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LOCAL NEWS

Vaccines required at college and LU

Both schools make it mandatory in order to study on campus this fall



CHANGE OF HEART: College president Kathleen Lynch says vaccines will be mandatory.

EDUCATION
By Ian Kaufman - TB Source

Students and staff at Confederation College and Lakehead University will need to be vaccinated to access campus facilities this fall, the Thunder Bay schools have announced.

Both schools, when initially asked earlier this year, said they would not be implementing any kind of vaccine requirement, though both said the situation was evolving.

As of Sept. 7, only those with at least one dose of an approved COVID-19 vaccine will be allowed on the college campuses, the college said in a statement issued Monday evening.

As of Oct. 18, the requirement will increase to two doses.

In July, Lakehead announced mandatory vaccination was required for anyone choosing to live in residence and last week announced they would require all student athletes to be vaccinated.

The requirement on Tuesday expanded to all students and staff studying on campus.

"After careful consideration, I am announcing that Lakehead University will be implementing a mandatory vaccination policy requiring Lakehead students, faculty and staff arriving on our campuses and properties to have received their first vaccine dose by September 7, and be fully vaccinated no later than October 7," said Lakehead president Moira McPherson, in a release.

"The policy, which is currently being developed and will be shared with our University community upon completion, will address details of its implementation, including guidelines that will apply to any visitors to our campuses and properties. This policy will enhance existing measures we have taken in recent weeks as we prepare to return to our campuses."

provide a safe and healthy working and learning environment is to ensure that everyone is doing their part."

Confederation College isn't alone, she noted, with a growing number of Canadian post-secondary institutions passing similar policies in recent weeks. Those include leading institutions like the University of Toronto, Queen's University, Western University, and the University of Ottawa, but policies around providing proof of vaccination and other details have varied widely.

Still not clear

Many of the details of the college policy, such as whether and what kind of proof of vaccination would be required, and what kinds of exemptions would be allowed, remained unclear in the college's initial announcement Monday.

Exemptions for medical and religious or creed reasons "will be considered," according to its statement.

Those remaining unvaccinated will be subject to additional safety precautions, the institution added, with further details to be released before Sept. 7.

In general, Lynch expressed hope the college's policy would boost vaccine uptake in Thunder Bay and across the region. The school also has campuses in Dryden, Longlac, Kenora, Marathon, Fort Frances, Red Lake, and Sioux Lookout.

Vaccine clinics will be held on each campus in September.

"By actively encouraging our college community to be protected and get vaccinated, we are doing our part to reduce the impact of the pandemic in the communities we serve and on our campuses," she said.

The college consulted with local and provincial health authorities before making the decision, it said.

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LOCAL NEWS

End of a TV era

Thunder Bay Television anchor Barry Third retiring on Aug. 26

TELEVISION

By Gary Rinne – TB Source

When Barry Third moved from Timmins in 1980, little did he know it was the start of a broadcasting career in Thunder Bay that would span more than four decades.

Third will host his final broadcast on Aug. 26, ending his term as the city's longest-serving news anchor.

The native of South Porcupine, Ont. is retiring not only from the set of the Thunder Bay Television Newshour, but from his position as news director in Northwestern Ontario's largest newsroom. Third was appointed to that role in 2005.

He's bidding farewell to tens of thousands of area families who make it a habit to tune into the TBT Newshour at 6 p.m., and with whom he has cultivated the sort of relationship that is unique to the position of a long-term newscast anchor.

The importance of that connection is not lost on the veteran journalist.

"People invite us into their homes every night. I've always tried to respect that," Third says.

In an interview on the eve of his retirement, he recalled an incident several years ago that touched him deeply.

"The phone rang in my office. It was a woman who was obviously the proud mother of a young man who had just returned home from serving overseas with the armed forces. He had been in a situation where there was a fair amount of danger," Third said.

He went on to explain that the caller's son had only been back in Thunder Bay for a couple of days.

"They were having dinner and watching the news. At one point she looked over and she noticed her son was crying. She asked 'What's the matter, son?' He said 'Well, now that I've seen Mr. Third, I know that I'm safe.'"

News anchors are supposed to keep their emotions in check in front of the camera, but Third got a little choked up in retelling the story.

"First of all, it wasn't 'Mr. Third' that was the focus here," he said. "It's what we bring to a lot of people every night, which is a sense of continuity, a sense of surety. Most importantly, here's a kid who put his life on the line, and in some small way we provided a sense of security to him. If we can do that for him, or first responders, or anybody in general, what an honour that we're a part of their lives and they feel a sense of well-being from that."

Third said he often reflects on the significance of that phone call.

"It talks about the sense of community here, and the fact that we do have a place in it, and provide something of meaning and value to people," he said.

Third worked in radio and television in northeastern Ontario before being recruited to Thunder Bay as the staff announcer for CKPR-TV and CHFD-TV. He became familiar to the community through his appearance in numerous television commercials and as co-host of the daily public affairs program First Edition along with Nikki Burns.

In 1985, when Thunder Bay Television expanded its half-hour supertime newscast to a full hour, it looked for a host with credibility.

It's an asset that is not always easily measurable, so station management asked community representatives for help in screening prospective candidates.

A panel that viewed the audition tapes of numerous applicants unanimously gave Third the stamp of approval, thereby launching a 36-year stint as the face of local tele-



THUNDER BAY ICON: Barry Third has been anchoring the Thunder Bay Television News Hour for nearly four decades.

vision news.

Throughout his lengthy career at 87 North Hill St., he also played key roles as a supporter of local charities, notably through his on-air role on the Easter Seal Telethon, and his work on behalf of Shelter House.

Those kinds of contributions, again, speak to Third's perspective on what has made the job so rewarding for him

He said it's not so much the news stories that he'll remember in the coming years, but the relationships and connections he has developed with people in every walk of life.

"As a news guy, there's always going to be another story. You're always chasing fresh leads, new information. But what sticks with you is the people you've met or worked with, both internally and externally."

Third said the talented and dedicated colleagues he worked with in the station, and from whom he learned a great deal, are too numerous to mention by name.

He also pointed to the countless people he has had the pleasure of interviewing and forming connections with over the years.

"Community leaders, politicians, just individuals in general who are terrific representatives of this city and this region. Being able to have access to them and learn from them has been a blessing, and I'm grateful for that. I've been the beneficiary of a lot of generosity."

Third believes both he and the community have also benefited from the uniqueness of the Thunder Bay market, where the television station is owned by a local family rather than by a large corporation.

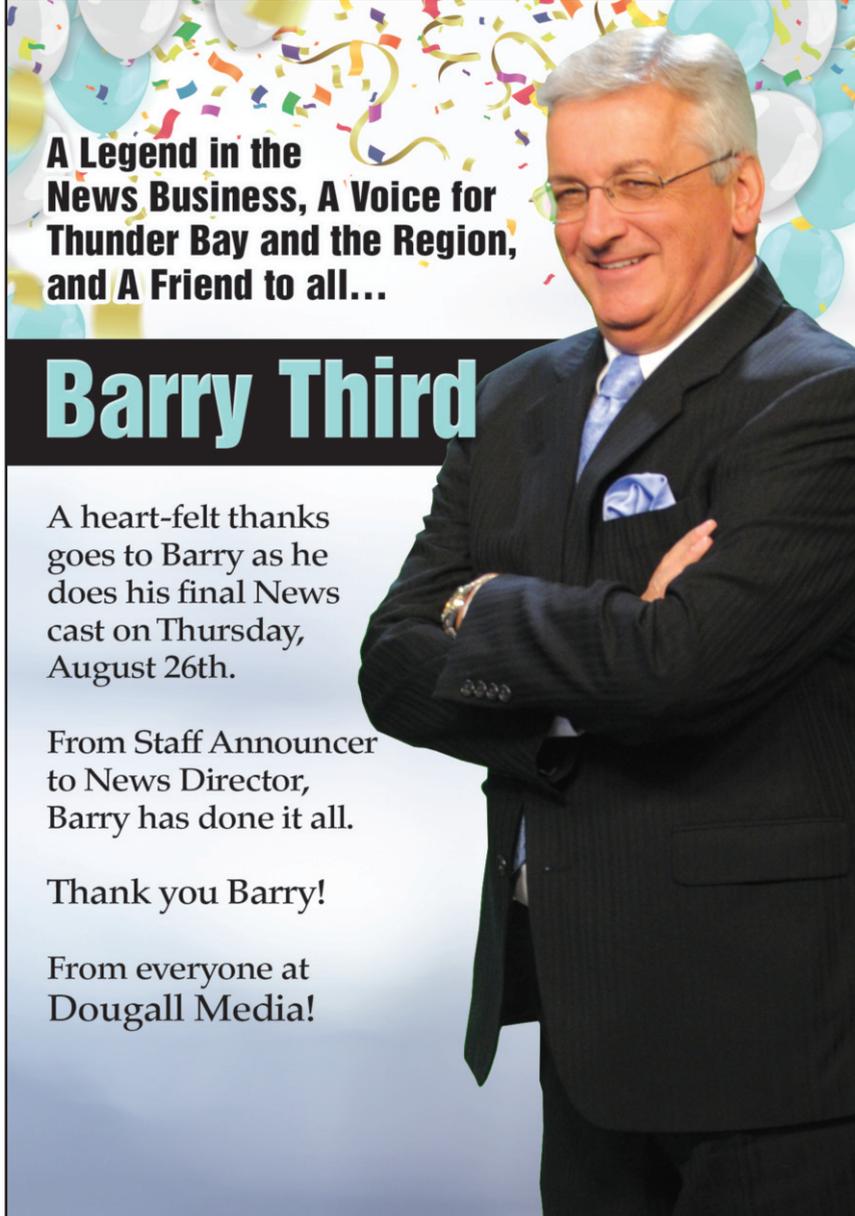
"The Dougalls' stewardship of this operation has provided continuity. We're moving to a new generation of the family who are going to take this business to the next level. That augers well for the community. There is a lot of promise for the future."

As for his own plans, for the next few weeks, Third hopes to sit back and relax for awhile with the expectation that COVID-19 restrictions will continue to diminish.

Third will be succeeded on TBT's flagship 6 p.m. newscast by veteran reporter Ryan Bonazzo.

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Barry Third

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LOCAL NEWS

Candidates get ready for election

Vote will be held on Sept. 20

THUNDER BAY

By Justin Hardy – TB Source

The federal election is now underway and local candidates are revving up their engines for another campaign. Here are the local candidates for the Thunder Bay–Rainy River riding:

The incumbent Liberal Party's candidate is Marcus Powlowski, a physician born in Fort William.

"Are we prepared to go? Absolutely. I can't say I was looking forward to an election, but now it's on, let's go," he said.

"Why re-elect me? I think I'm a pretty good MP, I certainly work hard, I certainly, I think, do represent the interests of the people of Thunder Bay. I'm not a yes man. For the vast majority of things, I agree with the party, but if there are things I disagree with them on, I will tell them that."

The Conservative Party of Canada's candidate is Adelina Pecchia, an ordained member of the clergy who was born in Italy and raised in Westfort.

"The goals are to implement the recovery plan that our leader Erin O'Toole has set out to do, which is the jobs, accountability, mental health, our country, and the economy, so I'm there to help implement it," Pecchia said.

"The Conservative Party is ready, it's the same in the sense that we're dedicated, we're a dedicated people, we're a dedicated leader, we have dedicated leadership, so we are always dedicated to serving Canadians."

The NDP's candidate is Yuk-Sem Won, an educator and labour activist born and raised

in Hearst.

"It's very clear that the NDP is the choice for the North, and that we are going to take back the riding and make sure that our voices are heard, especially in the recovery of this pandemic," Won said.

"Right in the midst of this fourth wave, it's one of those things where you sit there and you say, 'where are the priorities', and the priorities shouldn't be power, it has to be the people, it has to be the economic recovery of our communities, of our businesses – it has to be the safety of the people."

The Green Party's candidate is Tracy MacKinnon, a poverty advocate from Fort William.

"My goals are just to bring awareness to some issues that I think need to be brought to light more now, because of Covid," MacKinnon said.

"The first and foremost is all the residential school children that have been found and will be found, and continue to be found, and all those that won't be found, that's hugely important. Then of course the climate, the way Canada is on fire lately, with all the forest fires."

The Peoples Party of Canada candidate is Alan Aubut, a geologist born and raised in Northwestern Ontario.

"One of the skills I seem to be a bit better at than a lot of others is seeing the bigger picture relative to the smaller picture," Aubut said.

"And that's really why I got into what I'm doing right now, is that, I don't like what I've been seeing for close to 20 years now and things just seem to be getting worse, and a lot of people just don't understand that we are on the edge of the abyss. If we don't have a change of government now, we're toast."

The election is scheduled to send voters to the polls on Sept. 20.

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LOCAL NEWS

Candidates hitting campaign trail

FEDERAL ELECTION
By Leith Dunick – TB Source

It's a mostly reluctant slate of candidates that are entering the federal election race in Thunder Bay-Superior North.

Green Party candidate Amanda Moddejonge, Conservative Party of Canada hopeful Joshua Taylor and the NDP's Chantelle Bryson each said there's no need for a federal vote to take place with no clear end in sight to the COVID-19 pandemic.

But all three nonetheless have hit the campaign trail running.

"I think it was unwise to call this election, especially now," said Moddejonge, who in 2019 ran for the Greens in Thunder Bay-Rainy River, finishing fourth.

"The people in Canada really do not want an election at this time, especially as we're going into a fourth wave of COVID. My goal in this is to bring atten-

tion to a lot of the people who have been left behind for the last year-and-a-half, with all of this, much like the people of Afghanistan were left behind on the tarmac yesterday as they were trying to flee Afghanistan."

Taylor, a first-time candidate for the Conservatives, who finished second in both Thunder Bay ridings in 2019, said his goal is to do better in the riding than his party traditionally has, having not won a seat in the riding since Donald Cowan won Port Arthur-Thunder Bay in 1930.

He pointed to the party's leader as the biggest difference between this year's election and the one contested less than two years ago.

"I think for starters Erin O'Toole is really trying to put forward a more big-tent conservatism and I think that's important so we can really appeal to a

broader group of people than our base typically would be," Taylor said.

"I'm the youngest candidate by a significant amount so I feel like I appeal to a different demographic and I think I can get youth heard in this upcoming election."



JOSHUA TAYLOR

Bryson, a lawyer and social justice activist, said it's clear not everyone is happy to be in the midst of another federal election, but since it's inevitable, she said she believes NDP Leader Jagmeet Singh would make the best prime minister for Canadians and the party's platform the best fit for the country.

"I really want to see the economic and social recovery not rest on the backs of small business and families and workers. We're going to rest the economic and social recovery on the shoulders of the ultra-rich, with a one per cent tax on anyone with a wealth of over

\$10 million and also a 15 per cent tax on large corporations that have disproportionately benefited off the pandemic," Bryson said.

People's Party of Canada candidate Rick Daines said he's watched the country become divided over the past year-and-a-half, as businesses close and discussions of mandatory vaccinations and vaccine passports. He also accused the governing Liberals of spending too freely and unsustainably.

It has to change.

"I see the main issue is our freedom. That's what is on this ballot with this election. Justin Trudeau himself admitted his government is tyrannical and that our chance to change that is by voting. So, I pray that people choose freedom and vote for me and the PPC on September 20, so we can get our country back to the great place

that it is," Daines said.

Incumbent Patty Hajdu, the former Minister of Health, said she'll stand on the Liberal's pandemic response, adding her government has also brought a lot of investment to Thunder Bay-Superior North.

She maintained an election is a chance to seek a new mandate from the electorate and tweak the programs that have helped sustain the economy through the pandemic.

"This is an opportune time for Canadians to reflect how we continue to manage – not just this pandemic – but the re-establishment of our economy, making sure small- and medium-sized businesses have what they need to succeed and what we can do for Canadians going forward."

The election is scheduled for Sept. 20.



AMANDA MODDEJONGE

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EDITORIAL

Calculated elections

As much as the opposition might suggest they don't want a federal election at this time, if they thought they could win, they'd be all for sending Canadians to the polls for a late summer vote.

In the wake of the 2019 election that saw the Conservatives, NDP and Bloc Quebecois reduce the governing Liberals to a minority, it was clear the Conservatives were waiting for the right time (and the required support of the other parties) to topple the government.

Politics is a game of opportunism, especially in a minority government situation.

When the polls, internal and external, say it's go time, come heck or high water, the vote is called.

Clearly the Liberals believe they have the votes to win back a majority.

Other parties will argue a pandemic is not the right time for an election, and they may be right. That said, there have been several provincial elections since COVID-19 arrived and they've gone relatively smoothly.

Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau needs a new mandate as the pandemic continues to ravish the economy. Conservative Leader Erin O'Toole and NDP Leader Jagmeet Singh deserve a chance to present their recovery visions, as does the Green's Annamie Paul and the People's Party of Canada's Maxime Bernier.

Strap in, it's going to be a bumpy ride.

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Youth want climate action

To the editor:

I'm a student at Lakehead University here in Thunder Bay. I've been very concerned about the recent news regarding multiple forest fires in Northwestern Ontario and their impact on local communities.

As the climate crisis worsens, it is young people such as myself that are going to be most affected. Because of this, I wanted to encourage politicians to connect with young people and work with us to find ways to address the current climate crisis.

As youth are going to experience the greatest long-term effects of climate change going forward, it is vital that politicians take this into account and work with us to find solutions. After all, as the effects of these forest fires demonstrate, climate change affects every aspect of our lives — from health concerns that are brought about or worsened by smoke in the air, to the mental health challenges that are caused by the anxiety over the potential for evacuation and the ensuing financial costs.

I need politicians to focus on addressing the climate crisis in a proactive way, and to try to decrease the risk of these fires being this intense again, as well as providing more support for young people who are affected by these crises.

I know that a lot of young people in my riding share these concerns, and I really hope that our local politicians will listen to us and take us seriously.

Despite the fact that we're the generation most affected by the long-term effects of the climate crisis, a lot of us - myself included - feel like politicians don't consider our points of view or prioritize us when making decisions.

I believe that if we could see more politicians talking with and listening to us, especially about our concerns, and working to find solutions for the current crisis, we'd all feel a lot more confident and reassured in the future for our environment.

That's why I'm volunteering with Future Majority, a non-profit, non-partisan organization that focuses on amplifying the issues that really matter to young people. I really want to see politicians talking about issues that matter to me.

I hope the politicians who are hoping to be elected in Thunder Bay will read this letter and think about how they can start helping address the climate crisis that is such a major concern for young people like myself — especially in light of the climate crisis as a whole.

Zoe Dubec
Thunder Bay

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Secret agents abound



**JOHN
PATEMAN**

BOOK BANTER

Graham Greene had a sharp nose for trouble and injustice and in *Our Man in Havana* he paints a vivid image of what life was like in Cuba on the verge of Castro's Revolution. Wormold, a vacuum cleaner salesman, was short of money.

His daughter had reached an expensive age — so he accepted Hawthorne's offer of \$300 plus a month and became Agent 59200/5, M.I.6's man in Havana.

To keep the job, Wormold pretends to recruit sub agents and sends fake stories.

Then the stories start coming disturbingly true. His German friend Hasselbacher starts to act suspiciously. His daughter Milly is courted by the police chief, known as the Red Vulture, who allegedly has a cigarette case made from human skin. Beatrice arrives to help him run his growing network of spies and they fall in love.

But then people start to get shot at and killed and what started as a game isn't funny anymore.

Greene is casual with his racism. The second word of this otherwise gripping and hugely entertaining novel is a racial slur which rather spoils your enjoyment.

No doubt Greene was a product of his time, born in 1904 and educated at Oxford University. He worked for the Foreign Office and British Intelligence which gave him some of the insights that enabled him to lampoon the British Establishment, of which he was a part, and point out the shambolic nature of the so-called 'secret services' which were, in fact, riddled with Soviet spies.

It became so embarrassing to unearth yet another red under the bed that it was easier to let them carry on spying and then pension them off with an official honour.

This is what happened to Wormold and his real life equivalents such as Anthony Blunt, who continued in his role as Keeper of the Queen's Paintings, long after it was known that he was part of the Cambridge Five Spy Ring.

George MacDonald Fraser is also

casual with his racism in *Flashman*, which tells the story of a man who is expelled from Rugby School as a drunken bully, wantonly seduces his father's mistress, lies, cheats and proves a coward on the battlefield, and romps his way through the boudoirs of Victorian Britain to the erotic frontiers of her Empire. Harry Flashman — lover, soldier, reluctant secret agent — emerges from Afghanistan and the disastrous Retreat from Kabul covered in glory (not to mention skullduggery). This is partly because, unlike most members of the occupying British Army, he takes the trouble to learn the local language and customs.

T.E. Lawrence (Lawrence of Arabia) used similar tactics when he dressed like a Bedouin and taught himself to speak Arabic while serving with the British Army in the Middle East during the Great War. In *Seven Pillars of Wisdom*, which the U.S. Army used as a guide to cultural etiquette during their occupation of Iraq, Lawrence describes the Arab Revolt against the Turks through a range of portraits, descriptions, philosophies, emotions, adventures and dreams.

Perspective

Unwanted election

With a fourth COVID wave in play, vote not needed

OPINION

By J.R. Shermack
Special to TB Source

It has been said that you can't always get what you want and as far as Canadians are concerned you can't always not get what you don't want either.

Our country never asked for nor wanted to experience the hardship of a pandemic and now it appears we will soon have one more unwanted burden to bear.

Against the wishes of two-thirds of the voting public, Canadians are being asked to endure the uncertainty and unknown perils of a snap pandemic election.

Federal party leaders have been touring the country for weeks in anticipation of the call and voters' mailboxes are being stuffed with their early, uncalled-for promises and platitudes.

Nothing to laugh about

Democratic elections are no joking matter these days, but even at the best of times the antics of politicians in Canada are fertile ground for comedy relief and satire.

Politics in this country is much easier to take if we can keep our good Canadian sense of humour, well-seasoned with sarcasm, cynicism and wit.

That's why we were all guffawing out loud with family members last week when a surprise impromptu performance of political comedy took the spotlight after dinner.

We were treated to an animated reading of what we thought at the time was political satire but the source of the preposterous material turned out to be an even bigger joke.

The improv was presented by one of our own who displayed a flair for the dramatic as she delivered a laughable political rant line by line.

She assumed the persona of a national political leader trying to connect with Canadians through a bombastic appeal for their support in the coming election.

It was a hilarious interpretation of a traditional "politics as usual" speech complete with empty promises, bold accusations and character assassinations.

The nonsense was ceremoniously read from what appeared to be a prepared, four page script featuring a comical barrage of vague, ambiguous one-liners.

It was a highly entertaining spoof, or so we thought until the big reveal that came next.

The "script" we were listening to and laughing at was, in fact, a word-for-word diatribe from a mail-out campaign letter by one of Canada's national political leaders.

It was an attempt to familiarize the Canadian electorate with one of the national party leaders in the next federal election.

I'm sure it was intended to be

taken seriously but when it was acted out, animated and delivered that night it sounded like a rant by Rick Mercer or the gang at 22 Minutes.

In that perspective it didn't seem as funny anymore even though it begged the question, "Is this some kind of joke?"

The recipient of that four-pager was even less amused by the pretentious letter and was offended by the assumption that they would support such unsolicited nonsense.

I wonder how many other Canadians were equally affronted by this insincere tirade which was clearly a desperate call for support but came across as comic relief.

Coming soon

We laughed out loud at the interpretation we heard that night and the very next day the federal election was called for Sept. 20.

And so our pandemic election begins — it remains to be seen how fast it will spread and whether or not it will generate an infectious wave of election fever.

Whatever else happens between now and Sept.20, the next federal election should not be a source of ridicule and amusement.

A fourth wave of the COVID pandemic is well under way and that is no laughing matter.

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LOCAL NEWS

Person killed in fiery plane crash

Incident occurred at about 9:12 p.m.

THUNDER BAY
By Leith Dunick – TB Source

The head of the Thunder Bay International Airports Authority says one person died in a fiery plane crash at the airport on Monday night.

Ed Schmidtke, president and CEO of the airport authority, confirmed the fatality just before 2 a.m. on Tuesday morning.

A thick plume of smoke could be seen rising from the small plane following the crash, which took place at about 9:12 p.m. on Monday night.

Thunder Bay Fire Rescue, Thunder Bay Police and Superior North EMS crews responded to the incident and flights were turned back and not allowed to land as the investigation took place. The airport's operational specialists were also involved in the investigation.

On Tuesday morning, the charred wreckage of the plane was partially covered by a tarp, much of the fuselage burned away down to its skeleton.

Police and fire crews remained on scene while the investigation continued.

The scene is being held by the Transportation Safety Board of Canada.

The victim's identity had not been released at press time.



TRAGEDY ON THE TARMAC: Smoke was visible in the air following a fiery Monday night plane crash at Thunder Bay Airport.

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LOCAL NEWS

Conmee mayor to run for Ontario PCs

POLITICS
By Leith Dunick – TB Source

Township of Conmee Mayor Kevin Holland will carry the Ontario PC banner into the 2022 provincial election in Thunder Bay-Atikokan.

Holland, in a release issued on Monday night, said with 30 years of experience as an elected member of town council, he's got plenty of insight into the issues and concerns that matter most to residents of the Northwestern Ontario riding.

Experienced

He's spent time on a number of province-wide boards and is currently the first vice chair of the Rural Ontario Municipal Association and director of the Ontario Association of Police Service Boards.

"Having lived in the riding my entire life, I recognize the immense opportunities that exist for our Region," Holland said.

"We need a strong voice at Queen's Park that will commit to working in collaboration with all local partners to find solutions that will benefit the people of Thunder Bay-Atikokan.

Hard-working

"Whether that be securing additional employment opportunities at the Alstom Plant, supporting the first standalone Northern School of Medicine which will help to provide much needed health care services to our region or expanding on the opportunities of our resourced based economy."

The married father-of-two will be up against incumbent NDP MPP Judith Monteith-Farrell. Neither the Liberals nor the Green Party have yet to nominate a candidate in the riding, which was held by current Thunder Bay Mayor and former Liberal cabinet minister Bill Mauro from 2003 to 2015.



TAKING A LEAP: Township of Conmee Mayor Kevin Holland has spent 30 years in council and is making his first run at provincial politics.

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LOWER LEVELS: Lake levels have dropped significantly since spring, but we are still able to enjoy the vast amount of water that surrounds us.

Heat hurting waterways

Drought-like conditions have lowered some water levels significantly

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We are ideally situated on top of the world's largest freshwater lake, Superior, which holds enough water in its depths to cover the entire continents of North and South America with a foot of water. Yet, the lack of rainfall this summer continues to be a concern.

While we finally received a bit of rain last week, it did little to change the drought-like conditions we are seeing across Northwestern Ontario.

The overall lack of precipitation impacts our high quality of life in a number of ways. Most notably, many of our rivers and creeks have dwindled to a trickle in the heat of July and August.

The lack of oxygen and higher water temperatures that come with reduced flows

will heavily burden trout and other cold-water fish species.

In addition, birds and other predators have a much easier time gorging on juvenile trout that are stuck in small pools of water.

Increased mortality of fish is just the start of the problems the current low water levels present to anglers. The abnormally dry conditions this summer are also creating a challenge for people trying to get their boats in or out of

the water. As water levels drop, concrete boat ramps may no longer reach deep water.

For boaters who are able to successfully launch, it is especially important to keep an eye out for obstructions that may be just below the surface. Sunken reefs, boulders and tree stumps that are normally submerged in deep water may now be shallow enough to damage the prop or lower end of a boat's outboard motor.

While the anglers worry about the fish, black bears and other forest creatures are

likely struggling to forage food. The current lack of rainwater greatly affects both the size and amount of wild blueberries and other natural foods.

When nature doesn't provide enough sustenance in the bush for the bears, they start to look elsewhere. For those of us who are camping this month, it is vitally important to keep all food safely stored indoors, either in the cabin, or in a vehicle if you are camping in a tent.

Finally, we have already endured many days where the wind-blown smoke from distant wildfires has created a thick haze that has made breathing difficult. This has made the more vigorous outdoor activities like running, hiking, paddling and cycling more challenging.

Luckily some recent rain has eased the forest fire situation a bit.

While we anxiously wait for more rain, we must continue to remind ourselves how fortunate we really are to live where we do. This summer drought continues to present us with challenges, but it has not been able to stop the resilient people of Thunder Bay and Northwestern Ontario from getting outside and living the good life.



KEITH AILEY

THE GOOD LIFE

Veggie harvest

And it came to pass that all the hard work of my beloved wife, Laura, The Gardener, paid off and paid off abundantly. Now it was time to reap the rewards of all that work - harvesting.

As soon as we returned from our holiday, and right after we hauled our suitcases into Casa Jones, Laura was back out the door and off to the vegetable garden. I wandered over to see her busy watering. She looked up and announced it was time to harvest the garlic, the peas, and the beans. I had already sifted through the bean patch before we left for our sojourn. In fact we had brought to the cottage a good week's worth of lettuces, carrots, beans, radishes, and so on, all of which had matured enough to be plucked from the ground to feed our crew. Now there was more, lots more.

When I initially plucked beans from the patch, I left the small ones. Well, now they were almost too big since they'd had a full week to lengthen and thicken. But there were new beans just the right length and tenderness. I harvested them all, leaving more small ones of course. Two large metal bowls worth! Back in the house that abundance meant sitting at the table and topping and tipping every

one of them. Laura had a system but yours truly, being a paid up member of the 'Klutzn Consciousness Society', did it the hard way, one bean at a time. Sheesh!

Next was the garlic. "It is all ready and come help me get it all," The Gardener requested. So, I did. Not hard work pulling the garlic free of the soil. We filled two large, metal bowls. "We'll put it on that layered shelf in the screen porch to dry."

Which I did. The aroma of garlic filled my nostrils and remained with me for a long time.

We tried some with supper. Superb! "Dang, Madam but you grow great garlic!" I shouted. And she does. So much so that last year my now-retired barber, Mark, of a strong Italian heritage, said that we should grow it commercially, he thought it was that good. Well, that would involve a lot of work, perhaps more than I want to do.

When all the garlic was arrayed on the drying shelves, Laura stood back and said: "I think there is a lot more than I thought that I'd planted." Not to worry my darling, it will all get used.

Picking the crop

Then there were the onions. I had planted the main bed. I remember being on my knees shoving the wee bulbs in the earth. Unlike Laura who is short and can bend over without experiencing agony, I can't. So, I get all humble on my knees (ah, excuse me, Farmer Fred, what's that about being 'humble'? Hah!) so as to get close to the ground without a complaining back.

We had spread the peas in their shells, both edible and non-edible podded ones on newspaper on a table my late uncle had built at our cottage on Lake Simcoe back in the late 40's. I love that table. So, unfortunately, do pussycats, who have used the table legs for scratching. Grrr! By the time the peas had dried, we could remove them and replace the table surface with onions.

Sunday was very hot - plus 32 at our farm. Fortunately, we have an above-ground swimming pool and we availed ourselves of the water's cooling effects twice that day.

While floating in the evening as the sun was drifting closer to the western horizon, I looked to the poplar trees that grow to the east of Casa Jones and observed just how yellow many of the leaves had become.

"Isn't it too early for any colour change?" I asked my swimming companion "Yes," she replied, "the change is due to the drought." It looks more like late September than mid-August.

So, our garden is fecund even during such an extensive very hot and dry July and spreading into August because Laura is out there watering and watering and watering.

The harvesting proceedeth well. Over the remainder of the month and into September, we will be gathering more ripe edibles. Already some of the tomatoes are ripening on the vine. The zucchini, the cucumbers (Laura has already put-up twelve jars of pickles with more on the way), Kale, Swiss chard, beets, etc., etc. continue to grow. Thank God we have an excellent well.

Ford warns COVID's still a huge threat

HEALTH

By TB Source staff

Widespread vaccination may have changed the shape of the fight against COVID-19, but the pandemic remains a dangerous public health threat, Premier Doug Ford told Ontario's municipal leaders Monday.

Speaking on the first morning of the 2021 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) conference, Ford said the

emergence of the Delta variant, which has spiked infection rates to new highs in some parts of the United States, showed the importance of maintaining vigilance against the virus.

"You only need to look south to see what can happen if we let our guards down, and how quickly a variant can devastate an unvaccinated population," he said.

Continuing progress on vaccinations would be key, Ford said. His government

announced Monday it would require vaccination clinics at public schools as part of its efforts to expand coverage.

Municipalities should be proud of the role they'd played in supporting vaccine rollout efforts so far, the premier said, while touting billions in support offered to municipalities through federal-provincial relief funding.

"Case counts don't mean what they used to, because we have so many people vaccinated," he said.



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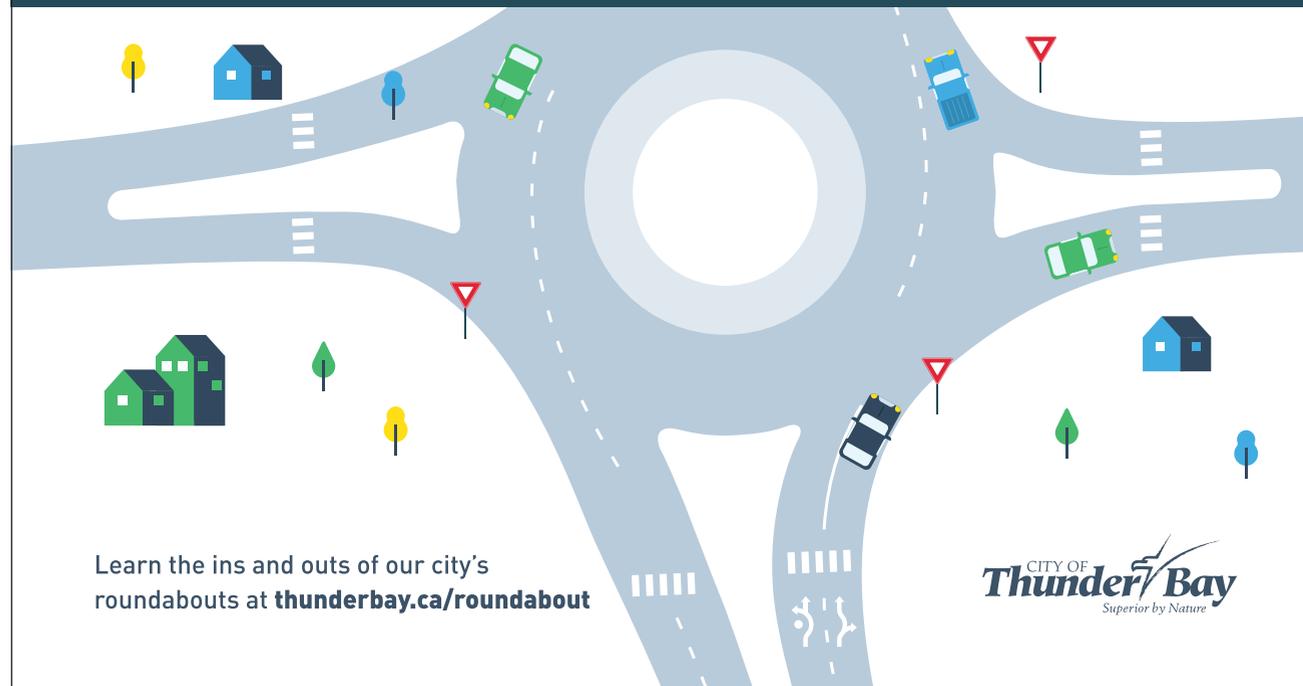
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BREAKOUT ROLE: Ryan Reynolds plays a non-player character in the film *Free Guy*, which is playing in theatres now.

Free Guy comes up short

Not even Ryan Reynolds can save film from its convoluted plot

Superficially, *Free Guy* seems appealing, simply based on Ryan Reynolds' appealing cheekiness evidenced in the trailer, similar to his quip-spouting persona in *Deadpool*.

Unfortunately, even Reynolds can't quite salvage a convoluted story borrowing heavily from other films that carried off the premise with greater originality and more solid storytelling.

The theme is familiar. Reynolds is Guy, an agreeable, cheery-hearted bloke who suddenly realizes that his

life is actually a mere cog in an online video gaming construct, jarring his sense of reality, his subsequent rebellion generating havoc for villainous higher-ups.

In Guy's case, his daily routine is the same, waking up with a smile to the same Maria Carey tune, giving the same greeting to his goldfish, dons the same style bland shirt, orders the same coffee, and, as a bank teller, offers the same happy-face salute to customers: "Don't have a good day, have a great day!"

Guy and his security guard pal, Buddy, (L'il Rel Howery, *Get Out*) even endure the

same hold-ups on a daily basis.

Guy is blind to the *Grand Theft Auto* mayhem surrounding him, until two things happen: he dons a pair of special sunglasses that reveal the violent scoring methodology. Then one day he spots his sun-glassed dream girl, nicknamed Molotovgirl, who is in fact a gun-wielding avatar for gaming creator

Millie (Jody Comer in both roles; "Killing Eve").

Romantic pursuit of Molotovgirl prompts Guy to break out of his *Groundhog Day* loop, thereby upsetting the order of things. Thanks to

this algorithm glitch, Guy becomes self-aware and thus seeks an existence based on self-determination. Uh-huh.

Guy discovers that he's actually an "NPC," a Non-Playing Character in a global online game entitled "Free City."

Millie is using Molotovgirl to dig up compromising info on the game, as the non-violent component she built with fellow programmer Keys, (Joe Keery, "Stranger Things") has been stolen by a bullying tech boss, Antwan (a scene-chewing cartoonish Taika Waititi, "Jojo Rabbit").

Antwan's furious to see Guy become the individualistic "Blue Shirt Guy" hero to global gamers, leaving him vulnerable to Millie's copyright lawsuit. Millie and Keys scramble to save Guy and company and bring Antwan to justice before Antwan can literally smash Guy's world to cover his tracks.

Like *The Truman Show* and *The Lego Movie*, among several other similar films, *Free Guy* seems poised to comment on conformity, capitalism, and other themes before settling for a somewhat puzzling, Truman-like climax.

Basically, it's a stretch to care about a gaming character and his fellows, who like extras in a movie, are consigned to a one-note existence.

Much techno-jargon governs Guy's fate, rendered in rapid-fire sometimes confusing fashion, making it difficult to grasp the consequences of any frantic keyboard plunking and server-smashing.

Free Guy is meant to be frivolous satirical fun and some of it is, especially when it serves up TV in-jokes and several star cameos.

Ultimately, though, in a world of artificial characters, there's not much at stake in *Free Guy*.

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MOVIE TALK

Original ideas in Hollywood rare sight

A recent new release in theatres is the movie *Stillwater* starring Matt Damon as a father who travels to France to try to prove his estranged daughter did not commit murder. If it sounds familiar to you, you're not alone.

It's been compared to the Amanda Knox story and her wrongful conviction in Italy.

The writer and director of *Stillwater*, Tom McCarthy had even stated in an old *Vanity Fair* interview that he and his co-writer had been fascinated by Ms. Knox's case.

Consequently, Knox has been vocal in her annoyance that that these kinds of movies "profit off my name, face, and story without my consent."

However, McCarthy has been adamant that *Stillwater* is not based on Knox's experience. None of the characters are real. Like many writers, he admits to taking "bits and pieces" from numerous stories that he hears or reads and weaves

those elements into his own. But this is a "whole different story."

Is it? Really? Succinctly put, *Stillwater* about a young "American woman studying abroad involved in [a] sensational crime and she ends up in jail."

It certainly sounds like a French version of Knox's story. And one has to feel for the woman who has had her life, her character repeatedly picked apart on



ROLE PLAY: Abigail Breslin plays Allison Baker in the controversial movie *Stillwater*.

television for 14 years. And now it's being used for a multi-million dollar movie?

However, the description also sounds

like every story of a young American travelling to another country who did – or did not – break the law and get caught in the legal bureaucracy of that culture. Hollywood produced this with *Midnight Express*, *Brokedown Palace*, and *Return to Paradise*.

Furthermore, to quote myself during a discussion about a commercial campaign idea, "There's no such thing as a truly original idea." (OK, Mark Twain might have said it first.)

And it's true. Ideas don't come out of a vacuum. Every idea we have is inspired by what we've already seen, heard, or learned – other people's inspirations and failures, and definitely by their successes.

In Hollywood, that's especially true. Every season, TV has multiple crime procedurals and medical dramas with little variation.

Bridget Jones' Diary is a whimsical take on Jane Austen's *Pride and*

Prejudice. *Cruel Intentions* is a re-interpretation of the French *Dangerous Liaisons*. George Bernard Shaw's *Pygmalion* has been re-visited over the decades with both men and women cast in the role of the ugly duckling being re-created into a beautiful swan: *My Fair Lady*, *Pretty Woman*, *Educating Rita*, *She's All That*, *Can't Buy Me Love* and most recently, *Her*.

Even the Star Wars anthology is inspired by multiple writers and films including Joseph Campbell's *The Hero With a Thousand Faces*, E.E. Smith's sci-fi, and Richard Wagner's musical *Der Ring des Nibelungen*. Did that make it any less innovative or ground-breaking?

There is no doubt that Knox's story was behind McCarthy's desire to write *Stillwater*. But along the way, there were many other inspirations too.

And inspiration is not something we own. It's shared. Whether we like it or not.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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- 5 Ship's wheel
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- 12 Ancient Gr. city
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- 14 Hawaiian assembly
- 15 Pirate (2 words)
- 17 Experimental (abbr.)
- 18 Corinthians (abbr.)
- 19 Barons
- 21 Here lies buried (abbr.)
- 24 Jap. fish
- 26 Border for a picture
- 27 Talk stupidly
- 29 Promise to pay
- 31 Dog salmon
- 34 Roman number 102
- 35 Celestial body
- 36 Scandinavian navigator
- 37 National (abbr.)
- 38 Multilateral Nuclear Force (abbr.)

- 39 Dried up
- 40 Commodore (abbr.)
- 42 Orbiting Astronomical Observatory (abbr.)
- 44 Doctor of Library Sciences (abbr.)
- 45 Battered
- 48 African native
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- 56 Imitator
- 57 P.I. dyewood tree
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- 60 Red dye root
- 61 Boat

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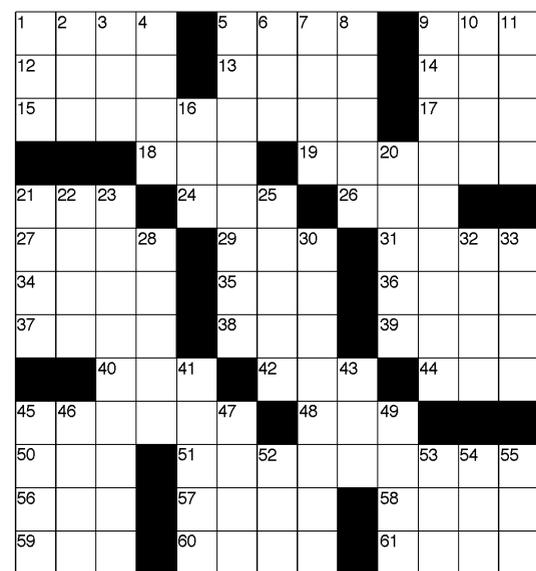
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- 28 Aviator
- 30 Unjustly
- 32 Twirl (Scot.)
- 33 Expert pilots
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- 43 African sorcery (abbr.)
- 45 Sheep's cries
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- 55 Relative (abbr.)



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Thunderwolves land Spanish guard

BASKETBALL
By Leith Dunick – TB Source

The Lakehead Thunderwolves have turned to Spain once again.

The women's basketball team on Thursday announced the signing of 5-foot-8 scoring guard Paula Lopez Sanchez, who hails from Zaragoza, Spain and will join the OUA team this fall.

"When I heard about Lakehead University, I felt that I couldn't miss the opportunity to study and play there. At Lakehead University I will be able to improve and grow as a player under coach (Jon) Kreiner and his staff. Moreover, Lakehead University gives me the opportunity to study for a bioinformatic degree which I'm really excited

to start because I think Lakehead is going to give me a quality education," Lopez said in a release.

Kreiner has already dipped into the Spanish well twice, bringing all-star Sofia Lluch into the fold. Lluch will also be back in 2021-22 after spending last season playing professionally in her home country. Eva Guilera will also join the Wolves this season.

Kreiner said Sanchez can make an immediate difference on an LU team in transition.

"Paula is exactly what we need and will be an impact player immediately," said Kreiner. "Paula has had a lot of experience and success with her regional team at the national level and she will provide our program with scoring.

"Paula is a very hard worker who

strives to be the absolute best she can be. She has the ability to play multiple positions and is a terrific shooter. She also has great length and athleticism for her position and has great upside. She has the potential to be a great all-around player on both ends of the floor. I am excited for what Paula will bring to our team and I can't wait to coach her this season."

Her previous coach says the Thunderwolves are getting a gem, a player every coach wants on their roster.

"She is engaged, hard-working and always thinking about the proper functioning of the team. On the court she is a tactically organized player with a great capacity for outside shooting," said Sanchez's regional team coach Dani Rubio.



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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Pineau gets ball call

Thunder Bay pitcher Jack Pineau has earned an invite to Canada's national junior baseball team training camp.

Pineau was one of 38 players named to the training camp roster and a chance to join a select number of players after its conclusion in a seven-game Friendship Series against the United States.

The series is a replacement of sorts for the 2021 WSBC's under-18 Baseball World Cup, which was originally scheduled to be played this year in Sarasota and Bradenton, Fla.

Those born in 2003 will not be eligible for the 2022 world under-18s.

"We're really excited to give players a chance to participate in a Junior National Team program environment in Ajax with the possibility of representing their country in our series against the United States," said Greg Hamilton, the junior national team head coach.

"Since we haven't had the ability to operate our program in person since March 2020, our coaching staff is looking forward to evaluating players and providing a development and competitive opportunity that will pave the way for future national team and individual success."

The camp opens on Aug. 18 and concludes on Sept. 1, with daily practices beginning on Aug. 19 and games starting on Aug. 20.

Pineau in 2020 was drafted by the Ontario Hockey League's London Knights. – *Leith Dunick*

Former Cat Robson joins Tigers

Jacob Robson has become the first Canadian former Thunder Bay Border Cats to make the big leagues.

The Detroit Tigers farmhand on Thursday made his major league debut last Friday, going 0-2 in a 6-4 win over the Baltimore Orioles, entering the game in the sixth inning as a pinch hitter for catcher Grayson Greiner.

The Windsor, Ont. native was called up to the Tigers when they moved southpaw starter Matthew Boyd to the 60-day injured list. The 26-year-old, born in London, Ont., played in 19 games for the Border Cats in 2014, hitting .254.

Robson hit .424 in 18 games with AA Erie in 2021, earning a promotion to AAA, where he hit .375 with five home runs and 13 stolen bases in 51 more appearances. – *Leith Dunick*



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