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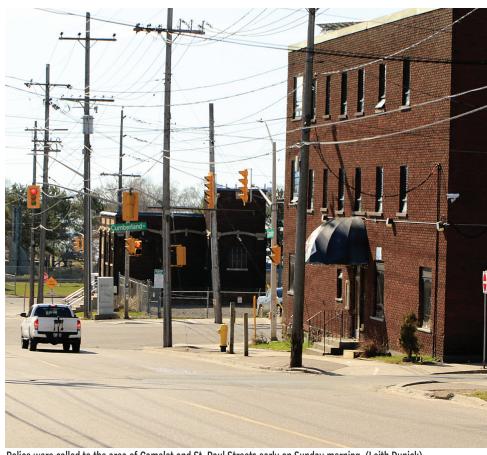
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Police were called to the area of Camelot and St. Paul Streets early on Sunday morning. (Leith Dunick)

# **North-side incident** ruled as a homicide

## Twenty-year-old man killed in stabbing

By Brandon Walker - TB Source

Thunder Bay Police say they are investigating a homicide after a weekend incident on the city's north side.

Thunder Bay Police Service officers with the primary response branch were sent to the area of Camelot and St. Paul streets just after 2:30 a.m. on Sunday.

Det. Insp. Jeremy Pearson said responding officers located an injured male and transported the victim to the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre, who later succumbed to the injuries sustained during the serious assault.

Police identified the victim as a 20-year-old Thunder Bay man.

Once the major crimes unit and forensic identification unit became involved in the investigation, a suspect was identified and turned himself in to the police.

A 23-year-old Thunder Bay man has been

charged with second-degree murder.

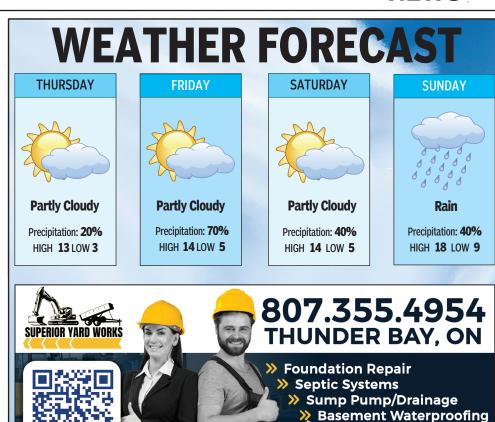
Police believe the victim and accused were known to each other and had a history between them.

While not detailing the type of assault, Pearson did confirm that a firearm was not involved in the weekend incident and that no other individuals are being sought related to this incident.

Pearson said police received several calls about the incident. "We received several calls from members of the public who were on scene, notifying us and requesting assistance for the police and EMS.

"We owe them our thanks and, of course, our thanks in advance to anyone who may have further information that comes forward in the future."

A post-mortem is scheduled for the victim. It's the city's third confirmed homicide of





IN BRIEF

# **Woman dies in Lakeshore Drive collision**

Ontario Provincial Police have identified a Thunder Bay resident as the victim of a tragic single-vehicle collision in the Municipality of Shuniah.

The 34-year-old woman, whose name has not been released, was critically injured when the eastbound vehicle she was driving left the roadway on Lakeshore Drive just after 5:00 a.m. Sunday and entered a ditch, where it caught fire.

She was taken to hospital where she was later pronounced deceased.

The OPP North West Region traffic incident management and enforcement team, and OPP collision reconstructionists, are assisting in the ongoing investigation.

Police are asking anyone with information regarding the collision to contact them at 1-888-310-1122, or the Thunder Bay detachment directly.

## **Vehicle flips in crash**

Emergency crews were on the scene following a two-vehicle collision that left one of the vehicles flipped on its side.

The incident took place on Tuesday morning at the intersection of Van Norman Street and Hill Street North.

Police and paramedics are investigating. It's unknown if there were any injuries in

It's unknown if there were any injuries in the incident, which took place shortly after 8:30 a.m. with emergency responders arriving shortly after.

## Crash leads to fire

A car hit a house and caused a fire overnight on Monday.

At approximately midnight, Thunder Bay Fire and Rescue responded to a reported

structural fire in the 500 block of Redwood Avenue West.

Crews were able to contain the fire to the car and extinguished it quickly before it had time to spread.

There were no injuries at the scene as both the vehicle occupants and people in the home escaped quickly.

## Augruso gets top post

The new president of Canada Soccer says being elected to the top post at the country's governing body for soccer "feels like a dream."

Peter Augruso, who hails from Thunder Bay, added in a social media post that it's "an unbelievable honour and privilege" to serve.

"I promise to lead a new soccer in Canada with a 'football first' mentality in all that we do, which is open and accessible to all," he said.

In a competition with incumbent president Charmaine Crooks, Augruso was elected on the weekend to lead Canada Soccer's board of directors.

"It's time the country is unified and aligned, with one clear vision, and one plan, so we can all lead with pride and inspire," he posted.

Augruso's election was welcomed by Soccer Northwest Ontario.

"Peter has been monumental in soccer and in Thunder Bay for many, many years, going back to starting off as a referee, then involved in the Soccer Northwest board and Ontario Soccer," said Soccer Northwest president Michael Veneziale. "It's amazing to see him continue to grow, and now be the president of Canada Soccer."



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Judge Stephen Wojciechowski has been appointed to the bench in Northwestern Ontario. (Doug Diaczuk)

# Judge ready for role

By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

The newest judge to join the bench in Northwestern Ontario has already been presiding over cases since January, but on Thursday he had an opportunity to celebrate the appointment in front of family and colleagues.

"It's a very emotional time, it's a very happy time for my family, and celebrating this occasion on their behalf, really that's why I'm here," said Justice Stephen Wojciechowski. "I'm just so proud to be part of this community and this family. It's incredible."

Wojciechowski was first appointed as a judge of the Superior Court of Justice in January and a swearing-in ceremony was held at the Thunder Bay Courthouse on Thursday.

In the last three months, Wojciechowski has attended judicial training in Montreal and is currently presiding over a civil case.

"This role is a huge responsibility, which I recognize," he said. "Every day I've been doing this job continues to get more challenging and more interesting and more exciting. It's been a great experience so far."

Born and raised in Thunder Bay, Wojciechowski completed his bachelor's degree at Lakehead University before obtaining his law degree from Queen's University.

In 1990 he was called to the bar and began his law career as an associate with Buset & Ervou, now known as Buset LLP.

Later he joined David Eryou and formed Eryou Barristers, focusing primarily on insurance defence litigation.

"Throughout all of my career, I've been a liti-

gator in Thunder Bay and surrounded myself with very talented people and that has made my job easier," Wojciechowski said.

A family member who was a lawyer inspired him to pursue it as a profession, as he was always intrigued by the justice system and helping others.

"And really that is what we are doing," he said. "People are coming to us with sometimes major problems, not the best part of their lives, and they need some help, and that is what we are able to do. That was a draw to the profes-

During the ceremony, speakers congratulated Wojciechowski on his new position, but also advised him that there will be challenges ahead.

The justice system in Northwestern Ontario is currently facing several challenges, including an extremely high case load.

"I'm really taking a page from the books of all the other judges in terms of how to approach whatever challenges there are out there," Wojciechowski said.

But he added that being a lifelong resident of Northwestern Ontario provides him with an understanding of the issues facing the people of Thunder Bay and the region.

"That understanding I think is going to help me determine what needs to be done. It's about fair decisions and understanding the people before you and what solutions would be available to them," he said.

"Of course the law is the law, but there is discretion, and understanding Northwestern Ontario like I do will be a huge advantage for me fulfilling my role as judge."





**EDITORIAL** 

# **Big deficit**

A report heard by city council shows the city has an annual \$32million infrastructure deficit.

That's a frightening number.

It means that each year, the city is spending \$32 million less than it should on upkeep, repairs and replacement of its infrastucture stock.

This includes roads, vehicles, buildings, bridges, etc.

At some point, this could lead to trouble.

Residents of the city have an expectation that their roads and sidewalks, for example, are safe, that their bridges won't collapse.

They also don't want an unexpected year-long disruption to busy streets, like the incident that closed River Street for more than a year.

Police, whose vehicles are three years past their prime, need guarantees they'll be able to get where they need to go.

Putting off repairs and replacement to save taxpayers money can only work for so long. At some point it will start to add up. The money has to come from somewhere.

It's far better for council to find ways to increase spending now.

## Rally an eye-opener To the editor:

I was honoured and humbled to attend the First Nations Land Defence Alliance's rally against nuclear waste in Thunder Bay on April 30. Informed, passionate speakers from communities at risk from the Nuclear Waste Management Organization's (NWMO's) proposed transport and burial of nuclear fuel waste travelled up to 500 kilometres to be present. Over 100 residents of Thunder Bay and surrounding area turned out to welcome them.

An April 30 article on NWONewswatch provided quotes from Chief Rudy Turtle of Asubpeeschoseewagong First Nation (Grassy Narrows) and other leaders. A subsequent article with a response from an NWMO rep appeared on May 2.

Chief Turtle's community of Grassy Narrows is well-known (or have people forgotten?) for the calamitous mercury contamination of its waterways by industry effluents allowed to flow into the Wabigoon River system a short way upstream, brought to light in the 1970s. Community residents continue to suffer the devastating effects today.

The NWMO now proposes to site its experimental nuclear waste burial facility - guess where? - at the headwaters of the Wabigoon River system, upstream from Grassy Narrows. And although the NWMO (which is run by the nuclear industry) likes to say that the solid radioactive pellets they wish to bury there pose

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



no risk to the waterways, this simply isn't so.

Chief Turtle has asked for a meeting with NWMO - but, no luck. He would like to meet with NWMO CEO Laurie Swami. After all, Swami has been in his neighbourhood recently, to look on with satisfaction as Ignace Mayor Kim Baigrie signed the NWMO's Hosting Agreement Township of Ignace.

Chief Turtle and the other chiefs in the Land Defence Alliance are, like Mayor Baigrie, the heads of a local governments. It would be fitting for the NWMO to offer them a meeting with an

NWMO leader or leaders - if not Swami, then at least some key scientists or engineers. But in a quote from NWMO's local Communications Manager, Vince Ponka, Ponka offers to arrange a meeting between the Land Defence Alliance and ... himself.

The NWMO is offering the Alliance a chance to discuss important technical matters with an office person, whose only job is to advertise his employers' project. For shame.

> Wendy O'Connor. Murillo

# James looks at Huck Finn from Jim's perspective

Percival Everett's new novel, James, is the retelling of Mark Twain's 1884 classic, Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, from the point of view of Jim, the runaway slave who joins Huck on his journey down the Mississippi

While it would be possible to enjoy James, without knowing the original, its power derives from its engagement with Twain's book.

The most vexed aspect of the book is the portrayal of Jim, for decades the most prominent black character in the American literary

While 14-year-old Huck memorably struggles to reconcile his learned prejudice with his growing love for his enslaved companion, Jim - an adult with a wife

and children - has no such arc. Jim in fact

becomes progressively more one-dimensional as the book flops towards its clumsy denouement. Loyal, superstitious, childishly simple, Jim's main purpose in the novel is to give Huck an opportunity to exhibit his moral growth.

> With James, Everett goes back to Twain's novel on a rescue mission to restore Jim's humanity.

> He reconceives the novel and its world, trying to reconcile the characters and the plot with what now seems obvious to us about the institution of slavery.

> The result is funny, entertaining and deeply thought-provoking part critique and part celebration of the original.

Everett's central idea is that 'Jim' is a performance, a disguise that conceals the real James. First of all, James doesn't talk the way

Twain - or Huck - thinks he does. In private, on paper, and among other black people, James speaks and writes in correct, formal English.

The south, as we see it through James's eyes, is a Truman Show for white people, in which the black cast is careful not to break character.

As soon as a white person is within earshot, the black characters slip into dialect and perform a version of blackness that's designed to make them appear non-threatening.

As in the original novel, James and Huck take flight together on to the Mississippi: Huck running from his abusive father, James because he's going to be sold. Many of the same key incidents occur.

In Huckleberry Finn, there are various sections when Jim and Huck become separated. Now we learn where James has been in these interludes.

Even the celebrated moral climax of the original novel is transmuted into something bleaker.

The culminating moment of Huck's journey in Huckleberry Finn comes in a passage where he wrestles with the question of whether to denounce Jim to his owner.

Huck turns away from the racist morality he's internalized since childhood and chooses loyalty to Jim, though he believes it means spiritual damnation.

'All right then,' he concludes. 'I'll go to hell.' This is the crux of Huckleberry Finn and a key part of its claim to be an anti-racist novel. Everett's book reminds the reader that Huck's self-sacrifice remains purely theoretical.

Despite its deft humor, comic set pieces and great lightness of touch, James is the story of a man who knows that he's already living in hell.

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# Teeswater deal made public

By JR Shermack - Special to TB Source

There is a small farming town named Teeswater (pop. 1,030) located in the Municipality of South Bruce near Lake Huron that is facing an uncertain future.

The town is similar to other small communities across Ontario where families live in safe neighborhoods and children actively play outdoors.

It describes itself as a "growing, dynamic, agriculturally rooted community that provides accessible and affordable amenities for residents and businesses".

And depending on the result of a referendum on Oct. 28, those amenities could become even more accessible and more affordable too.

The townspeople are being asked a very important question and the result might be of interest to residents of Northwestern Ontario.

Teeswater is one of two finalists selected by Canada's Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) for the underground storage of millions of bundles of spent nuclear fuel.

Local residents will decide whether they will be part of a multi-billion dollar project to build Canada's largest permanent tomb for nuclear

Teeswater town officials published the

terms of the deal with NWMO, a 132-page document for voters to peruse before they make an irreversible decision.

Because once the nuclear waste is buried it will be underground under Teeswater forever, or at least that's the best case scenario.

Plutonium, the most toxic material in the world, remains hazardous for tens of thousands of years.

It is important to note that Teeswater's 'amenities' could be enhanced by the generosity of a grateful nuclear industry.

If the answer is 'yes' the town will benefit from hundreds of high paying jobs and \$418 million in subsidies over the duration of the project,

The community has already received over \$3 million from the NWMO, money which has been used to cover municipal expenses.

If the voters decide to say 'no' to the offer the town will get a \$4 million consolation fee for being such a good sport.

Locals are divided between those who envision a new prosperity for Teeswater and those who see potential danger buried forever beneath the town.

The NWMO spent decades deciding how to safely manage used nuclear fuel and concluded that a deep geological repository was ideal for radioactive storage.



NWMO has drilled test bore holes near Ignace, Ont.

The nuclear waste will be kept in caverns 600 metres underground behind multiple barriers including copper casks, bentonite clay and multiple layers of concrete.

It will be a vast underground network of chambers nestled in stable geology and

designed to store the spent fuel without incident, forever.

Once the facility is built 30,000 shipments of nuclear waste will be transported to their permanent home from interim storage sites around Canada.

So far Canada has produced 3.2 million bundles of used nuclear fuel, enough to fill nine hockey rinks up to the boards.

Don't worry, the radioactive waste is not sitting in hockey stadiums - it is waiting in licensed storage facilities near the nuclear power plants but it must be moved.

NWMO will decide by the year's end where the new facility will be built - if Teeswater says 'no' there is one more community in the running.

That small town is located 250 km. west of Thunder Bay - Ignace has already held a community vote and the results will be part of a 'willingness' report to NWMO in June.

There is a lot at stake for both communities including the safety of the environment and the future of both Ignace and Teeswater not to mention a whole lot of money.

The nuclear waste problem must be dealt with and decisions will be made one way or another.

Whatever happens, it may take 10,000 years to see who is right.

# what's Happening The Bay

To submit an event, email ldunick@dougallmedia.com. Please include details about the event, including any cost

## **May 11**

**Zorya Ukrainian Dance** 

Join the Zorya Ukrainian Dance Association at the Thunder Bay Community Auditorium for their year end concert.

This year: "Svoboda Ukraini! Freedom for Ukraine!"

On May 11, we are fundraising to help those in the midst of the war. We pray for and look to peace and freedom for Ukraine! .... Their life, their culture and their traditions

Proceeds will go to the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal; a donation box will be available at the concert. All donations and concert proceeds will be sent to Ukraine via the CUF 'Canada Ukraine Foundation'. An income tax receipt will be provided by the CUF to everyone who requires a receipt.

About 80 dancers on stage, four years old to adults!

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Concert tickets are available at the TBCA box office on Wednesdays 12:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tickets are also available on Ticketmaster.ca.

The show starts Saturday at 7 p.m.

## **May 17**

**Dinosaur World Live** 

Looking for fun days out with the kids? Dare to experience the dangers and delights of Dinosaur World Live in this roarsome interactive show for all the family!

Discover a pre-historic world of astonishing (and remarkably life-like) dinosaurs. Meet a host of impressive creatures, including every child's favourite flesh-eating giant, the Tyrannosaurus Rex, a Triceratops, Giraffatitan, Microraptor Segnosaurus!

A special meet-and-greet after the show offers all our brave explorers the chance to make a new dinosaur friend. Don't miss this entertaining and mind-expanding jurassic adventure, live on stage. The show is at 6:30 p.m. on May 17. Tickets are available at Ticketmaster.ca.

## **May 19**

**Simon & Garfunkel** 

The Simon & Garfunkel Story is bringing its national tour to your TBCA.

The immersive concert-style tribute show recreates the magic and authenticity of Paul Simon and Art Garfunkel on stage and chronicles the amazing journey shared by the iconic, Grammy-award winning folk-rock duo. It tells the story from their humble beginnings as Tom & Jerry, to their success as one of the best-selling music groups of the '60s, and to their dramatic split in 1970. The Simon & Garfunkel Story culminates with the pair's famous "The Concert in Central Park" reunion in 1981. The show begins at 7:30 p.m.



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# Weather often affects fishing

After enjoying a day of phenomenal fishing, have you ever returned to the same spot the next morning and found the fish to be missing? Likely, the barometric pressure and temperature are dropping and, as a result, the fish have either shut down or moved to deeper water.

Simply put, barometric pressure is the weight of the air pressing down upon everything on our planet, including the fish we are targeting. Even small changes in barometric pressure can cause big variations in the activity and behavior of these fish.

While humans do not overtly feel the



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changes in atmospheric pressure, beneath the water it is a different story. This is because everything in the water sinks, suspends, or floats, and changes in air pressure alter the delicate balancing act. The effect is

further compounded beneath the waves where objects effectively weigh less, making them more prone to change. This means the



Things like the barometric pressure can impact where anglers can find fish out on the water.

fish are feeling even slight changes in barometric pressure.

As anglers trying to figure out how to coax a few bites out of lethargic fish, we need to first understand why the bite has shut down. Chances are good that those fish that were feeding ravenously yesterday were in shallow water. Fish that inhabit the shallows are much

more susceptible to air pressure and temperature changes than deep water fish, even within the same lake. This is because fluctuations are greater in shallow water and changes in water temperature, light penetration, and even the amount of sediment suspended in the lake will all impact how actively fish will be feeding.

So, when the barometer is falling and a cold

front is moving in, anglers should switch to finesse techniques and really try to slow their presentation down. Conversely, a rising barometer often coincides with better weather and good fishing. To capitalize on the change, anglers should switch to more aggressive presentations which will allow them to cover more water and locate active fish. Likewise, it makes sense to target prime feeding areas as the barometric pressure rises. Most anglers will agree, however, that the most reliably good fishing action occurs when the pressure, and the weather, has been steady for several consecutive days.

Plenty of things can cause a hot bite to turn off. Fishing pressure, boat traffic, and changes in water conditions can all affect the behavior of the game fish we are targeting. Acknowledging the effect of changing weather and barometric pressure can help us put together a pattern that will allow us to still catch a few fish. Knowing that the fish will still bite if we downsize our baits, slow down the presentation and perhaps move to deeper water, is the key to consistent catches during the wild swings in pressure and temperature we have to deal with each spring in Northwestern Ontario.

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# The Slater family receives the keys to their new home from Habitat for Humanity in Thunder Bay. (Justin Hardy)

## **Habitat home handed over**

By Justin Hardy - TB Source

A local family received the keys to their new home on Thursday through Habitat For Humanity Thunder Bay's home ownership

Habitat for Humanity is celebrating its 39th new affordable home build by handing over the keys to the Slater family for a bi-level, three bedroom, two bathroom home that includes a backyard.

As a pre-requisite for the program, the Slaters were tasked with volunteering a minimum of 500 hours of "sweat equity" with Habitat for Humanity Thunder Bay.

The family has well exceeded the 500 hours, a testament to the sheer dedication they brought to the project, on top of volunteering at the Re-Store when they weren't on site.

Tyrell Slater said his family has already made countless memories through volunteering together and all that hard work was worth it.

"[It's] so overwhelming, we didn't know when this day would finally be here for us. From when it was just a hole in the ground to watching the foundation be built, poured, everything going up the walls. Seeing it all come together, it's something we've never been a part of before so to make it ours is even more overwhelming," he said.

In March 2023, the Government of Canada and Habitat for Humanity announced a \$25million investment to build 500 affordable homes across the country in the next three



Cheese fondue has made a resurgence in popularity, bouncing back from its '70s-era heyday to rise up again. (iStock)

# **Fun with fondue**

**Derek Lankinen** 

Here's Cooking at You Kid

With a global pandemic far in our rear view mirror. It has been said that 2024 is the year of the dinner party, and for the first course, we're serving up a fondue party. Fondue?, you say. What is this, a ski lodge in 1975?

To which I the representative of the fat kid delegation, respectfully reply, the allure of a deep bowl of hot, melted cheese, let alone a cheese pull, transcends mere decades. It is as constant as the sun, as eternal as hope. We are far from alone in this decidedly uncontroversial position: fondue has of late been oozing all over social media and making cameo appearances on restaurant menus.

It also sits in the middle of the overlapping Venn diagram of two current dining crazes: for maximalism, and for '70s-era food nostalgia. And, not incidentally, it was recently cold outside, and few foods are more well-suited to the dead of winter than molten cheese.

It's little wonder that fondue is the national dish of Switzerland, a

country that knows from winter: On a cold night, few things are more cozy than a pot of wine-infused melted cheese.

A classical fondue is a showcase of glorious Swiss cheeses that you typically choose for the specific flavors they impart. If you feel in over your head, go see Matt at the Cheese Encounter on Algoma and tell him you're working on a fondue, he won't steer you

At its most basic, Swiss fondue is a mixture of Gruyere and Emmentaler cheese. (There are also French- and Italian-style fondues, but that's another story.) You can make fondue in the fondue pot directly on the stove and then carry it to the fondue stand, or you can make it in a regular pot and transfer it to a fondue

If you're doing the latter, make sure that the fondue pot is warm; if it isn't, the fondue will cool quickly. If you never got a fondue set for a wedding gift or flat out refuse to buy one, a warmed crock pot will also do the job. The process of making fondue is simple but there are steps. Grate all of your cheese with a box grater and place it in a large bowl.

Sprinkle some cornstarch on top of the grated cheese and toss to evenly coat the cheese, then set aside. Next, Smash a garlic clove with the flat side of a knife and place in a saucepan on the stovetop. Add some wine and bring to a light simmer over medium heat.

Then, add the cheese mixture one handful at a time, stirring constantly with a wooden spoon. Continue to add until all the cheese

is incorporated. Reduce the heat to low and stir until the cheese is smooth and starts to bubble lightly, five to seven minutes.

Add the pepper to taste. Transfer to a fondue pot, turn on the heating element, serve with raw or blanched vegetables, pickles, crusty bread or crackers, enjoy.

Derek Lankinen is an award-winning chef. author, and restauranteur. He is the Owner/Operator of Beefcake's Burger Factory with two locations in Westfort and Current River and Co-Owner of Elite Beef.

# **TBPS to monitor** those in custody

By Katie Nicholls - Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

With new technology, the Thunder Bay Police Service is launching a new program to keep people safe while in custody.

Inspector Joe Dampier, with the primary response branch, showed off a new military-grade heart monitor bracelet.

"This program, Custody Protect, is for monitoring those in custody. It provides us with some biometric information that will help us ensure the wellness of the people that are in our custody."

Wearing the heart monitor bracelet is voluntary, and it will be part of the screening questions when conducting prisoner intake at TBPS headquarters.

"We've had to establish a policy for its use," said Dampier.

"And part of that policy is also our training component, which all of the watch commanders and jailers will undertake. The information will go to a screen, an app that the watch commander and jailers will monitor."

The device monitors for changes in heart rate and location tracking and also features fall detection.

Watch commanders and jailers will receive special training before the devices are implemented, Dampier said.

"We are just finalizing our policy on it and the training will likely commence within the next week or so. We're hoping to have this rolled out within a few weeks, definitely by the end of May."

After two people died during separate incidents while in police custody, Dampier was asked why it's taken police 10 years to implement this kind of project.

"Because it's emerging technology," he

"We're, to our knowledge, the first in Canada to roll this out as a part of the pilot project."

A total of 20 units will be available, one for each holding cell and potential inmate.



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# Bird songs, chorus in woods

I didn't hear it; I didn't see it; but I felt it. My first mosquito bite of the year. And I wasn't outside. I was in my library writing.

I was actually focusing on my computer screen, which was the only light at my desk, so the nasty stinging thing managed to alight on my hand without me noticing. As soon as I

felt the bite, I looked, saw what was causing this discomfort, and swatted hard.

Then I had to figure out how this lone mosquito made it into the room. And while I was pondering the source of the mosquito's appearance, another one flew in front of me.

This one was much harder to kill. I had to wait until I moved to my comfy chair and settled with my

book and music. The bug had gone on a tour of my room but eventually sought me out, coming to rest on my hand but not for long. It, too, was dispatched.

Ah yes: the basement door had been open for quite a while as my wife, Laura, The Gardener in this family, was transplanting in the attached greenhouse.

So, they are out, not in swarms as yet but

soon especially since the temperature during the day is finally getting a lot warmer. Of course, mosquitoes breed in swampy, still water of which we have had a lot lately.

And while we are happy that the rains have come to hopefully make up for the lack of snow this past winter, to saturate the land, to

> restore groundwater levels most important for rural folk who rely on wells for their water supply and to provide a buffer against potential forest fires.

Anyway, as of this past weekend, there were lots of perfect breeding puddles for mosquitoes to hatch.

A dear friend who we got to know when I was still "in harness" at the radio station, Bob Christie, former dean of the outdoor rec

department at L.U., told my wife, Laura, that when the leaves on the poplar trees grew to the size of a mouse's ear, then the black flies will appear.

Sure enough, the bushes and trees are seriously thinking of budding out. The pussywillows have sprouted. I have no doubt that with this heat, the black flies will appear also.

Of course, black flies breed in fast-flowing water like rivers, creeks, and streams that are still carrying the runoff meltwater from what snow we received. One would expect the ditches, creeks, and streams to have backed off with the flow but the recent rains have maintained a steady running water. In a marvelous series of books called "Up North" I learned that black flies are (unfortunately) necessary for the propagation of blueberries. Ah well.

Traditionally the black fly season runs from May to the end of June and then they are supposed to disappear.

Hah! We've all known the occasional summer when the blackflies were still harassing us by September.

The length of their despotism depends on how wet or how dry the months of summer are. It would be nice if we could have a socalled "traditional" summer re: biting bugs.

I am still feeding the birds at our feeder. What has been amazing and a blessing for me is the appearance of evening grosbeaks that I haven't seen for more than twenty years.

These brightly coloured birds used to frequent our feeder at our log cabin but I hadn't seen any until this winter. They compete for the sunflower seeds along with

the bluejays (of course), the redwing blackbirds, beautiful, red-feathered pine siskins, and some black bird I haven't taken the time to identify.

Sunday night I ventured over to the barn to throw a last hay at our boarder horse who was brought into her stall earlier. When I opened the barn door to return to Casa Jones I heard them: the spring peepers. Hooray!

Spring peepers throating a chorus from our beaver pond. My new hearing aids have allowed me to resume a close-to-normal hearing level and hearing the night song of the peepers makes me very happy. The next bird I want to hear is the white-throated sparrow, one of my favourite songsters in the forest. Even going for walks on our trails in the past I was unable to hear these feathered critters even though my wife, Laura, could. "Hear that?" she'd ask. "Nope," I'd have to answer. Now I'm counting on being able to discern the white-throated's "I love Canada, Canada, Canada..."

With the sun finally banishing the rain clouds (at least for now) I hope to get back on our trails with our pooches for good tromps and if I am lucky, I might hear bird song that has eluded me these past couple of years.



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# Red Dress Walk raises awareness for MMIP

By Justin Hardy - TB Source

In honour of the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous People, otherwise known as Red Dress Day, a walk was held in Fort William First Nation.

A few dozen community members participated in the walk and participants were encouraged to wear red clothing and given pins featuring the symbolic red dress.

"The red dress is the jingle dress. It was made [by] an elderly gentleman whose daughter was very sick," said community Elder, Myria Esquega.

"He had this dream, and it was the red dress with the jingles on it that he had dreamt of. So, when he woke up that next morning, he had to go get the material and make this red dress for his daughter that was very sick. And once it was made, he was able to put it on her and able to stand her up and let the jingles move. When she moved, he helped her, and this is what healed her."

Walkers made their way from the community's youth centre, up Mission Road to the

Community Centre and back down Anemki Drive. Many community members and visitors stopped to take the time to acknowledge the walkers.

"We always have a lot of traffic from the arena, but we happen to have traffic today from the Goodwill Hockey Tournament that is happening in the community," said Chief Michele Solomon.

"Of course, a lot of the people that would be attending the Goodwill tournament are First Nation and Indigenous, so it was nice that we could have them acknowledge the walk that was happening."

In addition to the first nation, the day was also acknowledged throughout the city by various organizations including Dennis Franklin Cromarty High School which had displayed red dresses along its property this week to raise awareness.

"I think that it's a really symbolic way to raise the issue without words, without voice. It's really giving voice in a way that is symbolic. Those red dresses represent the missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls," Solomon said.



Fresh off his starring role in Barbie, Ryan Gosling is looking for back-to-back blockbusters with The Fall Guy.

# **Gosling's guy falls flat**

Fresh from his winning Ken-ilicious singing performance and comedic Barbie vs Oppenheimer bit with Emily Blunt at the Oscars, Ryan Gosling leads off the summer blockbusters with The Fall Guy (SilverCity) a big screen take-off of the mid-'80s ABC action series starring Lee Majors as a stuntman/bounty hunter.

The film is one part salute to stunt work, one part rom-com and one part crime caper. Unfortunately, the ingredients do not coalesce into a satisfactory whole.

Gosling plays Colt Seavers a top flight stunt man and chief double for action star Tom

Ryder (Aaron Taylor-Johnson.) An on-set accident leaves Colt with a broken back. In the ensuing months of recovery, he withdraws from the business and his newfound girlfriend, camera operator Jody (Emily Blunt), settling for life as a parking valet.

Colt's persuaded by producer Gail (Hannah Waddingham) to work on "Metal Storm," an expen-

sive, cheesy sci-fi film being shot in Australia. Jody's suddenly jumped from camera operator to first-time director. Thus, Gail says Jody needs his help.

Hoping to re-kindle their relationship, Colt arrives only to find that bitter Jody doesn't want him around. Further, Ryder's gone missing. Gail cajoles Colt to search for Ryder without arousing unwanted suspicion.

It's all a big set-up. In tracking down Ryder, Colt gets framed for a death caused by Ryder—(who was seen by multiple witnesses??) Baddies pursue Colt, believing he's in possession of Ryder's phone containing incriminating footage. Many chases and fight sequences ensue as Colt tries to survive the

mayhem.

Director and former stunt man David Leitch (Bullet Train) expertly orchestrates unrelenting fights, vehicular mayhem and explosions but he's not big on plot and characterization. There is nothing wrong with over the top action when it's ideally buttressed by emotional investment in the characters.

The story is nonsensical though it occasionally lands effective in-jokes: "Too much exposition turns off the audience!" spouts Colt as he's doused with gasoline. Despite their onscreen appeal, the Gosling/Blunt romance is undernourished with lame banter.

> There are some bits sparkling intermittently in Drew Pearce's script. Gosling's Doberman Jean-Claude responds to commands only in French. Ryder uses a ridiculous array of post-it notes.

> Taylor-Johnson nicely sends up Matthew McConaughey. There's effective use of KISS' I Can't Stop Loving You. Jason Momoa has a hilarious cameo.

There are echoes of Truffaut's Day for Night with references to Jason Bourne, John Wick and Tom Cruise, and any Bond film with incredibly bad henchmen marksmanship.

The real stunt homage occurs in behind-thescenes footage during the credits, including a world record number of 'cannon' car rolls. Complementing the theme, check out Richard Rush's The Stunt Man with Steve Railsback and Peter O'Toole and Hal Needham's Hooper with Burt Reynolds.

Ultimately, "The Fall Guy" is a bear hug from an over enthusiastic uncle who just doesn't know when to let go. Stay around for the closing credits where there is a giddy homage to the original TV series.

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Wake the Giant is back for a fifth year, with The Arkells, Galantis and Walk Off the Earth heading the bill. (Leith Dunick)



# **Arkells, Galantis top WTG lineup**

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

The Arkells are knocking at the Wake the Giant Music Festival doors and organizers have leapt to their feet to invite them in.

The Hamilton rockers are the first name on this year's festival poster, a lineup that includes EDM giants, Galantis, and Walk off the Earth, along with a mystery band on line No. 2 that is expected to be unveiled next week, a marketing ploy to build interest in the fifth anniversary of the popular event.

Also on the bill are returning favourites, D.J. Shub, Drives the Common Man, Chester Knight, the Ira Johnson Band and Thunder Spirit.

Festival co-founder Sean Spenrath said it's a balancing act trying to build a lineup that will appeal to a broad swath of the community, including the Indigenous youth the festival was created for to welcome them to Thunder Bay.

"The reason we go for the diverse audience is we're also using the festival to educate people. We're trying to get different age groups to attend the festival so we can educate them about First Nation issues in this country and the challenges that our students face," said Spenrath, the student success program coordinator at Dennis Franklin Cromarty High School, an Indigenous school that educates students from remote communities across Northwestern Ontario.

Fellow organizer A.J. Haapa said the goal each year is to include at least 50 per cent Indigenous content on the bill.

"It kind of puts the spotlight on them and lifts them up. We use the festival as a vehicle to help educate the community at large about First Nations' history and culture and traditions.

"There's a lot of sides to Wake the Giant, but another super important part is acting as an orientation and kind of as a welcoming party for our kids to make sure that they do have a soft landing when they're here for school and that they're welcomed in a really good way," Haapa said.

Student artist Tessa Harper, a 19-year-old from Sandy Lake First Nation, said she's attended two Wake the Giant Music Festivals and helped design the poster for this year's event, scheduled for Sept. 14 at the Marina Park festival grounds.

It's so much more than the music, she said. "The whole message of Wake the Giant is



The Arkells' Max Kerman at Blues Fest in 2018 (FILE)

to create a space that sends a message to youth coming into Thunder Bay that we welcome you here and you have a place here. I think that message is welcoming to the youth who come into the city from their home community, where they have no clue where they are," Harper said.

"They're just here to get an education. I've been to Wake the Giant two times and it does send that message. I do feel great whenever I go to the festival. I feel like I have a place there. I feel like I don't stick out like a sore thumb. Wake the Giant is more than just the music and the headliners."

That said, she's looking forward to watching all the performances at the late summer festival.

"The music is cool. The music is really diverse and it just keeps getting better and better with the artists that they bring in. I'm really excited to see all of them perform and I'm excited to see the whole lineup in person the day of Wake the Giant."

Tickets are on sale now at www.wakethe-giant.ca. Tier 1 tickets are \$125 and limited VIP tickets are going for \$180. Children 11 and under are free for general admission, but still require a ticket to attend, available via the ticket sale.

More than 20,500 people have attended Wake the Giant in its first four years.

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# **Attardo knows goals**

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Players like Tyler Attardo don't come along very often.

It didn't take Tony Colistro much convincing to snap him up earlier this spring, after FC Manitoba, the only other Canadian team in USL 2, left the league.

The Winnipeg-born striker scored five times for FC Manitoba in 2023, and later was named an OUA West first-team allstar playing for the York Lions.

He's hoping to bring more of the same to Chapples Field this summer, for a Chill team that struggled to find the back of the net at times last summer.

"It's exciting for sure," Attardo said on Monday night, the Chill opening training camp at the home of the St. Ignatius Falcons.

"To be honest, after FC Manitoba got cancelled out this year, I wasn't sure what I was going to do. Tony reached out and I was excited by the opportunity. How can't you be? This team, just look what they did last season. They've been around a long time, consistent."

The 21-year-old said scoring goals isn't the only skill he brings to the Chill organization, though admitted it's a large part of why he was brought on board.

"Hopefully more," he said. "Obviously that's my job as a striker, to put the ball in the back of the net. But I also like to think I bring some experience, some leadership to the squad. I'm looking to really help some of the younger guys and try to guide them up."

As is the nature of the USL 2, Attardo is joining a revamped Thunder Bay Chill squad that is bringing plenty of new faces to the pitch.

Cameroon left back Macdonald Niba, Canadian midfielder Mamadou Ba. Brazilian left back Tulio Melo, Swiss midfielder Philipp Jauch, Canadian right winger Diego Reveco, American keeper Joshua Moya, Canadian defender Felix



Tyler Attardo scored five goals last season as a striker with FC Manitoba. He'll try to bring the same goal-scoring knack to the Chill in 2024.

N'Sa, Italian midfielder Nicolo Lanari, Canadian midfielder Karim Bachir Bey, French midfielder Jules Peycelon, English attacker Sam Jordan and Spanish right back Jordi Navio Sanchez are a dozen of the other newcomers in camp.

Colistro said he was looking to build a deeper defensive squad, one that's more aggressive than last year's Chill team that made the USL 2 playoffs, but were bounced by Des Moines in the opening

"They're taller, stronger, more aggressive players, and we're a little bit deeper on the back end. But as well, we brought in some strikers, No. 9s, attackers who can score goals," Colistro said. "We did a good job last year of keeping possession, but we struggled to find goals at the beginning of the season.

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"We tried to really focus our recruiting on making sure we were deep in those areas."

Another change in 2024 is the number of friendlies the Chill plan to play ahead of their May 31 home opener against Bavarian United.

"That's the first time ever," Colistro said. "We always wanted probably three, but this year it kind of worked out that we're getting the five. I think that's really going to help us establish what we want against Bavarian."

Attardo said the Chill will use the preseason to get into game shape, but more importantly, get the players used to playing with each other and familiarize themselves with each other's games, before the points start counting in the Deep North Division standings.

"When you have a bunch of guys coming in new together, they kind of take the experience together and it really helps to mold the team," said Attardo, whose resume includes a residency academy stint with Chievo in Italy and another with Chile's Rangers de Talca.

The Chill will host the Winnipeg Lions in friendlies on May 18 at 7 p.m. and May 19 at 1 p.m. They'll take on the Thunder Bay all-stars on May 22 at 7 p.m. and welcome Winnipeg Hellas SC to Chapples Field on May 25 and May 26.

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# George leads Canada to gold

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Thunder Bay's Carter George faced a 19-shot barrage in the second period and stood his ground, helping propel Team Canada to a come-from-behind win in the gold medal game at the Under 18 World Hockey Championship.

George made 31 saves in the game and was named the tournament's top goaltender, helping Canada down the United States 6-4 on Sunday to capture the country's first U18 title since 2021.

Gavin McKenna, widely considered the favourite to be taken first overall in the 2025 National Hockey League draft, scored three times to lead the Canadians, who trailed 1-0 after one and 3-2 after two, to victory.

George, a near lock to hear his name called during this year's NHL draft, was at his tournament best in the finale, stopping Cole Hutson and Max Plante on first-period breakaways and robbed Hagen with a spectacular stick save in the final five minutes of the second.

The turning point for Canada came in the third, when American forward Trevor Connelly was ejected from the game for a

check to the head of Canadian Ryder Ritchie, the son of former NHL journeyman Byron Ritchie.

Canada was given a five-minute powerplay and they made the most of it.

McKenna tied the game at 10:25 of the third and took a 4-3 lead at the 13:40 mark on a Cole Beaudoin tally. Taj Iginla, son of hall-of-famer Jarome Iginla, scored what proved to be the game winner 39 seconds later, with seven seconds to go in the major.

Brodie Ziemer cut the Canada lead to 5-4, beating George with 4:24 left in regulation, but the undefeated U.S. side was unable to pot the equalizer. McKenna iced it with 1:18 to go, George drawing an assist on the empty-net tally.

George, who toils for the Ontario Hockey League's Owen Sound Attack, finished the tournament with a 2.33 goals against average and a .915 save percentage, leading Canada to an undefeated record.

American goaltender Nicholas Kempf made 19 saves to take the loss in net for the U.S., led offensively by Cole Huston and his goal and two assists. Cole Eiserman and Christian Humphries also scored for the Americans.



Carter George is expected to hear his name called in the National Hockey League's upcoming entry draft. (IIHF photo)

# Jays need major changes

**Leith Dunick** 

**SPORTS SHORTS** 

It's time to blow up the Toronto Blue Jays.

A wholesale change is needed from the top of the organization to the bottom, starting with the front office and the manager's chair.

General manager Ross Atkins and team president Mark Shapiro have got to go. They've wasted the best years the Jays are going to get with their core, and have done little to supply

the coaching necessary to get the best out of the likes of Bo Bichette and Vladimir Guerrero, Jr.

They've been fleeced in the trade department, giving up top prospects for next to nothing, and have traded the wrong guys at times. It was clear Alexander Kirk was the guy who should have been dealt instead of Gabriel Moreno, but instead of selling high, they opted to send the better prospect, along with Lourdes Gurriel Jr., to Arizona.

Someone in their front office made the bizarre decision to pull Jose Berrios in Game 2 of last year's playoff series against Minnesota, completely ignoring how well he was pitching at the time.

It didn't work out, but are you surprised?

Manager John Schneider is being outmatched by his opponents, and his best

before date has long since past. It's time to shake things up and bring someone else on board to guide the ship. A year ago I'd have been all about Don Mattingly taking the reins, but the second-year hitting coach is also part of the problem, I'm afraid.

I'd give the new manager until the trade deadline to turn things around. If Guerrero

and Bichette still aren't getting the job done at the plate, I'd look at what might be on the table in a trade, and send the former packing before he tanks his value any further.

Teams may pay up for a year of control. It's clear he has no intention of signing a long-term deal anytime soon.

George Springer could also draw some appeal from the trade market, despite his average

hovering around the .205 mark.

The Jays farm system is middling, at best, and Toronto could use a boost of prospects to help turn things around, if indeed a rebuild is in the cards.

The Guerrero-Bichette era opened with so much promise. Such a wasted opportunity. This team should not be a last-place club.



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