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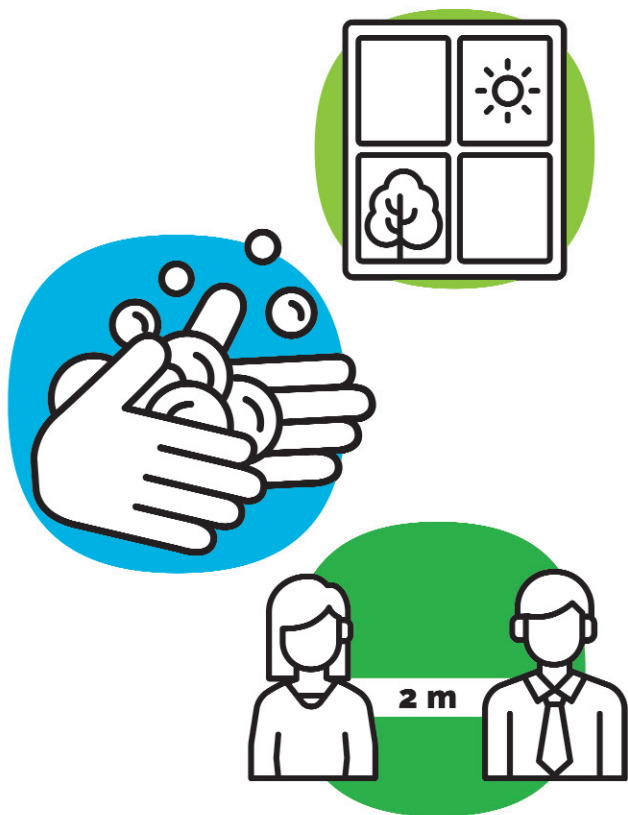


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LOCAL NEWS

Testing lands at LTC, in supportive housing

HEALTH
By Leith Dunick – TB Source

Superior North EMS crews have started the arduous task of testing up to 1,500 residents and staff at Thunder Bay's long-term care facilities and supportive housing units for COVID-19.

Shane Muir, the COVID-19 task-force co-ordinator at Superior North EMS, on Monday said it's a challenging but important task to help stop the spread of the virus, which has swept through 150 long-term care homes elsewhere in Ontario, resulting in 651 deaths.

To date, no cases have arisen in Northwestern Ontario long-term care homes.

"We're trying to do a lot of surveillance testing in a lot of these settings, and just make sure if we do end up with a positive that we can isolate those people and make sure they're not going to be spreading the virus to any other residents," Muir said.

It's a good sign that the virus has remained out of long-term care homes in the Thunder Bay area, he added.

"I have to say, Thunder Bay is doing a great job right now. We're able to really put out the surveillance numbers out there to help our community out, see what's actually going on in our community," Muir said.

"So far we've been doing a really good job isolating people and stopping the spread of the virus."



LEITH DUNICK

BIG SWEEP: Superior North EMS's Shane Muir says 1,500 tests are planned.

Muir said they started at Jasper Place, but plan to accommodate any facility that requires the testing.

"We're going to help out wherever we can. Today we're hoping to get at least 100 people done here," he said.

Superior North EMS is running three strike teams a day to get the testing done. It includes a single medic driving around in a medic response vehicle and additional staff to run the clinics as required.

There will be no impact on other EMS responses, Muir said.

Mine employee first COVID death

HEALTH
By TB Source staff

Impala Canada has confirmed that the Thunder Bay resident who died last week due to complications from COVID-19 worked at the company's Lac Des Iles mine.

The man, in his 50s, passed away Thursday night at the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre.

In a statement Monday, Impala expressed its sympathies to his wife, children, other family members and to the man's immediate crew.

It said he was respected by his co-workers, who remember him as being full of life despite underlying health conditions.

"This terrible sadness weighs heavily on all of us at LDI," the company said.

As of Monday, there have been 25 confirmed cases of COVID-19 directly connected to the mine.

In each case, Impala said, symptoms developed sometime between April 3 and April 20.

It said 13 of the cases are now considered resolved, meaning 14 days have passed since the onset of symptoms.

"These team members are feeling well," the statement added.

The mine has been in care and maintenance mode since April 13, and will remain in that status indefinitely.

Impala said the care and maintenance







crew was replaced Monday with another crew which "had absolutely no contact with the departing crew."

It said all existing pandemic response protocols will be strictly followed, including expanded screening for symptoms, and a daily temperature check.

The replacement crew, the company said, consists of individuals with personal, family and community circumstances "that are least vulnerable to the risks associated with COVID-19."

Monday marked the end of self-isolation for mineworkers who exited the site on April 13, provided they have shown no symptoms and have not tested positive for COVID-19.

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JACKIE PARK

Manager of the COVID-19 Assessment Centre

During COVID-19 pandemic I am the manager of the COVID-19 Assessment Centre. As a part of the Emergency Department team for the past 16 years serving the community and keeping everyone safe has always been part of the job. The pandemic is no exception. The team in the Assessment Centre, as well as the team in the Emergency Department has stood up to the challenge together, with community, patient and staff safety at the forefront. I could not be more proud to be part of the team. We are all in this together. Keep up the great work Thunder Bay. Thank you for your support and continue to flatten the curve.



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LOCAL NEWS



LOOKING FORWARD: Mayor Bill Mauro signs a state of emergency declaration last week at city hall.

Re-opening plan a great start: Mauro

Timelines would have been nice to see, adds Thunder Bay mayor

THUNDER BAY

By Doug Dlaczuk – TB Source

Local leaders say it is difficult to know exactly when the city of Thunder Bay's economy reopens, keeping in line with the framework announced by the province.

During the daily media briefing on Monday, the provincial government unveiled its framework for reopening the economy.

Premier Doug Ford called it a roadmap and not a calendar, saying it is too early to put any specific dates on when things will start to open.

Thunder Bay Mayor Bill Mauro said Monday's announcement was more about letting the people of Ontario know the conditions that are needed before things start to open again.

"We are still, depending on what you took from the press conference today, we are still a few weeks or maybe longer from announcing that," he said.

Last week, Ford said Northern or rural parts of the province not hit as hard by COVID-19 will not open any earlier than the rest of Ontario.

Mauro said the municipality cannot open workplaces or businesses on its own and it is based on provincial orders.

"I think for me it is important to keep reminding people, because I do get that question a fair bit, but people are feeling pressure," he said. "Obviously our small businesses are suffering. There are a lot of people who want to

see things get started again, but it is not the municipality that controls when things will happen, it is the province."

But Mauro added that he understands people are struggling and perhaps hoping for more concrete timelines out of the government's announcement.

"I think there was a different expectation today," he said. "I think some people thought we might likely see something about dates. I'm not sure if we are disappointed or not. I think the decisions have to be based on advice from medical professionals."

The framework announced on Monday includes a three-stage process for reopening the economy, but specifics as to what workplaces or businesses will open at which stage was not made immediately available.

President of the Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce, Charla Robinson, said local businesses were probably looking for more clarification when it comes to who may open first.

"I think some businesses will have a bit of a sense of where they fit, and some won't," she said. "Where do hairdressers fit? Where to chiropractors fit? We are still looking for more guidelines but at least this gives us a start to wrap our heads around."

Robinson added the framework will at least give businesses and citizens something to wrap their heads around, but everyone should be aware that nothing is going to happen overnight.

"It's not like one day we open the doors and things go back to normal," she said. "This at least gives us a sense of where we are at. They are not talking of specific dates yet. We all know that Ontario is going to be a little bit slower because of the severity it has come to our province. So setting that expectation is important."

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LOCAL NEWS

Brewery to produce hand sanitizer

BUSINESS
By Ian Kaufman – TB Source

A local brewery and biotechnology company are partnering to produce hand sanitizer, as growing demand meets supply headaches amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Large amounts will be produced at the Sleeping Giant Brewing Company over the coming weeks.

Much of the product is headed to institutions including the City of Thunder Bay, Ornge air ambulance, local doctors' offices and clinics, mines, and other businesses. It will also be available to the public through online orders, with the brewery saying there should be plenty to go around.

The project is a partnership with Microbiate, the product division of BioNorth Solutions, a local biotechnology company that focuses largely on



BRANCHING OUT: Andrea Mulligan, CEO of Sleeping Giant Brewing Company.

environmental remediation. Microbiate is sourcing needed ingredients and guiding the production process.

Amber Kivisto, the company's presi-

dent and CEO, said as the pandemic grew, they realized they might be able to retol to help meet demand for sanitizing products.

"Being that we make microbes, we kill them on a daily basis too, in order to keep our lab clean," she said. "So I knew we had the components to make hand sanitizer, and we decided to start.

They began by hand-bottling a small batch, which sold out in hours. Beginning to receive inquiries from local businesses and mining operations in the region, Kivisto realized demand outstripped their ability to keep up.

Meanwhile, Sleeping Giant Brewing Company cofounder and CEO Andrea Mulligan was considering how her own company could help.

"We were inundated with phone calls and inquiries," she said, partly fueled by stories of other breweries converting their operations to produce sanitizer. Many of those are also distilleries, Mulligan said, allowing them to produce a high enough alcohol content to create the product themselves.

Sleeping Giant may not have that capability, but they do have the equipment to produce and package it in large quantities, given the right ingredients. That's where Kivisto and Microbiate came in.

The company managed to secure large amounts of the needed components: isopropyl alcohol, hydrogen peroxide, and glycerol. Kivisto said those are becoming harder and harder to come by.

"It's brutal," she says. "We happened across this large supply, but honestly it was just kind of lucky timing – right call, right time."

The brewery obtained a license to produce hand sanitizer, which is valid through March of 2021. They plan to begin producing this week, following the World Health Organization's recommended recipe, with enough supplies for a first batch of about 20,000 litres.

Brewery staff agreed to work extra hours to produce the sanitizer.

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Editorial

EDITORIAL

Caution the way forward

Ontario now has a plan to emerge from the COVID-19 shutdown and re-start the economy.

Well, at least the guidelines are in place.

One thing missing from Premier Doug Ford's announcement is timing.

It's tough to fault Ford.

The number of new cases being detected is still too high to get too excited about going back to business as usual, whatever that looks like moving forward.

As recently as April 23 there were 1,902 and two new cases diagnosed in Canada, which may be the country's peak.

But with more than a 1,000 new cases a day each day since March 29, and about a third of all Canadian cases in Ontario, there's no point rushing things.

Ford's plan does give hope. If the numbers start to decline, in a couple of weeks we might start seeing some of the restrictions lifted.

What they'll be remains to be seen.

Will hair salons open or is it more likely you'll be allowed back into a hardware store or on playground equipment first?

The good news is Ford's announcement means there is light at the end of the tunnel.

What it doesn't mean is we can let up our guard.

All it takes is a little carelessness and we could find ourselves right back where we started when the restrictions were first put in place. Nobody wants a return to those dark times.

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Show kindness to all

To the editor:

In reference to the article written in Thunder Bay Source on April 16 concerning Dr. Jehan Zaib and her family.

My family and I were deeply saddened when reading your article. Dr. Jehan Zaib was our family doctor for many years and her kind voice and true interest as a professional in family practice medical care is impeccable; and not just to patients, but in all aspects of socializing with all people.

I would suggest people who harbour racist attitudes, anger and indifference toward another person because of race, creed or colour, should look deep within themselves and ask, "Why do I feel this way? What in my life was the cause for these feelings?"

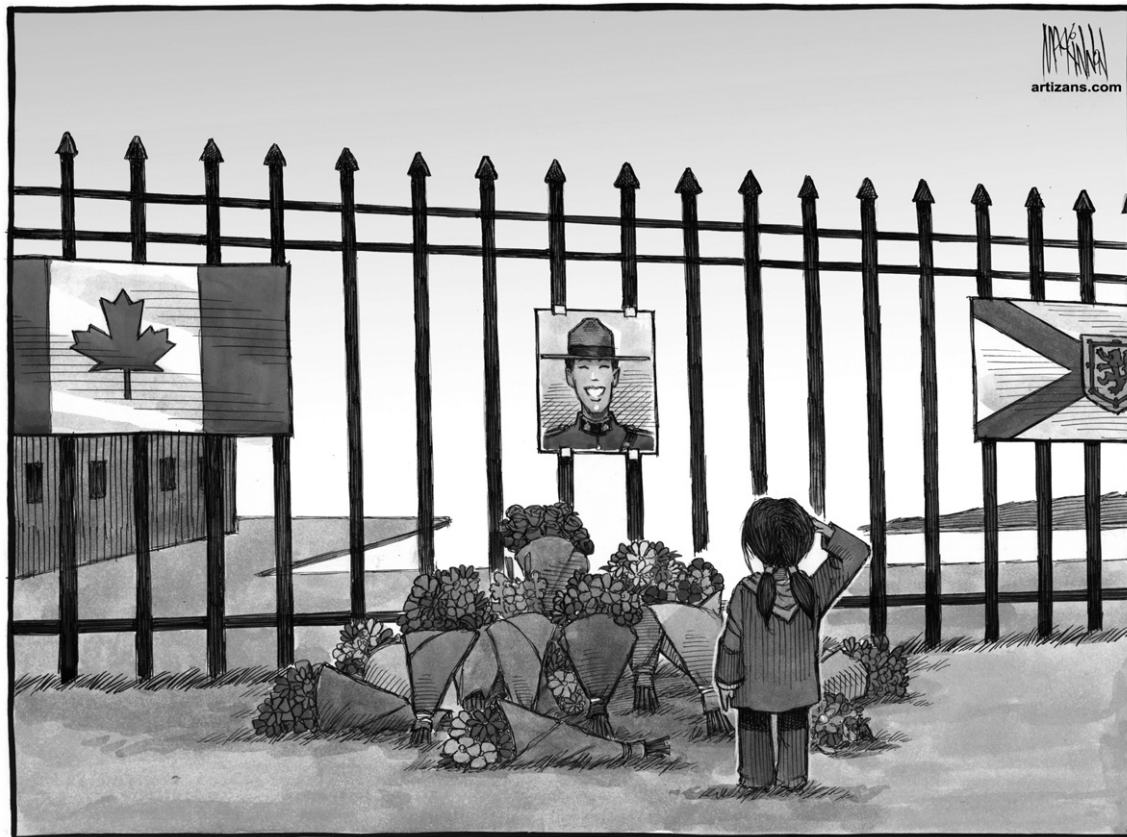
The answers are there if you place truth and honesty within yourself.

So please, give yourself a chance, and above all, give other people a chance to show themselves and the kindness they express.

See no colour, no race, no indifference. Just look up and say thank you.

G.M. Carter and family,
Thunder Bay

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Show humanity in crisis times

We are living in extraordinary and unsettling times.

During this COVID-19 pandemic, Thunder Bay has shown the country that it's made of the right stuff. Let's continue to be smart, safe and healthy.

In every crisis heroes emerge, the COVID-19 pandemic is no different. The front-line workers and those who support them -- the PSWs, grocery workers, EMS paramedics, police, fire-fighters, transit and truck drivers, nurses and doctors, pharmacists and health care workers in every field (from Pioneer Ridge to Thunder Bay Regional) -- deserve our gratitude. During this time of clear and present danger they have responded with

professionalism and honour well beyond the call of duty.

As in any crisis of this scale, I am all too painfully aware of the challenges we face: heartbreak, fear, uncertainty, and even anger. It is precisely at these times that we need to show our humanity: our compassion, our understanding and our kindness.

We are fighting COVID-19 not only for our health, but for our economic survival and our way of life; - from the single parent, laid off from work, trying desperately to provide some sense of normalcy to their two children who have been forced to learn at home, to the many employees

and small businesses such as restaurants, local farms and specialty stores that are being severely impacted. But there is hope. Bombardier has announced a new contract for ventilating masks. Many businesses and employees are pivoting to deliver more takeaway orders. People are surviving their COVID-19 ordeals.

So, it all comes down to people. As our Health Unit points out, our mental health is just as important as our physical health.

Our spirits, enriched by understanding, compassion, and caring for our neighbours and our community, will strengthen our resolve and vigilance.

Now is not the time to let down our guard. We cannot. The stakes are too high. Armed by science, and fueled by hope we can and must persevere. United, we will prevail.



ANDREW FOULDS

CITY VIEWS

Organizers cancel Strathcona Invitational because of COVID

GOLF

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

The Strathcona Invitational will have to wait an extra year to celebrate its 90th anniversary.

Organizers said it just wasn't feasible to hold the tournament in 2020.

"We feel that with the format of the tournament, it would not be possible to hold it in the manner it has been held in the past," said long-time tournament official Bob Cumming in a release.

"Thus, with the safety of our participants, our volunteers and city workers in mind, and considera-

tion of the likely financial toll that is being taken by sponsors who have supported the tournament for years, we have made this decision."

The tournament has only been cancelled twice since it was first held in 1930. In 1950 the Invitational was pre-empted when the District Amateur was given the traditional dates and 48 years later a city-employee strike cause a second cancellation.

"We will return in 2021 and continue on with the rich tradition of our tournament," Cumming said.

Robert Cumming was the two-time defending champion.



BACK TO BACK: Robert Cumming won the Strathcona Invitational in 2018 and 2019 and owns six titles.

Perspective

We're in good hands

Community heroes are keeping families safe and healthy

OPINION

By J.R. Shermack
Special to TB Source

I have confidence in Canadian scientists and health care professionals and believe that public health in this country is in good hands.

Community heroes and super-heroes from all walks of life are keeping families safe and healthy and I am grateful that our region has an abundance of both.

When it comes to fighting infectious disease Canada has been down this road before and as a nation, we have been successful in the past.

As a kid I was one of millions of young Canadians who were immunized against the growing public health threat from the polio virus.

To this day whenever I detect the odor of rubbing alcohol it takes me back to when I was a kid at Crawford School on needle day.

Needle fear

I wasn't really squeamish, but I always got a little nervous waiting in line to do my duty and roll up my sleeve so the school nurse could jab my arm.

The vaccination was quick and relatively painless and wasn't even close to the trauma of a skinned knee or a sudden bump on the head.

I felt relieved when it was over and the experience was quickly forgotten while the vaccine worked

its magic and gave me immunity from a crippling disease.

Polio swept Canada in waves, peaking in 1953 with 9000 cases resulting in 500 deaths nationally.

These numbers are small compared to COVID 19 but just like today, that national health emergency led to fear, panic and some very familiar measures.

During the polio outbreak schools, playgrounds and movie theatres were closed and families of infected patients were quarantined.

Nurses were recruited out of retirement to care for large numbers of patients while health officials scrambled to find much-needed equipment.

Today we are coping with a shortage of respirators and protective equipment – during the polio epidemic life-saving iron lungs were in short supply.

Canadian labs at the University of Toronto played a key role in developing the vaccine which was the turning point in the battle against the polio virus.

Our Canadian Health Minister at the time followed the advice of medical experts that a new vaccine was effective and safe for use.

The success of that Canadian vaccination program led the way and helped ensure worldwide use of the vaccine to control and one day (soon?) eradicate polio.

Current Health Minister Patty Hajdu faces an equally challenging situation and may be contemplating

a new vaccination program for Canadians in the near future.

She is effectively safeguarding the health and safety of Canadians with heroic poise, confidence and expertise.

With her support Canadian health professionals and scientists are contributing to a global effort to once again turn the tide against a harmful virus.

We've done it before – there were less than a hundred cases of polio worldwide in 2019 and two of three virus strains have been completely eradicated.

Not new

Canadians also rolled up their sleeves for the smallpox vaccine as part of a collective effort leading to the eradication of that disease in 1980.

None of us could really appreciate the science happening around us at the time as potentially fatal diseases were being fought and successfully defeated.

However, we all benefit to this day and we are lucky that there are heroes in every Canadian community ready to lead us to victory once again.

We have been through this before and some of our bacterial and viral challenges were overcome without the aid of information technology.

This time around we have the tools, the experience, the heroes and the will to succeed.

It seems to me that we are in good hands.

BODY FOUND



SUDDEN DEATH: Thunder Bay Police on Monday investigate a report of a body found in the woods near E. Lyon Boulevard, near Boulevard Lake.

LEITH DUNICK

A look back in history:

Marks Wharf

Port Arthur's first business wharf was erected where Red River Road meets the lake, very close to where today's CN Station stands. It was built by Thomas Marks to cater to his business at the corner of Water Street and Red River Road.



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LOCAL NEWS

Gardens, Curling club may get fixes

CITY HALL
By Ian Kaufman - TB Source

Fort William Gardens is one step closer to receiving over \$1 million in upgrades, many of which are key to hosting the 2021 Scotties curling championship. The municipality has received approval to proceed to stage two of provincial and federal grant programs that city leaders hope will cover the bulk of the costs.

Applications to both the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) and FedNor were approved to proceed to stage two of the grant process. If approved in full, the two grants would cover slightly more than \$850,000 of the estimated \$1.1 million total, with the city picking up the remainder of around \$250,000.

That price tag will cover a number of improvements at the Gardens and adjacent Fort William Curling Club. Those include ice deck flooring, a video scoreboard, a rigging system to suspend speakers, lighting, and cameras from the ceiling, digital screens, electrical and ice plant improvements, and upgrades to curling club washrooms.

Sport and community development supervisor Paul Burke told councillors the city was obligated to provide some



IMPROVEMENTS: Tomas Soustal (left) and the Lakehead Thunderwolves may have a new scoreboard next season at the Gardens.

of those improvements under its agreement with Curling Canada to host next year's Scotties Tournament

of Hearts, Canada's annual women's curling championship.

Burke pointed to the rigging and ice

deck flooring, which will allow the curling club to be converted into a lounge and used for concerts, as

particularly important aspects to have in place for the tournament. The curling competition itself will take place in the Gardens.

Given the aging facility's uncertain future, Coun. Aldo Ruberto questioned how much of the investment would retain value if the city sold or rebuilt the Gardens. The ice deck, video screens, and perhaps the digital scoreboard could be moved to a new facility, Burke said.

Coun. Andrew Foulds said it would be money well spent, expressing hope the Scotties tournament, scheduled for February 2021, could help buoy both the city's economy and its spirits as it emerges from the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Thunder Bay is a sports town," he said. "Sporting events like this bring people together, they bring people joy. Something like this – it was important before, and I can't help but think it might even be more important now."

The city's contribution to the project, estimated at \$251,700, has already been allocated in the 2019 and 2020 capital budgets. City administration told councillors they don't anticipate the city's share of costs going up, and that if full grant funds were not received, the scope of the project would be adjusted to compensate.

Marcus Powlowski, Member of Parliament

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In praise of catch-and-release fishing



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THE GOOD LIFE

"The finest gift you can give to any fisherman is to put a good fish back, and who knows if the fish that you caught isn't someone else's gift to you?" – Lee Wulff

A few weeks ago, I received a text from my pal Randy Beamish asking if I had caught a big chrome steelhead that morning. The answer was yes, and the funny thing was that Randy had caught that same fish a few hours later. The fish was identifiable by a mark I had put on it as part of a population study we are doing on this river. The fact that this fish was caught twice that day demonstrates how effective catch and release fishing can be when the fish are handled properly.

Randy and I are helping with a long-term scientific study to track the changes in the steelhead population on an urban river. This is the 12th consecutive springtime spawning migration where, armed with our biological sampling permits, we catch and sample each fish by measuring length, determining gender, and collecting scale samples. Before each fish is released, a unique fin clip is applied to track the fish. This study is run as part



CONSERVATION PLAN: Releasing one's catch helps keep the fish population strong in Northwestern Ontario lakes and rivers.

of the Co-operative Anglers Program, in conjunction with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and the Upper Great Lakes Management Unit.

While this steelhead study is essential for informing decisions regarding fishing regulations, we have learned quite a bit about the effectiveness of practicing catch and release angling as

well.

We have learned that a pair of anglers are able to catch between 10 per cent and 20 per cent of the total number of fish that enter a river. This

staggering statistic indicates that steelhead are especially vulnerable to overharvest by anglers and they should be carefully protected.

We have also discovered that Lake Superior steelhead are living up to 12 years and making annual spawning migrations up to eight times before they die.

Finally, individual steelhead with clips from four separate spawning runs have been caught, indicating that repeatedly catching and releasing fish is fine as long as the fish are handled carefully.

So how should fish be handled between the catch and the release? Most importantly, the fish should not be removed from the water for more than a few seconds.

It is also important to remember that fish have a coating of protective slime over their scales, which is easily compromised if the fish is removed from the water and brought on shore or allowed to thrash around on the bottom of a boat. Modern nets and gloves that do not remove the slime are helpful tools that allow anglers to keep the fish in the water while they remove the hook and prepare for a photo.

Wild trout are far too valuable to kill. They are difficult to find, elusive to catch, and they provide a great fight once hooked.

We are lucky to live in a place where we can chase these beautiful fish, so let's make sure we handle them properly and release them in good health for our kids and grandkids.



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RURAL ROOTS

Yup, spring is here. Finally. The snow is rapidly disappearing; the smells are of the bush; the birds are making a wonderful racket.

I step out of Casa Jones to cross the yard between barn and house. I take a deep breath and notice a change in the air.

I am now smelling the heavenly aroma of balsam and spruce mixed in with the scent of birch that emanates from the huge pile of bucked wood waiting to be split. I enjoy this brief time between frozen earth and black fly season.

I pull the rototiller out of the tractor shed, fill it with gas, and try to start it.

Very reluctant so I take off the air filter, spray some starter fluid, and pull the start cord again. Voila! Ca marche! Then I haul the gas can up to the wood splitter, fill that tank and pull and pull. Stubborn thing, but eventually the engine sputters into smooth running. Good! Now I am ready to split wood or the Gardener (my wife, Laura) can conscript me to rototill the vegetable garden.

Meanwhile, Laura has been busy in her new greenhouse transplanting the veggies into large pots, an on-going process prior to putting them into the ground in the vegetable garden. Last year I ferried buckets-full of peat moss manure and covered the entire garden.

This past weekend, Laura asked our son, Doug, to begin shovelling the new dirt into raised beds. It is a time-consuming task but the entire garden will get this treatment. Since the dirt is loose, the shovelling will not require traction of our backs when we get

through. "It doesn't all have to be done in a day. It is still too early to plant anything in the ground. We need more heat," Laura said. She's got that right: probably take several days of shovelling to create all the raised beds we need.

"I wonder if you could go to Mt. Crummet and bring me back a wheelbarrow of that composted manure?" asked Laura, "The peat-moss manure is too young, not composted enough to use for growing the potatoes in the containers."

Last summer we tried using peat moss in our horse stalls instead of wood shavings but it proved far too dusty for horses and humans. But what we did use I had carted out to a separate place close to the garden in the hopes of using it there.

This was the dirt me and Big Red grabbed to cover the garden last autumn. But apparently it is not far enough along in the composting for the growing of spuds. So, I trooped with wheelbarrow

up onto Mt. Crummet (where we have dumped the horse poop for several years) to attempt digging some of the well-rotted, now-rich soil. Trouble is I can't take my ancient tractor up on top as it will get royally stuck. And, unfortunately, our quad needs someone with mechanical knowhow to come and fix as it keeps flooding. So, the wheelbarrow it is.

I had attempted last year to dig a patch on Mt. Crummet where I knew the soil would be fantastic for growing things. But you have to get through the layer of the insidious quack grass first, a laborious task.

This time, however, the gouge that I had created easily yielded a couple of wheelbarrows worth of the well-composted soil.

If I owned a small dozer, a crawler with a bucket, there would be no fear of getting stuck but...

Laura was happy with the wheelbarrows of good dirt as she happily sat

in her chair in the new greenhouse and re-potted plants. I was happy when I could take some pain-killer to ease my back.

I carried the kitchen compost out to where we dump it. Rarely do we get soil as the deer lurk in the woods just waiting for fresh deposits of kitchen 'yummies'. Ah well, but while emptying the bucket, I heard from our beaver pond a duck quacking. I add that call to the ones being made by geese and by the Sandhill crane.

Monday morning, I saw the pair of Sandhill cranes in the main paddock to the south of Casa Jones.

And when I step outside with puppy so that she can pee, I hear the shriek high in the sky uttering its distinctive 'wooping' call as it descends on some hapless target.

So, all that remains to complete the Spring chorus are the spring peepers and the American bittern in the marshy area by our beaver pond.

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Should I sell or see stock plunge through



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MONEY LADY

I have seen my stock portfolio lose so much money in the last few days, I am beside myself with panic. I am not sure what to do. I don't have much invested but I was thinking of selling everything so I don't lose anymore. What do you think?

Margret (Marg)

Dear Market Uncertain Margret:

Marg, I would suggest to just hang on to your portfolio and not follow the crowd into a selling frenzy that we are now seeing in the stock market. Today the fears surrounding the impact of COVID-19, now called a global pandemic, and the oil crisis continue to cause our markets to be unstable. There seems to be no end to the rapid changes that have been hitting our markets with the TSX dropping 12.3 per cent on Thursday, March 12th.

This was lower than "Black

Monday" in 1987 and some say even lower than the big market drop of 1940 when Germany invaded France.

Even though you may be filled with anxiety and worry, it is important to keep calm and see there is usually always a silver lining in every tragedy that we must endure throughout our lives.

We have seen the markets do this many times in the past. It is important to remember that what goes down, always comes right back up when you are looking at the stock market throughout history.

I know the markets are tumbling into double digit losses, but I must remind you that you really haven't lost anything unless you sell – so don't panic and do not sell.

This is exactly what people did in the 2008 Financial Crisis only to wonder when to get back into the market when it began to rebound. During that time, many investors cashed in their portfolios in a panic sell that we are now once again witnessing with the COVID-19 pandemic.

In the past this behaviour caused investors to lose thousands of hard-earned capital when they cashed out, only to turn around a few

months later to buy back into the market as it began to climb, of course at a much higher stock price.

Why not see this as a stock market "SALE" event. Your advisor may call this a Tactical Asset Allocation – using a unique event or opportunity to purchase stock at an undervalued cost. It is important to always seek professional guidance especially during these times of market uncertainty.

While we can't say that we are out of the continued downward trend of equity markets, the sharp sell offs will soon dissipate and as we have always witnessed in the past, markets will begin to rebuild.

Talk to your advisor and see if this new market landscape is something you can take advantage of. This is the time to be buying good stock picks that are at record low prices and a great value. We don't want to be short sighted when investing for the future.

Consider the long-term advantages of buying into the market at low price points to capitalize on future profit when the market turns again.

*Good luck and best wishes,
Money Lady*



MOVING ON: Major Lori Mitchell first took over the local Salvation Army headquarters in 2015.

Mitchell leaving Sally Ann

THUNDER BAY

By Leith Dunick – TB Source

The Salvation Army is looking for a new leader.

The charitable organization on Friday announced Major Lori Mitchell, who arrived at the Thunder Bay Community and Residential Service Centre in 2015, has been appointed to the Ontario divisional headquarters in Toronto, where she'll take on the role as an area commander.

She starts her new role on Aug. 9.

Mitchell, who has helped spearhead the Salvation Army's Journey to Life in Thunder Bay, will continue to oversee that project for the next year, making regular visits to the city during the construction

process and beyond the projected move-in date.

Her replacement at this time has not been named.

Mitchell said it's a bittersweet move.

"This is a mixed-emotion announcement for me – I'm thrilled to be living close to my children and grandchildren again and to have my husband living in the same house full-time.

"But I have grown to love the northwest and the people here. I know that the work will be carried out in exemplary fashion by the strong, dedicated team who will continue to serve here," Mitchell said.

The move is the result of an amalgamation of the two Salvation Army Ontario divisions.

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Bad Education gets good grades



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MOVIE TALK

Recently surfacing on HBO is *Bad Education*, a title that made a splash at the Toronto International Film Festival. It tells the astonishing true story of one of the biggest frauds in the American education system, as key administrators bilked the Long Island school district of over \$11 million over several years in the early 2000s.

The film works essentially as a black comedy, but ultimately demonstrates the folly of greed and sacrificing ethics just to maintain appearances.

At the heart of the scandal are school superintendent Frank Tassone (beautifully played Hugh Jackman) and his assistant superintendent of business, Pam Gluckin (Allison Janney, also good.) We are introduced to the two being heralded as rock stars as their combined efforts towards implementing progressive programs and fiscal management have recently resulted in raising Roslyn's scholastic standings to No. 4 in the country.

Grads are gaining admission to exclusive colleges and the attendant prestige is boosting residential property values.

Jackman's Tassone oozes winning charm, recalling the names of all students, past and present (he possesses two Masters Degrees and a PhD from Columbia). He's seen as everyone's



NO-CLASS ACTS: Hugh Jackman and Allison Janney star in HBO's *Bad Education*.

Mr. Fixit, even leading a women's book club discussion on Dickens.

Yet, there's a dark side to the sunny facade.

Frank also drives a Mercedes, wears expensive suits, and favours a battery of moisturizers and facelifts. Although Frank passes himself off as an eternally lamenting straight widower, he is in

fact leading a double life, juggling a long-term male partner in Manhattan and a former student, a Las Vegas male exotic dancer.

Gluckin, meanwhile, is managing financial nepotism while renovating the already lavish family home. She puts in long hours juggling the school books to ensure passing of the next budget,

including the much-heralded—and expensive—Skywalk project. (So what if the school roof leaks?)

But Gluckin gets tripped up, as an inordinate number of construction materials charged on a board credit card by her dopey son gets red-lighted, revealing \$250,000 misappropriated towards said renovations. It's only the tip of the iceberg.

Tassone persuades the school board (chaired by an effectively nerdy Ray Romano) to go hush on public disclosure if Gluckin agrees to resign and pay back the money. Scandal will jeopardize the school's standing.

Thing is, Tassone has a ton of financial peccadilloes of his own. Ultimately, he will fall victim to his own vices.

An ambitious reporter for the school paper (Geraldine Viswanathan, very good in the upcoming *Hala*) breaks the story, prompting intense legal and media scrutiny.

Bad Education draws us in, gradually and deliciously uncovering the shocking depths of corruption by Tassone and Gluckin, as well as the willingness of a school board eager to maintain the status quo.

Screenwriter Mike Makowsky knew Tassone while he was a student in that very system, so he draws from first-hand experience. Makowsky and director Cory Finley (both participated in an insightful Q&A at the Toronto film festival screening) manage to make the characters sympathetic while deserving of their fates.

For all concerned, it's a fascinating lesson hard-learned.

CKPR to salute front-line workers

RADIO

By Leith Dunick – TB Source

Morning radio icons Danny Foresta and Laura Zaina figure if front-line workers can put in 12-hour shifts day after day without complaint, surely they can manage a single half-day shift.

The hosts of CKPR's popular *Mornings with Danny and Laura* are taking to the airwaves on Friday morning at 6 a.m. and don't plan to put down their microphones until 6 p.m. in their 12-hour salute to front line heroes.

"We've been hearing many wonderful stories from family and

friends about front line workers, and we wanted to dedicate a day to honouring these amazing people," Foresta said.

"Some front line workers put in 12 hour days, so we are going to broadcast for 12 hours. We want to share stories throughout the day, and hear from front line workers and families who are dedicating their time to helping others."

From 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., the duo will be taking song requests and playing them throughout the day.

"We'd love to hear from front line workers - what song they'd love to hear and/or listeners who want to dedicate songs to a front line

family member or friend," Zaina said.

It's simply a day to say thank you, she added.

"We are so very thankful to each and every one of you. From doctors, to nurses, to hospital staff. Also...grocery store employees, police, firefighters, mail carriers, garbage collectors, electricians, plumbers, city outdoor staff. The list goes on."

The pair have plenty of special guests lined up, including Mayor Bill Mauro and federal health minister Patty Hajdu.

Tune in on Friday, May 1 to 91.5 CKPR.



MARATHON: CKPR's Danny and Laura will be on air for 12 hours on Friday.



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IN THE BAY

Reporters earned right to be part of COVID story

Like everyone else, my work life at the TV station has changed over the last few weeks. I am alone with two very, very large empty office areas between me and the next person in the building.

I now shoot interviews via Skype or Zoom with an earpiece because there's no studio crew present. During the news, I am shunned to the weather set in order to keep the safe social distancing space.

On a positive note, I never have to wait to use the bathroom.

But it's not about me. I work in media, but I'm not the story.

Reporters are taught to avoid "injecting themselves into the story." The norm is supposed to be that they tell other people's stories without bias.

However, we're not living in anything resembling normal times.

In past weeks, three CNN anchors have tested positive for COVID-19. Chris Cuomo went down first. Into his



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basement, that is. There, he continued to do his nightly show in seclusion from his family.

He shared his experiences with the public on a daily basis while sweating profusely. He revealed his bizarre and fevered dreams. He discussed his joint pain, fatigue, and difficulty breathing. He even shared his actual chest x-rays showing how the virus attacked his lungs.

Of course, Cuomo's been lambasted for claiming to be isolated in his



BROOKE BALDWIN/CNN

SUFFERED: CNN's Brooke Baldwin documented her fight with COVID-19

basement for three weeks when he was seen outside a couple of times. But he's not Anne Frank.

He wasn't in hiding. In fact, a little fresh air and Vitamin D probably was a good idea if done safely.

News anchor, Brooke Baldwin was number two to become ill.

She was a little more private – since she was more horizontal and unconscious while recuperating. But she did share the emotional effects of the virus.

She felt alone, vulnerable, and grateful for the outpouring of support from friends and family.

She talked about how important it was to accept help when offered and to support each other.

And now, CNN's financial reporter, Richard Quest just got the nod from COVID too.

Unfortunately, others have complained that CNN's coverage of its reporters' lives has moved the network from news to reality TV. Possibly.

The current situation would certainly make for a fabulous reality competition or apocalyptic drama.

Except that it's really happening. So it's news. And the public wants to know how these people, whom they come to for information every day, are doing.

Besides, sometimes reporters can't avoid being part of the story.

Paula Zahn's first day at CNN was on 9/11. She was on the street, getting the story while actually helping people. And she was honoured for it.

Meanwhile, Walter Cronkite, probably the most respected reporter in news history, became legendary for breaking the news about JFK's assassination.

And breaking down as he did so. Yet no one questioned his professionalism.

By injecting their reality into a story that's affecting the world, these anchors are giving a perspective that's not coloured by politics or advertisers. They're not the story.

But as human beings surviving a pandemic, they've earned the right to be a part of it.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

- ACROSS**
- Eggs
 - Mother of Ceres
 - Async-Sync Interface (abbr.)
 - Us dam
 - Thus (Lat.)
 - Carplike fish
 - Top
 - Three-banded armadillo
 - Gelderland city
 - Trouble
 - Wield
 - Wrong
 - Nonsense
 - Son of Callisto
 - Amend
 - Ring
 - Sorrowful
 - "Dies _____"
 - Tantalize
 - Antiseptic
 - FDR's coin
 - Pass between peaks
 - Male friend (Fr.)

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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- DOWN**
- Foray
 - Without (Ger.)
 - Shak.
 - Early lit. language
 - Hair (pref.)
 - Fragrant
 - Ohio college
 - town
 - Birthstone
 - Adjective-forming (suf.)
 - Unclose
 - Noun-forming (suf.)
 - Embodiment of Ptah
 - Old-Eng. jurisdiction
 - Fr. meat dish
 - Calm
 - Fit
 - Classic car
 - Church dignitary
 - Tattle
 - Federal Aviation Admin. (abbr.)
 - Desire
 - Gym shoe
 - Prussian spa site
 - Closing measure in music
 - Moses's spy in Canaan
 - Asbestos (abbr.)
 - Jap. rural community
 - Dip
 - Valley
 - Salver
 - Wife of Thor
 - Nat'l Endowment for the Arts (abbr.)
 - Fireplace side shelf

WORD SEARCH

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Northwoods League's top 10 of all-time



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SPORTS SHOTS

Over the years, the Cape Cod League has cemented itself as the No. 1 summer college baseball league in North America.

But last week, the league announced it was cancelling the 2020 season because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

A couple of days later, *Baseball America* release its list of the top 25 graduates, a list that includes the like of hall-of-famers Carlton Fisk, Frank Thomas and Craig Biggio.

After seeing the column, I decided I'd put together one for the Northwoods League, which as of press time is still planning to play games this summer.

The first couple were slam dunks. Here's my top 10.

1 Max Scherzer (La Crosse, 2004):

Only 15 pitchers in MLB history have a higher WAR than Scherzer and aren't in the hall of fame. It's a list that includes Roger Clemens, Curt Schilling, Justin Verlander and Zack Greinke. Scherzer has three Cy Young Awards and four more top five finishes. He's led his league in wins four times and barring injury, should cross the 3,000-strikeout plateau in 2021 or 2022. He also managed to earn a World Series title with Washington last season.

2 Chris Sale (La Crosse, 2008):

Destined to miss the 2020 season, if it happens, thanks to Tommy John surgery, but he's been a consensus top five pitcher for most of the past half decade. I saw him pitch in Chicago a few years back and it was as dominating a performance as I've ever seen live. Sale has a career 45.3 WAR, has



SOUTHPAW SENSATION: Former La Crosse Logger Chris Sale has six top-six Cy Young Award finishes and won a World Series in 2018.

2,007 strikeouts and from 2012 to 2018, was never lower than sixth in Cy Young voting.

3 Curtis Granderson (Mankato, 2001):

In his prime, Granderson was one of the top players in baseball. In 2011 he hit 41 homers and drove in 119, to lead the American League. He retired after the 2019 campaign with 346 home runs and a career WAR of 45.3. He also appeared in two World

Series, with the Tigers and Mets, and was also with the Dodgers in 2017, but didn't make the Fall Classic roster.

4 Juan Pierre (Manitowoc, 1996):

A five-time .300 hitter who had 200 or more hits on four occasions, Pierre stole 60+ bases in three separate seasons and finished with 614 for his career, which ended in 2013. That's good for 18th all time. He wound up with 2,217 hits and 94 triples and starred for the Marlins in

their 2003 World Series triumph.

5 Ben Zobrist (Wisconsin, 2003):

Underrated in his heyday, I clearly remember Zobrist playing against the Border Cats during their inaugural season and you could see the talent level he brought to the game. A classic utility player, Zobrist has made three all-star appearances and won World Series with Kansas City in 2015 and the Chicago Cubs in 2016. He's got 1,566 hits and

167 home runs and a career WAR of 44.6.

6 Pete Alonso (Madison, 2014):

Sadly Thunder Bay fans didn't get to see Alonso in person in 2014, because he played in the South Division. He was an absolute stud as a freshman with the Mets, breaking Aaron Judge's short-lived rookie HR record, bashing 53 in 2019.

7 Matt Chapman (La Crosse, 2012):

He's only three seasons into his MLB career, but has shown signs of being one of the top 3B in the game. Chapman had 36 homers last season, and his defence at the hot corner is second only to Colorado's Nolan Arenado.

8 Mark Melancon (Duluth, 2004):

For two seasons, 2015 and 2016, Melancon might have been the best closer in baseball, collecting 98 saves. He's struggled with injuries in recent years, but has put up double-digit saves in eight of the past nine seasons.

9 Marcus Semien (Alexandria, 2009-10):

Semien finished third in the AL MVP race last season while hitting 33 HR and scoring 123 leading off for the Athletics. He's got 108 dingers in seven seasons.

10 Brandon Crawford (Mankato, 2005):

A two-time World Series winner with San Francisco, Crawford has three gold gloves to his credit and two all-star appearances.

There's plenty of talent that got left out of my top 10, including Kevin Pillar, Andre Ethier, Jordan Zimmermann, Kole Calhoun and Paul DeJong.

By the way, Thunder Bay's MLB count includes Matt Mangini, Jonathan Diaz, A.J. Schugel, Blaine Hardy, Seth Frankoff, Wes Parsons and Ryan Court.

Don't be surprised if Andy Weber makes it eight sometime in 2020, should baseball return.

Here's hoping!

Thunder Bay Kings name coaching staff for 2020-21 season

HOCKEY

By Tom Annellin – For TB Source

The Thunder Bay Kings AAA program and its board of directors announced Thursday, its head coaches for the 2020-21 campaign.

Back for another year behind the under-18 Kings' bench will be veteran coach Darrin Nicholas.

Moving up to take the reigns of Thunder Bay's U-16 side will be Jeff Riccardi while Walter Keating steps up to run the U-15 club.

Meanwhile, Matt Simeoni moves in as the new head coach of the Kings' U-13 squad.

U-18, Darrin Nicholas – Long-time coach Darrin Nicholas returns as the dean in the Kings' coaching ranks as he will once again lead Thunder Bay's U-18s.

In 2018-19 he guided the Kings to their initial North American Prospects Hockey League Dixon Cup championship.

He followed that up by leading Thunder Bay to a NAPHL regular

season crown in its U-18 Elite Division this year and was also named as one of the head coaches for the league's All-Star Game.

U-16, Jeff Riccardi – Also no stranger to the local hockey circles, Riccardi steps up to take over the Kings' U-16 program after coaching the bantams this season.

After helping Thunder Bay win a bronze medal at the 1988 Air Canada Cup at the Fort William Gardens, he went on to be a four-year stalwart career on defence in the Ontario Hockey

League with the Ottawa 67s.

From there Ricciardi went on to play parts of 14 seasons professionally, in both North America, and Europe.

He was also a member of the Thunder Bay Bombers Allan Cup-winning team back in 2005 and went on to be named the Top Defenceman at the 2006 Pannon Cup in Budapest, Hungary where Thunder Bay represented Canada in a four-nation international event against Slovenia, Croatia and Hungary.

U-15, Walter Keating, Jr. – The Thunder Bay product makes the move

up to the U-15 squad after coaching the U-13 team in 2019-20.

Among the accomplishments his team earned during the season was guiding Thunder Bay to their first AAA peewee title at the Big Nickel Tournament in Sudbury in 28 years before following that up with a title at the Gales of November event in Duluth.

Away from the ice, Keating has achieved tremendous success locally and abroad as a golfer at the NCAA and PGA Tour Canada levels, as well as internationally.

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