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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Saturday November 9th
1:00 - 5:00 PM
at the Museum

**Arts and crafts for sale by
local vendors**

Enjoy free admission to the
Museum galleries

After many years of dedication and hard work our bakers have taken a well-deserved break. Although we will no longer sell scones and baked goods, we will have many amazing local artisans and crafters present for our Holiday Market & Open House!

Admission is free.

Come explore the museum, enjoy the unique wares, and find that perfect gift.

Education Programs for Schools

The Thunder Bay Museum's exhibits provide a rich and illuminating historical backdrop that allows students to immerse themselves in the past while making local connections to what they are learning in the classroom. We offer fun-filled, engaging programs for students of every grade. These programs include *Albert: From Head to Toe*, *Early Settler Children*, *Ojibway Stories*, *We Remember*, and more! Check out the Museum's website for a complete list.

We Can Come to Your Classroom

Many of our in-house programs are now being offered to teachers right in their classroom! Contact our Education and Outreach Coordinator for more information.



Leonard Erickson leads his brother Jalman on horseback at their family farm. TBHMS 979.1.914. "Early Settler Children" is just one of many educational programs on offer for schools.

Newspaper Digitization

For the past five years, Museum staff and volunteers have been digitizing the local newspapers in our collection. Some were done straight from clean microfilm reels but most have been scanned directly from the originals papers, page by page using, first, our photocopier and then a dedicated, large flatbed scanner. Each page was then processed to make it word-searchable, resulting in a product that will save researchers untold hours.

To date, 14 different newspapers have been scanned, covering some 129 years. This means more than 30,000 days of newspaper coverage are now available in the Museum's library. Papers from both Fort William and Port Arthur are included, though not all years cover both communities. We began with the first day of the 1875 *Thunder Bay Sentinel* and

FRANCE BEGINS OPERATIONS **2nd EXTRA**

The News Chronicle **NOON EDITION**

VOLUME XXXV PRICE 5 CENTS PORT ARTHUR, ONTARIO, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1939 NO. 24

MAJORITY OF PASSENGERS ARE RESCUED AFTER NAZI SUB SINKS LINER ATHENIA

Local Couple Are Reported Among 1,400 On Vessel

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Scott, Arthur Street, were scheduled to sail on ill-fated ship Saturday from Glasgow. — London Reports Most Passengers Have Been Saved.

War was brought home to Port Arthur on the first day of the September with two headlines on the afternoon edition. Officially reported on the ill-fated ship were Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Scott, 205 Arthur Street.

They sailed from Glasgow July 7 for an extended visit with Mr. Scott's brother, Mr. Scott, 10 High Street, a son-in-law of London.

Two sons, Clarence and Keith, a daughter Margaret, four grandchildren and a brother of Mrs. Scott, James Taylor, live in Port Arthur.

The Athenia was reported torpedoed and sank 200 miles west of the British Isles.

It was understood several other Port Arthur residents were on board the Athenia but their names could not be verified.

KNOWS HOW CHAMBERLAIN FEELS

Air Raid Alarm For 2 Hours Over Section of England

Empty Paris Hospitals For Military Use

By Associated Press

Paris, Sept. 4.—France opened operations today against Germany.

The war ministry announced the nation's full forces went into action in a campaign to force German armies on France's eastern ally, Poland.

PARIS, Sept. 4.—The French war ministry announced today the operation of "the entire land and naval forces" have begun.

The ministry's "Communiqué No. 1" — marking the actual opening of hostilities in the

LONDON, Sept. 4.—Four consecutive minutes hostilities have begun again violently in Britain today in the announcement the Ministry of War said the German submarine U-30 had sunk the liner Athenia, a British ship, off the coast of Ireland.

News reports stated the ship was carrying 1,400 passengers and crew, and was bound for New York.

It was reported that the ship was hit by a German submarine off the coast of Ireland, and that the ship was sinking.

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2019 Lectures

Tuesday, September 24 @ 7:30pm

Reclaiming Place: Community History at the Shingwauk Residential School Site

by Krista McCracken

Tuesday, Oct. 22 @ 7:30pm

No 2 Elementary Flying Training School - Fort William's contribution to the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan

by David Kemp

Tuesday, November 26 @ 7:30pm

Recent Research by Lakehead University Graduate Students

Lecture series is sponsored by the Department of History, Lakehead University

Members News

Tine Bucknell, former board member and stalwart fundraiser for the Society, has moved to St. Thomas to be near her family. We wish her well. We also welcome two life members to our ranks: James Aldridge and Margaret Ayer.

Internship

Thanks to the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation, the Society has received a grant to hire an Archives Assistant on a one-year internship. This will help us address a backlog of unaccessioned records and add them to our research holdings. The internship is expected to start in October.

Bingo!

We've long raised money through bingos. Now, we hold monthly bingos through the Superior Shores Gaming Association on Memorial Avenue. New volunteers are always welcome, of course and, if you enjoy gaming, take in an event.



continue right through to 1962, which we are scanning at present.

Anyone seeking access the scans should call the Museum for an appointment.

Front page of the News Chronicle for September 4, 1939 at the beginning of the Second World War.

Through the Lens: A Northern Focus

September 21, 2019

November 24, 2019

Featuring the work of local photographers:

Denis Bresolin
Anna Buske
Bryan Couch

Karen Danelisky
Mary Ann Fogolin
Gerianna Johnson
Lucy Keetch

Karen Ramsdale
Linda Ryma
Helen Toews

In the Antechamber Gallery

Through the Lens: A Northern Focus features images produced by a group of 10 Northwestern Ontario photographers who draw inspiration from the beauty and diversity of our region. They work collectively, learning from one another and can often be seen together exploring and photographing around the region.

**Open from
Sept. 21 to
November 24**

Culture Days

Port Arthur Historical Walking Tour: Ghosts. Intrigue. Hidden Tales.

Sept. 29, 6-8pm. Open to registrants only

The stories behind the stories of downtown Port Arthur. Who was Oliver Provost? Why does the second floor of the Prince Arthur Hotel sometimes smell like cigar smoke? Find the answers at this special Culture Days event brought to you by the Museum. The 90-minute tour is approximately 1.5 kilometers long. Dress for the weather. We welcome participants of all ages, but some of the content may not be suitable for small children. Parental discretion is advised.

This event is free but space is limited so register soon at: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/the-thunder-bay-historical-museum-society/events/culture-days-port-arthur-walking-tour>. The tour starts at the Pagoda.



Troop Treks of 1885

Documents and
illustrations
relating to the movement
of Canadian troops along
the north shore of Lake
Superior to the Northwest
Rebellion of 1885

Book Launch

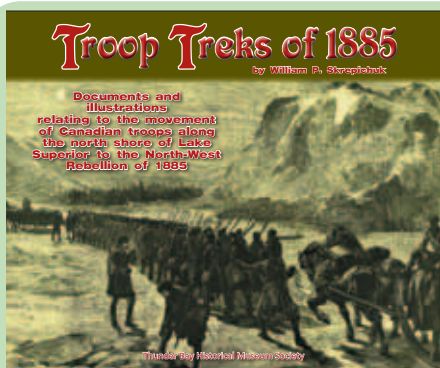
Sunday, November 17 at 2:00pm

Troop Treks of 1885

by William P. Skrepichuk

This book documents the movement of nearly 3,000 Canadian troops along the north shore of Lake Superior to the Northwest Rebellion of 1885. It took them seven days to make the passage by rail car, horse, sled, and foot through incredibly inhospitable terrain. The story is told through original documents, telegrams, memoirs and illustrations.

Meet the author
Refreshments



CLASSIC CAR RAFFLE



And The Winner Is...

The lucky man who won this year's classic muscle car, a 1970 Dodge Challenger, is Harvey Arola (seen here on the right, next to Darrell Sharpe our raffle coordinator). A former resident of Thunder Bay, Harvey now resides in British Columbia. He purchased the winning ticket at the Canadian Tire store in July while visiting relatives.

The ticket was pulled from the drum at Fat Guy's Auto Show by Dave Kindig of Kindig-it Design, the star of the television series *Bitchin' Rides*, which is now in its sixth season.

We thank all those who helped—they were named in our summer newsletter—and to the sales venues: Canadian Tire (Arthur Street), Canadian Tire (Fort William Rd.); Superstore; Home Hardware (Memorial Ave.); Thunder Bay Harley-Davidson; DC Automotive; Crystal Beach Variety; Intercity Shopping Centre; Fat Guy's Auto Parts, the Lottery Centre at Walmart, and Rainbow Printers. Special thanks are owed to Fat Guy's for all their help at the time of the draw and to John Tronsen for his work getting the car ready to raffle.

Presidents' Reception 2020

Please join us on **Sunday, January 5th (1:30 - 3:30)** for our annual Presidents' Reception featuring good food, drink and our bi-annual Publications Awards. Awards will be given out in two categories (see below) as well as the ***Ernest Robert Zimmermann First Publication Award***.

Nominations for the 2019 Publications Awards

Elizabeth Arthur Award: Academic Books

Beaulieu, Ratz, Tronrud and Kirker. *Thunder Bay and the First World War*. Thunder Bay: TBHMS, 2018.

Hunter, Douglas. *The Viking Hoax that Rewrote History*. Kingston and Montreal: McGill-Queens University Press, 2018.

J.P. Bertrand Award: Academic Articles

Hatton, C. Nathan. "Wrestling, Immigration, and Working-Class culture: The Finns of the Thunder Bay District before 1939." In *Hard Work Conquers All: building the Finnish Community in Canada*. Edited by Michel S. Beaulieu, David Ratz and Ronald N. Harpelle. Vancouver: UBC Press, 2018. pp. 102-20.

Häkkinen, Antti. "From Bush to Bay Street: The Finnish Community of Thunder Bay as Memories, Narratives, and Experiences." In *Hard Work Conquers All: building the Finnish Community in Canada*. Edited by Michel S. Beaulieu, David Ratz and Ronald N. Harpelle. Vancouver: UBC Press, 2018. pp. 206-25.

Paora Te Hiwi, Braden. "Unlike their Playmates of Civilization: the Indian Children's Recreation must be Cultivated and Developed: The Administration of Physical Education at Pelican Lake Indian Residential School, 1926-1944." *Historical Studies in Education*, 29:1 (Spring 2017), 99-118.

Chochla, Mark. "Dr. E.B. Oliver and the Fight Against Infant Mortality in Fort William." Thunder Bay Historical Museum Society, *Papers & Records*, vol 46 (2018), 55-86.