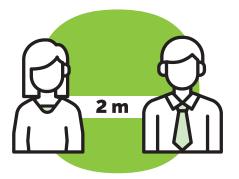


READY, SET, GO: Site work for a planned two-dome indoor soccer complex is nearing completion and construction is expected to begin shortly, according to the developers.

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**LOCALNEWS** 



HOME-ICE ADVANTAGE?: Thunder Bay's Krista McCarville has made eight Scottles Tournament of Hearts appearances.

# **Scotties still on track**

### Organizers hopeful fans will be allowed at the Gardens CURLING

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**RICK LANG** 

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

**C**urling Canada says for now, the 2021 Scotties Tournament of Hearts is proceeding as planned.

Al Cameron, director of communications and media relations at Curling Canada, on Thursday said not knowing what they don't know makes it too tough to put any kind of contingency plan on the table more than nine months out.

"We're planning for every contingency that's out there. That is under way. But we don't know what the situation will be," Cameron said, reached by phone in Calgary.

Whatever decision is ultimately made whether to hold the event as planned with fans in the stands at Fort William Gardens or an alternative option - will be made in full consultation with local and provincial governments, with the health and safety of fans, volunteers and athletes at the forefront.

"We're seeing ... the playing field change almost on a daily basis. But that planning is under way and we're looking at all potential outcomes.

Locally, organizer Rick Lang said they're in a bit of a holding pattern at this point, but said they've been in frequent contact with Curling Canada and said ultimately it will be the governing body's call how to proceed in the COVID-19 era.

"They're making contingency plans, everything from a full event the way it's supposed to be, a great event, down to full cancellation. They're taking all those situations into account. They've advised us to carry on and keep planning, keep working and hope that it will happen," Lang said.

At the moment, Ontario has placed severe restrictions on the number of people who can gather, which if left in place, would make it tough to stage.

Not only that, Lang said, it's a social event designed to bring fans from across the country together. Lang said that works best if the world is open for business again and physical distancing measures can be relaxed.

That's the dream.

But there remains the chance fans won't be allowed in the stands by February 2021.

If that's the case, Lang, who coaches Northern Ontario reigning champion Krista McCarville's rink, said it might be best to wait a year, even though 2021 marks the 25th anniversary of the last time the Canadian women's curling championship was held in Thunder Bay.

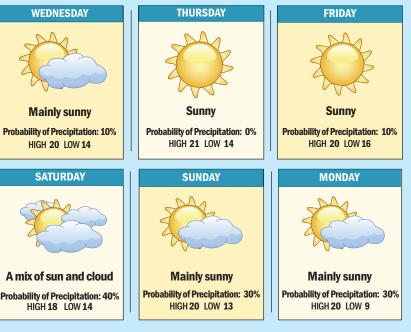
"We really hope that we'll be in a better place by then and we will have fans. We had tremendous ticket sales here in Thunder Bay. We're 80 per cent sold out. So there's a lot of interest. People want to see it live. They get to see it live on TV all the time," Lang said.

"We really want to have a live event here. I think that if that wasn't happening, we'd like to perhaps have the next year's event here so that people could see it live."

Lang said they have put their volunteer selection process on hold for the time being, but said they will still need 400 people to help out and will start looking again in September.

The nine-day event is scheduled to begin on Feb. 20, 2021.

# Weather Forecast



### HEALTHCARE HERO OF THE WEEK May 21st - May 28th

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Director | Information Technology **Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences** Centre & St. Joseph's Care Group

I've been with the department for more than 20 years and our team continues to work through the many challenges that the COVID-19 pandemic has brought to all staff at TBRHSC. From an Information Technology perspective, ensuring remote access and connectivity for staff, patients and their families has been at the heart of our efforts. Even though many of us do not directly work front line: I know the work I do, along side my team, has a huge impact on the day-to-day operations here at the hospital. It has been a challenging time for all of us but with any challenge it brings a wealth of opportunities!



Thunder Bay Regional **Health Sciences** Centre





SUSPICIOUS: Thunder Bay Police are stationed at the scene of a fire in a laneway between Winnipeg and Hill Street South.

# Laneway fire under TBFR investigation

#### THUNDER BAY By TB Source staff

Fire crews were on scene Monday night at a structural fire on the city's north side.

Thunder Bay Fire Rescue responded to a reported structural fire on Winnipeg Avenue Monday around 11:30 p.m.

Upon arrival fire crews encountered multiple structures fully involved in fire in the laneway between Winnipeg Avenue and Hill Street South.

According to a release, the initial TBFR officer on scene called for a second alarm response for additional fire personnel and apparatus to assist in the fire attack.

Fire crews stretched hose lines from the street and conducted a very quick and effective knock down of the fire that had destroyed a shed, and had also heavily damaged an adjacent garage, a second shed in the laneway and several sections of wooden fencing all in this vicinity.

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The actions of firefighters prevented the spread of the blaze to nearby occupied homes.

Firefighters had to avoid electrical hydro lines over head that had also become damaged by the fire.

Due to the extent of the damage to the structures involved, the cause of the fire was undetermined and the scene was being secured by the Thunder Bay Police Service until a fire investigation could be completed.

Several homes in the area were left without power.

Hydro utility crews attended the scene to work on restoring power to the area throughout the night.

There were no reported injuries.



### LOCALNEWS

# **Emo denies Pride request**

Town mayor says democracy rules in 'good Christian' community EMO. ONT.

### By Leith Dunick – TB Source

n his argument against supporting a measure to pronounce June as Pride Month and fly the rainbow colours on a flagpole in his community, Emo Mayor Harold McQuaker argued it wasn't fair to celebrate one side of the coin without celebrating the other.

Coun. Lincoln Dunn was quick to react.

"Sorry, Harold, what's the other side of the coin?" he questioned.

An awkward silence ensued.

"Well, the other side of the coin (is) there's no flags being flown for the straight people," McOuaker answered.

McQuaker and Couns. Harrold Boven and Warren Toles went on to cast no votes on Tueday night, enough to defeat the resolution by a 3-2 margin.

Dunn and Coun. Lori Ann Shortreed were the yes votes.

Douglas Judson, a councillor in nearby Fort Frances and co-chair of Borderland Pride, the LGBTQ2A organization in the Rainy River District, was appalled.

"We are extremely disappointed that this council failed to show leadership on diversity and inclusion," Judson said.

"It is 2020. The equality of LGBTQ2 people is the law of the land and the human rights obligations of public officeholders and municipalities are well-established."

#### Usually a rubber stamp

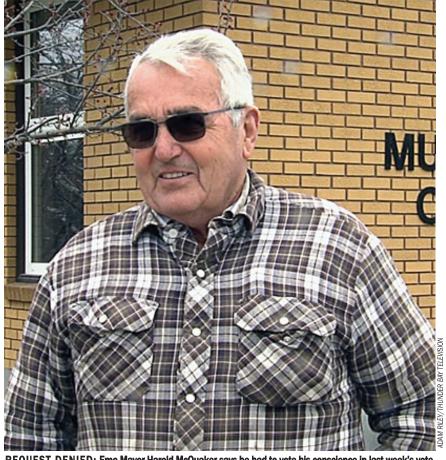
Judson said in this day and age, asking municipal councils to pass such legislation is merely a formality in most cases.

Borderland Pride routinely successfully asks area communities, like Fort Frances, Rainy River, Morley and International Falls, Minn., to pass proclamations without issue.

It's not a good sign, Judson said.

In an interview with Thunder Bay Television on Wednesday, McQuaker defended his vote, saying he was in a nowin situation, so he voted his conscience.

"Sometimes decisions don't suit all of the people. Moving forward I personally, and as mayor of Emo, I have nothing against the LGBTQ lifestyles. I've always believed in the majority rules in a democracy. We have three flags. We have our Canadian flag, our provincial flag and our municipal flag,"



REQUEST DENIED: Emo Mayor Harold McQuaker says he had to vote his conscience in last week's vote.

McQuaker said. "And I'm proud of all three of them."

He added he likes to think Emo is a good, Christian-based community and that he had to think of his supporters when he cast the deciding vote.

"It's a tough situation. We most certainly in the community have nothing against anybody who lives here or what their thoughts are. Democracy is made up of all different people and the majority rules."

The vote result was distressing to Thunder Pride chair Jason Veltri, who spoke out on Twitter.

"Absolutely unacceptable in 2020! Rise up folks and demand better," he wrote, replying to Borderland Pride's announcment of the decision.

Charles Fisher, whose great grandfather

was a founding member of the first council when the Townswhip of Emo was formed, in a Facebook post said the decision was profoundly disappointing.

#### Tough to see

"I have a hard time believing that when the first council met for the first time, they believed they were building a community which would be stuck in 1899 forever," he wrote.

It's such a simple request, Fisher added.

"It is especially sad considering the fact that this council has backtracked from Emo's support for the inaugural Borderland Pride Week in 2018. It's 2020. Time to act like it."

A petition has been started asking the Emo officials to reconsider their decision.

### Lakehead planning for mostly online fall semester

EDUCATION By Ian Kaufman – TB Source

akehead University says it's preparing to offer most of its courses online when studies resume in September, though it will look to offer in-person learning "where possible."

University president Moira McPherson made the announcement Friday as part of a message to the university community posted on the school's website.

"I must acknowledge that this fall will differ from our previous experiences at Lakehead University in many ways," McPherson said.

"Lakehead University is planning for primarily-online and alternative delivery models of courses in Fall 2020."

In the statement, McPherson said faculties were at work assessing how individual programs would be delivered. The university has also set up a COVID-19 Transition Committee to guide its response, which it emphasized will closely follow advice from public health authorities.

McPherson said while most learning is expected to take place online or through "alternative delivery models," Lakehead was committed to in-person learning "where possible," such as in research labs or experiential learning opportunities.





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# **Editorial**

#### **EDITORIAL**

## Lakehead stays online

akehead University plans to offer most, if not all, of its courses in the fall either online or by alternative means.

While it's not ideal, it's probaby the smart move.

With a possible second wave of COVID-19 predicted for the fall, and a diminishing number of cases in the Thunder Bay are – down to just two confirmed active cases at press time – why risk bringing in students from out of town.

That's just asking for new cases of the coronavirus to arrive on our doorstep.

For most, but certainly not all, students of university age, doing things online is second nature.

A large number of students were born after the turn of the century, and don't know any different.

Their lives, for the most part, have been spent online.

Schools like Lakehead have had a great test run this spring, and with a few months head start, should be able to deliver much of what students need in a virtual way.

Unfortunately, a lot of learning in some disciplines is hands on, so the school will have to get creative to ensure its students are getting the best possible education and not missing out on too much by not being in the classroom. For now, it's the lesser of two evils.

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### Gas prices too high

To the editor: Thank you for your recent article about the higher gas prices we pay in Northern Ontario in comparison to the rest of the Province. I was interested to read Premier Ford and Minister Rickford's comments on the matter.

In 2018, Minister Rickford said he was going to address the issue, but all he did was write a letter about northern gas prices to the Competition Bureau; they decided there was nothing amiss.

If Northwestern Ontario drivers are still paying too much for gas, and the law according to the Competition Bureau says this is fine, then it is time to change the law.

It is false to state that the Ford Conservatives' majority provincial government cannot reduce gas prices.

My caucus colleague Gilles Bisson has been raising this issue for over a decade. He has repeatedly introduced legislation to tackle this issue, but the Liberals ignored it. Now, the Ford Conservatives aren't taking action.

Bisson's bill, Fairness in Petroleum Products Pricing Act, 2018, would allow the Ontario Energy Board to regulate the retail price and wholesale mark-up of petroleum products in Ontario. That means that gas prices in Ontario will be regulated, and only change once a week. The NDP bill will stop the spikes in gas prices at the pump, and provide relief and predictability to drivers in northerm Ontario and right across the province.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



The bill passed second reading and has been referred to the Legislative Assembly Committee. Unfortunately, it remains stuck there. The Ford government can call the bill at committee, move forward with public hearings, and pass it in the legislature.

If Minister Rickford and Premier Ford truly want to do something about high gas prices, they know what they need to do. Time to step up and do it.

Judith Monteith-Farrell, NDP MPP, Thunder Bay-Atikokan

# Financial crisis hitting sen-

in their retirement savings, I know this is not what you want to hear. But there is hope since a long arduous recovery, I believe, is not in the cards. Many economists anticipate that another bull market is just around the corner and the decline in your portfolio will not be long lasting.

This crisis is not like any other we have witnessed in the past and I would caution new investors against using traditional stock market measures to try and time a market entry. When we first experienced the effects of the coronavirus on the stock market, together with the oil crisis, we witnessed an explosive downturn that was unprecedented, and in some respects, unexplainable. We all know that the market is very aggressively reacting one way or the other, but most economists believe we will see it go up just as fast as it declined when the market turns.

The recovery will need to go through a few clearly defined stages. Initially we should see a defensive market reaction to change for approximately four to six months followed by a market recovery of 40 per cent to 50 per cent that will take 12 to 18 months. Only after this stage will we begin to see the beginning of our next bull market that is predicted to last three to five years.

There is no doubt that we will see the market reach higher highs than we ever anticipated a few months ago when the market was calm and just ticking along before the coronavirus pandemic.

I know it is devastating to see your retirement savings take a hit right now and the thought of "just waiting it out" is agonizing. However, this is indeed what we must all do now. There are a few government benefits that you can take advantage of if you are feeling the "financial pinch."

The Canadian Emergency Care Benefit provides up to \$900 bi-weekly for up to 15 weeks and the Goods and Services Tax credit (GSTC) coming out this month will also provide some relief with \$400 for single individuals and \$600 for couples. The government has also reduced the minimum withdrawals from Registered Retirement Income Funds (RRIFs) by 25 per cent for 2020 and will also allow all taxpayers to defer any personal taxes owing without interest or penalties until Aug. 31, 2020.

Unfortunately, "you only know what you know," as they say, and "you can only control what you can control." The impact of this virus will be what it is, and we will come through it. If history has shown us anything it is that this crisis, like all others will pass and we will come out of it stronger and more resilient than before.

> Good luck and best wishes, Money Lady

Written by Christine Ibbotson, Author of the bestselling book "How to Retire Debt Free & Wealthy" and a new book Don't Panic — How to Manage your Finances and Financial Anxieties During and After the Coronavirus" available at all bookstores across Canada. If you have a money question, please email on website: www.askthemoneylady.ca



Dear Money Lady, Just read your article "Give the Market Time." The major issue for us being seniors is time and how much we have left. It was not an issue 12 years ago during the last stock market crash but we are now in our 70s and it is now a major issue. Do you have any different advice for seniors with no time to wait for a recovery?

Victor

#### **Dear Victor:**

There's no denying that we would have never anticipated the duration and the depth of pain that we have seen in the market and at this point I think seeing another drop of 10 to 20 per cent is not out of the question. For seniors, nervously watching a decline

# **Perspective**

#### **TRAGEDY IN THE SKY**

# **COVID-19** inspiration

### There have been plenty of heartwarming stories emerge

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

am dreaming of a tearful reunion with loved ones I haven't seen in person for months and I am captiously optimistic that soon, we will meet again.

Right now the global narrative is dominated by news of COVID-19 while everything we say and do is overshadowed by dark, serious concerns.

A free flow of reliable information is an important tool against the virus but it is easy to be overwhelmed by speculation and depressing statistics.

Fortunately, after two months of valiant effort there are an increasing number of inspirational success stories and glowing examples of compassion and kindness.

The medical and scientific communities are working together to deal with infection, control the spread and develop effective treatments and vaccines.

Canada recently approved a test which detects COVID-19 antibodies in those who have recovered and may have developed natural immunity.

This has been called a game changer by some while back in the lab, testing is already under way for a safe and effective vaccine.

We can be proud of local health professionals for successfully managing the virus, helping Thunder Bay escape the nightmare in many larger cities.

This community has its own share of heroes who deserve thanks and admiration for being part of the on-going success that is gaining momentum worldwide.

There have been many victories amid the tragedy - sometimes joy and sorrow spring from the same pool.

Seniors over the age of 70 often experience the most severe virus infections but this age group can also boast some unexpected and welcome victories.

In Genoa, Italy a 102-year-old woman survived COVID-19, as did a 103-year-old woman in Iran who recovered after a week in hospital.

An American veteran of World War II recently celebrated a victory over the virus and his 104th birthday both in the same week.

I saw a photo of two kind-hearted young girls pulling a wagon full of toilet paper which they distributed, roll by roll to seniors in their Queensland, Australia neighborhood.

The girls used their own pocket money to overcome the shortage caused by toilet paper hoarders.

During times of fear and uncertainty it is encouraging to witness the very best examples of human nature rise up to share the burden and lighten the load.

To their credit celebrities and the rich and famous have raised and donated billions to the global effort, while simple acts of kindness by regular people are just as crucial.

When their wedding reception was cancelled due to COVID-19 one pair of potential newlyweds diverted their catered meal to feed 400 hospital workers over two days.

They did get hitched but just in front of a justice and two witnesses.

A Needham, Mass. "mystery man" bought all the flowers in a local shop (facing mandatory closure) and had them delivered anonymously to local residents.

Never underestimate the power of good will.

One of the most inspiring messages comes from a 93-yearold British woman who encourages everyone to endure and persevere until better days return.

"We will be with our friends again; we will be with our families again; we will meet again," was the sage advice delivered by one vulnerable senior.

These uplifting words were spoken in a rare speech to the country from Windsor Castle by Queen Elizabeth, in an effort to rally spirits and keep a stiff upper lip.

Those warm thoughts from our well-known matriarch give hope for better times and I can hardly wait for happier days to return.

The air is full of anticipation but in the meantime let's all do our best to make it so.



REST IN PEACE: Capt. Jennifer Casey, a public affairs officer with the Snowbirds who was in Thunder Bay last week with Operation inspiration, was killed Sunday in a crash in Kamloops, B.C.

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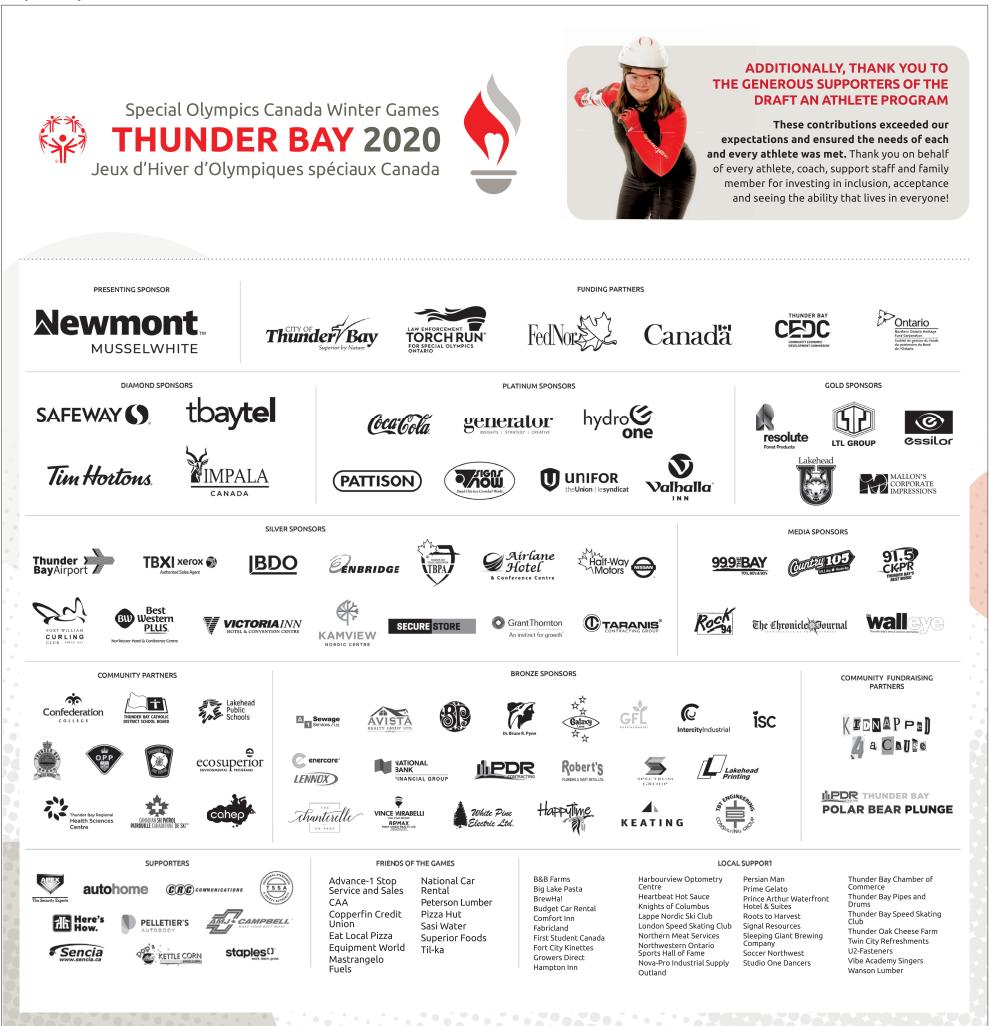


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# In search of May walleye

Walleye fishing season is officially open in Ontario. Here in the Northwest, walleye are often referred to as pickerel, are they are easily the most popular target for anglers. We have a well-established way of catching them and we have our usual spots that (almost) always hold early season walleye. Most boats will either troll in-line spinners or cast jigs with twister tails and anglers usually tip these lures with a live minnow. Nine times out of ten, these tech-



niques work really well, so we keep using them, and we keep catching fish.

Our hotspots rarely fail to cough up

limits of those delicious walleye, so we keep fishing them.

Except, every once in a while our spinners and jigs are not what the walleye want, or maybe the fish are not even in their usual areas. Every angler knows the frustrations of a slow bite and the mystery of the missing walleye.

So what should we do when our sure-fire baits are not producing fish in our unbeatable hot spots?

Switch it up. Trolling a spinner rig, often called a "Little Joe" around here, is a great way to locate fish, and, once you zero in on the walleye, casting or vertical jigging is a great way to catch a lot of fish in a specific location.

If you are confident in one of these techniques, but it is not producing strikes, your first step might be to replace the minnow with a leech or a night crawler (dew worm). This can sometimes solve the problem, but if it doesn't, it is time to switch baits. Since trolling is a great way to locate the walleye, using a diving minnow bait that imparts its own action is a good



FISH FINDING: Long or medium-body lures work best for catchign walleye. Moving around also success rates.

choice.

For walleye, I like long or medium body lures like the classic Original Rapala or the Shad Rap. Finally, you may need to slow your presentation down by back trolling or using an electric motor. If the fish are really sluggish, it might be time to finesse the fish by slowly dragging a live bait rig.

Time to move. Sometimes the fish simply are not where we think they should be, and instead of throwing every lure in the tackle box at them, the answer is simply to try different spots. post-spawn walleye.

However, it is possible that the fish have already moved out. If you think this is the case, it is time to look a little further out into the main lake for fish.

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Since it is too early for weed beds, look for windblown shorelines, rocky points, saddles or narrows, shallow humps or reefs surrounded by deep water, or any transition area where a change in structure will attract baitfish and therefore walleye.

Walleye are pretty predictable and we can usually figure out where they are and what they will hit. However, when they are not biting or are simply not there, having a back-up plan can often save the day.

#### This time of year, most anglers will be fishing in some proximity to an inflowing river to catch hungry

Don't let up pandemic guard, pleads DeMille

### HEALTH

#### By Leith Dunick – TB Source

Ontario has started to reopen its economy, and that has Dr. Janet DeMille a little bit anxious. On one hand, the medical officer of health at the Thunder Bay District Health Unit is glad it's being done based on science and still with plenty of restrictions in place on local businesses given the go-ahead to resume operations this past Tuesday.

On the other, she's a bit concerned that some people may see the decision as being given the all clear to resume life as it was before COVID-19 hit.

"Tm OK. I think it's a balanced approach. I recognize that it does depend on the numbers and (Premier Doug Ford) did articulate that today. I think the numbers are going in the right direction," DeMille said. "I think fundamentally though, this is an uncertain time. "We know, when this starts to happen and the reopening begins, the virus, which is very low level currently, could start to spread more and we'll see more cases and more issues related to that."

At present there are just two active COVID-19 cases in the Thunder Bay District, including one announced on Thursday.

The public can't forget what it's learned about over the past two months about how to contain the spread of the virus, which to date has kept it to just 79 cases in the entire district.

"I definitely feel some anxiety. I'm not sure I'd say it's a danger, per se, but I do feel some anxiety that we will have a setback if people aren't taking the appropriate precautions," DeMille said.

"Many of the precautions we've already taken, we have to continue doing that. It's vitally important that people continue all the measures that have reduced and can continue to reduce the spread of this virus." That includes frequent hand washing, wearing masks in public, practising physical distancing and staying home if feeling ill.

DeMille said she's not convinced people are going to keep their guard up, especially as warm weather begins to arrive in Northwestern Ontario.

"But I also know, and I'm reassured, when I go out to grocery store ... that we have changed. Many places have changed the way they're doing things and they're taking good precautions. I think there's a lot of guidance out there and organizations and workplaces need to abide by that guidance on a continuous basis," DeMille said.

"We as individuals and families and community members need to do the right thing."

DeMille said if the public and businesses stay onboard, the virus can be kept under control.

"If we don't, we will have a second attack and we will need to impose stronger public health measures."

# Long weekend a fire-filled frenzy



Saturday evening. Fire ban lifted, campfire cookout. And only one mosquito (maybe two) on harassment patrol!

The rain we had earlier in the week was a godsend. It was a good drenching that allowed the Powers-That-Be to lift the ban on at least campfires. Great! The family agreed that we should roast hot dogs and then marshmallows over an open fire, first of the season. What else? Baked potatoes that I inadvertently did in the oven in Casa Jones. Wife Laura: "Well, at least they won't be burnt."

I was fortunate to discover a couple of pieces of dry balsam overlooked during the winter for some reason and one large chunk of split birch that had not made it into the basement. I fired up the gas splitter and created smaller pieces perfect for the cooking fire. With all of the splitting of the birch for this coming winter, invariably strips of birch bark get loosed off of the pieces and collect around where I'm splitting and stacking. Voila! Perfect fire-starter fuel.

Next, I realized that we needed poles upon which to skewer the wieners and marshmallows. I didn't want to have to go far to procure. Luckily, in the paddock beside the vegetable garden small poplar trees had insinuated themselves. They were young, thin, and a perfect length. I grabbed my small axe and was heading to the spot when my wife, Laura, asked why I was taking an axe and not the chainsaw? "I don't want to lumber over to the tool shed, grab the saw, and lumber back when these saplings will be easy to chop and delimb," I explained. "Is the axe sharp?" she asked. "Probably not," I retorted and continued to fetch the poles.

At the fire pit with the newly fashioned hot dog sticks, I collected the fire-making ingredients and called upon the fire god, Loki, to do his magic which he did even though there was quite a stiff breeze. Earlier I had taken the chainsaw and cut up the Christmas tree, now quite dead and tinder dry, beside the fire pit. I tended the fire for five minutes making sure that it was a 'go'.

Back in the house, I got the hot dogs and buns while Laura gathered the condiments on a platter. Then I took my portion of the meal outside and realized there was a potential problem. Our new pup, Lily, is very spritely. A picnic table is located close to the fire pit. We had set up folding chairs around the pit with the hopes that it would be easy to grab wieners et al from the picnic table. Lily, with her keen sense of smell, detected some meaty aroma right away as I put the hot dogs and buns on the table. Lightning fast she was but I just beat her to it and saved the buns and wieners. So, where to stash such that our agility dog can't get them? Aha! There is a cover on the box of the truck. I'll put them there where she can't reach and just advise members of the family as to the goodies' location. Problem solved.

So, the evening evolved. Great fun cooking the wieners trying not to burn them. When it came to roasting marshmallows that exercise required a great skill that, alas, I do not possess. Try as I might, mine always caught fire. I consoled myself with the knowledge that I hadn't roasted marshmallows in many a year so the skill was lacking.

The wind decided to change direction and blow the smoke at me. We sat around enjoying the evening, listening to the spring peepers and, for the first time this season, the American bittern 'galumping' its strange call from the beaver pond area before adjourning to the house for the night. "Good," I thought, "that completes the seasonal sound of returning birds here.

And so as to do the final tick of the check list, Sunday morning I saw the fleeting blur of the gold finch darting into the crab apple tree.

There were one or two mosquitos Saturday night. With the promise of big increases in temperature by the end of the week, they will be out in force. We'll have cans of 'deet' at the ready.

# Laid-off staff should be recalled to clean growing city litter mess

#### CITY HALL By TB Source staff

The forced postponement of the annual Spring Up to Clean Up campaign in Thunder Bay, due to COVID-19, leaves the city heading toward summer looking less than its best. EcoSuperior has promoted the cleanup initiative in the month of May for more than 20 years.

In the absence of the program, councillor Rebecca Johnson wants city administration to look into assigning the task to city workers who were laid off because of the pandemic.

# Leaf, yard collection starts

THUNDER BAY By TB Source staff

**TBLife** 

**S**pring curbside collection of organic leaf and yard waste is under way.

Collection began on Tuesday and will continue through May 2, on regularly scheduled recycling days. Homeowners must use Kraft (paper bags) for leaf and yard waste.

Kraft bags are available at most hardware and grocery stores. Regular bag weight limits of 18 kilograms or 40 pounds or less apply.

Branches and brush may also be left at the curb for collection. Bundles of branches must be less than one metre (39 inches) long and no more than 61 cm or (24 inches) in diameter, tied using string or rope.

"Leaf and yard waste put out at the curb is added to the compost pile at the city's solid waste and recycling facility," said Jason Sherband, manager of solid waste and recycling services.

"The result is a rich soil additive for flower gardens and lawns which is given out each year. As a bonus, putting your organic waste out for this collection helps extend the life of our landfill site."

There is no limit on the number of bags for leaf and yard waste collection. Residents are reminded to place the waste at the curb on their regular recycling day, as indicated on their waste collection calendars, before 7 am.

Look for the leaf symbol on your waste collection calendar. Grass clippings will not be accepted.

For more information, contact the Infrastructure and operations dispatch at 625-2195.



ENVIRONMENTAL: Kraft bags must be used for city pick-up of yard waste.

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# IN THE bay arts entertainment culture

# A touching tale of endurance, devotion

t's one thing for any relationship to endure for close to 70 years, but when it's a closeted relationship that had to overcome the tyranny of societal norms during the 1940s and 1950s, it's all the more remarkable to relish the touching tale of Terry Donahue and Pat Henschel in Chris Bolan's documentary, *A Secret Love* (Netflix).

It's an intimate story of two Canadian gals who met and fell in love in farming communities in northern Alberta in 1947, who eventually moved to Chicago to enjoy the anonymity of big city life where they worked for the same reputable interior design firm for 20 years, literally dressing the part of straight secretaries, appearing to the outside world as "cousins."

This 'designation' made their living together credible to family, friends, and work associates.

Police raids on gay bars and public denunciations on homosexuality during those tough times dictated anxious discretion.

When they met, Pat was a catcher in the All American Girls Baseball League, which served as inspiration for the film,



A League of Their Own.

What is not highlighted in that film is the number of same-sex relationships that Pat was surprised to learn existed in the popular league, which was drawing over one million fans at one point.

When we come upon them, the two women are at a crossroads in their advancing years, dealing with health issues and facing decisions over whether to move into a facility for assisted living where they'd be the first same sex couple, or contemplating a move to Edmonton, where most of Terry's family resides but the city's conservative bent and chilly climes makes Pat stubbornly resistant.

This circumstance also comes in the wake of Terry's disclosure of their relationship to her devoted niece, Diana, as



CLOSETED: Terry Donahue and Pat Henschel had a secret relationship for decades.

time.

the two women are finally contemplating marriage.

Initially stunned, Diana becomes readily accepting, though the same can't be said for other family members. Ditto for Pat's family. Acceptance comes over Frank and sometimes amusing commentary by the two unfolds throughout the film. There are many little moments of affection between them. Pat's love letters to Terry are sweetly eloquent and poetic, but all are cut off at the bottom, obscuring authorship as the women feared reprisals from their families.

It's not all sweetness and light, as we bear witness to Diana's tussles with Pat, who is over-protective of Terry.

Being one of Terry's great-nephews enabled director Bolan to gain not only intimate access to their daily lives filmed intermittently between 2013 and 2018, but he's also blessed with a treasure trove of archival and home-movie footage, newspaper clippings, and family photographs accumulated over the decades, all of which serves to enhance the film's intimacy and sense of context with its two subjects.

Used effectively are two songs, Doris Day's *Secret Love* and *Take This Dance*, the latter striking home touchingly in the closing credits.

By conclusion, some long-cherished goals are lovingly realized, bathed in the warmth of family and friends, followed by the bitter-sweetness of life's eventualities. Throughout, genuine love and devotion between two people buttress *A Secret Love*.





CANCELLED: The Murillo Fair is a summer staple in the Thunder Bay area.

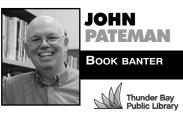
# Murillo Fair axed

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

The Murillo Fair has been cancelled for 2020. Organizers had held out hope the annual tradition could be salvaged, but because Canuck Amusements had decided to not tour with their midway rides and most of the judges for the fair had declined to take part, the decision was made to cancel.

"We will be doing some much needed work and repairs on the grounds and are looking forward to next year while following social distancing," the organizing committee wrote on the fair's webpage. All horse events scheduled for June have also been cancelled.

# IN THE BAY Three books examine cultural impacts



*rying Plantain* by Zalika Reid-Benta is a coming-of-age story.

Kara Davis is a girl caught in the middle of her Canadian nationality and her desire to be a "true" Jamaican, of her mother and grandmother's rages and life lessons, of having to avoid being thought of as too "faas" or too "quiet" or too "bold" or too "soft."

Set in "Little Jamaica," Toronto's Eglinton West neighbourhood, Kara moves from girlhood to the threshold of adulthood, from elementary school to high school graduation, in these twelve interconnected stories. We see her on a visit to Jamaica, startled by the sight of a severed pig's head in her great aunt's freezer; in junior high, the victim of a devastating prank by her closest friends; and as a teenager in and out of her grandmother's house, trying to cope with the ongoing battles between her unyielding grandparents.

A rich and unforgettable portrait of growing up between worlds, *Frying Plantain* shows how, in one charged moment, friendship and love can turn to enmity and hate, well-meaning protection can become control, and teasing play can turn to something much darker.

In her brilliantly incisive debut, Zalika Reid-Benta artfully depicts the tensions between mothers and daughters, second-generation Canadians and first-generation cultural expectations, and black identity and predominately white society. *Queenie* by Candice Carty-Williams is a disarmingly honest, boldly political, and truly inclusive novel that will speak to anyone who has gone looking for love and found something very different in its place.

Queenie Jenkins is a 25-year-old Jamaican British woman living in London, straddling two cultures and slotting neatly into neither.

She works at a national newspaper, where she's constantly forced to compare herself to her white middle class peers.

After a messy break up from her long-term white boyfriend, Queenie seeks comfort in all the wrong places, including several hazardous men who do a good job of occupying brain space and a bad job of affirming selfworth.

As Queenie careens from one questionable decision to another, she finds herself wondering, 'What are you



#### doing?

Why are you doing it? Who do you want to be?' – all of the questions today's woman must face in a world

trying to answer them for her.

With fresh and honest prose, *Queenie* is a remarkably relatable exploration of what it means to be a modern woman searching for meaning in today's world.

*Homegoing* by Yaa Gyasi begins with the story of two half-sisters, separated by forces beyond their control: one sold into slavery, the other married to a British slaver.

Written with tremendous sweep and power, *Homegoing* traces the generations of family who follow, as their destinies lead them through two continents and 300 years of history, each life indelibly drawn, as the legacy of slavery is fully revealed in light of the present day.

*Homegoing* makes history visceral, and captures, with singular and stunning immediacy, how the memory of captivity came to be inscribed in the soul of a nation.

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# Wolves in wait-and-see mode

OUA has yet to make a decision on 2020-21 season **THUNDER BAY** By Leith Dunick -TB Source

ike most of the sporting world, the Lakehead Thunderwolves are stuck in a holding pattern.

Athletic director Tom Warden said unlike Canada West, which on Tuesday announced it was slashing games from team sports schedules in 2020-21 because of the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as limiting travel, Ontario University Athletics is taking a wait-and-see approach for now.

Canada West plans to drop its hockey schedule to 20 games from 28, its volleyball schedule from 24 games to 16, and its basketball schedule from 20 games to 16 next season, while limiting travel where possible.

#### Not yet

Warden said he thought it was a bit early to be making decisions like that, with hockey not slated to resume until the end of September and the other sports to follow in October.

"The OUA is a bit more cautious on an approach. It's a bit more wait-andsee," Warden said, reached by phone



ON HOLD: Lock Lam and the Lakehead Thunderwolves face an uncertain season.

last Wednesday.

The league, which oversees university sport in Ontario, is looking at a number of different scheduling options, but isn't close to making any firm decisions like the ones announced by their Canada West counterparts.

"We have to be responsible and do that, but I think we have to wait for the sciences and the legislation to dictate where we're going to go," Warden said. "We've got a model for different types of schedules and start dates."

Under the state of emergency announced in March, crowds of more than five people were banned, with some exceptions.

While many southern Ontario university sports teams don't necessarily rely on attendance levels to cover their expenses, Lakehead employs a different model. The hockey team, in particular, has always been one of the highest drawing teams in Canada and remains so, despite a dramatic drop in attendance over a year ago.

Basketball games are also routinely tightly packed affairs.

Corporate sponsorships are another large source of revenue for Thunderwolves teams. The team derives a large chunk of the advertising revenue at Fort William Gardens. Other schools use student fees to help cover the cost of delivering varsity athletics.

All this is in flux because of COVID-19.

"It's really difficult to say what our business plan and what our plan looks like moving forward for any of this stuff," Warden said.

#### No sales

For now ticket sales have been halted, with too much uncertainty hanging in the air surrounding schedules and how many fans – if any – will be allowed to watch in person. The province has also yet to firm up if students will even be allowed to attend classes in person on campus, which could also have an impact on student availability.

Warden is holding out hope the seasons can proceed.

"Sports and recreation, all those things are going to be super-important once we get out of this thing," he said.

"But we've also got to know where our place is and where we fit into that."

### Soccer dome scheduled for an October opening

**SOCCER** By Leith Dunick – TB Source

ndoor soccer could be a reality again in Thunder Bay as early as October.

Barring weather delays or additional restrictions put in place due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the general manager of the Goal Sports Centre II indoor turf facility says the plan is to open the first of two domed fields at their Oliver Road site this fall.

The second domed field, which will be linked to the first, is expected to open in 2022, should demand warrant its construction at this time.

The second dome is being built in anticipation of a continued growth for the sport year round, though numbers have steadily declined in recent years with a lack of available playing time when the outdoor season ends in the fall.



READY TO ROLL SOON: Goal Sports II Centre general manager Carmen Felice.

Carmen Felice, general manager of the facility, said the developers have reconfigured the original plan, in order to meet that expected demand – even if it does take some time to bring the numbers back up to what they once were.

"We wanted to make sure we had something in place, if the numbers of participants grow. We know that in the past five years, because there hasn't been a proper indoor facility, the numbers have gone down," Felice said.

"That's why we're proceeding with the first dome. But we would like to have the option of a second one, once the numbers are back up."

At one point there were two indoor soccer facilities operating at the Canadian Lakehead Exhibition. The Sports Dome, the larger of the two, collapsed in November 2016.

It's not just soccer, he added. The group behind the project has approached a number of other user groups, and upgraded the turf being installed in order to promote and accommodate larger tourism events and fairs.

To open up more availability for soccer, developers have decided to build a field that's approximately 105 feet by 205 feet, which can be split down the middle to create a pair of smaller fields of about 100 feet by 105 feet.

The original design called for two fields of 150 feet by 90 feet.

"We decided to go with the one bigger field in order for user groups to be able to afford it, if they only need to use half the field, which is still a good size," Felice said.

Before the pandemic struck, the City of Thunder Bay had proposed building a \$30-million indoor sports facility. Felice said should it still go ahead, they'd be willing to partner with the city to help bring bigger soccer and other sporting events to Thunder Bay.



### NHL's playoff plan might not suit all

t sounds like the National Hockey League is looking closely at having a 24-team post-season, if and when the sport returns this year.

I'm not sure how I feel about it.

According to Scott Burnside and Pierre LeBrun, hockey scribes with The Athletic, the plan being discussed would include 12 teams in each conference.

The teams would be divided into six-team divisions, with a round-robin played against each of the other five teams.

Division crossovers would be allowed. In the East, the Rangers would go to the Metropolitan Division.

The top two teams in each division, based on points percentage, would be given firstround byes, with teams three through six playing a play-in opening round in a hub city to pare it down to the usual 16.

It would be great news for fans of the New York Islanders, New York Rangers, Florida Panthers and Montreal Canadiens in the East, and the Vancouver Canucks, Minnesota Wild, Arizona Coyotes and Chicago Blackhawks in the West.

All eight teams are currently on the outside looking in, based on total points, and would still have a shot at winning the Stanley Cup.

Locally it would mean Eric and Marc Staal would join younger brother Jordan in the NHL playoffs.

Buffalo's Carter Hutton and New Jersey's Mackenzie Blackwood, however, would miss out by the tiniest of margins.

The Sabres and Devils have each played two fewer games than Montreal and have 68 points in 69 games, a .493 point pe centage. Montreal is an even .500 with 71 points in 71 games.

That's where I have an issue. What if Buffalo won its next two games? Or the Devils?

Beggars can't be choosers at this point, and most hockey fans are probably willing to take what they can get.

As it stands, we probably won't see any playoff hockey until the middle of July at the earliest, with three weeks of training camp needed on top of two weeks of quarantine required for any player entering Canada – should any of the four hub cities be located north of the border. The round-robin would take about nine more days to complete. Let the negotiations continue! For your daily news visit www.tbnewswatch.com

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