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# LOCALNEWS



MOVING IN: Gary Ferguson, executive director of the Salvation Army's Journey to Life Centre, is excited to soon be open.

# **Journey to Life Centre** set to open on Oct. 16

"It's been a

long time

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excited."

**GARY FERGUSON** 

THUNDER BAY By Leith Dunick - TB Source

The end of construction is drawing near and a new beginning for dozens of Salvation Army clients is just around the corner at the newly built Journey to Life

The \$15.5-million, 30,000 square-foot project has entered the final stages of work and executive director Gary Ferguson on Monday said he's hoping to move into the three-storey facility by month's end.

The centre takes a holistic approach to homelessness, offering emergency shelter for those in need, longer-term

accommodation for those who need it and, drawing on its new name, will help up to 20 people at a time transition from the streets into a home of their own.

The Journey to Life program is unique to Thunder Bay.

Located on the third floor of the Cumberland Street building, it will be tailored to the individual, based on an assessment of what they need to transition back into a successful selfsupporting lifestyle, depending on what skills they possess.

"The program will be developed for that individual and it can be anything from literacy to just simple things like learning how to cook, budgeting and different activities," Ferguson said.

"The person will stay in that program for a year, but in certain cases they may extend that programming, and then they'll be able to move back into the community with the goals that they wanted."

It's targeted at anyone who is looking to make a change for the better. Ferguson said that means not all of their clientele will be a proper fit for the program.

"The key thing is they want change, they want to move toward this particular (goal)," he said. "Currently right now anybody that's looking to have that change that we're (already) providing service (to), or with our community partners who we can actually work with that would be a suitable client would be the individuals that we are looking

Ferguson said they've already identified about seven or eight people judged to be promising fits for the Journey to Life Program and are looking for about a dozen more.

They'll be coming to a facility that's a night-and-day improvement over the current building, located next door and scheduled for demolition to make room for parking and the community garden popular with residents.

"It's been a long time coming and we are excited," Ferguson said.

> "The clients are excited. It's something everybody deserves. It's going to be a great opportunity for individuals in the community. I don't think words can say, really, what we feel at this time."

> Highlights can be found on every floor, from the more spacious living quarters, to the indoor wellness centre, to the kitchen complete with a separate area for wild-game preparation to the chapel, an architecturally appealing room where

religious services and Indigenous ceremonies can be held. The room is also hooked into a state-of-the-art ventilation system, which allows for smudging to take place.

The irony, Ferguson said, is the better they do their jobs, the fewer clients it leaves them moving forward.

It's actually a good thing, he added

"That's a good problem that we would actually like to work on," Ferguson said.

Move-in day is scheduled for Oct. 16. The old building will be torn down on Oct. 21 and the parking lot will be installed between Oct. 26 and Oct. 30. Clients will be given a virtual tour ahead of move-in and the management team and caseworkers will be on hand to help them adjust to their new surroundings.

# **Weather Forecast**

A mix of sun and clouds

Probability of Precipitation: 30% HIGH 12 LOW 6

# **THURSDAY**

**Mainly sunny** 

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A mix of sun and clouds

**Probability of Precipitation: 30%** HIGH 17 LOW 8

### **SATURDAY**



and clouds

Probability of Precipitation: 20% HIGH 13 LOW 7



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# LOCALNEWS

GOING DARK: Santa Claus is always a hit with the public at the annual Parade of Lights.

# Parade of Lights a no-go

Organizers say COVID-19 restrictions makes it too tough to stage

# THUNDER BAY By Doug Diaczuk – TB Source

By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

The streets of Thunder Bay normally lit up with a festive parade of decorated trucks will be dark this year, as the Parade of Lights cancels its annual event due to COVID-19.

"It is very difficult," said Greg Stephenson, chair of the Parade of Lights committee. "It's like any other decision that's been made during this pandemic, it's been very difficult and we were hoping to do something, but it just can't happen."

The cancellation of the Parade of Lights follows other holiday traditions being called off including the annual Santa Claus Parade and the Canadian Pacific Railway Holiday Train.

Stephenson said the committee looked at other ways of possibly holding the event, but its own success in past years made that impossible. "We're almost a victim of our own fate that we were very successful and the people of Thunder Bay support this parade in multitudes, when you see the amount of people that are there, so being able to social distance would be impossible," he said.

The Parade of Lights, which was entering its 22nd year, is an important fundraiser for four local charities, including the George Jeffrey Children's Centre, Special Olympics Thunder Bay, the Therapeutic Riding Association, and Autism Ontario.

"The Parade of Lights is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year," said Michelle Pintar with Autism Ontario. "It's where we make our most donations to be able to provide the events and workshops that Autism Ontario runs. So not having the parade this year is really hurting us."

"The athletes are all really sad and missing each other and the sports and activities. But like the rest of the world we are just on hold," added Karen Boyd with Special Olympics Thunder Bay.

Despite the Parade of Lights being cancelled, donations will still be collected to be split between the four organizations, though Stephenson said it might be difficult to match past fundraising totals.

"A lot of the money we receive over the years has been through parade walkers," he said. "That's not something we will be able to do this year. We are hoping that some of the organizations that have supported us in the past, if they still have earmarked money for this particular event that they will still donate it."

Last year, the Parade of Lights raised more than \$28,000 for the four local charities. Pintar said she is hopeful that even though the actual event is not taking place the community will still reach out to offer a helping hand.

# Spring into action

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  Stores instead of ordering from large online retailers.

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# Happy ending after child goes missing

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Potential tragedy was averted on Monday afternoon when a missing four-year-old boy was reunited with his

Liam Baker went missing at about 1:30 p.m. from the yard of his Ilkka Drive home in Conmee, Ont. A little less than four hours later, Ontario Provincial Police said the youngster had been safely located, but not before a frantic search of the nearby area took place.

Parents Kate Sutton and Michael Baker said they were relieved to get their son back unharmed.

"He was just playing outside and he didn't want to come back inside. We let him play outside for 15 minutes extra

and went to go out back to get him (but) he took an adventure with the dogs,' Michael Baker said.

"It's heart-wrenching."

Sutton's emotions were fraught until the youngster was found safe and sound.

"Your guts drop. Basically all we felt was helplessness, that we couldn't go out and find our child. We had to leave it up to (police)," she said, her husband explaining to the inquisitive four-year old that the police were there to help him.

"It definitely puts a whole new perspective on watching your kids and they can disappear just like a blink of an

The happy father said about five police cars showed up and fanned out through the rural neighbourhood, along with a search helicopter.

More were on their way, as well as search dogs from Fort Frances, had the youngster not been found.

"We couldn't thank them all enough for the effort and everybody they brought in to help find our son," Sutton said.

"It felt like forever."

"Time stood still," Baker said.

Liam had some help staying safe on his

"I guess a hunter stumbled across him in the bush. He followed the cops on Lundstrom Road and told them he'd found him.'

Baker estimated the youngster had travelled about three-and-half kilometres while he was gone. - With files from Thunder Bay Television's Troy Charles



SAFE AT HOME: Kate Sutton and son Michael Baker, 4, after he was found by a hunter.

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#### **EDITORIAL**

# **COVID** is a big deal

hroughout most of America's 244 years as a sovereign nation, the world has looked to the country for leadership.

It's unclear if and when that raised status will ever return.

Certainly it won't with President Donald J. Trump in charge.

Trump has done more damage than any other leader in the post-war history of the world, so why should it come as a surprise that he'd continue to do so when diagnosed with COVID-19.

The businessman-turned-world leader has downplayed the virus at every turn, mocking his Democratic rival Joe Biden for mask-wearing in public.

Trump, it seems, is plenty OK with hosting super-spreader events as he attempts to rush through the nomination process for his latest Supreme Court

Even after reportedly needed oxygen after being taken to Walter Reed Hospital for treatment, Trump was more concerned about photo ops – sans mask, of course – than he was about getting better or protecting those around him, including his staff and secret service

The message being sent to the world and his cabal of non-believers is extremely reckless and dangerous to all. Leaders should lead by example, not

like a petulant child in time out.

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## **Turf indoor soccer plan**

To the editor:

he city's debt of \$212 million dol-The city's ueof of \$2.2 included lars is hurting us and is a contributing factor in the city's high taxes.

It is costing taxpayers \$13.5 million dollars a year to service this debt and according to a 2015 BMA report (Livio DiMatteo) Thunder Bay has the sixth highest debt amongst 35 Ontario municipalities and the 2nd highest municipal taxes in the province.

This debt will rise by about \$15 million dollars over the next couple of years if city council moves forward with the construction of an indoor soccer facility against the recommendation of city administration.

Over the weekend several concerned citizens have advertised that they are conducting a survey at their own expense as they are very concerned that this is not the right time for the city to pursue an unaffordable \$42-million soccer facility.

They state several reasons for their stand on this including COVID-19, tax hikes, closures and job losses. They are inviting the public to participate in a short online survey that they state they will forward to all members of city council.

They also state that we can call or email the mayor and city councillors to make our voices heard.

You can access this survey at www.nowisnotthetime.ca.

> Ray Smith, Thunder Bay

### **Pipeline too expensive**

To the editor:

n 2018, the Trudeau government purchased the Trans Mountain pipeline, a massive fossil fuel expansion project that lacks Indigenous consent and would be a disaster for our climate.

On top of that, the pipeline is costing the public tens of billions of dollars in the middle of a global pandemic and economic recession.

Imagine all the things this money could do instead?

For a fraction of that amount, the Trudeau government could end boilwater advisories in Indigenous communities once and for all.

For less than a billion dollars, the Trudeau government could provide PPE to protect teachers and school staff from the COVID-19 transmis-

We are in a pivotal moment. We need our government to be brave and we need them to prioritize a green recovery from this time of hardship.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



wrecking pipeline is taking us in the opposite direction.

> Tracey MacKinnon, Thunder Bay

# **Dogs. but not cats**

To the editor:

As concerned citizens and as volunteers with Caring Hearts Cat Rescue, we are asking for clarification as to why City of Thunder Bay Animal Services is not yet accepting cats into their facility, but is accepting

We are also asking when the facility will be open again for animal adop-

Since January 2020, Caring Hearts

has managed to find loving homes for

241 cats, during the same pandemic that has shut down Animal Services. This was all done following strict Covid-19 precautions and procedures.

We currently have 35 more in care that we are attempting to place for adoption.

In 2019, we rescued and rehomed over 300 cats, at a cost of approximately \$220,000, all done without any cost to the City of Thunder Bay and without an actual facility to house the rescues.

Every one of our cats is taken into private homes by dedicated fosters. We receive constant requests to rescue cats and our volunteers head out at all hours to trap stray cats, retrieve cats abandoned in rental homes and pick up owner surrenders. Travel expenses

and supplies are often donated by these dedicated volunteers.

Animal Services' mandate is to provide shelter, feeding and care for stray and homeless pets.

The facility is funded by taxpayer

Lately the full responsibility for caring for the stray and unwanted cats in Thunder Bay has fallen on the shoulders of local rescues. This is not fair and we are asking for an explanation as to why the City of Thunder Bay Animal Services is not taking in cats and when they will begin to facilitate cat adoptions again.

Michelle Gagnon and Catherine Gordon Co-founders of Caring Hearts Cat Rescue

# **Perspective**

# **Second wave time**

# Irresponsible behaviour could undo earlier efforts

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

huge, sparsely populated region Alike Northwestern Ontario is a good place to stay safe and healthy when living through a pandemic.

Compared to provincial hotspots like Toronto, Ottawa and Peel region our geographical isolation gives us a demographic advantage.

It is easier to maintain social distance when thousands are scattered in the vast Boreal Forest as opposed to the millions crammed together within the confines of the GTA.

We also have the benefit of effective public health and medical professionals looking out for us and helping responsible citizens keep their own families safe.

I am gratified by our achievement and will gladly endure the restrictions and inconveniences, our best defense against infection as we nervously watch events unfold around us.

#### **Uncertain times**

Canadians are saddened and dismayed by the spectre of a second wave of COVID-19 infections paralyzing our country once again.

A few weeks ago we were smug, almost cocky about our success fighting the virus and confident in our ability to open up the economy.

Many celebrated together, closely, in restaurants and bars, on beaches and at private parties as they ignored the bitter lesson of sickness, suffering and death.

In the early days of the pandemic we were shocked to see a large gathering of oblivious rule breakers socializing together at a popular Toronto park.

This irresponsible behavior continues, making it likely that many more Canadian families will soon have another bitter pill to swallow.

Health care professionals were shocked and demoralized by the overt and widespread disregard for safety measures like masks and social distancing.

This regrettable display of "performative disobedience" puts the entire country at risk and even our relatively safe haven here in the northwest could be in jeopardy.

We were told to beware and nobody can honestly say they weren't warned - this is cold comfort now that new daily cases are surging to record numbers.

It was predicted, expected and anticipated but it is still discouraging to witness the reckless behavior of Canadians who blatantly ignore safe-

How did we find ourselves in this situation and why does a second wave continue to infect hot spots across the country?

I am reminded of line from an old Bob Dylan song, "It aint no use to sit and wonder why babe – if you don't  $% \frac{1}{2}\left( \frac{1}{2}\right) =\frac{1}{2}\left( \frac{1}{2}\right) +\frac{1}{2}\left( \frac{$ know by now."

Clearly, we are the authors of our own misfortune.

Human behavior is highly predictable and our misdeeds have given the virus thousands of additional hosts and vectors for spreading the disease.

Never underestimate the power of human stupidity - while many families scrambled to protect loved ones, the selfish acts of other Canadians opened the door for a second wave.

COVID-19 walked right in and continued its relentless spread, welcomed by open arms and unmasked faces at the aforementioned bars, beaches and private parties.

#### Not taking it seriously

There has always been a significant number of Canadians with a very cavalier attitude toward COVID-19 who knowingly participate in risky activities.

This dangerous behavior and blatant disregard for the safety of others is still a concern as hundreds gather together and actively flaunt

Experts say that a second wave is inevitable - its length and severity still depends on proven public health measures and the willingness of the public to follow them.

Blatant disregard for the well-being of others is hard to watch and impossible to understand for small family circles like mine who continue to do the right things.

If our efforts are undone and our families are threatened by the reckless actions of a few foolish individuals, that would be a bitter pill indeed for Canadians to swallow.



SPEAKING OUT: This billboard was erected this week on May Street. Kentner died after being hit by a trailer hitch allegedly thrown by Brayden Bushby. Bushby was initially charged with second-degree murder, which has since been dropped to manslaughter. His trial begins next week.

# A look back in histor The Huronic on the rocks On 5 August 1928, the Northern Navigation Company's passenger steamer Huronic piled onto the rocks on Lucile Reef. Three tugs tried to free the liner but to no avail. It took a large grain freighter, the Midland Prince, to do the job. More than 100 lives were saved.

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# LOCALNEWS

# Restrictions get tougher in Ont.

#### HEALTH

By Ian Kaufman - TB Source

COVID-19 case counts, Ontario's provincial government tightened restrictions last Friday – though some remained unclear amid muddled messaging from Premier Doug Ford and other officials.

Ford announced adjustments to the

province's Stage 3 rules at a press conference Friday, citing provincial modelling that showed the province could reach 1,000 new cases per day in the first half of October.

Ontario reported a single-day record of 732 new cases last Friday.

The changes announced later that day include making face masks mandatory in indoor public settings – already implemented by

municipalities or health units in much of the province – pausing any further reopening for 28 days, changes to testing policies, and the lowering of some gathering limits in provincial "hot-spots" Toronto, Peel, and Ottawa.

The government also announced a pause to its "social circles" concept, which advised residents to limit close contact to a group of no more than 10 people.

In a release, the government said it now advised Ontarians to have close contact only with those living in their own household, and to maintain a minimum distance of two metres from anyone else. That included an exception for those living alone, who were advised they might have close contact with one other household.

However, Ford and other officials seemed to discount the importance of that

advice when pressed by reporters Friday.

"All we're saying is just be careful," Ford said. "Just keep your circles tight."

Chief medical officer of health Dr. David Williams said simply that residents should "pick (close contacts) carefully," while Health Minister Christine Elliot said people should keep gatherings to immediate family when possible.

Facing a backlog of around 90,000 unprocessed tests as of Friday, the government also announced a move to appointment-only COVID-19 testing, beginning Tuesday.

Assessment centres were required to end walk-in testing services on Sunday.

That accompanied new, less stringent screening guidelines for schools and daycares announced last Thursday.

# Fire closes courthouse

Water damage also a concern at south-side after electrical incident

**COURT**By Karen Edwards Local Journalism Initiative

The Thunder Bay Courthouse will remain closed for the week following a fire in the building's electrical room on Sunday afternoon, according to a spokesperson with the Ministry of the Attorney General.

Last Sunday, a fire ignited at the Thunder Bay Courthouse on the seventh floor at approximately 5 p.m.

The city's fire prevention captain says although most of the damage was caused by water, restoration repairs could take some time.

Brian Gray, a ministry spokesperson with the Attorney General said in an emailed statement on Monday the electrical room has been sealed by order of the Fire Marshall and investigators will be returning to continue their investigation of the scene.

"The Ministry in consultation with the judiciary, the Thunder Bay Fire Service, The Thunder Bay Police Service and the building facilities management company have determined that the building



INVESTIGATING: A firefighter exits the Thunder Bay Courthouse last Sunday.

should remain closed this week while clean up and repairs are conducted," Gray said in an emailed statement.

Some matters that were scheduled to be heard Monday, Oct. 5

were addressed remotely while others were adjourned to next week.

More details will be released once the full extent of the damage is known, Gray said.





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# College chosen as COVID test site

# By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

s the demand for COVID-19 tests Acontinues to grow in the city, health care officials are hopeful a new assessment centre specifically setup for the education sector will help clear the backlog in testing and reduce wait

"There are several aspects this is going to help," said Dr. Peter Voros, COVID-19 incident operations section head with the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre. "We are getting up to 1,000 calls a day. Managing that volume of people calling in to book their appointment is incredibly difficult."

The new assessment centre will be located at Confederation College in the Sibley Hall Residence activity

Testing began on Monday and the centre will be open from Monday to Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. with a limit of 150 clients per day. Once testing capacity has been reached, alerts will be posted to social media and the TBRHSC website.

#### Change of plan

The centre was initially going to be open for walk-in appointments, but new guidelines issued by the province state that appointments must be made in advance by visiting www.tbrhsc.net and clicking on a student and school related testing link.

Only those who are symptomatic can access the site for testing and it will be available to students, parents or siblings, teachers, and other school personnel such as bus drivers.



CAPACITY UPGRADE: Officials from the health unit, Thunder Bay Regional and Confederation College gather near a new COVID-19 test site.

"I think this additional location for assessment and testing is really important," said Dr. Janet DeMille medical officer of health with the Thunder Bay District Health Unit. "We know there has been a significant demand for testing in Thunder Bay and surrounding communities. This is another place people can come and get

Voros said by specifically testing those in the education community, the hope is to alleviate some of the backlog and cut down on wait times

"The volume at the primary assessment centre won't change," he said. "We roughly do 150 a day. What is happening is EMS is pushing beyond what they are really able to do to take care of the kids. So we are sitting with a huge backlog of kids who need testing. We can relieve EMS to actually focus on the kids who are very young."

Officials with two of the city's school boards welcome the new assessment centre for those in the education community.

"Going home sick has taken on a

whole new meaning this year and I am thankful for an additional assessment centre to help expedite testing," said Ian MacRae, director of education with the Lakehead Public School Board.

"This support to our educational community will inevitably provide for students, guardians, and staff and contribute significantly to student success and well-being. Student health and safety continues to be of utmost importance during these challenging times.'

The Thunder Bay Catholic District

School Board director of education, Pino Tassone, added that students, families, and staff are very fortunate to have this assessment centre.

"The additional assessment centre will provide a further layer of safety for our students, but it will also play a vital role for our parents, bus drivers, educators, and board staff," he said. "Not only will this system improve attendance for our learners, it will expedite testing, wait times for staff, ensuring a safe return to work."

The provincial government recently changed its criteria for students requiring a COVID-19 test who are exhibiting symptoms.

#### Likely higher

With this change, Voros expects the demand for testing will continue to be higher compared to the summer, but lower than the numbers experienced in September.

Voros added that he is hopeful the backlog in testing can be dealt with in the next week.

"It really depends on how much work EMS can do and more drivethrough testing they are trying to do," he said. "I am hopeful with the changing criteria, we already have parents calling in and cancelling, saying their child no longer needs to be tested. So with that, this centre, EMS, and the primary centre, I am hoping to clear that backlog in a week or so.'

"If rates stay the same and illnesses stay the same, once we clear up that backlog, we should be efficient to swab everyone we need to," Voros added. "If rates increase and illness increase we will need more.'

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# October's now the Halloween month



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y wife, Laura, has declared war. The battleground is our vegetable garden. The enemy is crabgrass. Crabgrass invaded everywhere out here. Weeding the wretched stuff is next to impossible. Eventually, one can't distinguish the veggies from the grass.

A concerted campaign to rid the garden of the choking weeds has been established as part of putting the garden to bed for the winter.

She began her assault two weeks ago digging up not only the raised beds but also the pathways between the beds.

"The crabgrass roots go very deep and can extend for many feet," she said.

She's quite right. When we harvested our potatoes, we found a couple through which the crabgrass roots had pierced and just kept on going through the dirt.

We garden organically. So, we don't use chemicals like Roundup. Besides, recently I spoke with a neighbour who said that he used Roundup once in his garden.

"Sure, it killed the weeds but not the seeds," he said.

Plain, hard slogging with a shovel

and then either me or son, Doug, get down on our knees to shake out the dirt and toss the crabgrass roots into the wheelbarrow to be tossed far away.

So far (as of writing), Laura has managed to weed one bed into which she has planted garlic.

The rest of the 'slog' was to dig up the pathways around that bed and then start weeding the bed beside it. Eventually, she wants permanent raised beds surrounded by wooden frames.

In the pathways that have been weeded, she is putting down card-board and on top of that wood chips. There!

Take that, crabgrass roots!

October blew in with dramatic

clouds and wind.

The fall colours were almost complete as I drove to town to do some shopping.

What is left are the tamaracks that are just beginning to shed their green for their spectacular gold.

We have several mature examples of this tree that sheds its needles. In fact, last time I paid attention on one of our walks through the back field, more and more Tamarack have taken root.

Already the view to the south gate in the main paddock is obscured by the plethora of bushes that have sprouted up these twenty years that we've lived on this property.

Eventually when Nature's paint brush erases the green and paints in

the gold on the growing forest of tamarack, the sight will be even more gorgeous especially when the sun hits the needles.

One evening last week I exited the barn after having brought the horses inside to their stalls for the night. I looked up to see the moon almost full with a huge ring around it.

"Aha!" I thought, "soon a change in the weather."

That ring around the moon wasn't kidding: the warm spell we had been enjoying ended. Now in the morning when I first looked at the thermometer, minus five is what I read. Solid frost on the vehicle windshields, the kind that actually requires a bit of muscle to scrape off the ice

Sunday was sunny but chilly. The temperature actually reached plus ten out here but the wind was from the southwest and cold.

The back of my neck felt cold. I rummaged in the cupboard where we store winter things, and fetched a scarf. Back of my neck no longer cold.

Lots of birds now. I counted ten robins pecking away at our back lawn. Blue jays that seemed to have disappeared during the summer are suddenly back.

Of course, we still see the occasional 'vee' of geese winging their way south. Sometimes I hear a honk or two from our beaver pond, an obvious rest-stop for them on their journey.

There are also many flitting grey jobbies and brown jobbies, probably sparrows and their ilk looking for seed.

Oct. 1 was last Thursday. Daughter Beth came out of her room for breakfast with a cheerful greeting: "Happy first day of Halloween!"

"What?" I asked to which she replied that she thought the entire month of October should be devoted to Halloween. I mean the day comes and goes so fast and then what? Might as well begin celebrating this fun occasion early.

So, October, the Hallowe'en month, for the entire month. Why not?

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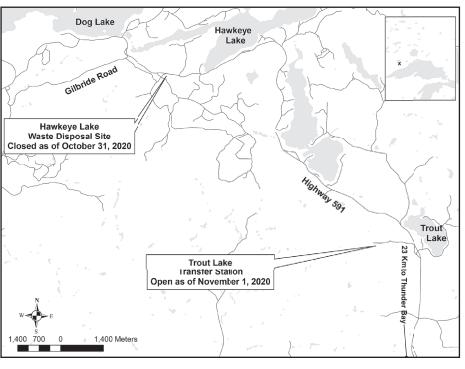
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# Still living the good life one year later

As I write this article, it is late on Sunday night and I have just returned from another day full of adventure. I have a dozen or so things to do to prepare

for work in the morning, but I am excited to first sit down at the computer and recap the day we just enjoyed.

This is usually the time when I finally pause long enough to

realize how good the quality of life really is here in Northwestern Ontario.

We spent this morning catching coho salmon and the afternoon hunting grouse. In between, we hiked up to a spectacular waterfall and had several interactions with wildlife including bald eagles, a mink, an otter and a coyote. All the while, we were surrounded by a landscape of golden leaves contrasting against the dark pine trees and a bright blue sky. At one point, while my fishing partner cleaned our salmon and I snuck away to take one last cast, I hooked into another

coho and openly proclaimed that this is truly the good life we are living.

**KEITH** 

THE GOOD LIFE

This scenario has been my routine for the past year. Actually, the hunting,

fishing and adventure has always been a huge part of my life.

have been casually writing about it for years, but this weekly

article started just one year ago. In my early conversations about what this column might look like, Thunder Bay Source editor Leith Dunick had asked if I wanted to do a weekly or bi-weekly

While I feared I would never have enough to write five hundred words every single week, I agreed to give it a shot and then back it down to an article every second week when I started to run out of source material. Yet, 52 weeks later I have never been short on inspiration thanks to the fact that I live in a place



THE ANSWER: Finding adventure in our surroundings us is the key to living The Good Life.

where we are surrounded by nature and blessed with endless opportunities to find adventure and beauty every single day of

Over the past twelve months, I have written mostly about different types of fishing, but I have also covered mountain biking and gravel cycling, paddling,

hiking, skiing and fat biking, outdoor photography, even chopping wood and dressing for outdoor activities in all types of weather.

While I am thinking back to all the adventures I have been able to enjoy and share, I am also thinking about next week's column too.

We are planning another fishing and hunting combo for next Saturday, but this time we will be chasing trophy walleye. I can't wait to share the experience.

Exactly one year ago, I wrote that "this new weekly column for the Thunder Bay Source will be called The Good Life, and I truly hope that it inspires many readers to get outside to explore, play and enjoy all the different outdoor opportunities that lie just beyond our doorstep."

I don't need to tell you that our world has changed greatly since that was printed, but my dream of inspiring others to get outside and live the good life remains the same. Hopefully I'll see you out there.





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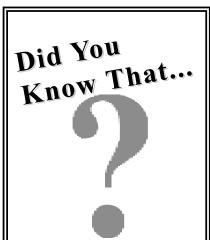




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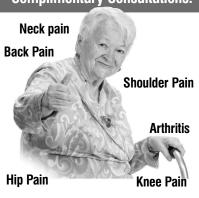
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# IN THE Day arts entertainment culture

# Murray film crumbles apart

The title for the latest Bill Murray comedy, On the Rocks, (SilverCity) can be interpreted in a variety of ways.

Firstly, it may be referencing the state of Laura's (Rashida Jones) marriage to Dean (Marlon Wayans) whom we see in the opening scenes. Despite being seemingly contented, doting parents to two cute little girls, Laura's stay-at-home author becomes suspicious of her workaholic husband who's constantly travelling with his assistant Fiona, supposedly absorbed in getting some new business venture off the ground.

Enter Bill Murray as Laura's wealthy, loopy dad, Felix, former art gallery owner, who suddenly turns up, determined to resolve the mystery surrounding Dean.

Secondly, the title could apply to Laura's relationship with Felix, which becomes increasingly strained as he prods her into spying on Dean with him, from careening around Manhattan in a cranky, glaringly red sports car (hardly inconspicuous) to



jetting off to a Mexican resort to see if Dean really is on a business trip.

Thirdly, the title may best describe director Sofa

Coppola's under-nourished script which serves to sink the cast, particularly Jones.

Coppola did a much more engaging job with an older male/younger female character study in 2003's Lost in Translation where Murray's adrift, aging married movie star developed a platonic relationship with Scarlett Johansson's troubled newlywed both of whom were sort of stranded in

Coppola gave her *Translation* characters experiences outside of their evolving relationship which added substance to how they were relating to each

The film earned Murray an Oscar nomination for best actor and an Oscar for Coppola's best original

However, in Rocks both characters exist in a vacuum. Apparently a successful author, Laura's writing a book (fiction? non-fiction?), but we have no idea what it's about. She has writer's block, presumably distracted by her relationship worries.

Laura also allows herself to be an oddly passive sounding board for a self-absorbed fellow mom, Vanessa (Jenny Slate), who drones on in unfunny, pointless scenes about her life while they're picking up their kids at school. Laura has no snappy, ironic wisecracks to amuse us with this narcissistic barnacle.

As for Murray, we do not see idle Felix outside of his interactions with Laura. He was a naughty boy, long divorced from Laura's mom, guilty of a meaningless dalliance years ago.

The movie trades on Murray's ingratiating,



CHEATING OR NOT?: Rashida Jones and Bill Murray star in Sofia Coppola's latest film, On the Rocks.

deadpan, free-association persona as he engages in philosophical anecdotes about relationships and silly flirtations with waitresses and female business contacts. He can talk his way out of a deserved traffic ticket. He even entertains patrons with a rendition of Mexicali Rose at the Mexican resort.

There is a remark that spotlights Murray's real

motivation behind his antics with Laura but it's tossed off towards the film's end almost as an after thought, something with a bit of focus could have given the movie a wee, touching heartbeat.

More's the pity as both Murray and Jones are immensely appealing on screen. Ultimately, On the Rocks founders on its own leaky script.

# Just what constitutes a chick flick anyway?

Pecently, I was asked about the movie, *The Princess Bride*. A coworker - who had never seen the 1987 film which has been included in lists of the top 100 movies of all time - wondered if this was a "chick flick."

To quote one internet reviewer, "The Princess Bride is a chick flick in the same way that Mount Everest is a hillock."

While I found it inconceivable that this person hadn't seen the Mount Everest of movies, I was more bothered by the automatic and rather dismissive categorization of the film.

Yes, the co-worker was a man. But we all do it. Our brains are designed to quickly assess things in our path, put them into what we think are appropriate categories, and either file them away for consideration later, or turf them as mental spam. It's how we decide what's important to us.

However, the answer to my co-

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worker's question wasn't a simple yes or no. Sure, Bride has a romance and a princess. So on first blush, it could be somewhat within the "chick" category. But you could say the same about Game of Thrones.

In the early days of television, shows were pretty cut-and-dry. You had your game shows, your comedies, and your primetime and daytime dramas, each with its own formula.

But as audiences became more sophisticated, the shows became more nuanced and less obvious. Archie Bunker wasn't just a racist jerk. And Charlie's Angels weren't just bikini-clad detectives.

Okay, they were. But there were more layers. And today, the shows are even more complex. So does categorizing programs really make sense anymore?

Nineties comedy Murphy Brown went political and took on Dan Quayle's comments about family values. Will & Grace highlighted the LGBTQ2 community on television. Meanwhile, Law & Order: SVU discuss multiple sides of numerous current social issues.

So now there are more specific classifications: police drama, courtroom drama, LGBTQ2-friendly, graphic novel, superhero, family comedy, sci-fi, and the like. But do they aptly describe their shows?

For 15 seasons, Supernatural has been promoted as "fantasy horror." I don't

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even like horror. Or fantasy for that matter.

Yet, I'm a devoted fan because of their mix of history and mythology. But mostly because many episodes were more comedy than anything else. Had I relied on the label, I'd have missed out, for example, on the episode where Dean mind-melded with a dog and started yelling through the window at a mailman and repeatedly retrieving a balled-up wrapper Sam tossed away.

Our descriptive categories certainly help people wade through the hundreds of options on television and streaming. Changing labels isn't necessarily the answer. They could re-label The Walking Dead franchise as a resuscitated Second Amendment fantasy" and I still wouldn't watch it.

If we hold on to our old ideas about labelling our entertainment into basic categories, we're limiting our viewing pleasure before we even turn on the TV.



**BELOVED: The Princess Bride has been a** popular film for more than 30 years.

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# Baseball's best ballparks



remember going to college in Belleville in 1993 and one of the first activities I and my new roommates undertook was a schoolsponsored bus trip to the SkyDome.

The California Angels were the opponent and it was my first trip there. It was awesome.

The roof opened and closed and even though we were up in the 500-level, it was an amazing experience.

When I last went back there, a couple of summers ago, however, it was the opposite reaction. The place felt dated and drab and dreary, a product of the Cold War era from which it emerged.

Toronto baseball fans just missed what would become a second Golden Age for ball-

Retractable roof aside, SkyDome, now known as Rogers Centre, is a tricked-up version of the architectural style that brought us not-so-memorable parks like Veteran's Stadium in Philadelphia.

Concrete and seats, multipurpose cookiecutter parks that my three-year-old could design were all the rage in the '60s and '70s. Luckily that era was shortlived.

In 1991, the first of the retro parks, Baltimore's Camden Yards, came along. It's led to a rash of new designs, each with unique features and sightlines that allowed players and fans to really feel like they were a part of the city in which they were playing.

I've made a point to visit as many stadiums and ballparks as I can, over the years, and the count is up to 33.

Hre's my top 10.

1. PNC Park, Pittsburgh. First saw a game here in 2001 and was amazed at the views. The views of the Three Sisters, the three bright yellow suspension bridges over the Allegheny River is spectacular. The downtown skyline is on full display and the park also plays tribute to the city's storied baseball past, with statues of Honus Wagner, Willie Stargell and, of course, Roberto Clemente, at the foot of the bridge named in his honour.

2. Oracle Park, San Francisco. I was supposed to see Motley Crue and Def Leppard there in July, but again, COVID. I did get a chance to see the Padres and Giants play there in 2013. The view of McCovey Cove is stunning. Located in South Beach and dotted with the retired number of the likes of Willie Mays, who has a statue out front, Juan Marichal, Barry Bonds and Carl Hubbell, it's a pitcher's park in an era of the home-run



LANDMARK STADIUM: Chicago's Wrigley Field should be high on any baseball fan's bucket list.

3. Wrigley Field, Chicago: Home of the Cubs and the Bleacher Bums, it's also a great place to catch a Pearl Jam show or two. It may be old, but Wrigleyville is everything it's cracked up to be, and even if you have to crane your neck around a pole to see a play completed, it's worth every second.

4. Oriole Park at Camden Yards, Baltimore: The fact they managed to incorporate the B&O Warehouse into the design was a stroke of genius. There's Boog Powell's barbecue stand and even bronze baseballshaped plaques along Eutaw Street where home run balls have landed. The stadium is also a few blocks from Baltimore's inner harbour, a fantastic spot to catch a pre-game meal or tour a Civil War-era ship like U.S.S. Constellation.

5. Coors Field, Colorado: I loved just about everything about Denver except for the fact I couldn't get a Larry Walker t-shirt in my size – or any size, really. But the guy in the team shop went above and beyond, pomising to set aside a Dinger stuffy for my toddler, even offering to run up three flights of stairs to get one for me immediately. The sunsets are stunning at Coors Field. If you go, and get the chance, head out to Red Rocks Amphitheatre for a show,

6. Fenway Park, Boston: Another oldie, but a goodie, the Green Monster and the CITGO sign are worth the trip alone. The Splendid Splinter, Yaz and Fisk's famous home run – you can sense the history in the

air the second you walk in.

7. Target Field, Minneapolis: The home of the Twins is a great little park, from the giant Minnesota sign to the downtown locale, it's a truly fun place to watch a game. The stands turn blue whenever the Blue Jays are in town, so it feels like you're north of the border. Once saw Curtis Granderson hit an inside-theparker here.

8. Kaufman Stadium, Kansas City: Located next door to Arrowhead, it was renovated in 2009 to the tune of \$250 million and when the Royals are good, there's no better atmosphere in baseball. Saw the Jays there in the 2015 ALCS, and even though we were decked out in Toronto gear, the fans were

9. Dodger Stadium, Los Angeles: The Dodger Dogs alone are enough to warrant a spot on the list. We did a tour in 2013 and got to see some of the inner workings of the park, built into a ravine in Elysian Park. It may be 58, but it's still a modern gem.

10. Miller Park, Milwaukee: Once saw a game here and the roof closed and I didn't even realize it. Look for the plaque outside where Hank Aaron's 755th and final home run landed in 1976.

The only current ballparks left on my baseball bucket list include San Diego, Arizona, Texas, Miami and Tampa Bay.

My least favourite park I've been to has to be the Seattle Kingdome. It had A-Rod and Griffey at the time, but it was just a concrete slab. T-Mobile Park is a vast improvement.

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All Persons having claims against the Estate of Katherine Isabel Deley, late of Thunder Bay, ON, deceased, who died on or about August 15, 2020, or "The Office Assistant", or "Katherine Deley Inc." are hereby notified to send particulars of the same to the undersigned on or before October 15, 2020, after which date the estate will be distributed, with regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice and the undersigned will not then be liable to any person of whose claims they shall not then have notice. Dated at Thunder Bay, Ontario on

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the 21st day of September, 2020.



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