

AROUND
THE REGION**Hunter killed
in ATV crash**

A 64-year-old southern Ontario hunter was killed Sunday when an all-terrain vehicle he was riding smashed into a large rock near Beardmore.

Prescott resident Bruce Pankhurst died at the scene when his ATV left Highway 801 and hit the rock, a provincial news release said Tuesday.

No other vehicles were involved. The investigation continues, the release added. — *North Shore Bureau*

**Outage interrupts
turkey roast**

Schreiber turkey lovers were in a foul mood Sunday when the power went off just after they had popped their birds into the oven.

Starting at 1 p.m., the electricity remained off for more than two hours while Hydro One crews were dispatched to repair an outage that affected 460 customers.

The utility says a line was damaged by a fallen tree cut by a local resident. A small fire that resulted was contained by firefighters.

Police looked into the incident but no charges were laid, investigators said Tuesday. — *North Shore Bureau*

**Parking lot assault
sends man to hospital**

Police are searching for three suspects after a man was assaulted outside of a Thunder Bay convenience store Monday night.

The incident occurred at about 9:30 p.m. at the Mac's store on Red River Road near Junot Avenue, police said. The victim was assaulted by three suspects as he was entering his vehicle behind the store.

The victim drove to a friend's house for assistance, and was taken to hospital. He was initially listed as being in serious condition, but police Tuesday said he is recovering.

Police haven't determined if a weapon was used, and aren't sure if the victim and the assailants knew each other. Robbery doesn't appear to be the motive, but the victim was targeted by the three suspects, police spokesman Chris Adams said.

The first suspect is described as aboriginal. He's large with a muscular build, and had long black hair pulled into a ponytail, with a tear drop tattooed under one eye. He was wearing a black leather jacket.

The second suspect is described as tall and skinny, with acne and pock marks on his face. He was wearing a grey and black hoodie.

No description was available for the third suspect.

Anyone with information is asked to call police at 684-1200 or Crime Stoppers at 623-8477. — *The Chronicle-Journal*

**Excavator causes more
than \$5,000 damage**

A 19-year-old Kenora man is to be in court Nov. 15 to face mischief charges after an unattended excavator machine was started up and extensive damage occurred at a city baseball park.

Municipal officials said the key was left in the machine, which is owned by a contractor doing work for the municipality at the ball park.

When police arrived Sept. 30, they found the baseball diamond's back stop, fencing and a set of bleachers destroyed and "suspects fleeing the scene," a provincial news release said Tuesday.

The accused has been charged with mischief over \$5,000.

City officials did not have exact figures Tuesday on the cost to repair the damage. — *North Shore Bureau*

**Identity theft among
woman's 21 charges**

A 34-year-old Long Lake First Nation woman is facing more than 20 charges after police investigated complaints about shoplifting, stolen property and misuse of a bank card.

"The bank card was used at several locations in the Greenstone area to obtain money and purchase items," a provincial news release said Tuesday.

Investigators estimated the amount of money and unauthorized purchases to be about \$1,500.

Police got a call about a stolen bank card Sept. 9, which was followed by a separate report Oct. 3 about a television stolen from a Long Lake residence.

On Saturday, a woman was taken into custody after a Geraldton business said someone had left a store without paying for an item.

The accused has been charged with one count of uttering threats, three counts of break and enter, nine counts of theft, four counts of possession of property obtained by crime and four counts of identity theft, the release said.

"Police would like to remind everyone to lock the doors of your residence and vehicle and ensure that all windows are closed and locked as well," the release added. — *North Shore Bureau*

Crime fight about more than police

BY KRIS KETONEN
THE CHRONICLE-JOURNAL

A grassroots approach to crime prevention is the way to lower the city's crime rate, Thunder Bay's mayoral candidates say.

At a Port Arthur Rotary Club debate Tuesday, incumbent Lynn Peterson and candidates Frank Pullia and Jeff Irwin all agreed on the approach, saying the city needs to do more to reach out to youth and First Nations members who struggle with adjustment to city life when they come to Thunder Bay from remote communities.

At the same time, however, the city can't forgo enforcement efforts, they said.

Candidates Keith Hobbs, Brian Kwasny and Colin Burrridge were absent from the debate.

"This has got to be a balance between the enforcement issue and what the community can do in terms of crime prevention," Peterson said. "From the policing side of it . . . it's about reflecting what's happening in the community, whether or not our police service is flexible enough."

"There certainly is that effort," Peterson said. She cited the various police specialty units — beat patrol, gang and drug enforcement, computer-related crime — as evidence of that.

However, there still remains the need to get at the roots of the problem, she said. To that end, the city has launched its crime prevention council, Peterson said.

The causes of crime, she said, are well-researched: economics, family issues, drugs and addiction, and social issues.

"All of these come together in a toxic brew," she said. "The model that we have taken is the model that is about using the existing agencies within the community. We have lots of agencies out there doing lots of things, but there is no co-ordination of it; there's no focus here. That's what the crime prevention council is about."

Pullia said he's ridden along with

**Candidates find common ground on
community safety during mayoral debate**

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Mayoral candidates, from left, Frank Pullia, Lynn Peterson and Jeff Irwin attend a Rotary Club debate at the Prince Arthur Waterfront Hotel and Suites Tuesday afternoon.

police patrols and emergency medical services personnel to get a first-hand look at the issues.

"On a Friday night, cell blocks (at the police station) are full," he said. "But they're full of people, also, who don't belong there."

Pullia was speaking of those with mental issues or addictions, and said the city needs another level of resources to augment the police.

"Putting more police and putting

more people in jail, the jail's already full," he said. "It's not going to solve the problem. This problem should be taken care of much sooner, and as mayor I would accelerate the program (to) bring in 100 beds for (an) addiction and detox centre, that would help these people move away from the streets."

Pullia said such an effort would lower the crime rate 30-40 per cent in two years.

Candidates prep for C-J debate

As the 2010 municipal election campaign heats up, The Chronicle-Journal wants to help voters decide how they might mark their ballot.

As the city's most trusted source for information, The Chronicle-Journal will again stage a debate involving the candidates for the office of Mayor of Thunder Bay.

The debate will take place at the Community Auditorium on Tuesday, Oct. 19, beginning at 7 p.m.

Invitations to the forum have been extended to all six individuals who have filed papers in the mayoral race: Colin Burrridge, Keith Hobbs, Jeff Irwin, Brian Kwasny, Lynn Peterson and Frank Pullia.

The election forum will also be taped by Shaw Cable for broadcast at a later date. The debate will, however, be available live via the Internet at www.chroniclejournal.com.



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Roadshow hunts for treasures

Boris Shreyberg of the Great Canadian Roadshow examines a pocket watch Tuesday afternoon at the Prince Arthur Waterfront Hotel and Suites. The Great Canadian Roadshow is looking for coins, war memorabilia, gold, silver, jewelry and other collectibles. The buyers will be at the hotel until Saturday and then again next week from Monday until Friday. They'll be set up each day from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., except for Saturday when they'll finish at 4 p.m.

LOTTERIES

THE CANADIAN PRESS

TORONTO — Here are the winning numbers Tuesday's Encore, Ontario Pick 3, Ontario Pick 4, Daily Keno and Poker Lotto draws:

The winning **Encore** number was 9061597.
The winning **Ontario Pick 3** number was 6 4 4.
The winning **Ontario Pick 4** number was 9 5 4 4.
The winning **Keno** numbers were: 4, 8, 13, 21, 22, 26, 30, 31, 33, 37 39, 41, 44, 45, 47, 56, 58, 60, 64, 70.
The winning **Poker Lotto** hand: J-S, Q-C, 2-S, K-H, 3-D.

In the event of any discrepancy between this list and the official winning numbers, the latter shall prevail.

CLARIFICATION

A photo that appeared on page A4 on Friday, Oct. 8 indicated that employees with Superior North EMS and the City of Thunder Bay hope to raise \$1.3 million this year for the United Way campaign. In fact, that amount would represent the total raised over the 15 years the campaign has been held by these groups. Last year, they raised \$164,734.21 for the United Way; this year the goal is \$167,000.

Wind park approved

BY BRANDON WALKER
THE CHRONICLE-JOURNAL

Once again opponents came to speak against the Big Thunder Wind Park, but in the end Thunder Bay city council voted to move ahead with the project.

Several deputants pleaded with Thunder Bay city councillors to hold off on making a decision on the locations of 18 wind turbines on the Nor'Wester Mountain Escarpment.

"Your due diligence is to not approve these locations," said Irene Bond, president of the Nor'Wester Mountain Escarpment Protection Committee during Tuesday's special committee of the whole meeting.

The special meeting was called last week so councillors could vote on Horizon Wind's option to lease land on the Nor'Wester Mountain Escarpment.

Councillors voted in favour of the project, with only five against it.

Bond felt the city should create a committee with council, city administration, the NMEPC and Horizon members to find a more suitable location for the project.

Another deputant, Heather Woodbeck, said she suffers from electromagnetic radiation sensitivity. She believes anyone living near the Nor'Wester Mountain Escarpment will experience similar health affects from the turbines.

"Nowhere are you looking at the affect on children and families in that area," she said, pointing out that several councillors were teachers or used to sit on school boards.

City manager Tim Commisso opened the meeting by reminding the public that the city doesn't have jurisdiction with health or environmental concerns, those concerns are up to the province.

In addition, Pullia said, he'd like to see council work with the chiefs of remote communities to develop programs for First Nations youth who come to Thunder Bay.

"We need to help them, so that they're very prepared, so that they will not be a victim of gangs," he said. "They're young kids — 14, 15, 16 — they're leaving their homes. We need to do better."

Pullia also said council should do more to secure provincial and federal funding for programs that help people deal with addictions and other social problems.

Irwin said he'd like to see each city police officer consulted about crime prevention strategies.

"We need to start to engage every single police officer and ask them point-blank how they would tackle this problem," he said. "They're the ones that are experts, they're the ones who get paid every day."

"We always go to the people at the top instead of the people at the bottom, the guys who are out in the street every day."

Irwin said he doesn't know all the intricate details about council's approach to crime, since he's not currently a member of council.

"We also have some laws in place that I don't think we enforce," Irwin said at the debate, although he didn't elaborate. "I'm not sure why that is; you'd have to ask the police chief why that happens."

Irwin said education programs and ensuring food and shelter for the city's at-risk populations are important parts of any crime-prevention strategy.

"You have to actively engage those people," he said. "Education, obviously. I don't necessarily think it's the kids coming in to actually get an education. I think you'll find that the problems that we're having are people that have criminal (histories) and have actually been asked to leave their own reserves."

"It seems a double standard there. They can ask them to leave, but we can't ask those people to leave our community."

"The Green Energy Act in 2009 changed how projects are approved. The city made it clear (that it) deals with land tenure."

Commisso said Horizon also must get approvals through the Ontario Power Authority, the province's Renewable Energy Approval process and the Independent Electrical System Operator.

Coun. Frank Pullia said he wanted more information. He tried to get council to wait a week before making a decision so administration can bring back more information.

Only Coun. Linda Rydholm supported his referral.

Coun. Aldo Ruberto shook his head when Pullia said he needed more information.

"These wind turbines will take away from that . . . it's about beauty, it's a simple thing. It won't change my mind, more information won't change my mind. . . . If we're going to go green why do we have to destroy something that is already green?" Ruberto said later.

Coun. Linda Rydholm said she'd also vote against the project.

"It's not because it's election time. . . . I would have voted against this anyway. Someone tonight said there might be political reasons around this table, but not from this person."

Coun. Iain Angus said the city needs to balance the broader community needs and the wants of part of the community.

"I will vote in favour of the resolution, but I suggest opponents hold out hope for what happened recently in southern Ontario where to protect one seat in legislature the government cancelled a gas plant," he said.

**NOTICE OF
ROAD CLOSURE****ROSSLYN ROAD
20th Sideroad to
Neebing Avenue**

Rossllyn Road will be closed to through traffic over the period **Thursday, October 14th to Saturday, October 16, 2010**, to facilitate road construction.

There will be local access at each end of the limits, but no through movement during the working period.

Motorists are requested to utilize alternate routes during this period.

We apologize for the inconvenience.

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GENERAL BAND MEETING

Cascade Board Room
Lakeside Inn, Kenora Ontario
Wednesday, October 20th, 2010

Starting at 10:00 a.m.

Refreshments will be served. Agenda available at the door

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