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Rick Simpson ready for upcoming racing season at Thunder City Speedway /13

Rick Simpson (left) reveals his new Superstock race car sponsored by Thunder Bay Truck Centre's General Manager Dave Mack. Racing begin on Wednesday night at the Speedway.



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On May 17, 2023, Hydro One released the draft Environmental Assessment (EA) Report for the Waasigan Transmission Line project, for public comment and review. The EA captures the process to identify a preferred route, predicts and assesses potential natural environment and socio-economic effects and identifies the actions Hydro One will take to minimize and avoid them.

The draft EA Report is available for public review and comment until July 7, 2023 at 4 p.m. (EDT). We invite you to review the Report and attend our community open houses where we will share information and gather feedback to ensure the transmission line is built with local community interests in mind.

The Waasigan project is a proposed new transmission line between Shuniah, Atikokan and Dryden that, once built, will bring enough energy to power a city twice the size of Thunder Bay.

HOW TO PROVIDE YOUR FEEDBACK

The draft EA Report is available at HydroOne.com/Waasigan and several locations, as listed on the website.

Comments on the draft EA must be submitted by **July 7, 2023 at 4:00 pm** to Sarah Cohanim, Senior Environmental Specialist, Hydro One at **1-877-345-6799** or **Community.Relations@HydroOne.com**.

Following the review period, the report will be revised to address comments received and a final EA will be submitted to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for final review and decision.



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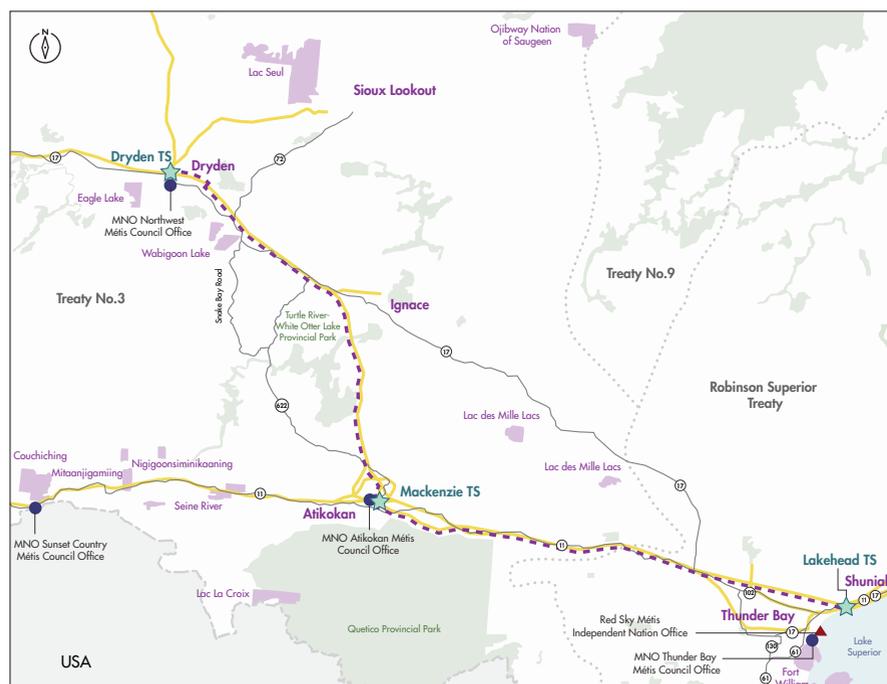
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WAASIGAN TRANSMISSION LINE

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- Existing Transmission Line
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- Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) Council Office
- Treaty Boundary
- First Nation Reserve
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The Viking Octantis is the first of many cruise ships expected to arrive in port in 2023. (Katie Nicholls)

Octantis opens busy cruise year

Four ships expected to visit city a combined 15 times

By Katie Nicholls - TB Source

It was a big day for the city when the Viking Octantis docked Thursday evening at Pool 6, kicking off cruise ship season.

This marks the second year the cruise ship line has gone through the great lakes and docked in Thunder Bay. Last year was the first year a ship of its size had ever cruised the great lakes.

Ship captain, Håkan Gustafsson, said there have been vast improvements on the dock compared to last year, especially the added feature of the fenders for the boat, making docking the vessel a lot easier.

He even went on to say that this is the "best one" and that it's the most smooth.

The city's tourism manager, Paul Pepe, says having the ships come to the city is a large economic boost, especially since this will be the

first full season after Covid. Pepe said "visitors, staff and crew are spending while they are docked." He continued that there will be vendors at future dockings "The Transportation Museum of Thunder Bay will be offering market days on the next vessel visit on June 5. Vendors are being invited to set up at Pool 6."

The ongoing updates to Pool 6 have contributed to a more welcoming space for visitors and crew, "credit goes to the city's infrastructure and engineering department, they lead the way on the continual improvements. this is probably the most practical and functional marine terminal in the great lakes in its ability to accommodate coaches, vans, buses, service vehicles and be walkable to the downtown, Pepe said.

A total of 14 visits, from four different ships, including the Octantis' sister ship the Viking Polar, are expected to stop in Thunder Bay.

WEATHER FORECAST

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
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The Snowbirds will visit with the public on Saturday, June 3 at 2:30 p.m.

Snowbirds join Kite Festival

By Katie Nicholls – TB Source

Canadian Forces Snowbirds will be flying into town for a show on Saturday and Sunday. This is conveniently at the same time as the Kite Festival taking place at Marina Park.

The two-day event will have air shows scheduled for noon, along with professional kite flying demonstra-

tions, community groups, food vendors, arts programming, outdoor games and youth skateboarding lessons.

Eventgoers will also have the chance to see what the inside an RCAF CF-18 cockpit looks like and the opportunity to meet and greet with members of the Canadian Forces Snowbirds team on Saturday at 2:30 p.m. in the Market parking lot at Marina Park.



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More than 200 people took part this past Sunday in the 12th annual Hike for Hospice at Boulevard Lake. (Leith Dunick)

Hike for Hospice helps with losses

By Leith Dunick – TB Source

End of life is never an easy time for anyone.

Those going through it themselves have to prepare themselves for the inevitable. Those left behind must deal with grief, bereavement and a deep sense of loss.

Hospice Northwest is there to help.

On Sunday, about 200 people took part in the 12th annual Hike for Hospice, the organization's only fundraiser of the year, the goal to collect \$65,000 to help cover the costs of running the program, which employs about 130 volunteers throughout Thunder Bay.

Cherie Kok, the executive director at Hospice Northwest, said their hospice without walls provides a valuable service, visiting clients and their families at end of life.

"The money goes toward our grief and

bereavement services. We help clients that might be experiencing grief after the loss of a loved one. It's a tough go when you lose somebody you love. It's final," Kok said.

"Our services really help people with workshops and one-to-one services and grief programs that they wouldn't get anywhere else."

Seeing so many people come out for the walk around Boulevard Lake is heartwarming, Kok added.

"We're all going to die. That's one thing we all have in common. How we die matters and that's how we feel at Hospice Northwest. That's why it's so lovely to see so many people out. We're back together after three years. We had to do virtual for a couple of years. Last year we had to be (entirely) outside, so it's wonderful to be back together again and see everybody here."

Hospital lifts most mask rules

By Leith Dunick – TB Source

Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre last Thursday lifted some of its last COVID-19 response requirements for visitors and staff.

In a release, hospital officials said patients, essential care partners and care partners will no longer be required to wear masks when entering the hospital, though care partners will continue to have to wear one if they are

symptomatic or based on infection and prevention and control protocols.

Staff, professional staff, learners and volunteers will still be required to wear a mask when providing direct patient care and as required under IPAC protocols. Masking will no longer be required in public areas, such as the cafeteria or Robin's Donuts.

The hospital will continue to provide masks at the entrance for those who

wish to continue using one while on site, and visitors will be required to sanitize their hands and self-screen for symptoms as posted at the entrances to the facility.

The main entrance will be open to the public from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m., and the 24-hour emergency department will be isolated from the rest of the facility, meaning no public access to the rest of the hospital from the ER.



A memorial for 10-year-old Riker Mckelvey continues to grow at the corner of Red River Road and Clarkson Street, where the youngster died last Tuesday.

Fundraisers to help family of Riker Mckelvey

By Leith Dunick – TB Source

A pair of online fundraisers in memory of a 10-year-old boy who was killed in a collision with a school bus earlier this week have raised more than \$65,000 and counting.

Joe Kolic and Krystal Zaporzan have each started GoFundMe pages for Riker Mckelvey, who was on his way to school Tuesday morning when the tragedy occurred.

"Riker was a fun-loving, energetic, and outgoing young boy with an infectious smile who loved to skateboard and spend time at the Cinema5 skatepark. He was a Grade 5 student at CD Howe School and would have celebrated his 11th birthday on June 1," Kolic writes.

Money from his GoFundMe page will be used to help ease the financial burdens being faced by the family, as well as helping them find a meaningful way to honour Riker's life.

Zaporzan's GoFundMe was begun to help the family deal with the nightmare of losing a child.

"If you had the pleasure of meeting Riker, like I did, you know what kind of child he was. I didn't know him well, but he was always a joy to be around," adding she's known Riker's mother since college.

"Riker was her world. Every single thing she did was for Riker. You couldn't have a conversation with her without it involving Riker."

A large memorial has been set up at the corner of Red River Road and Clarkson Street.

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Regional Assessment in the Ring of Fire Area Participant Funding Available

May 24, 2023 — The Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (the Agency) is partnering with Indigenous groups located in northern Ontario to co-lead the Regional Assessment in the Ring of Fire Area. The Ring of Fire area is located approximately 540 kilometres northeast of Thunder Bay and 1,000 kilometres north of Toronto, in Ontario.

After meeting with Indigenous leaders in early 2023, the Agency and Indigenous representatives are now co-developing the draft Terms of Reference for the conduct of this co-led regional assessment.

Participant Funding Available

Funding is available to assist eligible individuals and groups to provide input into the development of the draft Terms of Reference, as well as provide comments on the document once available.

Applications received by **11:59 p.m. on June 23, 2023** will be considered.

For more information about the Funding Program, including eligibility criteria and the application form, please visit the regional assessment's home page on the Registry website, reference number 80468. You can also contact the Participant Funding Program by writing to fp-paf@iaac-aeic.gc.ca or by calling 1-866-582-1884.

Virtual Information Sessions

The Agency, in collaboration with partner Indigenous groups, will host virtual information sessions to provide information on the regional assessment, including details on the current status of the planning phase and upcoming public participation opportunities. Participants will also learn about the process for developing the terms of reference, and how they can provide input and feedback on the draft document. The virtual sessions will consist of a short presentation, followed by a question and answer period.

English Sessions

Tuesday, June 20, 2023 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. ET
Thursday, June 22, 2023 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. ET

For information on how to attend a session, please visit the project homepage on the Registry. A French Session is available upon request. Material from the virtual sessions can be available in both official languages. If you have any questions, please contact the Agency by writing to regionalrof-cdfregionale@iaac-aeic.gc.ca.

More information on the regional assessment is also available on the Registry home page.

Stay updated by following the Agency on Twitter: [#IAAC_AEIC](https://twitter.com/IAAC_AEIC) [#RingOfFireRA](https://twitter.com/IAAC_AEIC)

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EDITORIAL

RIP, Riker

Our hearts go out to the family and friends of 10-year-old Riker Mckelvey.

The youngster was tragically killed on his way to school last Tuesday morning, sending the community into a city-wide mourning period.

It's hard for any parent to imagine losing one of their children, especially someone as young and vibrant as Riker, a Grade 5 student at C.D. Howe Public School, seemed to be.

It's clear from the public reaction just how much Riker was loved by everyone he met.

"He gave the best hugs," someone wrote on a Facebook post in honour of his memory.

A pair of GoFundMe pages have raised tens of thousands of dollars for his family, to help them through this tragic time.

A memorial continues to grow at Clarkson Street and Red River Road, where the incident with a school bus took place.

Thunder Bay is known as the city with the giant heart, and our collective grief shows the compassion we have for those who call the community home.

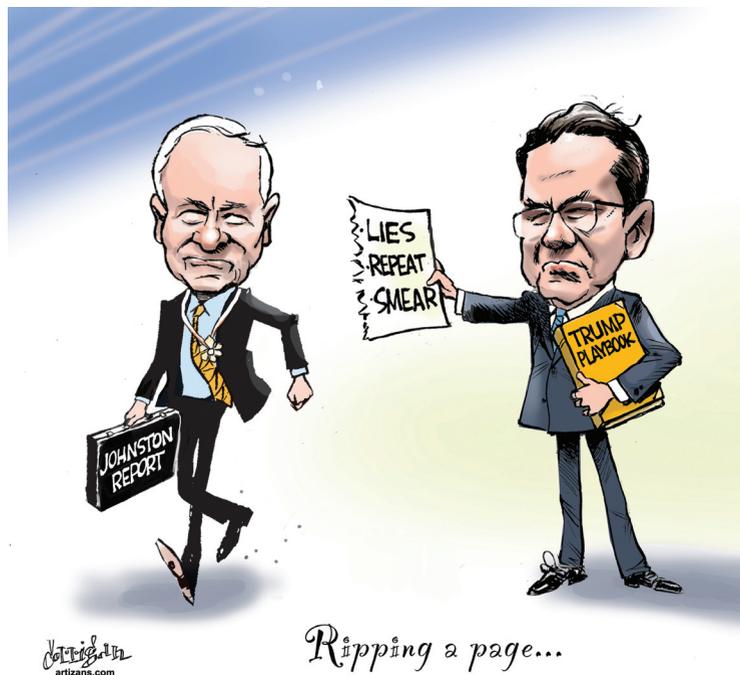
Rest in peace, Riker, may your memory live on forever.

Libraries need renewal To the editor:

Our library buildings are failing us. It's hard to say out loud for many of us who grew up going to our neighbourhood branches. While our memories grow fonder over time, and the buildings we visited have a cherished place in our history, the reality is that we need library buildings that can bring us into the future, not trap us in the past. We need infrastructure that meets the reality of our city today and for tomorrow, not that of 50 years ago.

The library builds community through literacy and education. This will always remain our foundation but the ways people learn and live are entirely different today than when our buildings were built. In 1951, when the Waverley branch was built and the Brodie Library was already over forty years old, our community was a radically different place. The suburbs didn't exist, most people lived in tight knit, dense neighbourhoods and the majority walked as only about 1 in 5 people owned a car. We were two distinct cities, centred on two downtowns that were dominated by young working families.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Since then our community has grown tremendously. We have united into one city and sprawled over a huge landbase. We've become car oriented and vehicle dependent and our downtowns face complex challenges involving addiction, mental illness and poverty. Our library buildings need

to modernize to acknowledge the changes our community has gone through and reinvent ourselves to meet new community demands.

A new central library branch in Intercity will bring us into the 21st century. It will allow us to offer the children's reading and programming spaces we just can't fit into

our old buildings. We are currently turning away children wanting to read due to a lack of program space. It will allow us to meet accessibility standards so that everyone can equally participate.

Our main ramp at Waverley fails basic accessibility standards. It will allow us to offer better hours on evenings and weekends so working families can fully embrace all the library offers. It will double down on what we know works - mixed-use space that brings our diverse community together in the centre of our city.

Thunder Bay deserves better. We need a new central library with strong neighbourhood branches. Instead of crumbling buildings that cheat our children out of the space they need to learn, read and grow, we can invest in a new library system that gives us the opportunity to attract the next generation of library patrons. We honour our past by investing in the future and providing our children, youth and seniors with opportunities to create new memories in places they can be proud of.

Richard Togman,
CEO,
Thunder Bay Public Library

Rushdie's Victory City tells a long-ago story

Victory City by Salman Rushdie is the story of the Vijayanagara empire that covered most of south India in the 15th and 16th centuries. Viewed from one angle, it was a seedbed for the globalised modern world, in that it became a haven for art and new ideas and an economic power-house that traded with China and Venice.

Viewed from another, it was a thicket of intrigue, rocked by rival factions, foreign wars and palace coups. Only the most brilliant or foolhardy scholar would dream of tackling its history in a single volume.

According to *Victory City*, one such scholar was the demigod Pampa Kampana, the empire's

mother, midwife and general overseer, who documented the era in a narrative poem she then sealed in a pot and buried in the ground.

Victory City is the abridged translation of Pampa's epic *Jayaparajaya* (a compound word meaning victory and defeat), retold in simpler language and stripped back from its original 24,000 verses. And if the result, while involving and enjoyable, rarely troubles the realms of the divine, that's probably what happens when a mortal rewrites a deity's prose.



John Pateman
BOOK BANTER

Rushdie's lavish, playful 15th novel plants him firmly back on Indian soil, cooking up an alternative Mahabharata and spinning an elaborate founding myth from the bare bones of history. He's enjoying the enterprise and his sense of fun is infectious.

Pampa Kampana is both mediator and participant, blessed (she thinks cursed) with an extended lifespan that roughly corresponds with that of the empire itself (1336-1565). Pampa grows a mighty city, *Bisnaga*, from a handful of beans and okra seeds. She

breathes life into its inhabitants, handpicks a cowherd as her king, a Portuguese merchant as her lover.

But, in true mythic fashion, the demigod's authority is fitful. She's variously powerful and weak as the story demands, frequently at the mercy of the men she's put on the throne. Sometimes she's worshiped, more often she's hounded. But by dint of her sex she's denied the chance to be monarch; the role, she admits, 'I wanted most of all'.

Each time Pampa's mission seems to be gaining momentum, it is dashed. *Bisnaga* is less a grand utopian project than a beach being dragged by incoming and outgoing tides. For every action, a reaction.

For every victory, defeat. The arc of Pampa's history bends towards wreckage, despair and realignment.

If this sounds fatalistic, the tone is anything but. Rushdie's fairytale of futility feels positively jaunty, very nearly a romp, and it covers the ground at a brisk, steady clip.

Pampa is alive to the dangers that surround her, but she is also swept up in the story, as though believing that by spinning a tale she might yet ward off evil, or at least leave something good and lasting behind in her wake. Pampa accepts that all empires eventually collapse into dust. 'Words are the only victors', she concludes, and stories, at their best, cheat death and live on.

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Virus never had a chance

By JR Shermack

I like the way spring is unfolding this year with warm daytime temperatures, clear blue skies and green things growing everywhere.

It's easy to be optimistic in the spring especially with an entire summer yet to come and this year is no exception, but 2023 seems like it will be a little more special.

We have planned a family road trip including a rendezvous with relatives for a camping adventure at Santa's village, somewhere in Muskoka (I thought it was at the North Pole).

That will be a very special reunion, postponed from last year, but there is even more reason to anticipate fun in the sun this summer.

There will be picnics at the beach, swimming in our favorite lakes, hikes through the woods and cookouts all summer long - what could be better.

But this year the beaches will be

a little sandier, the water will be a tad splashier, the sky will be as blue as it has ever been and the barbecue will taste savory sweet like never before.

So take a deep breath and heave a heavy sigh of relief because this is the summer we've been waiting for and which we sometimes thought would never arrive.

But we achieved a global milestone this year which came at a cost and a sacrifice but it has led us all here.

In early May the World Health Organization declared an end to the International Public Health Emergency three years after issuing its highest alert for covid 19 in 2020.

This was driven by high vaccination rates (83% in Canada), effective public health measures and the large numbers who have already gained immunity through infection.

At the risk of appearing cocky, in retrospect of heroic efforts by science, medical and public



Family cookouts are back in force this year.

health professionals not to mention a million unsung heroes, covid never had a chance.

It took a while to understand the situation and there were times when it appeared that the virus had the upper hand - every new covid wave made us more fearful.

Because it was our first pandemic the general public was initially caught off guard but through the stress and the turmoil medical science remained undaunted.

When rumours of an effective vaccine began it was said to be years away and then maybe just months until finally it was only weeks until Canadians lined up to get jabbed.

Three years later the jabs continue and we are poised to enjoy a stress-free summer with family and friends and throw caution to the wind, if we dare.

The World Health Organization would question that behavior stating that even though the emergency may be over covid is alive and well and not going anywhere.

It is still a threat to vulnerable

citizens in our community although healthy Canadians often choose to get back to normal life and manage the covid risks.

For most of us, with the exception of a few unfortunate centenarians, the coronavirus was our first and hopefully our last pandemic, but you never know.

Two elderly American ladies will vouch for that.

Anna Del Priore, 109 years old, survived the 1918 Spanish flu pandemic and lived to defeat covid 19 as well - her sister Helen, 105, also beat both viruses.

Mildred Geraldine Schappals beat the odds and the Spanish flu at 10 months of age and 102 years later she also recovered from covid 19, claiming that "It wasn't bad."

Whether you think of Canadian scientists armed with the latest technology or three old American ladies equipped with amazing immune systems, the result is clear.

The virus never had a chance.

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June 2-4

Oliver Paipoonge Heritage Park

Oliver Paipoonge Heritage Park, former known as Founders Pioneer Village, will be open Friday to Sunday, noon to 4:30 p.m.

Enjoy the Duke Hunt Museum, Russ's Garage, Village buildings. Bring the family for a picnic.

Purchase admission at the Train Station. It's \$5 for 13 and up. 807-475-7424 or email opmuse2@tbaytel.net. The park is located at 3190 Hwy. 61 at Gillespie Road.

June 7

Race Night

Head on down to the Thunder City Speedway for Week 2 of the summer racing season.

There will be five different race categories vying for the weekly title in each division.

Pits open at 3:30 p.m., the gates open at 4:30 p.m. and the racing starts at 6:30 p.m.

General admission is \$20, students are \$15, with valid identification, seniors are \$15 and six and under are free. Pit admission is \$30.

June 1

Into the Woods

All the Daze Productions presents *Into the Woods*, a 1987 musical with music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim and based on the book by James Lapine.

The musical intertwines the plots of several Brothers Grimm fairy tales, exploring the consequences of the characters' wishes and quests.

The show starts at 7:30 p.m. at the Thunder Bay Community Auditorium. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster.

June 3-4

Snowbirds/Kite Festival

The world-famous Snowbirds will be performing high in the sky on June 3 and June 4, with air shows sched-

uled for noon in conjunction with the Thunder Bay Kite festival, being held at Marina Park.

Pilots will be meeting with the public and signing autographs on Saturday, starting at approximately 2:30 p.m., in the Market parking lot.

June 5

Thunder Pride Breakfast

Thunder Pride is happy to invite you to their annual Pride Breakfast.

This year they are very excited to be working with many of the GSA (Gay Straight Alliance) clubs from many high schools and all school boards across Thunder Bay.

This is also their first fundraiser of the year to support the various year-round and pride month events.

Tickets are \$35 per person and can be bought in groups of eight.

The program begins at 7:10 a.m. and concludes at 9 a.m.

Tickets are available online at eventbrite.ca.



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Barbecue a world-wide tradition

Barbecued foods have a long and storied history all over this planet. I can imagine the first foods roasted over an open fire by cavemen probably have some seats at the history of the BBQ table.

I am by no means a historian but seeing the history of grilled and smoked meats is quite fascinating.

When the first Spanish conquistadors arrived in the new world they found the indigenous people of the Caribbean preserving meats in the sun.

This is an age-old and almost completely widespread method.

The paramount problem with doing this is that the meats would spoil and become infested with bugs.

To drive the bugs away cooks would build small, smoky fires and place the meat on racks over the fires.

The smoke would keep the

insects at bay and help in the preserving of the meat.

Tradition tells us that this is the origin of barbecue, both in the process and in the name.

The natives of the West Indies had a word for this process, "barbacoa".

It is generally believed that this is the origin of our modern word barbecue, though there is some debate on the matter.

Over time, the process began to evolve with the immigration of Europeans and their import of captured and enslaved Africans to the region of the Southern United States.

European pigs and cattle were transplanted to the new world and became the primary meat source for the colonies, pork being the meat of choice in the

South due to the ability of pigs to thrive with little care.

The racks used to dry the meat were replaced with pits and smokehouses.

The process of slowly cooking meat in early colonial times was often reserved for poor cuts of meat left for enslaved and low-income peoples.

Higher quality meats had no need for a process of cooking that would reduce the toughness of the meat.

Throughout the south, barbecue has long been an inexpensive food source, though labor-intensive.

That labour now is a process we willingly take on, but early on it was a necessity.

One thing to remember, that without a process of refrigeration, the meat had to be either

cooked and eaten quickly after slaughter or preserved by either a spicing or smoking process.

Traditionally spicing requires that large amounts of salt be used to dry the meat and lower the ability of contaminants to spoil the meat.

Smoking in this period of time had much the same effect.

The indigenous practitioners of barbecue, cold smoked meat meaning that the meat was dried by exposure to the sun and preserved by the addition of smoke.

It's important to remember that barbecue carries a lot of its roots in the Caribbean and African cultures.

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



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Life cycle of fishing line short

I could clearly see my expensive fishing lure imbedded into a branch that was submerged a couple feet below the surface of the water. I figured that, if I pulled with even pressure, I should be able to pull the branch free of the muddy lake bottom to retrieve my lure.

Instead, the line snapped almost immediately when some strong pressure was applied. That line probably had a fray in it, but I was also guilty of leaving the same line on the reel for several seasons while its quality degraded.

Most anglers use monofilament fishing line because of its amazing properties. Mono has good knot strength, it is smooth and easy to cast, it has low visibility and provides generally good abrasion resistance for a

very economical price.

Unfortunately, mono also has a short shelf life since it is highly vulnerable to heat and UV rays, which can quickly degrade the nylon.

As monofilament fishing lines age, they can go bad from improper storage and continued use, but it is mostly exposure to sunlight that weakens them.

Often, before we even realize the line needs to be replaced, we will lose a few lures, and perhaps a trophy fish, as the line continuously loses its strength and becomes more susceptible to snapping under load.

Even if the old line on our reels seems to be pretty strong, it will fray easier, lose its elasticity and become rigid and difficult to use.

While replacing the line on a fishing reel is a relatively easy and inexpensive process, it is the dilemma of what to do with the old line that is far more problematic.

Improperly discarded monofilament fishing line can last in the environment for up to six hundred years and it can cause fatal entanglement issues for all kinds of wildlife.

Luckily, the North Shore Steelhead Association and Lakehead Region Conservation Authority are setting up recycling units in popular angling areas in Thunder Bay.

These units, provided by a company called Clear Your Gear, are simple storage containers where anglers can dump their old line.

When the containers start to fill up, all the discarded line is collected and then shipped to the Berkley Pure Fishing company in

Iowa. Berkley melts the line down into raw plastic pellets that can be made into other plastic products including tackle boxes, spools for line, fish habitat, and even toys.

Only fishing line that is a single filament, nylon product may be recycled (such as the popular monofilament and fluorocarbon lines).

Fishing line that is braided or contains wire cannot be recycled. If you have old, unusable braided line, cut it up into small pieces less than 12 inches in length and place in a trash bin to make sure the line is disposed of properly.

Clear Your Gear fishing line recycling receptacles can be found locally at various spots on the Current, Neebing and McIntyre rivers as well as many conservation areas such as Cascades, Hazelwood Lake and Silver Harbour.



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Couple wins \$1.1 million

By Matt Vis - TB Source

A Thunder Bay couple are now millionaires after winning the May Thunder Bay 50/50.

Phil and Rosanna Roussin were unveiled on Friday as the winners of the monthly grand prize, claiming a \$1.1-million prize that is the fourth largest jackpot in the 50/50's history.

"We started buying tickets when we became aware of the Thunder Bay 50/50 right at the beginning, and my wife usually tells me to buy a ticket each month," Phil Roussin said in a statement released by the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Foundation.

"I'm a custodian at Holy Cross and this morning everyone was talking about how they were going to spend the money, I told

them don't bother because I'm going to win."

Proceeds from the draw went to support the care of newborn infants in labour and delivery, the foundation said on social media.



PHIL ROUSSIN

The 50/50 draw has given out more than \$23 million in prizes to winners from across the province, while raising money to buy equipment for the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre.

"We are so very grateful for people's ongoing, strong support of the Thunder Bay 50/50," said Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Foundation president and CEO Glenn Craig, "and so are patients as it allows us to fund new and replacement pieces of equipment - big and small - that are essential to their care."

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Everything all at once

Everything happened all at once. Or so it seemed.

My son's girlfriend's family arrived here Friday to stay with us as they had driven from their farm in southern Ontario to attend their daughter's graduation from four years of biology at LU.

Meanwhile, my wife, Laura was madly cooking for the gang and trying to prepare the veggie beds for transplanting.

I had discovered a couple of days prior to our guests' arrival that my wood splitter wasn't behaving properly - the piston was coming out and back in too slowly. I was trying to split the wood that had been bucked so far.

But to the rescue came the girlfriend's dad (Dave) who is handy.

I mean he and his wife run not one but three farms with lots of machinery so it was a blessing that he figured out what was causing the splitter problem.

It also transpired that Ma Nature turned up the heat - big time! We experienced middle-of-July temperatures that made outdoor endeavours very tiring. Oh, and with the heat came the flush of blackflies.

So, we had to break out the deet and spray any exposed flesh if we wanted to do any work outside. We do don bug hats but they are hard through which to see and they make one's head hot especially with the new heat. So, sweet it is.

Oh, and son, Doug walked into Casa Jones Saturday morning to announce that the brand, new summer tire on our brand new car was flat. What? I just had them put on two days ago! Doug and Dave removed the flat and discovered a screw imbedded in the tire.

Again Dave to the rescue! He had to take the tire belonging to the truck of his daughter (Eve) to town for repair so he just threw in our tire as well. Dave arrived back with a fixed tire and had put it back on our car when I wasn't looking. What a guy!

Breakfast on Saturday morning was a bit of a rushed affair as Laura had committed to a Master Gardeners do in the morning.

Eve's mum, Darlene, went along for the ride and to help Laura with the trays of plants she grew for the Master Gardeners.

They returned later in the afternoon with different trays of plants.

Sunday was again blessed with a tortuous heat (at least 'tortuous' for this time of year). Laura, The Gardener, resumed working preparing more beds for veggies while I transported the flats of plants from the greenhouse to the garden.

Then she requested that I fire up my ancient tractor, Big Red, and ferry several buckets of wood shavings that

she then shovels onto the pathways between the permanent beds, having first laid down cardboard.

I retreated to our 'hoosie' for some lunch and when Laura came back inside she was hot and her face betrayed her predilection for working with dirt.

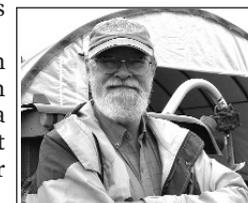
She didn't remain long in the cool of the house but headed back outside.

Our guests return after having spent the afternoon hiking the Pigeon River trails. I knew this fact because our pooches set up a barrage of barking.

I glanced out of my library window that affords me a view of the garden to see Eve, her mum, Darlene (who, I've been told, does most of the farming since Dave has a day job at Imperial oil in Sarnia close to where they live) helping Laura pull row covers getting ready to cover the beds as a precaution to the cold nights we still get.

Doug told us that Eve loves gardening. Laura's eyes lit up when she heard that. Oh goodie, perhaps someone who knows what they are doing as opposed to Farmer Fred who often doesn't.

Perhaps I exaggerate. Perhaps everything didn't happen all at once; but it sure felt like it.



Fred Jones
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Hurt feelings & white lies

When confronted with supporting a loved one who's emotionally upset, for ease of handling, we're likely to resort to that handy go-to sociological tool: the little white lie

Rejection is a potentially painful reality after one extends their service and art to others. And personally, it hurts.

This theme forms the crux of director/writer Nicole Holofcener's witty *You Hurt My Feelings* (SilverCity). Holofcener has a deft hand with amusing, awkward character situations previously illustrated in "Enough Said," starring James Gandolfini and Julia Louis-Dreyfus, presented by the North of Superior Film Association several years ago.

Louis-Dreyfus rejoins Holofcener starring as Beth, a creative writing teacher having produced a modestly successful memoir. She's just churned out her first work of fiction. Her editor has been slow to publish, leaving Beth wafting in self-doubt.

Beth's doting therapist husband Don (Tobias Menzies) has been outwardly supportive about her book. But one day while accompanied by her designer sister Sarah (Michaela Watkins) Beth overhears Don dismissing her novel while chatting with Sarah's actor husband Mark (Arian Moayed.) Feeling betrayed, Beth is crushed, subsequently giving Don the cold shoulder.

Don's got issues of his own. Fretting over aging, he ponders an eye-lift. He's taking flak from some of his clients, particularly a comically tone-deaf bickering couple (real life spouses David Cross and Amber Tamblyn) who demand a \$33,000 refund for lack of progress.

Beth and Don are also contending with their young adult son Eliot, (Owen Teague) co-manager of a cannabis store who's just been dumped by his girlfriend and is doubtful about the first play he's writing since college.

Meanwhile, Sarah's lighting design suggestions are being repeatedly rejected by a picky client. Mark's euphoric getting cast in a play. Then he gets fired.

Almost every central character in "You Hurt My Feelings" is self-absorbed, facing a comical crisis of confidence, personally and professionally. Holofcener has a flair



Julia Louis-Dreyfus in *You Hurt My Feelings*.

for dialogue, illustrating how everyone dances around what's needed to be said, except for tart-tongued mom (Jeannie Berlin.)

Jack Nicholson's infamous line, "You can't handle the truth!" springs to mind. But it's not always easy giving---or receiving---constructive criticism. Is extending support helpful in tempering setbacks or simply enabling further neurotic self-delusion?

There's a delicious moment in the latter stages, when Eliot confronts Beth, who's demonstrating unquestioning support for his play despite not having read a single page. Eliot references other incidents in

his youth when Beth blindly over-supported him. He's OK with being average.

This cathartic scene points out the irony of how Beth over-praising Eliot is somehow noble but it's not so when Don does the same with Beth's manuscript, paving the way for some relationship re-wiring. Commendably, summoning courage either way will be a challenge.

Though it takes a while to warm up, *You Hurt My Feelings* wins with its droll observational humour, being more subtle and cerebral vs gut-punch funny. Louis-Dreyfus and company are empathetically vulnerable and human.



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Walk raises money for Alzheimer's research

By Justin Hardy – TB Source

More than 100 people were out and walking at Marina Park on Sunday for the 29th annual IG Wealth Management Walk for Alzheimer's.

For the first time since 2019, Thunder Bay residents gathered together and walked three kilometres to honour the over 240 thousand individuals living with dementia in Ontario.

The event is meant to raise funds for supports for local families, care partners, and individuals living with dementia, to receive counselling, support groups, and education sessions from the Alzheimer's Society at no cost to them.

Executive Director Pam Gerrie said the walk is important because it raises awareness for Alzheimer's and

dementia in the community.

"There's such a stigma. And stigma is our biggest barrier for people with a memory loss. There are a lot of people who live well with a diagnosis of dementia. It doesn't mean that your life is over," she said.

"It means that you have something different about you, and it's okay, and we're here to help. So the significance of this walk, really raises the importance of bringing awareness to the community, breaking down those stigma barriers, and knowing that it's okay to walk through our doors and ask for help."

Thunder Bay and area residents who were unable to participate in this year's walk but would still like to show support can donate online by visiting the IG Wealth Management Walk for Alzheimer's website.



The 10X10 production will run at Magnus Theatre from June 9 to June 11, but evening shows on June 9 and June 10 are sold out.

To the point, times 10

By Linda Maehans – TB Source

10 X 10 equals big creativity, squared and cubed.

I'm talking about the only props permitted: 1 table, 4 chairs, 4 blocks. Squares and cubes. What did you think I meant?

Once again things are heating up on Magnus' stage for the annual 10 X 10 extravaganza of short, surprising live-theatre productions by all-local talent from beginning to end. More to the point, it is cause for sincere applause because of the strict parameters in place. Minimalist live theatre, at its best, in early summer 2023, here in the Lakehead.

The 10 X 10 process began back in late 2022 with the call-for-scripts. From several dozen submissions a "blind" jury of 3 theatre professionals selected this year's Group of Ten; followed by auditions for directors who were randomly assigned their scripts. These folks were then allowed to pick 5 actors, period. Only the 5 props. Okay, and a small "indulgence" added this year: one recorded sound; and no, that can't be used for the entire ten minutes. Sparingly, strategically applied...or not at all...director's decision.

Magnus' Theatre-in-Education director Jordan Blaxill was asked if "the Covid years", as I term it, are again reflected this time: the lockdowns; the rigid protocols; the isolation; vaccines; the kazillion opinions and outcries about individual freedoms, etc. "Sure, maybe for the latter (recent) year of the festival and how anyone was dealing with Covid; but we didn't see any of those sorts of plays this year."

Perhaps climate issues now dominate the narratives? What a refreshing reply from Blaxill. Seems 10

X 10-2023 is more about positive entertainment for the audience, and a diverse vehicle to showcase all the theatrical talent that's alive and well in this city.

"I'd say the content is very accessible. It remains inclusive. There's a wide variety of voices and lived experiences represented on-stage this time. Some raucous comedies; as well as more contemplative works, about personal relationships and the stuff that makes us all think and feel."

Any surprises? Blaxill smiles. No reveals ahead of curtain.

"Well, there's one play that takes a bit of a different look at life from a youth-oriented stance. Actually, there are more roles this time for younger actors; we'll have actors as young as 12-13. But also actors well up into their 70's; so a wide and wonderful range."

Blaxill extends personal encouragement to anyone musing about coming out of the woodwork, as it were, for live-theatre creativity via future 10 X 10's. "We have real and really outstanding talent in this community, many, many writers, directors and actors of top quality, consistently year after year. I believe in 10 X 10 as a special pull-together Celebration."

And, this my own analogy here: dip your toes in the waters; you might just discover you swim like an otter.

Audiences please note: the June 9 and 10 evening shows are sold out. Tickets still available for Saturday's matinee; an extra Sunday matinee, June 11, at 2 p.m. has been added.

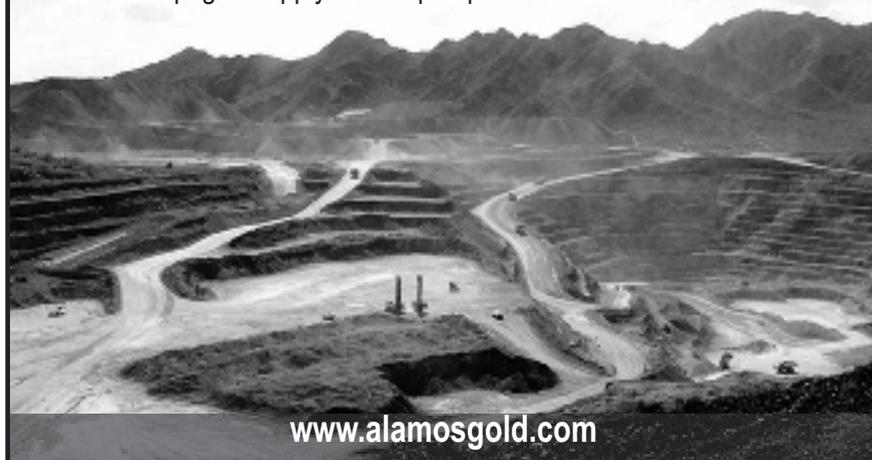


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Racing back on track

Rick Simpson returns at the Thunder City Speedway track

By Johann Vass – For TB Source

Rick Simpson is back on the track at Thunder City Speedway. Simpson says it would not have happened without the support of Dave Mack. Mack is the General Manager of Thunder Bay Truck Centre Peterbilt Thunder Bay. The GM has been on board as a major sponsor for 11 years.

It started when David Simpson knocked on the door of the Hari family to use Mosquito Speedway. This led to the return of dirt track racing and the Thunder Bay Truck Centre Nationals. Mack never looked back, "The Simpson family got me involved and I have to admit I am hooked on racing".

He is hooked for sure. The sponsorship now includes 19 cars as well as the Nationals. This year the Nationals take place on Sept. 22 to Sept. 24 at Thunder City Speedway. Norm and Louis Nadin own the new track and they have welcomed Dave Mack. Rick Simpson revealed his #77 Superstock. The number is 77 as Thunder Bay Truck Center Inc. was formed in 1977.

There is also a K in the number to honour Rick's friend Robbie Karasiewicz who we lost in a snowmobile accident. Rick Simpson last wheeled a race car 11 years ago and he was a little worried about being rusty. Simpson had a carburetor problem in practice, once that was fixed it was just like riding a bike.

He did not look out of place out there at all. Simpson says, "I have to be honest if was not for Dave (Mack) I would not be racing."

He has supported me from day one. He is more than a friend he is race family." Simpson continued, "I would also like to thank my family for their



Jessica Wagenaar, Rick Simpson, his daughter Jordyn, crew chief Blair Bamford and sponsor Dave Mack.

support. My mom Linda (Simpson), my fiancé Jessica (Wagenaar), my daughter Jordyn and my pit crew Blair Bamford the crew chief and our right hand men Danny Legros and David Perozak."

Racing is a family affair for the Simpsons. His brother Scott is the crew chief, and might I add, long haul driver for his son David Simpson. David is Ricks nephew.

It will be a sight to see as Rick Simpson used to cart youngsters Cole Chernosky and David Simpson to the states on his race ventures back in the day. Now he will be racing against them in the Superstock class. It may have all started with Rick's uncle Ken Simpson at Riverview.

It remains constant with Rick's Dad Dave Simpson the original master

mechanic. None of it would happen without the man who turns the wrenches for everyone.

The mission statement for the Thunder Bay Truck Centre is Purpose, Passion and Pride; well that fits perfectly with racing. Thank you to Dave Mack and the Thunder Bay Truck Centre for supporting dirt track racing.

Races are on Wednesday nights at Thunder City Speedway located west out Arthur Street, just past Twin City Crossroads. Grandstands open at 4:30, Pit gates open at 3:30 p.m. and racing starts at 6:30 p.m.

General admission is \$20, students with ID and seniors 65-plus are \$15 and children under six are free.

Pit admission is \$30.

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Pineau, Droll ready to roll

Homegrown Border Cats pitchers bring elite-level experience to Port Arthur Stadium

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Growing up, Jack Pineau and Will Droll were regulars at Port Arthur Stadium, cheering on the hometown Thunder Bay Border Cats through thick and thin.

On Monday, the duo were part of the Northwoods League team's opening-day roster, Pineau set to pitch for the Creighton Blue Jays next season, coming off a stint with the Canadian national junior team at last year's U18 Baseball World Cup.

Droll, a southpaw hurler, has spent the last two seasons with the Pittsburgh Panthers, a DI program whose best-known

MLB graduate is former Texas Rangers pitcher Doc Medich.

Easy choice

Both players said it was a pretty easy decision to spend the summer playing summer college ball for the Border Cats.

"Just playing for your hometown is a good thing," said Pineau, a two-sport star who was once drafted by the Ontario Hockey League, a 12th-round pick of the London Knights in 2019.

"We haven't played in front of friends and family for probably four or five years now. Just seeing some familiar faces in the crowd is going to be exciting."

Droll, who will likely pitch out of the bullpen with the Border Cats in 2023, said playing so far from home - Pittsburgh is a 17-hour drive from Thunder Bay - was tough, which made the decision to play at home a no-brainer.

"It's my first choice. I'm a hometown kid. I grew up watching the Thunder Bay Border Cats and this is where I wanted to be," Droll said. "Pittsburgh's kind of far away for my family to come and see me. Here it's just a five-minute drive down the road. It's pretty easy for my friends and family as well."

Pineau and Droll are two of five Canadians on the Border Cats initial roster.

Manager J.M. Kelly said both players made the team based on their on-field abilities, but it never hurts to have a hometown player or two to help sell tickets.

They also showed good character when Kelly spoke to them before a contract was offered.

"Anytime I put my name on something, that's what I want more than anything, is good people," Kelly said. "Good players, but good people first and foremost. But I think they're also good players. Will's had some success at the Division 1 level, and I think Jack is going to have a lot of success at Creighton next year."

Kelly said there's a good chance Pineau will be on the mound on June 6, the team's home opener



Jack Pineau (left) and Will Droll are rookies with this year's Thunder Bay Border Cats team.

against the Duluth Huskies.

"I think they're both going to play a big role in what we're doing this summer and be highly successful with it."

Pineau, who played last season with the Pro 5 Academy in North Carolina, is expected to get a few starts for the Border Cats, but could spend time in the bullpen.

Great experience

He said the experience at the Academy, whose advisory board includes Arizona right-hander Zac Gallen, was as close to college ball that a high schooler could get.

"It's the best stepping stone up until college baseball," he said.

"There are five teams down there and by the end of the season, everybody hates each other. Every game is just intense and every team has a player going to some Power 5 school, so there's just unreal talent down there. It was awesome."

Droll, who used to chase after foul balls at Port Arthur Stadium, said he didn't know how he'd make it happen, but he's always wanted to don a Thunder Bay uniform.

"It's funny. As a kid I didn't really know how the college process worked. My dream was just to play for the Border Cats. I'm pretty excited to be here."

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51. NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS & OTHERS
 in the Estate of
 Carol Anne Lemire

Anyone having a claim against the Estate of Carol Anne Lemire, late of the City of Thunder Bay, District of Thunder Bay who died on the 4th day of June, 2022, is required on or before the 19th day of June, 2023, to file with the undersigned solicitors particulars of their claim duly verified, after which date the Estate will be distributed having regard only to those claims of which Notice shall then have been given. DATED: May 18, 2023

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS & OTHERS

In the Estate of
 GIUSEPPE PETER GRECO (also known as GIUSEPPE (JOE) PETER GRECO, also known as GIUSEPPE (JOSEPH) PETER GRECO, also known as GIUSEPPE GRECO, also known as JOE GRECO)

All Persons having claims against the Estate of GIUSEPPE PETER GRECO (also known as GIUSEPPE (JOE) PETER GRECO, also known as GIUSEPPE (JOSEPH) PETER GRECO, also known as GIUSEPPE GRECO, also known as JOE GRECO), late of Thunder Bay, ON, deceased, who died on or about April 20, 2023, are hereby notified to send particulars of the same to the undersigned on or before June 29, 2023, after which date the estate will be distributed, with regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice and the undersigned will not then be liable to any person of whose claims they shall not then have notice.

Dated at Thunder Bay, Ontario on the 25th day of May 2023.

ANTONIA ELAINE GRECO,
ESTATE TRUSTEE
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