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Poonam Arora dances last Saturday as part of Thunder Bay's Folklore Festival at Fort William Gardens. The festival was back after a three-year absence. (Leith Dunick)

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A wild-west-style shootout took place outside of Spence Court. Two suspects have been arrested and others are being sought.

Shootout fallout

By Ian Kaufman - TB Source

A brazen daytime shootout at a Westfort apartment complex is sparking alarm and calls for increased policing and addictions treatment funding from local leaders.

Video released last week by police shows at least three suspects exchanging gunfire in what police described as a “haphazard” fashion, spraying at least 20 rounds wildly across the parking lot of the Spence Court social housing facility on Amelia Street.

The shooting, which police believe is linked to drug trafficking, has caused no known injuries, but widespread concern over how easily tragedy could have struck.

Police had apprehended two suspects in connection with the incident as of Friday, charging both with attempted murder. Officers continue to seek other involved suspects.

Mayor Ken Boshcoff, who also serves as chair of the District of Thunder Bay Social Services Board, which operates Spence Court, called the incident “horrific” and “as bad as it gets.”

“It’s not tolerable,” he said. “We as a community have to really rally together to understand just how serious this is. This is an escalation that’s got to be stopped in its tracks, and I’m just supportive of the police and what they must do now.”

Bill Bradica, CAO of the Thunder Bay DSSAB, echoed that concern, but suggested there was little more the agency could do to prevent such incidents without further police support.

“We’re quite upset about criminal activity like that happening at one of our properties, and very

concerned about the safety of our tenants and our staff at that location,” he said.

“But this is a criminal matter, this is a policing matter, and we look forward to enhancing our partnership with Thunder Bay Police Service on providing community policing in our neighbourhoods. I’m going to take the new police chief at his word about wanting to enhance community policing, because it’s certainly necessary.”

One Spence Court resident who identified himself as Ronald said Tuesday’s shootout was simply the latest in a string of violent incidents that have deeply impacted residents’ ability to feel safe in their homes.

He said he felt uncomfortable bringing children into the the 163-unit building, calling it “unpredictable and unsafe.”

However, he described positive experiences with the DSSAB and its support workers, saying “they do their best” to confront those issues on a limited budget.

A DSSAB survey conducted in 2022 found social housing residents increasingly reported feeling unsafe due to factors including trafficking.

The social services board previously rebuffed a request to come before Thunder Bay’s city council to publicly address concerns related to drug trafficking in its housing facilities.

The city doesn’t have authority over the DSSAB, though six of the agency’s 14 board members are Thunder Bay city councillors.

DSSAB has added a new security and risk officer to its staff this year, responding to results of a 2022 security audit, and previously expanded cameras and door monitoring systems, Bradica said.

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Long-time councillor Scollie dies

Bill Scollie was a local entrepreneur and athlete as well

By TB Source staff

A long-time local business owner and former city councillor has died.

Bill Scollie died at the age of 81, according to an obituary shared by his family.

Scollie was first elected as an at-large councillor in 1997 and was subsequently re-elected twice, serving through 2006.

In 1963, he opened the Imperial Pro Shop on Victoria Avenue, and was part of the partnership that turned it into The Ski Haus, which moved to Brodie Street where it remains in operation as the country's oldest family-owned specialty ski shop.

Scollie was also a decorated rower, competing at the 1975 world championships. He was twice inducted into the Northwestern Ontario Sports Hall of Fame.



Bill Scollie was first elected to city council in 1997. He was twice inducted in the Northwestern Ontario Sports Hall of Fame and was known as the owner of the Ski Haus. (FILE)



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Singh talks cost-of-living

By Katie Nicholls - TB Source

Federal NDP leader Jagmeet Singh was in town to talk about the high cost of living in rural and remote communities especially in the northern parts of the province.

While hosting a round table with members of the Ontario Public Service Employees Union, the Ontario Nurses Association, and Unifor on Friday morning, Singh heard about the plight of workers in health care.

Singh listened to stories of health-care professionals working multiple jobs at facilities across the city and region just to make ends meet. There were several stories of workers who were given grocery cards because they were being forced to choose between buying food or paying for a roof over their heads.

Singh said he's heartbroken about the struggles that these workers are facing, the same workers that are in roles to help keep people safe and to keep people healthy.



NDP Leader Jagmeet Singh says he's heartbroken about the struggles of the working class.

The NDP leader, who struck a confidence-and-supply agreement with the governing Liberals, called out Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and the Bank of Canada for

increasing interest rates. Singh pointed to Trudeau and how Ottawa has the ability to stop this from happening.

"Inflation isn't coming down, food

prices continue to skyrocket, so we're saying we need to tackle the greedy CEO's that are jacking-up prices, making record profits where people can't even afford their groceries," he said. "We're going to target CEO's that are exploiting the inflation period."

He suggested better competition laws, better protection for consumers, and strengthening for workers. Touting that his party has increased the GST rebate, bringing dental care to low-income Canadians by the end of the year, the NDP leader wants to break up the monopoly of the corporations and put workers and people first over the corporations with better protection for consumers when it comes to price increases.

Singh went as far as suggesting what some European countries are doing called an "excess profit tax" to tackle corporate greed, dissuading companies in those countries from continually raising prices, which then puts pressure on workers and consumers are forced to pay more.

Officer charged

By TB Source staff

A high-profile Nishnawbe Aski Police Service officer has been placed on leave after facing criminal charges after a recent off-duty incident.

NAPS officer Jason Storkson, 50, of Shuniah, has been charged with break and enter with intent to commit an indictable offense and mischief under \$5,000, an OPP spokesperson confirmed in response to a TBnewswatch inquiry.

The charges relate to an incident on April 11, when OPP officers responded to a disturbance at a Shuniah residence just after 11 p.m. An investigation determined forced entry had been used to enter the home.

Storkson has been placed on administrative leave, said NAPS Deputy Chief Darryl Snider, adding the incident that led to the charges occurred while Storkson was off duty.



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Sem-Won nominated by NDP

Candidate has run twice previously

By Katie Nicholls - TB Source

Yuk-Sem Won and the federal NDP are hoping the third time will be the charm in the Thunder Bay-Rainy River riding.

While NDP leader Jagmeet Singh was in town earlier this week, it was announced that Won has been nominated as the party's candidate in Thunder Bay-Rainy River.

Won pointed to Singh's appearance as a sign of his dedication to the north.

While there's no election looming in the immediate future, nominating Won for the 40,000 square kilometre riding now will give her time to connect with

constituents.

"The amount of dedication and work to do this job properly, I need that time to make the connections with the community to continue the relationships and the bridges that I've started building in past elections and to really make sure that I am aware of the issues connected with the people when election time comes," she said.

"It's an absolute honour to be the candidate again, to have the support of not only the people, but the party."

Won has run twice for the NDP in the federal riding, finishing third in both of the 2019 and 2021 elections. Most recently, she ran in the Neebing ward in last year's Thunder Bay municipal election, where she placed second.




Yuk-Sem Won (left) accepts the NDP nomination in Thunder Bay-Rainy River as party leader Jagmeet Singh looks on last Friday. (Katie Nicholls)



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COVID's legacy

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It also showed a broken system at just about every level of government imaginable.

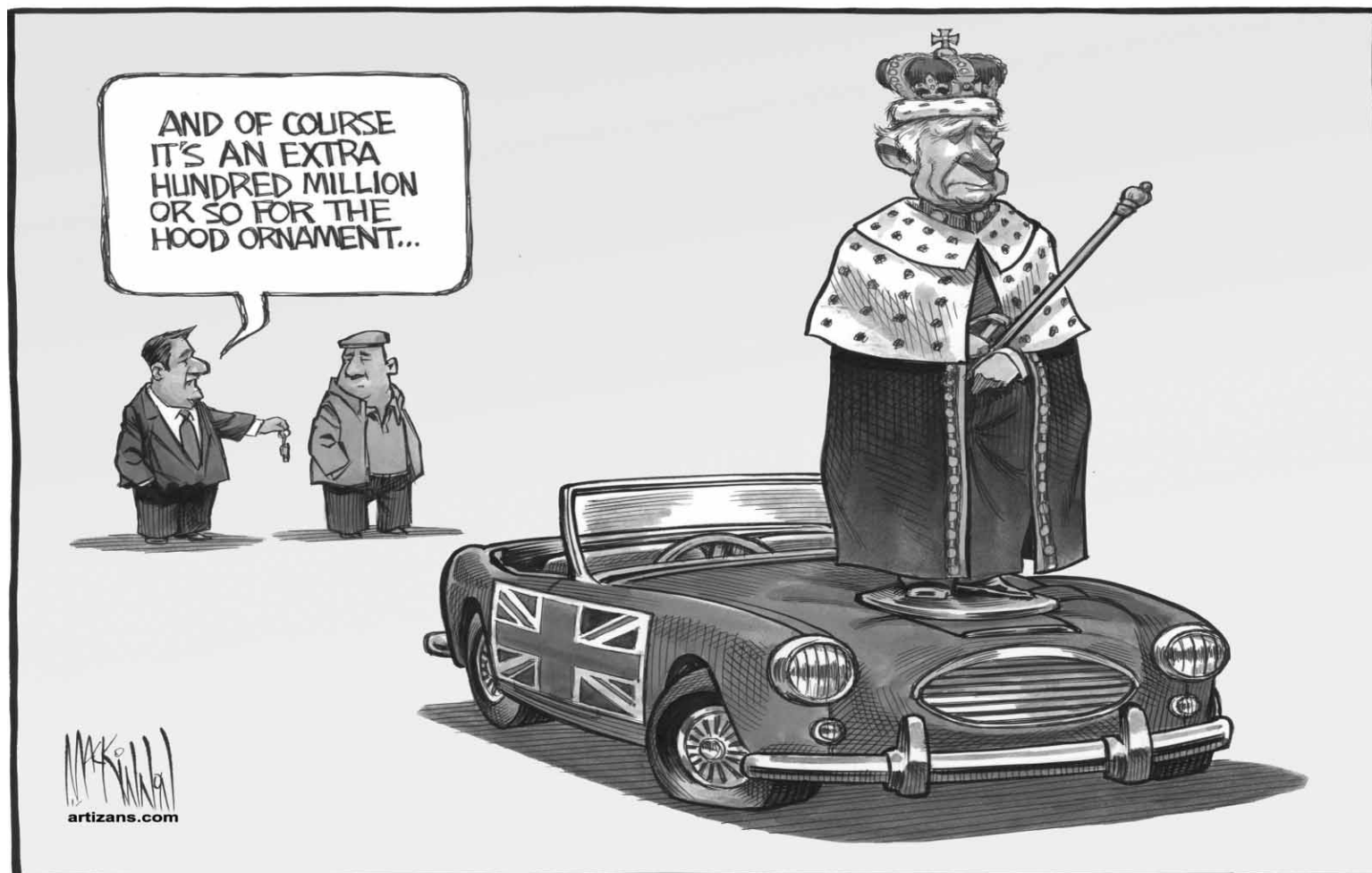
Simply put, Canada - and we certainly weren't alone - wasn't prepared to handle the pandemic on its own.

From a lack of vaccine manufacturing facilities to a shortfall of personal protective equipment, we lacked the basics to get through it and had to rely on the generosity of other nations, who naturally took a somewhat me-first attitude.

Provincially, the health-care system was woefully inadequate to deal with the pressures put on it, and staff and patients paid a heavy price, as did businesses forced to shutter for extended periods of time, some never to return.

The unvaccinated also suffered.

Canada and its people must learn from its mistakes because the next time, Canadians won't be nearly as eager to do it all over again.



This Other Eden story of good intentions

This Other Eden by Paul Harding discovers a territory and mines its riches: Apple Island on America's eastern seaboard is named after the apple trees planted by the first settler: Benjamin Honey - American, Bantu, Igbo - born enslaved - freed or fled at 15, only he ever knew - ship's carpenter, aspiring orchardist, arrived on the island with his wife, Patience ... Galway girl, in 1793.'

The story proper opens more than a century later, in 1911, with Esther, the great-granddaughter of Benjamin and Patience, and now matriarch of her own clan of Honeys, dozing in her rocking chair, grandchild on her lap, snow falling outside on a chill spring morning.

A handful of other people now live alongside the founding family. Based on the historical Malaga Island off the coast of Maine, home to a racially mixed fishing community from the civil war up until the early 20th century, Harding's island is peopled by descendants of freedmen and Irish, of 'Penobscot grandmothers and Swedish grandpas', some still recognisably Angolan or Congolese in heritage, others like the Lark family 'drained of all colour'.

Their lives are precarious. The

Honeys live on carpentry; the McDermotts, who make their home in the shell of a beached schooner, by taking in washing. Esther's nearest neighbour, Zachary, is a drifter and civil war veteran who spends his days carving scenes from the gospels into a hollow tree. The island itself is marginal, subject to flood tides of biblical proportions, the worst of which took the original orchard.

Islanders are proud, though. The supplies shipped over by well-meaning mainlanders are a puzzle to them: the shingles sent to

repair their shacks are inferior to Zachary and Eha Honey's handiwork, and Esther uses them for stove wood. The island's children have free range, too, exploring and wandering. There is beauty here, and grace, and - crucially - refuge. Harding's message is clear: only at the margins could such a community establish itself.

The mainland has also sent a minister. Matthew Diamond, strikes up a friendship of sorts with Esther. Surprised at her quick mind, he takes to sitting on her stoop, discussing scripture and Shakespeare. In Ethan, her grandson, Diamond sees an extraordinary talent for drawing.

For all his kindness and best inten-

tions, Diamond's attentions have alerted others on the mainland. Journalists report on the islanders. Photographers make postcards. Men come with callipers to measure heads, their interest eugenics.

Through Diamond's intercession, Ethan is offered tutelage on the mainland. As his drawing talent is undeniable and his skin light enough to pass, Esther knows this is a rare chance for her grandson. The potential reward is great, the risk equal.

This is a story of good intentions, bad faith, worse science, but also a tribute to community and human dignity and the possibility of another world. In both, it has much to say to our times.



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Reimagining city's south core

By JR Shermack

Just like all local residents I have a vested interest in the future of our community and lately I have noticed a smattering of vision and imagination in city affairs.

I attended the ceremony for Thunder Bay's Citizenship Awards a few weeks ago and it was encouraging to see the talent and dedication that thrives in our community.

The mayor and several councillors were on hand to give accolades to the recipients for their eclectic accomplishments in areas from performing arts to support services.

This on-going celebration reveals an optimism for the future and there are other things contributing to a vision for a revitalized community.

When I heard that Victoriaville was being demolished I was happy that a decision had finally been made to remove this white elephant from the city's future plans.

The big event is scheduled for 2024 - many local citizens can remember when it was built and for most it will be good riddance to see it go.

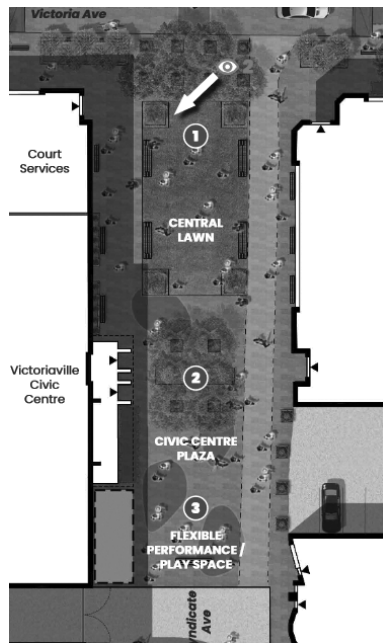
I might even take my grandkids to watch the big machines bring Victoriaville down.

And then, as the vision unfolds I hope to take them back to enjoy the new vistas and amenities of our re-developed downtown.

A fact sheet for the Re-imagine Victoriaville project poses the question, "Imagine yourself in downtown Fort William five or 10 years from now. How do you hope to describe it?"

The answer will reveal your personal vision of the south core and the project team is hoping to hear from concerned citizens about the different futures they visualize.

Public consultations were held on May 3 at centre court in the doomed Victoriaville Centre to share information, including preferred designs for the Victoria/Syndicate area.



A partial plan for the Victoriaville space.

Starting this fall the facades of buildings inside the mall are being refitted and weatherized to withstand the outdoor elements once

the protective shell is removed.

After that there are two themes being brought forward by the consultants - one is an urban space with hard surfaces suitable for public activities.

The other is a boreal forest design that reflects the natural environment of Northwestern Ontario.

Both concepts are vague and the final plan is incomplete - if you have a different vision for the future of the south core there is plenty of opportunity to share your ideas and concerns.

Don't hesitate - remember what happened the last time we decided to revitalize this area.

Redevelopment and construction of the streets and public plazas is scheduled for summer to late fall 2025 - this seems like a very ambitious timeline but who knows.

However, there is more to the vision than that and even once the demolition and reconstruction is completed there will be other challenges and opportunities.

This project will require vision, patience and determination to be done effectively - it will depend on continued public support and the leadership of this and future city councils.

Part of the vision includes an active plan to revitalize the south core in ways that address other pressing issues.

Additional housing in the area is a top renewal priority - possibilities include creating rental space in heritage buildings and a demonstration housing project on vacant city land.

Part of the vision for the future includes plans by city and business leaders to make some "big moves" like luring a university or college to establish a campus in the south core.

As for me, all I ask is a comfortable place to hang out with friends, family and acquaintances, with plenty of fresh air and good coffee available nearby.

For anything other than that I defer to the vision and imagination of my fellow citizens.

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Making Peace is inspired from the current exhibition Art to Pass the Time: the Artwork of Prisoners of War; this interactive workshop will use a variety of materials to "make peace" through the merging of the past and present.

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May 26-28

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The Battle of the Atlantic was a turning point in the Second World War and is celebrated annually across Canada.

Battle recalled

By Matt Vis - TB Source

It's been 78 years since the end of the Battle of the Atlantic.

The longest continuous campaign of the Second World War, spanning from 1939 to 1945, saw both sides battling for control of the ocean, which was vital to move personnel and supplies.

The service and sacrifices of those who served in the Battle of the Atlantic were commemorated in an annual remembrance ceremony, which was held Sunday at HMCS Griffon.

Cdr. Nathanael Moulson, the commanding officer of HMCS Griffon, described the Battle of the Atlantic as the Royal Canadian Navy's most significant victory.

It also came at a great cost, with 54 sailors who enlisted at the Lakehead having lost their lives during the Second World War.

It's important to remember that these were real human beings. They had real lives and families," Moulson said. "They had children, parents, nieces and nephews. When we no longer have the presence of veterans, I think the responsibility is that much greater for us to remind everyone that these were real human beings who sacrificed so much."

By the end of the Second World War, Canada had the third-largest Allied Navy.

The ceremony included the roll call of ships, with a bell rung to remember each Royal Canadian Navy ship that was lost during the war.

This year's ceremony coincides with the 100th

anniversary of the establishment of naval reserves in Canada, which has a particular significance for Thunder Bay and HMCS Griffon.

"We are the Navy in Thunder Bay. We represent the Navy in Thunder Bay and for all of Northwestern Ontario," Moulson said.

HMCS Griffon member Thayden Little Sobchuk had a family member who served on a ship that had been involved in the Battle of the Atlantic.

"Just him being on the ship and the ship having been in service, that's still a big thing to me," he said. "It means a lot."

"All of the people who have fallen for us to bring us freedom and the people who made it through, I'm glad they made it through and were able to make it back to their families."

For Moulson, while he acknowledged most of the day is focused specifically on the Battle of the Atlantic and those who were lost, he also thinks about those who are currently serving in Canada's armed forces.

There are about 70 sailors at HMCS Griffon who are often deployed all over the world, he said, adding one has just returned from Sudan.

"He took a lot of risk to go there. It was a great sacrifice — he has children and a wife at home," Moulson said. "I think about people like that, that are still willing to make the sacrifice, to take the risk."

"As senior members of the military, the onus is on us to make sure we share those stories and remind Canadians there are people out there defending their values and defending the peace and security that we enjoy."

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Underground gym welcomes evacuees

By TB Source staff

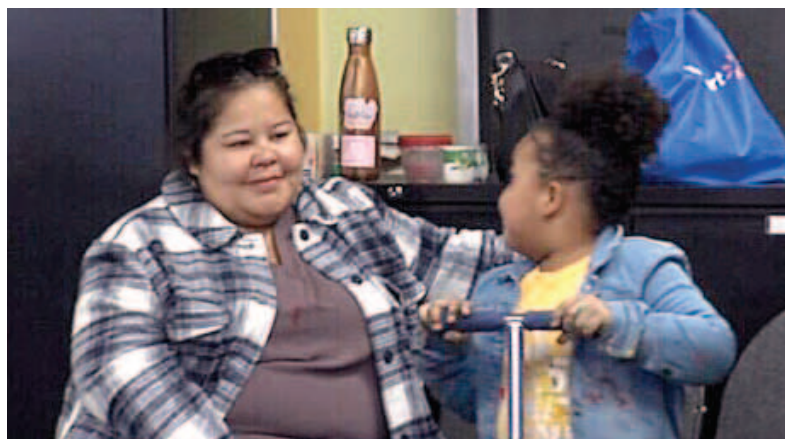
The Underground Gym is doing its part to help residents of Kashechewan First Nation cope with their forced relocation 700 kilometres away from home.

Over two hundred people from the community near the James Bay coast were airlifted to Thunder Bay last Thursday because of flooding from the Albany River.

On Monday, the youth facility on Victoria Avenue played host to a number of Kashechewan families.

"I'm all about kids, and I have been for 25 years. Especially Indigenous children. I got a call asking if they could utilize the gym. Of course, I said 'right away,'" said Peter Panetta, the founder of the Underground Gym.

Approximately 40 parents and children took advantage of the



Kashechewan First Nation residents paid a visit to the Underground Gym on Monday. (TBT News) opportunity to escape the confines of their hotel rooms.

"I can imagine how difficult it must be for them to be displaced. Let Thunder Bay welcome them as best we can, and make them feel

comfortable at least," Panetta said.

The youths visited the weight room, the boxing area, the music room, art room, games room, and play room for toddlers.

"They're having a ball in there.

They're all occupied," Panetta said during an afternoon visit from a TBT News reporter.

Kashechewan resident Victor Stephen said community members are used to having to leave their homes because of flooding every spring, and most would like to see this come to an end.

He's experienced an evacuation himself for more than 15 years now.

"It's very stressful. It's too much. Once you hit spring, 'boom,' you're exposed and have to get ready for the evacuation ... This has to stop one day."

Four years ago, the federal and Ontario governments reached a framework agreement with the First Nation for the permanent relocation of the community to higher ground, but arrangements have not been completed.

Stephen expressed frustration that it's taken this long to carry out the agreement.

"Sometimes I wish the government officials could come to live three years with us, and experience what we go through."

But he was quick to add, "Thunder Bay is treating us very well. We are welcome here. And we can see that. They feel for us ... I'm so happy that Thunder Bay Fire are here to help us, to entertain and keep us busy. Things are rolling now."

Stephen said living in a hotel can sometimes feel like a hostage situation.

Panetta wants to do more to help relieve the stress that Kashechewan residents are experiencing, and suggested he may arrange for an outing to Mount McKay later this week.

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Rain and snow melt make mud

Well, it has finally happened. The melt is on. The snow is rapidly disappearing. And Sunday, we had light rain all day. Result? Mud.

The presence of mud is a mixed blessing of course. Yes, it indicates that the spring season has finally arrived as the warming days cause the snow to disappear. What replaces the snow is lots of water - giant puddles in our driveway where I gouged gravel while desperately trying to rid the surface of snow and ice.

Too much dirt

Sometimes with the bucket of my tractor I miscalculate and dig a tad too deep.

Now one of the several jobs will be to rake that precious gravel back onto the gouged parts of the driveway.

The main cause of the mud is traffic. The driveway and especially where we park our vehicles has been chewed up by car and truck tires. Can't help it. Have to park somewhere. So, mud. What a mess.

The downside of mud season concerns dog paws. Now we must be vigilant when pooches try to enter Casa Jones. Make sure that the inner door is closed so that they can't make a b-line right into the inner sanctum. We have ragged towels at the ready to wipe paws.

On wet days like this past Sunday when it rained all day, not only paws but bellies must also be wiped, especially since we do allow doggies onto the couch. A couple of times

before I managed to get the dog paw wiping routine down, I had to mop the floor. But I don't want to have to wipe the couch.

When Laura woke up, she looked out toward the garden, saw bare ground, and announced that now she could plant.

What we've (really she) been doing is planting in trays and putting them out in our greenhouse that is attached to the basement of our 'hoosie' when the day promises some heat.

We bring them inside every night and put them

back in the greenhouse every morning.

But as Laura has begun transplanting the burgeoning plants into smaller containers, the available

shelf space in the greenhouse was getting to be very tight. One had to get inventive in squeezing trays together as more and more trays appeared.

But now with the weather having changed, the hardy plants that can handle a bit of cold could go straight into the garden soil. Eventually fewer and fewer trays will be carried out to the greenhouse to be brought back inside at night.

Laura is a keener as are all avid gardeners. Can't wait to get hands in dirt. After lunch I was relegated to carrying trays of plants from the greenhouse to the garden.

Laura took it from there while I grabbed a small spade, the wheelbarrow, and proceeded to search the area around the house for dog poop, now revealed since the snow melted.

After several hours of Laura bending over in the rain getting soaked while planting the lettuces, onions, etc, all (she tells me) hardy to survive in this weather, I brought out to her a hot chocolate that was appreciated. Laura looked up and I could not see her eyes because the glasses that she has to wear were covered in rain drops.

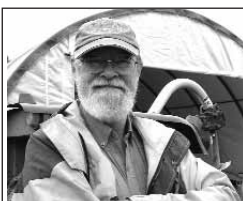
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"How do you see out of those?" I queried.

"I make do," she replied.

I offered to take them inside but she told me that regardless of how wet they were, she still needed them to see what she was doing when planting. Okay. I retreated to the house to change into dry clothes.

So, it has begun: the planting of the veggie garden.



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Chimichurri brings tasty flavours

Anyone who looks through the Elite Beef social media accounts recognizes one thing every few weeks.

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While chimichurri has found itself on a lot of Mexican menus, its origins are in Argentinian cuisine with some nods to Uruguay and Nicaragua.

Its original use has always been as a complement to grilled meats. However, creative chefs and foodies have found many different uses and swapped out certain ingredients to offer new and exciting flavour dynamics.

It's also very similar in profile to

the Moroccan Chermoula sauce.

What's in it? Well, the traditional green (verde) chimichurri has chopped parsley, minced garlic, olive (or other high quality) oil, oregano and some red wine vinegar or lemon juice. Spicier versions will also include red pepper or chili flakes. As stated previously it's a bit more understated with its flavours than its red sister.

The acid and the garlic really shine to brighten up fattier meats like beef. Red (rojo) chimichurri includes all of the above ingredients but will also add paprika, red bell and hot peppers, cumin and shallots to it to give it a far more dimensional flavour design.



Derek Lankinen

Here's Cooking at You Kid



Chimichurri sauce pairs well with steak.

Red chimichurri is found on quite a few game meats as well as chicken, and lemme tell you, put it on top of a beautiful venison loin, its

to beat my friend.

If you have questionable knife skills or simply no time. You can toss all of your ingredients in the food processor and blend it up until smooth.

Most people won't know the difference. Now let me continue with saying while we are discussing the most popular use of chimichurri the name also has other meanings in different cultures. In the Dominican Republic, chimichurri or chimi is a hamburger topped with chopped cabbage and salsa golf (a sauce made from mayo, ketchup, and seasonings).

In the cuisine of León, Mexico, chimichurri is a pizza topping of mayonnaise, mustard, chile de árbol, white vinegar, garlic, oil and salt.

This dressing has an orange hue and is very popular in the city.

That's one I'm gonna have to poke Jim about.

In Argentine street food, you will find Bondiola sandwiches, which is pieces of thick pork shoulder that is roasted or cured (or both) but you will sometimes find beer braised pork as well.

The meat is then served on a toasted brioche bun. You will find it accented with chimichurri sometimes and in high tourist areas dripping with melted cheddar cheese and caramelized onions.

You can only guess who those sandwiches are designed for.

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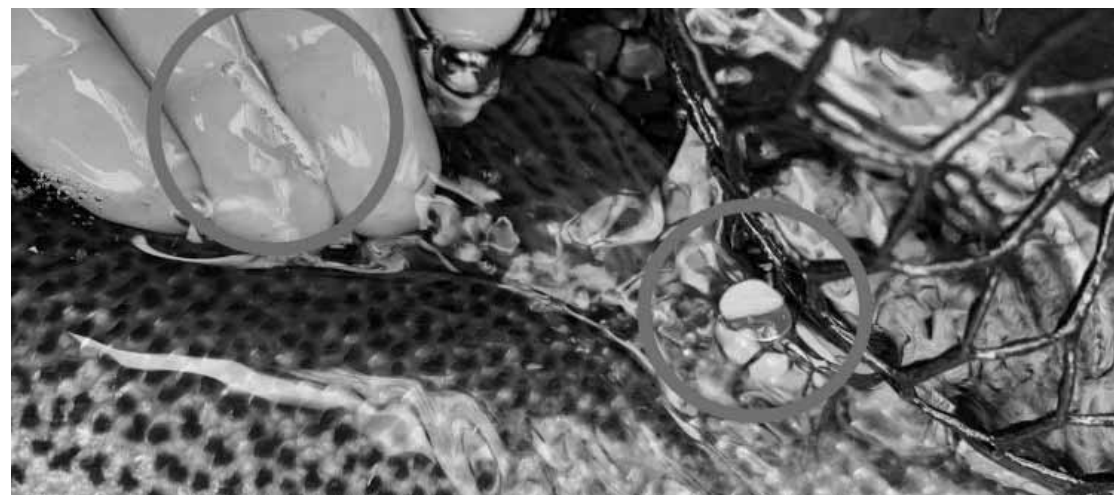
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A well-traveled steelhead with tags from both Minnesota (left circle) and Ontario (right circle)

Steelhead stats

Scale samples help Co-operative Angler Program study

If you are fishing on a North Shore tributary to Lake Superior this spring, there is a very good chance you will see a member of the Co-operative Angler Program collecting scale samples from the steelhead they catch.

These skilled anglers carry a scientific collectors permit, issued by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (OMNRF), and they have received training on how to properly handle and sample live steelhead.

A small number of these volunteer anglers will also be marking fish with a small fin clip as part of a population study on select rivers.

Within this group of markers, there are a couple OMNRF employees who are also adding a small plastic tag in front of the dorsal fin.

The program is a partnership between the Upper Great Lakes Management Unit of the OMNRF and the North Shore Steelhead Association (NSSA). The scientific data collected can help resource managers understand population fluctuations to properly manage our wild steelhead now and into the future.

The Co-operative Angler Program is conducted annually during the spring spawning run. When a fish is caught, anglers record the length and sex, and then collect a scale sample. In the tributaries where population trends are being followed, steelhead are also marked with a fin clip and sometimes a tag.

The clip allows an accurate estimate of the adult steelhead population size by using a mark/recapture method known as the Petersen Estimate, and the tag helps track movement patterns around Lake Superior. Importantly, the data shows that clipping and tagging fish does not harm them or

lead to increased mortality, likely because the volunteers do not remove the fish from the water.

At the end of the spring season, the data is collected and analyzed to reveal all kinds of important information, such as number of years in the stream as a juvenile, age at sexual maturity, number of spawning seasons survived, total number of years in Lake Superior and the age of the fish. Miraculously, all this is extracted from a tiny scale. Once all the data is analyzed, a report is published on the NSSA web site.

Since 1995, over 10,000 steelhead have been tagged and anglers from all around Superior have reported their tagged catches to reveal some interesting movement patterns. It is fascinating to see how steelhead use the entire lake, which is a colossal 82,000 square kilometers in size. Of the fish caught in the Thunder Bay area, some stay relatively close to where they were tagged, while others have traveled east to Sault Ste Marie, west to Minnesota or directly across the lake to Michigan.

Every angler can help by reporting any tagged fish they catch.

If you catch a fish with a tag, please photograph it to record the tag colour and number and send an email to jgeorge@tbaytel.net.

The tag number, along with the date and location are vital, but it is also helpful if you can include the size of the fish, whether it was harvested or released, and its condition (for example, does it have any lamprey scars?)

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Craft revival success

By TB Source staff

Hundreds of people were out exploring local wares on Sunday during the 2023 Craft Revival event.

Kara Pratt, executive director, Craft Revival and Waterfront District BIA, said that it was a beautiful sight to see so many people out again this year showing their support for local artisans. "We have 22 locations this spring and we have 153 artisans and the whole idea is to get people into unusual places," she said.

"So, into small retailers that we have a lot of in Thunder Bay, small restaurants and the overflow end ends up in the Prince Arthur's landing in the delta and the baggage arts building."

Pratt said that Events like these are crucial for local artisans to let the community know about what they make and helps support the local economy.

"We're in hundreds of thousands of

dollars, we have some stats from previous years, we had about 3000 people down during the spring event and we get 6000 or more during our holiday events," she said.

"So, you take that, you know \$50.00 per person, it really impacts the economy in a very positive way, and that \$50 is a really is underestimating how much people would spend, it's probably like \$150, and then that rolls out into our restaurants."

The annual event has been running since 2014 and Pratt said that its impact on the community over the years has been exponential.

"It's very important to keep them going, it gets community together, it gets people into different places, it really showcases what Thunder Bay can do, we have a ton of talented artisans, we have a lot of small businesses and they're what keeps our economy going because we're so isolated," she said.



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An overstuffed swan song film

Guardians of the Galaxy III doesn't live up to the hype

With *Guardians of the Galaxy III* (SilverCity) reputed to be the series' swansong, director/writer James Gunn pulls out all the stops serving up not only the franchise's trademark elements, but he tosses in sentimentality and darkness for good measure.

The usual suspects are present: Star-lord Peter Quill (Chris Pratt), Rocket (Bradley Cooper) Drax (Dave Bautista), Nebula (Karen Gillan), Mantis (Pom Klementieff) and Groot (Vin Diesel).

The story begins with an attack on Guardians' HQ by Adam Warlock (Will Poulter) resulting in Rocket being gravely injured. The Guardians discover that their genetically-enhanced raccoon buddy has been imbedded with a 'kill switch' to prevent any tampering, denying any medical treatment unless a special bypass code is entered into his system. This forces the ragtag team to try not once but twice to recover the code to save their friend.

Warlock's attack was a clumsy kidnapping attempt at the behest of the High Evolutionary (Chukwudi Iwuj) a genetic megalomaniac who once used Rocket as a guinea pig and now wants him back for Rocket's advanced brain power to facilitate his creation of a superior Utopian race.

Dream weaver

While comatose, Rocket has several dark flashbacks as the High Evolutionary's guinea pig, quaking as he's taken from a litter of frightened raccoon pups to undergo genetic tweaking eventually becoming HE's animal protég . HE has created "Counter Earth," inadvertently populated by deformed beings, reminiscent of "The Island of Dr. Moreau." A flawed evil genius.

Rocket had the smarts to escape, sadly leaving behind his cheery experimental buddies, a female otter with metal limbs, a walrus equipped with wheels and a lamb with spider legs. This is Rocket's traumatic origin story.

Amidst this, Quill is re-united with Gamora (Zoe Saldana) who previously perished but has been revived by her father minus any memory of her involvement with Peter, leaving Quill quite morose.

There are engaging Guardian tropes—wise-cracks, needle-drops (not as sharply integrated here), allusions to 'family.' One sequence is vintage Guardians, a raid on a massive file



Chris Pratt brings a comedic touch to his Star-Lord role.

storage hub where Sylvester Stallone and Nathan Fillion pop up for amusing cameos.

Commendably, everyone gets their moment of heroism and comic relief, somewhat overwhelmed by the vortex of over-blown action.

Some action sequences are brilliant, while others are a jumble, hazily linked together. Iwuj is initially effective as the dastardly villain, but becomes increasingly toothless as the movie progresses.

Too many endings

Gunn overstuffs the last act with three climaxes: the Guardians trying to save not only themselves, but also a clan of blond children, and a horde of experimental animals. This explains the exhausting two and a half hour running time.

The ending provides changes to the Guardians' hierarchy stemming from some abrupt life decisions dubiously reinforcing the family theme at the expense of a more satisfying, credible payoff. Still, there are enough formulaic elements to placate most fans.

Endure the unceasing closing credits for a hint at things to come.



Marty Mascarin

MOVIE TALK



The Parade of Nations was a huge hit last Saturday at the 50th anniversary Folklore Festival. (Leith Dunick)

Folklore returns

By Leith Dunick TB Source

For the first time in four years, the dancers danced, the singers sang, the food was served and the crowds filled the Fort William Gardens floor, marking the return of the always popular Folklore Festival.

Eager patrons lined up around the building on Saturday, the pent-up demand for a taste of the multicultural diversity Thunder Bay has to offer driving thousands to the south-side of the city for a chance to embrace the global offerings of the two-day event.

Co-organizer Jeanetty Jumah said it was wonderful to see so many people out and about on a rainy weekend afternoon, enjoying the culture and heritage of others, getting to know their neighbours of all different backgrounds.

“Our community has been waiting to come together, to celebrate the rich cultural diversity of Canada. We have been waiting for a safe event where families can come out and everyone can appreciate a good time,” Jumah said.

“Folklore is affordable. If you haven’t come out, come on out.”

There’s never been a more important time in the country’s history to celebrate its diversity, Jumah added.

“I think we’ve become very insular. We don’t talk to people quite the same way and we don’t value and respect people. At Folklore, you see we’re all Canadians, we’re all good people and I

hope that everyone who is socializing with people here, will actually go out tomorrow and say hello to you and be a little bit more patient with their neighbours down the street,” she said. “Folklore is about people coming together and valuing who we are.”

Mia Huzan, who performed with the Chaban Ukrainian Dance Group in the Parade of Nations, said it’s important for people of different backgrounds to share their cultures, adding it’s her favourite weekend of the year.

“It’s really nice to see it back in full force and seeing people back after COVID. And it’s nice to celebrate all the different cultures that are in Thunder Bay and kind of take it all in, in one weekend,” Huzan said. “It’s amazing.”

“It’s important to celebrate everyone’s culture and learn more about every different culture, be able to pass on those traditions through the generations and inform people about things they didn’t know about before.”

Poonam Arora, who hails from India, also took part in the Parade of Nations, where she showcased Punjabi dance routines that highlighted the traditional role of women in her culture.

“We want to represent India here, because every country was going to be representing their own culture. We believe this is a rich culture and we are representing it to the people so they can enjoy the celebration the way we enjoy it,” Arora said.

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Basalyga signs with Roughriders

It was a disappointing Canadian Football League draft night for former Churchill Trojans receiver James Basalyga, but good news arrived the morning after.

Basalyga, one of the top receivers in the nation playing for the Waterloo Warriors, inked a deal with the Saskatchewan Roughriders and has been added to the team's active roster.

The fourth-year receiver had 34 catches for 621 yards and seven touchdowns with the Warriors last season.

That was the fourth-most rushing yards in the nation and the most in the OUA.

Basalyga was rated to go in the fourth- to sixth-round range in the

draft, but was passed over through eight rounds.

He could be the one-that-got-away from this year's draft class, and the other eight teams may regret not calling his name.

Still, with only 72 players chosen, there was plenty of talent that also didn't get drafted, so Mr. Basalyga shouldn't feel too bad.



The waiting is over and it appears Connor Bedard is headed to the Windy City.

The Chicago Blackhawks on Monday night won the NHL's draft lottery and the right to take a player described by many as a generational talent, the next Connor

McDavid or Sidney Crosby.

I haven't seen him play much, outside of the World Juniors, but that goal against Slovakia said it all.

As much as winning the lottery might have given a boost to hockey in either Anaheim, Columbus or Arizona, it's fitting to see Bedard land in an Original 6 city.

The Hawks, winners of Cups in 2010, 2013 and 2015, have fallen on hard times and have parted ways with Patrick Kane and Jonathan Toews, the two stalwarts of those championship teams.

Hopefully the Hawks make better use of the first few years of Bedard's time than the Oilers did with McDavid – though Vegas does have Edmonton as the current Cup favourite.

Then again, last week it was the Leafs and the week before that it was

the Bruins.



With the Maple Leafs needing a miracle to move on, it's starting to look more and more like Eric and Marc Staal will find their way to the Eastern Conference final, potentially matching up against younger brother Jordan and the Carolina Hurricanes.

If my Leafs are out, I'm going to become a temporary Panthers fan and cheer them on the rest of the way.

I'd love to see Marc get his first Stanley Cup and bring the Cup back home to Thunder Bay like Eric did in 2006 and Jordan did in 2009.

The veteran defenceman made it to the 2014 final with the New York Rangers, but they came up short against the Los Angeles Kings.



James Basalyga starred for Churchill.



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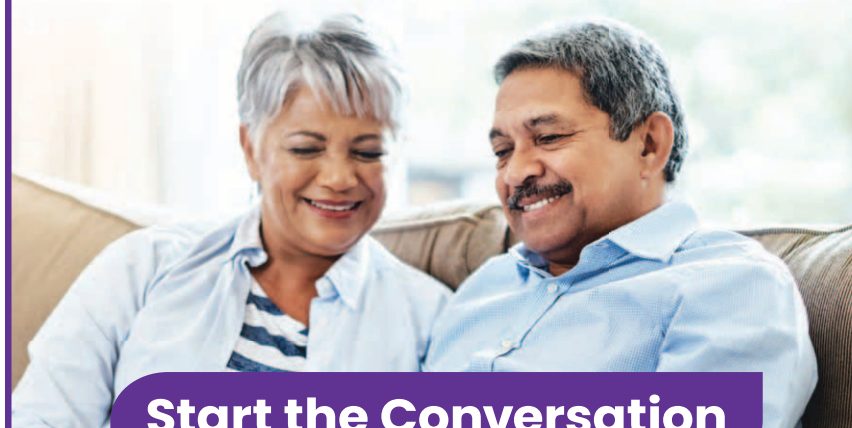


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Fish set for Centennial

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

The Kam River Fighting Walleye aren't just happy to be at the Centennial Cup.

Not by a long-shot. Though they'll enter the 10-team tournament as decided underdogs, the recently crowned Superior International Junior Hockey League champions have every intention of making a name for themselves in Portage La Prairie, Man., when the 11-day national Junior A championship kicks off Thursday morning, about an hour east of Winnipeg.

"We're trying to find that healthy mix of we can do this and win, but at the same time, there's not too much pressure for our team," goaltender Eric Vanska said, prior to the team's first post-championship practice on Saturday night at Fort William First Nation Arena, four days after knocking off the Thunder Bay North Stars in seven games to claim the Bill Salonen Cup.

It's just the fourth time an SIJHL team has made the Centennial Cup, which last year expanded from only including regional champions to inviting nine Canadian Junior Hockey League winners, plus a host team, to vie for the coveted title.

Three previous appearances

The Fort William North Stars in 2006, with future NHLers Robert Bortuzzo and Carter Hutton in the lineup, made the semifinals, while seven years later the Minnesota Wilderness fell 5-4 to the eventual champion Brooks Bandits in the semifinal round.

Last year, the Red Lake Miners, under the guidance of current Kam River coach Geoff Walker, lost all three games, outscored 26-7.

SIJHL rookie-of-the-year Max Leduc said the Fighting Walleye aren't looking at past results, and think they can open some eyes at the tournament, that will



Kam River goaltender Eric Vanska will be key to the team's success at the Centennial Cup. (Leith Dunick)

include the host Portage Terriers, the Brooks Bandits, the Battleford North Stars, the Steinbach Pistons, the Timmins Rock, the Ottawa Jr. Senators, the Terrebonne Cobras and the Yarmouth Mariners.

"A lot of people have asked about our confidence going in. There are nine other teams that have won. They're all going through the same things we are. They think we're underdogs coming in, but I think we've prepared ourselves very well and I think we're going to do very good," Leduc said.

Leduc said the Walleye (40-11-2) know from experience that taking an underdog for granted can come back to bite a team. "Underdog is a big title for us," he said.

Walker said he learned a lot coaching at last year's Centennial Cup and is looking to pass that knowledge on to a new batch of players. The draw helps, with the defending champion Bandits not on the round-robin slate, but that said, no team is going to be a pushover.

"All the teams are going to be good,"

Walker said. "We're looking forward to resetting and getting back on the ice a few times and getting to work and make sure we're ready to hit the ground running on Thursday."

Quick turnaround

It helps that instead of several weeks between the end of the SIJHL season and the start of the Centennial Cup, the Fighting Walleye will only have a week-long break. It doesn't help they've seen very little about their opponents, starting with Battleford on Thursday.

"We watched some video on Battleford this weekend. They're a big, fast, direct hockey team that keeps things simple and comes at you in waves," Walker said. "So we're going to have to make sure we're on point with everything that we're doing from the drop of the puck."

The Fighting Walleye take on Portage and former Thunder Bay North Stars forward Michael Stubbs on Saturday night, Steinbach on Sunday and Ottawa

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- 27 Isolate
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- 40 Wax (pref.)
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- 44 Bargain
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- 51 Title of Athena
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Birmingham gets ready to strike

Thunder Bay Chill open camp, season three weeks away

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

A year ago, Chapples Field was enemy territory for Brandon Bermingham.

The Irish striker was a key member of the Des Moines Menace's attack, scoring four times in the regular season and twice more in the playoffs to lead the Chill's Deep North Division rivals to yet another division title.

That's all changed in 2023.

The Menace have moved back to the Heartland Division and won't be a threat to Thunder Bay's side until the postseason.

Bermingham, who scored 22

times in 19 appearances last season for William Carey University, has switched allegiances, joining the Chill as their No. 1 scoring threat this summer as the team vies to make it back to the United Soccer League 2 playoffs for the first time since 2017, when they went to the national final in Charlotte, N.C.

He said he liked what he heard when he talked to Chill head coach Tony Colistro, making a return to the sidelines for the first time since 2012, and associate coach Sean Pierce, who coaches with the NCAA's Longwood Lancers, home of the Chill's Alex Pike.

"I like the plan that they were saying for the future. For me, and the way I play, it was good how we're going to progress this season," Bermingham said. "It's interesting."

"It's how they run stuff. I know

Sean and then Tony. There's



Brandon Bermingham is new to the Chill.

pedigree in the background with those two, so playing under two coaches (like that), you as an indi-

vidual can thrive, and as a team. I think it works well."

Though the Deep North Division likely won't be as easy to win for the Chill as some pundits are predicting, that's the expectation as the team opened camp on Sunday on the turf at St. Ignatius High School.

Nothing short of a second championship in franchise history will do, Bermingham said.

"Obviously winning is No. 1," he said. "I think if we get a good team bond early on, we can create a good atmosphere in the camp, win the regular season first and then we go from there."

It's this kind of attitude — and scoring ability — that encouraged Colistro and Pierce to reach out to Bermingham in the offseason, as they rebuilt the Chill not quite from scratch, but knowing that

most of last year's third-place club would not be returning this season.

"Obviously Brandon is a very dedicated player. He's the kind of striker that we want up top. He likes to score goals. We're just looking for that No. 9 who has a sense for the net and I think we've built the team around him to get him a lot of service," Colistro said.

"We've got high expectations and we just like that quality and the characteristics that he brings to the team."

The Chill open play on May 20 and May 21 at Chapples Field with friendlies against the Winnipeg Lions and begin their championship quest on the road the following Friday against Manitoba FC. Their home opener is June 2, when Rochester FC comes to town.

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