promotions.

Dulux Retail Price .....\$250
Opening bid ....\$125

#28- #47

Gift Certificate



The smell of a fresh, piping hot pizza is hard to beat, so are our mouthwatering wings & massive football sized panzerotti's. Pick & Choose anything off our menu you'd like!

Franki's Pizza Retail Price ......\$100
Opening bid .....\$50

#49- #50

Last Will Testament Power of Attorney(Couple)



The couples will package contains 2 last will and testaments, 2 powers of attorney for personal care and 2 powers of attorney for property (\*simple documents)

Larson Lawyers Retail Price .....\$900
Opening bid .....\$450

Last Will Testament Power of Attorney(Single)



The single will package contains 1 last will and testament, 1 power of attorney for personal care and 1 power of attorney for property (\*simple documents)

Larson Lawyers Retail Price ......\$600 Opening bid ......\$300



Gift Certificate can be used at any Boston Pizza location in Thunder Bay and can be used towards various menu items/products. Dine in only. Alcohol is excluded.

Boston Pizza Retail Price ......\$100 Opening bid ......\$50

Belanger has Rizzos been making

Items #63- #64

ops countertops since 1965 and has grown to become the leader in the post-formed decorative laminate countertop industry. Use this gift certificate towards Supply and install of Belanger Laminate Counter Tops. Your choice of colour and design. Choose from over 200 colours. Two year warranty. Visit www.belanger-lami nates.com \*One time use per item\*

Rizzo's Custom Cabinets Retail Price .....\$1,500 Opening bid ......\$750

**Custom PC built bundle** 

Marnics Mobile

The custom PC build bundle -\$500 towards PC build

-Whoosh! Compressed

-Whoosh! Microfiber Cloth 3 pack

-Gaming keyboard -Gaming mouse

-Samsung 860 EVO 2.5" 500gb SSD -TP-link Archer wifi router

Marnics Mobile Retail Price ......\$840
Opening bid .....\$420

-Madden NFL 21 -Spider Man: Miles morales

-Sackboy: a big adventure / -Demon souls

-Hitman 3 / -Assassin's Creed: Valhalla

Marnics

The Playstation 5 Bundle: -\$100 gift card

-Playstation 5 dualsense controller

-fortnite the last laugh

Marnics Mobile Retail Price .....\$705

Opening bid ......\$353

Items #67

Nintendo bundle

## Marnics Mobile

The Nintendo bundle: -\$100 gift card

- -Nintendo Switch
- -Hard shell Carrying Case
- -Mario kart live:home circuit
- -mario tennis aces
- -pokemon: Let's go Eevee + pokeball

uperior Coatings Retail Price .....\$835 Opening bid ......\$418

Items #53- #62

**Apple Watch** 

**Gift Certificate** 

## Marnics Mobile

Apple watch bundle: -\$100 gift card -Apple watch series 5(44mm) stainless steel

-3 in 1 wireless charger for iphone/ airpods/applewatch

-lifelink portable bluetooth speaker

-lifelink Regenerate 10,000mAh power

uperior Coatings Retail Price .....\$1,360 Opening bid ......\$680

1 Year Cell service w/BT Turntable

**Gift Certificate** 

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One year Of Cell service w/ BT turntable

- -1 year 8gb unlimited call and text
- -bluetooth turn table
- -life link portable bluetooth speaker

Superior Coatings Retail Price .....\$705
Opening bid .....\$435

**Beats headphone** 

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Beats headphone package

- -\$100 gift card
- -Beats studio 3 wireless headphones
- -lifelink portable bluetooth speaker

-lifelink regenerate 10,000 mAh power

Superior Coatings Retail Price ......\$610
Opening bid .....\$305

**Class Vouchers** 

Items #71-#72

One year **Cell service** 

**Playstation 5 bundle** 

# Mobile

One year of Cell service

- -1 year 8gb unlimited call and text
- -lifelink portable bluetooth speaker -lifelink regenerate 10,000 mAh power hank

Superior Coatings Retail Price ......\$810
Opening bid .....\$405

**Massage Vouchers** 

One year Cell service w/Smart Home Starter Pack

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One year of cell service w/ Smart home starter pack

- -1 year 8gb unlimited call and text
- -philips hue white 4 pack
- -philips hue bridge
- -lifelink portable bluetooth speaker
- -lifelink regenerate 10,000 mAh power bank

Marnics Mobile Retail Price ......\$1,000 Opening bid ......\$500

**Gift Certificate** 



Gift Certificate can be used towards chemical services only.

Trenz Hair Studio & Day Spa Retail Price ....\$100 Opening bid ......\$50

**Gift Certificate** 



Gift Certificate can be used towards merchandise or services.

Opening bid .....\$50

THE BODYMIND CENTRE 12 passes of classes. Must be 18 or

older BodyMind Centre Retail Price ......\$165 Opening bid ......\$83

2hr session of Myofascial Massage **Body Reconstruction** 

THE BODYMIND CENTRE

BodyMind Centre Retail Price . . . . . . . . . . . . \$135 Opening bid ......\$68

Items #112-#120

**Gift Certificate** 



Enjoy spending this certificate on lululemon, inner fire, Warmers and Bare

Organics skin care and more. Have a massage or drop into some great yoga and pilates classes. Visit bodymindcentre.com. This gift certificate can be used in the boutique, or a massage or any of the classes that Bodymind Centre offers.

BodyMind Centre Retail Price ......\$100 .....\$50 Opening bid

#122

**Gift Certificate** 



This gift certificate can be used at Triad Roofing for all your roofing needs

Triad Roofing Retail Price ......\$2,000
Opening bid .....\$1,000

2021 intermediate adult (25-35) unlimited full golf membership season pass



Golf membership is for two courses compromising of 36 holes for golfing enthusiasts to

enjoy. Chapples & Strathcona Golf Courses are structured to offer enjoyment for all levels of golfers. Both courses provide full pro shop services including club & cart rentals. All clubhouses are licensed and offer light lunch & snack bar services. Must be used in 2021!

Golf Thunder Bay Retail Price ......\$1,106 Opening bid ......\$553

#124

2021 student (19-24) membership unlimited full golf membership season pass

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enjoy. Chapples & Strathcona Golf Courses are structured to offer enjoyment for all levels of golfers. Both courses provide full pro shop services including club & cart rentals. All clubhouses are licensed and offer light lunch & snack bar services. Must be used in 2021!

Golf Thunder Bay Retail Price .....\$575
Opening bid .....\$288

Items #110-#111

Gift Certificate for a Diving Package for 2



There are plenty of adventures to be had underwater! Whether

you want to swim with the fish in a tropical location or explore the wrecks off the shores of Lake Superior, Wally's is your one stop shop. Wally's is a full service dive center and can assist you with all your diving needs, with certified knowledgeable instructors to teach open water scuba courses and specialty diver courses.

Wally's Thunder Country Diving Retail Price \$1,600 Opening bid ......\$800

#126-#127

**Gift Certificate** 



Gift Certificate can be used towards certification, equipment, swimwear or aqua toys at Wally's Thunder Country Divina

Wally's Thunder Country Diving Retail Price . .\$500 Opening bid .....\$250

#128-#130

**Gift Certificate** 



windows? Well, this gift certificate is the perfect opportunity! This \$2000 gift certificate can be used for new windows or doors with installation. Visit them on-line at www.northernwindow.ca Northern Window & Door Retail Price .....\$2,000

Opening bid ......\$1,000

Items #131-#145

**Gift Certificate** 



pre-owned devices, smartphone and tablet cases, charge cables, battery packs, signal boosters, Bluetooth speakers, Smartphone, tablet & laptop repairs, headphones and pop sockets.

Everything Mobile Retail Price ......\$100
Opening bid .....\$50

**Outdoor Cooking** 



Includes smokeless Breeo outdoor firepit, Outriger grill, cast iron frying pan and spices.

Creekside Nursery Retail Price .......\$1,500 Opening bid ......\$750

Daymak Boomerbuggy V with Canopy



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Creekside Nursery Retail Price ........\$3,912 Opening bid ......\$1,956

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Items #149

**Ariens Snow Thrower** 



It's lightweight and easy to move. But it's no lightweight. With a beastly Ariens-built engine, a 12.2" housing height and 8.375" paddles, the Path Pro clears up to 9" of snow all the way to the payement. Available electric start. Blows snow up to 35 feet and features a clearing width of 21".

Northern Tu			\$800
Opening	bid .	 	\$400

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product or service at Matt Carr Repairs.

Matt Carr Repair Retail Price ......\$100

Opening bid ......\$50

Ariens electric start snow blower



Single-stage featuring a 21" clearing width and guaranteed first-time start in the cold Strong 208cc Ariens AX engine to move up to 9" of snow blows snow up to 25 feet, Tall housing height, Folding handlebars for easy storage.

			\$850
Opening	bid .	 	\$425

**Gift Certificate** 

# #151-#160

STIHL Hedge Trimmer



The lightweight HSA 45 battery hedge trimmer with great cutting performance for trimming shrubs and bushes in the yard. This model comes with a double-sided cutter blade, screw-on tip protector and an integrated 18 V battery with charge level indicator.

Northern Tu	rf Retai	l Price	B	 \$160
Opening	bid			 .\$80

Items #161-#162

**Gift Certificate** 



Gift Certificate can be used towards anything in store.

JJ Sports Retail Price\$1,0 Opening bid\$50
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# Lock Stone

**Gift Certificate** 

Have you been putting off your yard and patio renovations? Well, wait no longer! Purchase this \$2000 Gift Certificate and you can be upgrading your yard and patio today! Use this gift certificate towards any product at Lockstone.

ockstone	Retail			\$2,000
)pening	y bid	 	 	 .\$1,000

Items #167-#186

**Gift Certificate** 



ltems #188-#207

Items #213-#215

Gift Certificate can be used for anything

		Repair Retail Price\$10	
ı	Opening bid	\$5	0

**Lazyboy Recliner** 



The Brooks Rocking Recliner offers a furniture thinner back and smaller arm posts give Brooks a modern, tailored silhouette

that blends well with a variety of room styles. Simply handle on the outside arm to raise the legrest for relaxing or watching TV. When you're not reclining, it's a relaxing rocker with a smooth, graceful motion. Includes our Limited Lifetime Warranty.

Reid's Furniture Retail Price \$	100
Opening bid\$	50

**X3 Office Chair** 



Love your back! The X-Chair X3 ATR .furniture Management Chair has floating recline

technology which helps your body stay in motion throughout the day. This improves circulation, concentration and energy levels. Additional benefits: Lumbar support adjusts itself to your body, adjustable headrest height and angle, adjustable arms, etc.

Reid's Furniture Retail Price\$1,299
Opening bid\$650

Items #211

Items #163-#165

Ashley power lift recliner

# Double your pleasure and

sense of style with this power lift recliner. Dual motor capa-Ashley bility gives you the freedom to recline back and elevate your legs independently for more custom comfort

lift feature gently eases you from the ultimate slumber into a lift-and-tilt position to get you back on your feet, effortlessly.

<b>Ashley Homestore</b>				
Opening bid	 	 	 	\$890

**Gift Certificate** 



Gift Certificate can be used towards windows, doors, glass showers and sealed units

Langen Glas									
Opening	bid	 		-	 		-		.\$500

**Gift Certificate** 



Gift Certificate can be used towards windows, doors, glass showers and sealed units

Langen Glas	s Retail	Pri	ice	 	 \$500
Opening	bid .		٠.	 	 \$250

Items #116-#117

STIHL **Hedge Trimmer** 



The lightweight HSA 45 battery hedge trimmer with great cutting performance for trimming shrubs and bushes in the yard. This model comes with a double-sided cutter blade, screw-on tip protector and an integrated 18 V battery with charge level

Northern Turf Retail Price	
Opening bid\$80	l

ARIENS Power brush with Kohler engine



Powered by strong 177cc Kohler CH255 engine with 6 forward/2 reverse speeds All-season, all-surface brush clears debris all the way to the ground 40° pivoting brush head (20° left/right), Adjustable brush height, Large multi-surface tires, Interlocking handles for one-handed operation.

Northern Tu	rf Reta	il	P	ri	C	е				 		\$3,600	J
Opening	bid											.\$1,800	)

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Items #119-#221

HUSQVARNA Trimmer



Husqvarna 122C is a low noise and light weight trimmer for domestic use with easy to use functions such as Smart Start®.

Northern	<b>Turf Reta</b>	il Price	\$1	80
Openia	na bid		\$9	90

Items #122-#226

**Gift Certificate** 



Gift Certificate can be used towards granite & quartz countertops. Experience the luxurious look and feel of granite. With its high compressive

strength and durability, granite is the hardest structural stone and makes an excellent choice for countertops, vanities and much more. One GC per project.

C&M Tile & Granites Retail Price ......\$2,000 Opening bid ......\$1,000

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- Log in using your email address and a self-generated password.
- Bidding on any item indicates your acceptance of these terms.
- All items must be sold.
- All sales are considered final.
- All product/service certificates have no cash value and cannot be applied to existing accounts.
- Start your bidding and be prepared to check back to revise your bid.
- You can bid on any item until 4 p.m. on Friday, May 14th when bids close or you can

purchase the item immediately at a fixed price of 75% of the retail value online using Visa or MasterCard.

- If you elect to bid by increments, bidding ends at 4 p.m. on Friday, May 14th, 2021 and the successful bidder will receive an automatic response by email. Payment is due by 4:00 p.m. Monday, May 17th, 2020. Visa or MasterCard only are accepted.
- When you opt for the immediate 75% purchase, payment is due at this time. Visa or MasterCard is accepted. You will receive a receipt by email.
- Failure to complete your purchase within 5 minutes may result in you losing the item you are bidding on.
- In the case of a Visa or MasterCard being charged incorrectly, payment will be reversed within 2 business day of transaction.
- Gift Certificate(s) will be mailed out to you no later than Friday, May 21st, 2021.
- Items that are actual products can be picked up at the retailer, successful bidders will receive an email confirmation on Tuesday, May 18th, 2021 with a merchandise release form. You will need to present the merchandise release form to the retailer.
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# Brook trout still thriving, surviving

n 1915, the world record brook trout was caught by Dr. Cook of Port Arthur, at Rabbit Rapids on the Nipigon River.

Unfortunately, the damming of the Nipigon River caused water levels to rise more than a hundred feet, wiping out many of the white water sections like Rabbit Rapids.

Yet, more than a century later, the majestic wild brook trout continues to survive, and even thrive, on the Nipigon as

well as many other Lake Superior tributaries.

This gorgeous fish also continues to fascinate and inspire many anglers in Northwestern Ontario.

While brook trout belong to the Salmonidae

family like rainbows and brown trout, they are actually char. The main difference is that char are only

found in the high (colder) latitudes.

Appearance-wise, trout have light bodies with dark spots while char have dark bodies with light spots. Their scientific name is Salvelinus Fontinalis but most people in these parts call them speckled trout, specks or brookies.

In the spring, brookies will often enter tributaries of Lake Superior and then return again to these rivers to spawn in the fall. Brook trout prefer very cool water temperatures and they will retreat to Superior or migrate to sections of a river with cold springs during the warmer months of summer.

In lakes, brook trout will also seek out cold upwellings or go deep to find cooler water in the summer.

Brook trout feed heavily on insects, both aquatic and terrestrial, when they are small. As they grow to trophy size, their preferences change to larger fare like minnows, leeches and even amphibians and mice. These interesting menu items, along with their photogenic qualities, make the brook trout a favourite for fly fishermen and women.

A huge boil at the surface as a big brookie sucks in a mouse imitation is a thrill that is hard to match in the world of flyfishing.

In Fisheries Management Zone 6 (Thunder Bay region), brook trout season opened last weekend, as it does each year on the fourth Saturday in April. It will remain open until Labour Day in September.

For all rivers and creeks flowing into Lake Superior, there is a very conservative limit of just one fish that must be over 22 inches to

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This regulation, in effect from the first barrier (either a dam or major waterfall) to the lake, essentially makes angling for wild brook trout a catch-and-release fishery.

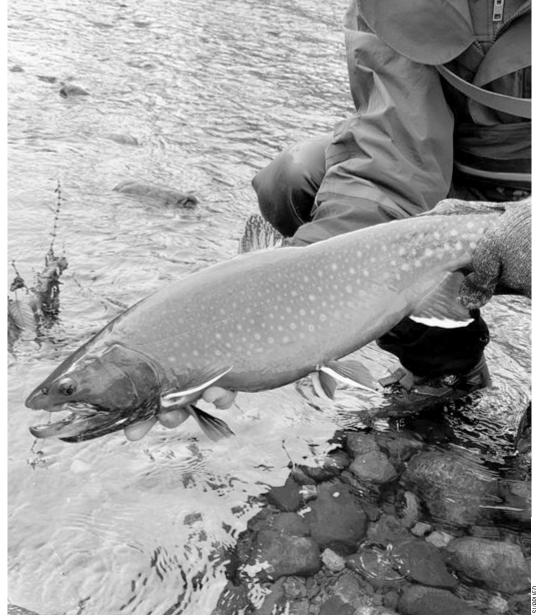
As a result of this conservative limit and Northwestern Ontario anglers' adoption of effective catch-and-release practices, the chances of catching one of these majestic trout is highly probable for anyone fishing the tributaries of Lake Superior.

For those who enjoy a meal of fresh fish, there are literally dozens and dozens of stocked lakes where no known reproduction occurs and anglers can keep up to five stocked trout, of any size, any time of year.

It is important to understand that the OMNRF is not stocking these trout on top of existing populations of wild fish but rather placing them in lakes where no natural populations exist.

This stocking practice serves to provide recreational angling opportunities while simultaneously alleviating fishing pressure from waters holding precious wild populations of trout.

With more than two pages full of stocked lake opportunities and many exceptions to the brook trout regulations in our region, anglers should always check the most recent fishing regulations summary online and know the specifics for any body of water they intend to



COLOURFUL: Brook trout are also known as speckled trout and feature light bodies with light spots.

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# Spring snow makes chore work tough



ay, that was some snow last week, wasn't it? We received over 30 cms of the white stuff; and with the stiff winds, drifts over 60 centimetres. Spring? What spring?

Or is this now to be the pattern for our future? The crocuses, the daffodils, had all poked their beautiful heads out soaking up the sun. Then this: a blizzard.

#### Water wary

Fortunately, we realized that we should run several large pots of water just in case, and, sure enough, they were needed.

We lost power for a large chunk of

But chores still needed to be done. I donned my winter boots and slogged through the snow to the barn to feed the equines. "They will stay in for the day or, at least, until the snow stops," announced my wife, Laura, the horse lady cum gardener.

Once fed, I trudged back to the tractor shelter to fire up Big Red, my ancient mechanical beastie, and set about clearing snow from the driveways with the bucket and blade on Red's rear.

It was tough going because now there was no base of hard-packed

Trying to guess the depth of the bucket is always tricky for me. So in several instances, I royally gouged the driveway leaving deposits of driveway gravel mixed in with the snow.

I silently cursed myself for removing the large snowblower that would have easily blown the snow off of the areas to be cleared.

But whodda thunk? It is the middle

As I mentioned, the 'daffs' are up, the birdies are back. I thought that spring was in full swing.

Before I ventured to enveigle Red to remove snow and after a brief breakfast, I carried two coffee tins full of bird seed out to where we feed the feathered things.

I usually scatter seed on top of the picnic table we have near the bird feeder, then I move on to that feeder to fill up (it was empty), and finally scatter seed on the ground under the feeder in a couple of directions. This morning I didn't stint.

The feeding area throughout the day was black with coming and going birds - redwing blackbirds, juncos, cowbirds, grackles, and those flitty grey and/or brown jobbies.

When I approached the bird feeder, almost all of the birds flew up into the tall tag alder bushes to wait for me to complete the distributing of the seed. Throughout the day I would stop and

look out the window to see that we now had the busiest bird airport with constant comings and goings.

Suddenly the entire flock would take off into the tag alders and then slowly one or two brave feathered souls would return to be followed by the less intrepid ones, and the fierce feeding would resume.

Around supper time the storm had eased off but any evidence of bird seed on the picnic table was covered so I wend my way again with two tins of seed in the hopes that everyone would be able to avail themselves of food.

The ravens too.

We have been feeding them throughout the winter and now surely their eggs have hatched or very soon

So I put out a dish of edibles for them to snatch and feed their newlyhatched ravenlings although I haven't yet heard the raucous screeching that the youngsters make demanding to be

We don't mind another 'murder' of corvids hopefuly hopping around on our horse fences.

It took almost the entire week for the snow to disappear leaving only patches on the land. The dogs and I went for a walk along our trails about mid-week for exercise and also for me to learn how much trail-clearing I now would have to do.

#### Still enough

Not as many as I feared but still blocking our walking/riding trails. I will get to it throughout the next few weeks.

After the snow-clearing with Red and while Ol' Man winter was still having 'fun' blessing us with horizontal snow, Laura and I sat in front of the fire in our fireplace sipping on coffee.

Laura turned to me and asked: "So, are we in 'false spring', second, or third winter?" Dunno, luv. Possibly all of the above.

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# Oscars were different in 2021



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The 93rd Academy Awards is now history. Typical of any awards show there were high and not so high points, but of course this one was different thanks to the pandemic. Audiences were curious to see what approach producer Steven Soderberg and company were going to take.

They tried for something different thematically but they missed out on the entertainment factor. After an impressive walk-in entrance by Regina King, the engaging vigor dissipated, partly due to multiple locations being employed.

Though familiar and formulaic, a witty host might've helped to center and invigorate the proceedings.

The evening's greatest surprise belonged to *The Father*'s Anthony Hopkins winning for Best Actor over the late Chadwick Boseman, deemed the sentimental favourite. In deference to Mr. Boseman, who was obviously bravely fighting colon cancer while filming *Ma Rainey's Black Bottom*, Hopkins had a wider range of faces to play as a character suffering from dementia, which he carried off brilliantly.

## Missed opportunity

Notwithstanding the excellent performances by Hopkins and *Nomadland*'s best actress winner Frances McDormand, the best actor and actress awards remained out of reach for Mr. Boseman and Viola Davis, performers of colour.

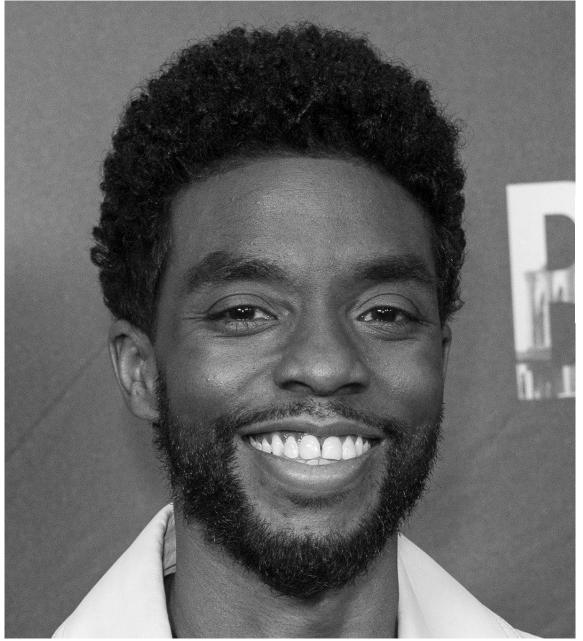
There were some humourous human moments and milestones.

Nomadland's Chloe Zhao won for best director, becoming the first woman of Asian descent to win, and only the second woman to win in that category.

Yuh-jung Youn, who won best supporting actress for *Minari*, endearingly noted that she just happened to be "a bit luckier" than her fellow nominees and forgave mispronunciations of her name.

She became the first Korean actor to win an Oscar.

Judas and the Black Messiah's Daniel Kaluuya who won for Best



OVERLOOKED: The late Chadwick Bose-man did not win the best actor Oscar for his final role in Ma Rainey's Black Bottom.

Supporting Actor thanked his parents for having sex, much to his mom's sweet confusion on-camera.

Heartfelt pleas for greater racial and social tolerance collectively came from actress/director Regina King, Travon Free, co-director of the Best Live Action Short, *Two Distant Strangers*, and Tyler Perry, winner of the Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award.

Frances McDormand gave an odd brief speech, let out a wolf howl and urged audiences, once the pandemic passes, to go 'shoulder to shoulder' in

movie theatres to see all the nominated films

Some new wrinkles weren't so successful. Highlighting the nominees' personal back stories to underline the "stories matter" theme proved awkward and slowed the proceedings.

Where was the usual orchestra walkoff to govern the over-extended acceptance speeches?

A weird little musical quiz was redeemed thanks only to Glenn Close lively iving to Da Butt

lively jiving to *Da Butt*.

The show's producers were so convinced that Mr. Boseman was

going to win best actor, they pushed that category to the end, a spot traditionally reserved for best picture. But surprise winner Hopkins was a noshow, so the big emotional climax went poof. Nomadland's best picture win was announced third last.

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# Folklore Festival to go virtual in 2021

Popular cultural event also cancelled last year

### THUNDER BAY By Leith Dunick - TB Source

he popular Folklore Festival has fallen victim to COVID-19 for a second straight year.

Organizers of the event on Wednesday confirmed they've cancelled the 2021 event, which brings together the city's different cultures to share in food, music and dance from around the world.

They cited safety of vendors, performers, volunteers and the public as the reasoning for the decision. Ontario is also currently under strict indoor gathering restrictions, which as it stands would have made it impossible to hold in person.

There will be another option, however.

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"Folklore, had it been able to run, would have taken place on the May 1-2 Weekend and that is when our VIRTUAL Folklore Festival 2021 will run on our website www.folklorefestival.ca with a shorter version on Facebook, and we will continue to run it for several months for your enjoyment," said Jeanetty Jumah, in an email release.

"We can all come together virtually and celebrate the rich diversity of Canada and take visitors on a trip around the world to experience the magnificent sights, sounds and flavours woven into the fabric of our country by our various ethno-cultural and Aboriginal communities."

Jumah said she's hopeful the traditional Folklore Festival, which is run by the Thunder Bay Multicultural Association and the Folklore Festival Organizing Committee, can return to Fort William Gardens in 2022.



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# Sioux Lookout to rejoin SIJHL fold

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

ake no mistake about it, the Sioux Lookout Bombers are being built to win, and win fast.

But between now and when the puck drops in September 2022, the Superior International Junior Hockey League's record eight franchise has plenty of growing - and fundraising to do.

Matt Cairns, one of four co-owners of the team, said the team was born of a desire to bring high-calibre hockey to the Northern Ontario community.

But it's more than that, he said.

"We're all from the north here. We all love hockey. We were all sad to see the Flyers leave," Cairns said, referencing the SIJHL's former Sioux Lookout franchise, which spent four seasons in the league, dropping out three games into the 2012-13 campaign.

"It left kind of a void in the community. I've wanted to see junior A hockey come back for several years. It just kind of presented itself now."

He's confident it's the right time for the ownership team, which includes Joe Cassidy, Austen Hoey and Christine Hoey, a fresh group with fresh ideas, in a league that itself has evolved into something much different than it was nine years ago when the largely unsuccessful-on-the-ice Flyers folded.

#### Everyone agreed

"We got unanimous support by the board of governors of the SIJHL, which speaks volumes, I think, about the level of confidence they have in our ability to put a program together that will be successful long-term," said Cairns who has also been working closely with the Kam River Fighting Walleye ownership group, a first-year success story from the abbreviated 2021-22 SIJHL season, to overcome any expansion pitfalls that might fall their way.

Austen Hoey, the Bombers director of hockey operations, said the team will also be an inspiration to developing hockey players in the region.

While they won't focus solely on Sioux Lookout and area players, the team will provide another route for the better players in the region to continue on in the game.

"I believe that, especially in a community like ours, where right now the highest level of hockey for players to aspire to is the high school hockey team," Hoey said.

"Not that there's anything wrong with that, but when there is a junior team here, it does ask those minor hockey league players to kind of push themselves a little bit harder, because now they know the bar they are looking to get to is that much higher. I think it kind of creates a culture."

For now, finding those players is low on the priority list, with 17 months to go before the puck drops.

Cairns said the team, named after the water bombers that protect Ontario's northwest from the threat of forest



PREVIOUS TEAM: Sioux Lookout Flyers goaltender Peter Emery tends the net in a 2010 playoff series in Thunder Bay.

fires each year and patterned after the former Queen Elizabeth High School team's green and gold colour scheme, has already begun building relationships in the Sioux Lookout area, including nearby First Nations.

The team is looking to raise about \$150,000 to cover start-up costs, league dues and expansion fees, through partnerships with the local business community, planned raffles and a charity golf tournament.

League commissioner Darrin Nicholas said the league is looking to grow to 10 teams and Sioux Lookout was always high on their list, a natural rival with teams in Dryden and Fort Frances, and one whose potential fan base in the past showed a willingness to support SIJHL hockey.

"Certainly there's no secret that high on our priority list was getting more teams involved and more communities involved in the league. I think I said very early in my tenure that our goal was to work toward 10. We can't get to 10 before we get to eight," Nicholas said.

"As we looked around, kind of at the landscape, at the places we thought it made sense for the league to participate in, clearly Sioux Lookout was the leading candidate, with a facility that's already housed a team in our league, that's still capable of housing a team in our league."

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CLIMBING UP: Pierre Grall-Johnson of NDTC-Thunder Bay was named to the national team.

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# **NTDC-TB** names new team

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he National Team Develoment Centre-Thunder Bay has named eight skiers to its 2021-22 team.

Julian Smith, Pierre Grall-Johnson, Graham Ritchie, Shaylynn Loewen, Sophie Tremblay, Max Mahaffy, Guillaume Pelchat and Kendryn Mashinter will represent the team, which trains in Thunder Bay and competes around the world.

Grall-Johnson, a veteran of the team, last week learned he had been named to Canada's national cross-country ski team for the upcoming season alongside Olympic hopeful Katheriner Stewart-

Stewart-Jones is a former NDTC-Thunder Bay team member.



TOUCH 'EM ALL: Jason Vosier slides home safely on Canada Day in 2013, while playing for the Thunder Bay Border Cats,

# **Former Cat Vosler** makes MLB debut

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ntil Saturday night, only seven former Thunder Bay Border Cats had made the major leagues.

Jason Vosler made it eight.

The infielder, who hit .304 in spring training, was recalled by the San Francisco Giants from their alternate training site and made his debut against the Miami Marlins, pinch-hitting for pitcher Kevin Gausman.

On Sunday, the 27-year-old came off the bench again, taking over at third for Wilmer Vores. In his second at bat of the afternoon, Vosler lifted a soft fly ball to right that

fell in front of Marlins outfielder Garrett Cooper.

He then stole second, adding another first to his MLB scrapbook.

"That's a moment you dream about since you were a kid," Vosler told MLB.com. "When I got to first base, Antoan [Richardson] was like, 'Take it

in, look around. This is a special moment.' I'm happy he said that because when he did say that, I kind of focused up and really appreciated the moment and appreciated where I was.'

It's a long way from Thunder Bay, where Vosler spent the 2013 Northwoods League season, hitting .275 with seven home runs and 47 RBI, to the shores of McCovey

The West Nyack, N.Y. native spent six seasons in the minors, including four in the Chicago Cubs system and the past two with the San Diego Padres.

"He was a really good kid," reminisced Cats vice-president Bryan Graham on Sunday.

"It's another impressive story of perseverance. He's been knocking on the door the past few years at AAA, so it's great to see him finally make it to the big leagues."

So, who are the other seven former Cats to reach the

Here's a rundown:

Matt Mangini: The first to make the jump, Mangini played 11 games for Seattle in 2010, hitting .211 with one

Jonathan Diaz: Defensive whiz spent 12 seasons in the minors and parts of three in the big leagues with Boston and Toronto, hitting .145 with six RBI. He won a World Series ring with Boston in 2013.

Blaine Hardy: The lefty only pitched one game for Thunder Bay, but went on to pitch six seasons with the Detroit Tigers, compiling a 14-10 record with a 3.73 ERA

and a 1.32 WHIP in 233 appearances, the most by any former Border Cats player. He signed a minor-league deal with Milwaukee this year.

Seth Frankhoff: Went 3-1 for the Border Cats in 2008 and debuted with the Chicago Cubs in 2017, making one two-inning appearance before heading

overseas to play in Korea. The righty tossed 2.2 innings for Seattle last season and is with the Arizona Diamondbacks organization in 2021.

**A.J. Schugel**: An infielder who occasionally pitched for the Cats in 2009 and 2010, Schugel was drafted as a pitcher by the Los Angeles Angels, who in 2013 dealt him to Arizona in a three-way trade that included Mark Trumbo, Adam Eaton and the late Tyler Skaggs. Schugel spent three seasons in the big leagues, going 6-2 with a 3.19 nine ERA as a reliever for Arizona and Pittsburgh..

Wes Parsons: An all-star starter for the Cats in 2012, Parsons pitched parts of two seasons with Atlanta and Colorado in 2018 and 2019, going 1-3 with a 5.67 ERA. He signed with the KBO's NC Dinos this past offseason.

Ryan Court: Perhaps the Cinderella story of 2019, Court languished for nine seasons in the minors with Arizona, Boston and the Chicago Cubs before finally getting a taste of the big leagues with the Seattle Mariners. Court was 5-for-24 with a home run and five RBI.



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