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Drive-By-Drag show spreads a message of inclusiveness throughout Thunder Bay /8



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# Tikinagan

Child & Family Services

## Tikinagan marks pride month with new initiatives

Growing effort to uplift 2SLGBTQ+ community is a natural fit with Tikinagan’s mandate.

By Ian Kaufmann

Honouring and supporting the 2SLGBTQ+ community is a natural extension of Tikinagan Child and Family Services’ motivating philosophy, the organization says as it marks pride month.

“In the spirit of Mamow Obiki-ahwashsoowin, ‘everyone working together to raise our children,’ Tikinagan strives to be a diverse and inclusive organization that supports equality and is committed to fostering a supportive environment for all,” said associate executive director Rachel Tinney.

Tinney sits on Tikinagan’s recently formed 2SLGBTQ+ committee, one piece of what the organization calls a growing effort to uplift 2SLGBTQ+ children, staff, and parents.

“Prior to COVID-19, we were running frequent 2SLGBTQ+ trainings for staff and foster parents,” she said. “We think it’s important the adults in the lives of our children and youth are providing effective, affirming, and equitable services for diverse sexual orientations, gender identities, and expressions.”

The agency, which serves over 30 First Nations throughout Northwestern Ontario, is also developing a resource to provide information about 2SLGBTQ+ definitions, rights, frequently asked questions, and more.

The 2SLGBTQ+ committee, which meets weekly, has launched an internal staff survey, created an inclusion statement for Tikinagan, and held and supported pride month events.

It also designed shirts for staff and children and youth in care to mark pride month this year.

“We affirm the rights of all our First Nations children and youth to their identity, expression, and sexual orientation,” Tinney said.



Tikinagan staff show off shirts the agency created to celebrate pride month. (Submitted photo)

It’s all part of an operating philosophy that attempts to transform traditional child service models, according to Tinney.

“Our agency is rooted in the fundamental value of respect,” she said. “We have respect for all creation and we are grateful

for the gifts that we are blessed with every day... This respect is demonstrated through humility, a non-judgmental attitude, effective listening, clear communication, and recognition of the unique strengths of others.”

Learn more at [tikinagan.org](http://tikinagan.org) or call 1-800-465-3624



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LOCAL NEWS

# City approves its new safety, well-being plan

**CITY HALL**  
By Ian Kaufman -TB Source

Thunder Bay's city council expressed impatience with limited provincial and federal support on issues of crime, mental health, and addictions Monday, as it approved a new provincially-mandated community safety and well-being plan.

The plan sets goals like building a mental health and addictions crisis centre, decreasing incidents of racism, reducing Indigenous homelessness by 50 per cent by 2027, and boosting transitional and supportive housing.

Provincial and federal governments aren't providing adequate funding to achieve those goals, councillors warned, leaving the city overwhelmed by issues like homelessness and the opioid crisis.

Coun. Brian Hamilton argued forcefully the municipal government should "put some skin in the game" to fill those gaps, even if they're in areas of provincial and federal responsibility.

"If we as a municipality put money on the table, maybe that would encourage the province," he said. "I'm very interested in making some bold moves to make that happen... We've been advocating for a long time. You see in some of the comments tonight, people are getting frustrated."

"This is so important – this is our children, this is intergenerational, and there's a lot of room for more action, in my mind."

**Need more help**

Mayor Bill Mauro, on the other hand, said while the city could play a supporting role, the problems were beyond its jurisdiction and its ability to solve.

"We already do a fair bit," he said. "People would argue there's more we can do as a municipality, but this fundamentally will require the federal government when it comes to homelessness, the provincial government on mental health and addictions and poverty reduction."

The city already puts millions a year toward supporting community groups like the Shelter House, he said, something he said was uncommon for a municipal government.

Mauro called the recent hiring of six new police officers another



**NEED HELP:** Coun. Brian Hamilton wants to convince the province to provide more money to fill in gaps in funding for homelessness, addiction and mental health.

example, while acknowledging calls to reduce spending on police. That could be possible if upper levels of government stepped up on issues like mental health, he said.

Ontario municipalities are required to submit five-year community health and well-being plans by July 1, part of an effort to "address the root causes of crime and complex social issues," according to the provincial government.

The 2021-2025 plan approved unanimously by council Monday outlines six priorities: racism and discrimination, housing, mental health and substance misuse, community and gender-groups like the Shelter House, he said, something he said was uncommon for a municipal government.

The plan highlights local issues like a spike in mental health calls to police, violent crimes reported at

rates far above the provincial average, and a rapidly worsening opioid crisis, with deaths in the Thunder Bay District Health Unit jumping by more than 70 per cent to 65 last year.

**Public input**

The plan was developed with feedback from 779 people through a survey, public forums, and wide-ranging focus groups.

Coun. Aldo Ruberto said it was heavy on "upstream" strategies like supportive housing and poverty reduction, questioning whether it addressed concerns like violent crime and drug trafficking.

"We've had lots of plans," he said. "When I get phone calls, when I go out and about, [the concerns are] always about the criminals, the drugs, the gangs."

Lee-Ann Chevrette, the city's crime prevention council coordinator, said the plan's goals would bring immediate impacts.

**"We already do a fair bit."  
MAYOR BILL MAURO**

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## LOCAL NEWS

# St. Joe's hires new president and CEO

Kelli O'Brien will start in September

## HEALTH

By TB Source staff

The new president and CEO of St. Joseph's Care Group says SJCG's values and its history of partnerships with other health care organizations resonate with her.

Kelli O'Brien, who's relocating to Thunder Bay from Newfoundland & Labrador, said these are among the key things that interested her in applying for the job.

Her appointment was announced on

Friday.

O'Brien currently serves as vice-president responsible for people, quality and safety at Western Health in Corner Brook.

She'll take over at SJCG from the retiring Tracy Buckler in early September.

In an interview Monday, O'Brien said her focus when she arrives in Thunder Bay will be to learn more about the organization, its 2,000 employees and its services and programs.

She said her early goal is to establish relationships both with internal stakeholders and external stakeholders.

With the COVID-19 pandemic on the wane, O'Brien also said she's looking

forward to working with her new colleagues "to begin to do our transition back to normal" within public health guidelines.

She said she suspects there are a number of comparable health care challenges between western Newfoundland and Northwestern Ontario.

"There definitely are some population health similarities in terms of chronic diseases that are of higher prevalence," she said.

O'Brien also referred to the close connections that staff at her current location develop while working together with clients, saying she believes that's also a strength at St. Joseph's Care Group.



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TAKING OVER: Kelli O'Brien is currently working at Western Health in Corner Brook.

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## LOCAL NEWS

## Outdoor pools, beaches open

**THUNDER BAY**  
By TB Source staff

**O**utdoor swimming pools and all supervised beaches in Thunder Bay are now open.

The City of Thunder Bay on Friday announced that Art Widnall Pool and Health Park Pool, along

with Boulevard Lake and Sandy Beach at Chippewa Park are operational, allowed under Step 1 of the province's reopening plan.

"We are excited to announce that our pools and beaches will be back in operation this summer," said Calli Graham, supervisor of aquatics, wellness, children and

youth.

"Our facilities provide an enjoyable space for people in our community to get outdoors, cool off and have some fun."

The city says the public should expect some changes to operations. To use an outdoor pool, an appointment must be booked ahead of time.



**MUSIC RETURNS:** Sean Spenrath (left) and A.J. Haapa unveil the Wake the Giant Music Festival lineup.

# Giant reawakens

Third Eye Blind, Jessie Reyez headline festival

**MUSIC**  
By Leith Dunick - TB Source

**O**rganizers of the second Wake the Giant Music Festival hope a fully vaccinated Thunder Bay will let them lead a semi-charmed kind of life in September.

A.J. Haapa and Sean Spenrath on Thursday announced they plan to go ahead with the second rendition of the festival, headlined by rising Canada singer Jessie Reyez, fresh off a video collaboration with Beyonce, and '90s rockers Third Eye Blind, a local favourite that's never played Thunder Bay.

"We're super excited to have it back. We were very scared that if we didn't have this lineup this year we'd lost the artists because of how big they've gotten," Spenrath said.

"We were very fortunate when we first booked them, right after the first festival, that they were able to come to terms with us. But thankfully they came back and the joy they're going to bring people in Thunder Bay, to be back to live events is something so special. We're getting to see a massive event back in Thunder Bay that people are going to support and be so happy to part of."

The lineup is strong from top to bottom, continuing with Loud Luxury, a three-time 2020 Juno nominee, including artist of the year, William Prince, a country star who has opened for Neil Young, electro-pop artist Iskwe, the Godfather of PowWowStep, D.J. Shub, renowned powwow group Northern Cree and Sioux Lookout's own Nick Sherman.

Given how long live music has been sidelined because of the pandemic, Spenrath said music fans are ready to let loose.

"I think you'll take the energy from the first festival, where it was all about community, and I think you're going to multiply that by about three or four and it's just going to be crazy."

The festival is another chance to spread the Wake the Giant message to the broader community, encouraging them to show

## WAKE THE GIANT LINEUP (SEPT. 18)

- Jessie Reyez
- Third Eye Blind
- Loud Luxury
- William Prince
- Iskwe
- D.J. Shub
- Northern Cree
- Nick Sherman
- Jingle Dress Dancers

students from Indigenous communities in Ontario's Far North they're welcome in Thunder Bay. It's also a chance for the youth to interact with the musicians and even collaborate, like they did two years ago when July Talk took the Marina Park stage.

"For us, coming from the school background, it's making those kids from the North feel like rock stars and it gives them an opportunity to interact with not only a big artist ... but they also get to meet the people from Thunder Bay and I think that's the biggest part of this festival."

First Nations communities kept their students at home this past year rather than sending them to the city to study at Dennis Franklin Cromarty High School.

It's believed students will be back in class in the fall and hoped COVID-19 restrictions will be lifted enough to allow an outdoor festival to take place.

For now Spenrath said they're only selling 2,000 tickets, but could open up more should public health give the OK. He acknowledged if things do get worse on the COVID front, the show might not go on as planned.

Haapa is trying not to think that far ahead at this point.

"It's going to be an incredible day and just an opportunity for the community to come back together after spending so much time apart," Haapa said.

Tickets are \$85 to \$150 and are available online at [www.wakethegiant.ca](http://www.wakethegiant.ca).

## INSPECTION

### Inspection of Approved Aerial Herbicide Projects Black Spruce and Dog River-Matawin Forests

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR) invites you to inspect the MNR-approved aerial herbicide projects. As part of our ongoing efforts to regenerate and protect Ontario's forests, selected stands on the **Black Spruce and Dog River-Matawin Forests** (see map) will be sprayed with herbicide to control competing vegetation, starting on or about **August 1, 2021**.

The approved project description and project plans for the aerial herbicide projects are available electronically for public inspection by contacting the **Resolute FP Thunder Bay Woodlands Office** during normal business hours and on the Natural Resources Information Portal at <https://nrp.mnr.gov.on.ca/s/fmp-online> beginning **July 1, 2021 until March 31, 2022** when the Annual Work Schedule expires.

Interested and affected persons and organizations can arrange a remote meeting with MNR staff to discuss the aerial herbicide project. For more information, please contact:

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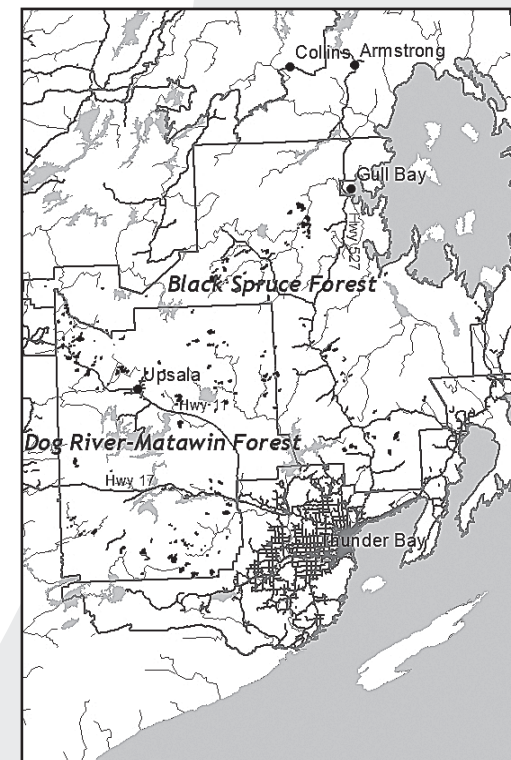
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# Editorial

## EDITORIAL

### Staal keeps run going

Northwestern Ontario's incredible hockey run continues.

Eric Staal, who many critics wrote off this season after an awful few months in Buffalo, and the Montreal Canadiens are back in the Stanley Cup final, both looking to snap lengthy title droughts.

For the Habs, it's been 28 years since they last won, the last time a Canadian team hoisted Lord Stanley's mug.

For Staal, it's been 15 years since he won the Cup, in just his third professional season with the Carolina Hurricanes organization.

Should he win, he'd have the second longest span between Cup wins, trailing only Chris Chelios, who won in 1986 in Montreal and again in 2002 with Detroit.

Northwestern Ontario has had a player, coach or scout on every Cup winner dating back to 2012, and has only missed one year (2011) since 2009, when Jordan Staal and the Pittsburgh Penguins took home the Cup. OK, Taylor Chorney wasn't on the Washington Capitals by the time they won, 2018, but his former teammates gave him a ring anyway.

Mike Richards, Duncan Keith, Patrick Sharp, Robert Bortuzzo, Carter Hutton, Mike Kompon, Tony Hrkac and Matt Murray all had roles to play on Cup winners.

Best of luck to Eric and the Habs in their quest for another title, as they take on the defending champs, Tampa Bay.

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## Working-class struggles

Jorge Amado (1912-2001) and Charles McKay (1889-1948) were communists who wrote classic, brilliant, funny and moving novels about the working class and their struggles to overthrow the rich people who oppressed them.

Amado, the son of a cocoa planter, was born in the Brazilian state of Bahia, which he portrayed in more than 30 novels. His early works, published when he was still a teenager, dramatize the class struggles of workers on Bahian cocoa plantations.

*Captains of the Sands* is a Brazilian Lord of the Flies about a gang of orphans and runaways who live by their wits and daring. In the squalid shantytowns and seedy back alleys of Bahia on the coast of Brazil, the Captains of the Sands are kings. The boys – including the leader, 15 year old Bullet; the crafty cripple Legless; the intellectual Professor; the ladies man Cat; the mother, sister, sweetheart and wife Dora – dodge and dupe the rich and privileged of Brazil.

But when a public outcry demands their capture, this vivid portrait of a divided society becomes a poignant, intensely moving drama of love and freedom. The friendship of the abandoned children in the face of brutal police and the uncaring rich turns into a class struggle led by Bullet whose father was killed by the bosses during a strike.

The Children of the Sands become comrades of the striking workers and organize themselves into shock brigades to attack strike breakers.

'Their destiny has changed, everything is different now. They take part in rallies, in strikes, in workers' struggles. Their destiny is different. The struggle has

changed their destinies.'

McKay was born in Jamaica, the youngest of eleven children of peasant farmers. While still a teenager he published poems in the national newspapers which were collected into two groundbreaking books of dialect poetry in traditional verse forms. He moved to America, worked on a socialist magazine, *The Liberator*, and was active in the Harlem Renaissance. He travelled to Moscow in 1922 and spoke as a delegate at the Fourth Congress of the Communist International.

*Amiable With Big Teeth* was his final novel, a rich and multilayered portrayal of life in 1930s Harlem and a historical protest for black freedom.

This colourful, humorous and dramatic novel centres on the efforts of Harlem intellectuals to organize support for the liberation of fascist controlled Ethiopia, a crucial but largely forgotten event in American

history.

At once a penetrating satire of political machinations in Depression era Harlem and a far reaching story of global intrigue and romance, *Amiable With Big Teeth* plunges into the anxieties, hopes and dreams of African Americans at a moment of crisis for the soul of Harlem and America.

The Communist Party supported Ethiopian self determination and organized a fund raising political campaign in Harlem to expose and fight back against Mussolini's invasion of what was then known as Abyssinia. While the League of Nations stood idly by it was the communists who led the struggle against the jack booted fascists.



JOHN  
PATEMAN

BOOK BANTER



POLITICAL WRITER: Jorge Amado, pictured in 1935.



# Perspective

## Election on horizon

A vote during the pandemic will look a little different

### OPINION

By J.R. Shermack  
Special to TB Source

Read the other day that there is something looming on the horizon for Canada and it might involve paper, pencils and envelopes.

COVID 19 has loomed large in the Canadians consciousness for some time now and this has made life difficult, challenging and very inconvenient.

Even simple, everyday things like grocery shopping, school and work have become masked, sanitized and socially distant chores.

But what it would be like to organize a general election during a pandemic – what looms for Canadians is the possibility of an election being called before the end of the year.

As vaccination rates continue to rise the Public Health Agency of Canada has just released guidelines on what vaccinated people can do in the weeks and months ahead.

Fourteen days after receiving their second shot Canadians can consider themselves fully protected from COVID-19 and free to enjoy certain activities.

Fully vaccinated people gathered together outdoors in small groups can enjoy each other's company without masks or distancing, up to and including hugs and kisses.

Canadians can decide for themselves if they feel comfortable enough to tolerate discreet smooching activities with loved

ones.

And of course, we are all free to participate in the next federal election, subject to changes and public safety measures in the context of a so-called "pandemic election".

Non-vaccinated Canadians are also encouraged to vote – their health and safety will be additionally protected by cautious public health guidelines.

As always, in person voters will use a pencil to mark an "X" on a paper ballot - the alternative is a mail-in ballot filled out properly and mailed in a pre-paid envelope.

Elections Canada has observed recent provincial pandemic elections and voter experiences from other countries, including our American neighbor's pandemic election in 2020.

The agency is responsible for safeguarding the integrity of Canada's electoral process during the upcoming 44th general election, possibly in the wake of a deadly pandemic.

Canadian Parliament has been led by a minority government since 2019 and because a snap election could occur at any time a state of readiness must be maintained.

The main concern is the health and safety of electors, election workers and candidates along with volunteers and staff during a public health emergency.

Administrative and operational changes will address the need for due diligence and stress the impor-

tance of following proven public safety guidelines.

Physical distancing and other health measures such as hand sanitation will be implemented at polling stations and local election agency offices.

Workers and electors will be provided with masks and staff numbers at polling stations will be lowered.

Provisions are being made for an increase in mail-in ballots.

In our last general election 54,000 Canadians voted by mail but if we vote this fall in the wake of the pandemic that number is expected to increase to five million.

The procedure is different and a little more complicated – ballots can be obtained online, but after that the process requires some hands-on.

For those who vote in person Elections Canada has stockpiled 16 million single use pencils, each one used only once for a single "X".

They also have supplies of masks, gloves, sanitizer, face shields and Plexiglas barriers ready and waiting for the call.

Political pundits are debating the wisdom or folly of a fall election, but right now Canadians don't need anything else looming in their lives.

We are hoping for a safe, healthy future, continued success against the pandemic and maybe, possibly, some hugs and kisses when the time is right.

When we get there, then we can start thinking about paper, pencils and envelopes.

### BIG WINNER



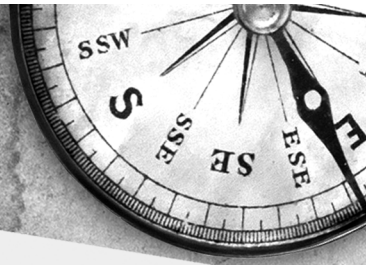
**HUGE HAUL:** Vic Zajarny of Dryden was the June winner of the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Foundation's 50/50 draw, taking home \$481,085. Tickets for the July draw are on sale.

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## A look back in history:

### Rex Theatre

The Rex Theatre on Simpson Street was one of our city's most decorative theatres. Built in 1909 as the Palace Theatre it was one of two theatres in Fort William that specialized in silent films. The Rex (as it was named in 1911) seated 500 to 600 and was usually packed for such films as *Shorty Makes a Bet* or *Home Sweet Home*. Shows ran continuously for 12 hours every day.



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## LOCAL NEWS

# Drive-by-Drag a success

**THUNDER BAY**  
By Leith Dunick -TB Source

It's been nearly a year since Mz. Molly Poppinz has performed in front of a live audience.

The self-described premiere drag queen of Thunder Bay didn't skip a beat on Saturday.

The 30-something, whose off-stage name is Felicia Crichton, and her fellow performer Amber Ail, also known as Jake Macscemchuk, just before the supper hour rolled up to a Dacre Street home where a small gathering of cheering supporters gathered to watch the show.

### Time to celebrate

The performances were part of Drive-By-Drag, a Pride Month celebration started last year by Thunder Pride when COVID-19 restrictions shut down more traditional celebrations held by the LGBTQ+ community.

"I'm very, very, very excited to be back out on the road again, after a year," Poppinz

said. "It is absolutely the light at the end of the tunnel. It's been a long year. We have moved the vast majority of our platforms online and virtual still means we can touch our audience, we can still reach out to them.

"But the look in their eyes cannot be replicated through a chat box. It just can't and the energy and the passion we have for what we do comes so much from the people whose lives we touch and the audience members who go out of their way to come and see us."

There's a much bigger picture, she added.

"It's not just for us, it's not just for them, it's for the entire city. It's for the entire LGBTQ+ community and we're just so happy to be out here doing what we love the way we love to do it. It's not only a message of inclusion, especially at a moment like this, where the entire country is in a period of mourning.

"We need some kind of light at the end of the tunnel," she said. "And I really think continuing the pursuit of pride events is

one those ways we (do) that."

Current River's Candace Shirk was the recipient of Saturday's first of eight Drive By Drag shows, and gathered her children and a small group of family and friends to watch the performance, the second straight year she's taken part.

### Great to see

"I think it's really important, especially in our community, to promote inclusiveness across the board. I'm trying raise my kids right and teach them that right off the hop," she said.

"I think the important message is there are so many different people in this world and there are people who take part in different activities. My five-year-old and (I) have been participating in a number of different Pride activities over the last month."

Those events include storytelling, put on by Thunder Bay Public Library, and a makeup night put on by local drag queens.



LEITH DUNICK

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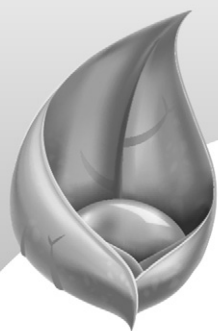
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**BACK IN TIME:** Forgetting a fish finder meant having to locate fish the old-fashioned way.

**Finding our fish**

It was a beautiful warm and sunny summer evening. Unfortunately, we had a late start after a long day of work and so we only had a couple hours to spend fishing. With the sun setting in less than two hours, we knew we would have to work quickly to find some walleye in the unfamiliar waters we were fishing.

This is the kind of situation where you lean heavily on your electronics to locate some underwater structure to target. Unfortunately, in my haste to quickly pack up my gear, I somehow forgot the fish finder's transducer.

Without the help of electronics, quickly locating fish is rarely easy.

By the time waters warm up in the summer, walleye tend to spread out and finding them can take both luck and time. We did not have much time, but perhaps we would have some luck.

**Move around**

Walleye tend to inhabit several different areas in a lake during the warm summer months.

On a sunny day, in clear water, they may hide from the sun by using weeds or wood for cover, or they could be cruising the depths, roaming the edges of a deep hump or drop-off or bottom transition zone.

Without sonar to show us the depth and identify the drop-offs and structure, we were forced to find fish the "old school" way by identifying key structural elements above the water.

Usually, what we see above the surface will continue below the water line. Using this method of searching for fish worked long before electronics made their way into our

boats.

As a starting point, we were looking for a steep piece of shoreline or a prominent point of land and hopefully some visible cover, like weeds or wood.

As we began our search, we trolled along some promising shoreline structure but we failed to find any fish.

After half an hour, we approached an area where the shoreline transformed from large boulders to smaller rocks and sand.

These transition areas have produced well for us in the past and when we noticed a few weeds just

below the surface, our optimism grew.

**Found our spot**

We skirted the perimeter of the weeds as we trolled parallel to the sandy bit of shoreline. Having found a great combination of structural features, we just needed to make sure we were covering the very bottom of the water column.

We peeled line off our reels until we felt our sinkers ticking along the bottom and with our bait in the strike zone, it did not take long before I felt the first strike. We were looking for dinner and this first walleye was a welcome sight.

Following the same path that produced the first fish, we took another pass in the opposite direction and were rewarded with another hearty strike and another perfect-sized walleye.

Each successive pass along the route produced another walleye until we had filled our limits.

Even without the help of a fish finder, we were able to find the structure we were looking for, and luckily the fish were there.



**KEITH AILEY**

THE GOOD LIFE



## TB Life

# A nocturnal bear visitor

It was Friday night. We were in the barn cleaning horse stalls. We had just kicked the horses outside now that the sun had set and the worst of the nasty, winged, biting bugs had gone to bed. But this night was different.

I had the east door open to allow some air flow since the barn smelled rather high after a day of horse residency. Suddenly, our wee pooch, Lily, began madly barking and took off towards the road. I called her but to no avail so I left the barn and walked to see



**FRED JONES**  
RURAL ROOTS

if she had gone down the road to our neighbours. She had not. The barking now came from our eastern bush. Now what? Oh well, she'll come back, which a few minutes later, she did. Whatever had set her off. Deer? Bear? Or

worse for dogs, a coyote or wolf – had hopefully moved on.

No sooner had Lily returned than she began her frantic barking again but this time she was joined by our big pooch, Baxter who possesses a very deep bark. Lily didn't return to the road but headed into the eastern paddock opposite the barn. And then I saw it.

The bear wasn't big, probably only recently having left its Mama to be on its own. Now I was worried. If Lily charged Bruno the bear would defend itself and no more Lily. Fortunately, she didn't get close and it appeared as if the combined cacophony from both Lily and Baxter scared it off.

Daughter Beth was also in the barn helping with the stall cleaning chores. We suggested she corral Lily and get her inside the house just in case. Baxter hadn't moved from his perch just outside the barn door so I thought that being an old timer now and more of a slow mover, he would be OK.

Beth started back from Casa Jones to the barn when she let out a "yelp" and shouted that Bruno had returned and was now at the crab apple tree where the bird feeder hangs. Her "yelp" scared the bear who skedaddled. Fine. Everything is okay. We soon completed the evening barn chores making the barn ready for the next morning when those biting, winged things return and we have to bring horses back into where they will be safe from harassment.

"Let's keep the dogs inside. Lily especially is not to go out," my wife, Laura, commanded.

By now it was totally dark outside. I was curious so I grabbed the big flashlight and shone it through the glass window of the front door. There he was, quietly sitting on the bench of the picnic table where I often spread bird seed for the redwing blackbirds. He was calmly scooping bird seed, shells and all, with his paws and "chowing down". Very cute.

This is the first summer that we've kept on putting out bird seed - winter and spring, yes, but never before in summer. We like to see the various species gather at the feeder like the American goldfinches in their brilliant yellow garb (males). However, after the appearance of Bruno we decided feeding the birds would have to wait until the winter when he would be asleep.

We've never had such a visitor before. Even looking across the field to the south where we see the pair of geese and their three goslings who exit the beaver pond to forage, or the pair of Sandhill cranes and their two 'colts', or deer who come to raid the compost pile, I have never seen a bear let alone one brave enough to come close to human habitation.

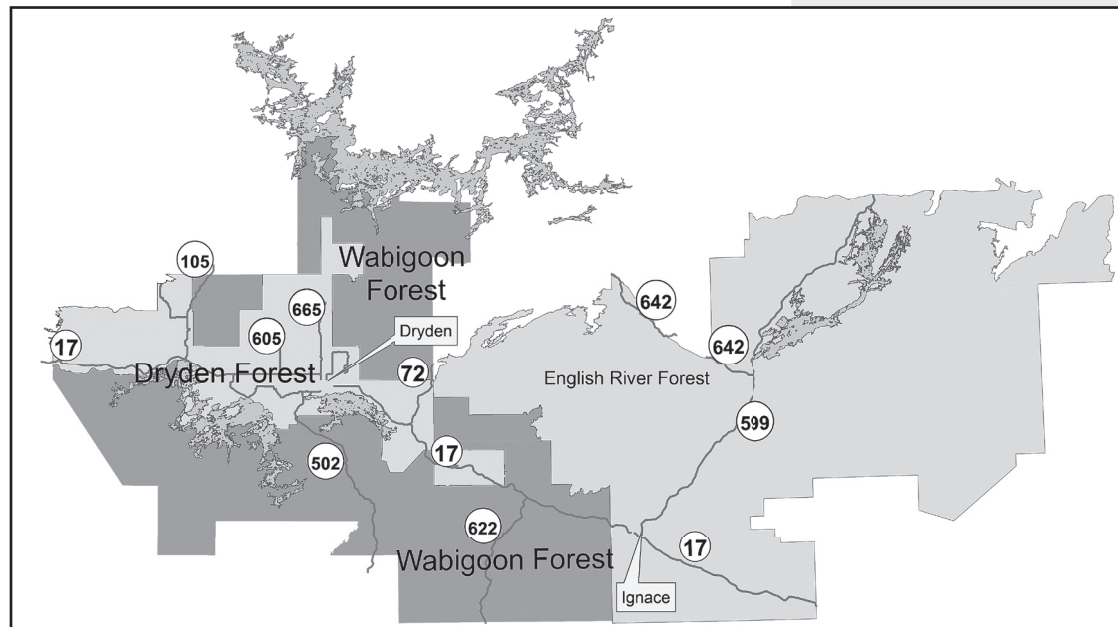
Earlier in the evening just after we had begun our barn chores, Beth said that she was convinced she heard a gunshot. Quite possible that Bruno had wandered too close to another home perhaps looking for garbage. Perhaps the effect of the gun shot scared him away and we just happened to be on his path.

As I mentioned: darned cute him sitting there quietly eating bird seed but potentially dangerous if not left alone. I checked the next night but there was no sign of our "Ursus" visitor. Just glad our dogs were unscathed by the experience.

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## Friendship wins in *The Climb*



**MARTY  
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MOVIE TALK

Rather than brave the current offerings of mechanized mayhem afforded by *Fast and Furious 9* and *The Ice Road*, we instead took the off-ramp into the land of American independent film, arriving at a previously overlooked effort, *The Climb*. (Shaw, VOD) This move, though, has its own share of speed bumps.

*The Climb* is an absurdist, edgy comedy about the lifelong friendship between Kyle (Kyle Marvin) and Mike (Michael Angelo Covino), two nerdy square pegs who inflict much toxic mayhem upon each other. Having enjoyed some notoriety as high school football stars, their foray into adulthood resembles something out of *The Three Stooges*.

### Long start

The cockeyed tone is set in the extended opening sequence, where Mike and Kyle are wheezily biking up some hills in France whereupon Mike confesses to having had sex with Kyle's

French fiancée before Kyle entered the picture. Except it's not quite past tense. Then, despite having just unleashed these two revelatory bombs upon a wounded, appalled Kyle, Mike urges Kyle to keep up his 'pedal cadence.'

Kyle drops Mike as his best man but Mike winds up marrying the fiancée who unfortunately passes away prematurely, sending him into a goofy spiral of booze and depression.

Incredibly, Kyle finds another fiancée, fellow high schooler Marissa (Gayle Rankin), whose domineering tendencies do not impress Kyle's family. Kyle's mum (Talia Shire) tries to snap Mike out of his self-absorbed stupor inducing him to make up with Kyle at a family Christmas gathering with the hope that Mike's denseness will torpedo this new situation.

*The Climb* offers that particular brand of humour where virtually all characters are graduates of the Will Farrell School of cringe worthy behaviour, totally clueless and possessing absolutely no filters, particularly with Covino and Marvin, who also serve as the screenwriters, with Covino tripling as director.

But amidst the buffoonery, bits of dialogue surface that reveals heartfelt depth and subtle character contrasts. Comparing their impetus to marry, Marissa offers that Kyle is "a good

person" and they have "great sex." Meanwhile, Mike married his wife simply because he loved her.

The film proceeds episodically, with no discernible narrative arc, which leads to several languorous interludes. They may be grating but Mike and Kyle do have some dimwitted appeal, especially Kyle whose geeky, nasal delivery recalls independent film vet, John C. Reilly.

### Looks good

Stylistically, director Covino and cinematographer Zach Kuperstein weave through several sequences where the camera sinuously glides among clusters of characters in one take, creating a Robert Altmanesque sense of reality.

The soundtrack punctuates the proceedings with a comically incongruous array of European pop tunes, some performed by players on-screen, creating a deadpan Greek chorus, reminiscent of 2019's entertaining Icelandic film, *Woman at War*.

*The Climb* touches on a commonality we all share in logic-defying relationships that endure despite various offences. The film ends on an affirmative note, offering the notion that true friendship conquers all, including marriages. Though trite, this sentiment makes the antics of these two knuckleheads more palatable than they have any right to be.



ABSURDIST FILM: Kyle Marvin and Michael Angelo Covino star in 2020's *The Climb*.

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IN THE BAY

# Corden under fire for food dare segment

James Corden is facing backlash for his Late Late Show. Not because of his political stance. Not because he had a controversial guest.

No, Corden is in trouble for offering a snack to some of his guests. Included on the menu: eyeballs, blood curd, and a thousand year old egg.

The segment, which has run for five years, is called "Spill Your Guts or Fill Your Guts." Basically, it's a food-focused version of the game, "Truth or Dare." Answer a question or eat something gross on the table.

At any other time, this would just be a silly game for laughs. Unfortunately, viewers who have been enlightened over the last few years as to the hidden (and not so hidden) racism pervading our society are now sharing their rage on social media, calling the game – and its host – racist.

Apparently, items like balut, a fertilized duck egg known in Filipino food, have



been on the game's dinner table. And while Corden – and his guests – have called some of the dishes "disgusting," some viewers have been offended by this description. These delicacies are, according to one viewer, culturally "significant" in some countries. And she does not like that "They're calling Asian food disgusting on live TV." A petition to change the food or scrap the recurring segment is now online.

I can understand that some might be hurt if someone comes into their home, eats their Nai Nai's, YaYa's, Nonna's, Oma's, or Lola's lovingly prepared dish and calls it "horrific." That would just be rude. And if these very old, highly traditional, but rarely-noshed-on-in-North-America appetizers are your idea of a yummy feast, please help yourself. I'm sure there's plenty left.

But every culture has a dish that is basically gross. I'm Swedish and you won't get me anywhere near my ancestors' beloved lutefisk. (In case you're wondering, lutefisk is whitefish that's dried out and then pickled in lye [something traditionally used as a major ingredient in soap-making] to a gelatinous texture for days before eating. It smells like sour fish and ammonia.)

Some of these historic recipes were created when there were plagues, droughts, wars, religious influences, no refrigeration or limited food sources. For

the most part, things have changed. I can still honour a culture's history while gagging at an eyeball on a plate.

Plus, I doubt anyone still eating these items on a regular basis in their country of origin is watching Corden and his guests try them for the first time on late-night television. But if they did, they'd probably laugh. My cousin did when I tried lutefisk.

Corden's game basically brings us back to our childhood when everything we didn't want was "yucky." And if you're up after midnight, looking for something more thought-provoking and esoteric than a childish game of "Gross-out the Guest," you're probably not watching *The Late Late Show with James Corden*.

I believe in cultural and racial sensitivity. So does Corden. That's why he's adjusting his future menus. But seriously folks, when did we lose our ability to laugh at ourselves?



**FOOD FIGHT:** The Late Late Show with James Corden has drawn criticism lately.

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## Fewer games, opponents for LU

### UNIVERSITY SPORTS

By Leth Dunlick - TB Source

**L**ess is more when it comes to Ontario University Athletics team sports in 2021-22.

Expect the Thunderwolves men's and women's varsity squads to play fewer games against few opponents this coming season, an effort to navigate safely through the tail end of the COVID-19 pandemic and get student athletes back into action after the 2020-21 campaign was cancelled outright.

While university sports have not been given the go-ahead to play under Ontario's return to play action, Warden said the OUA is a little more complicated, offering nearly 50 different sports. Other leagues given the go-ahead earlier this month, including the NHL, CFL and OHL, have a more singular focus.

#### Wait-and-see

Earlier this week the OUA announced it's yet-to-be-approved plan that would cut the hockey season down from 28 games to 20, the basketball season from 22 games to 16 and volleyball from 19 games to 14.

Hockey moves to a two-division set-up, down from four, while basketball drops to two divisions as well.

Tom Warden, athletic director at Lakehead University, said the Thunderwolves will likely play in divisions with Toronto area teams to help minimize travel, given Thunder Bay's remoteness from much of the rest of



PLAN IN PLACE: Lakehead's Megan Routier spikes the ball during the 2019-20 season.

the OUA.

The plan is encouraging, Warden said.

"There's a bit more of a regional approach when it comes to scheduling and there will be some cost savings and minimizing contacts between teams and things like that, but at the end of the day, sports are coming back and I think that's so important for our student athletes, it's so important for our community and it's so important for everybody to be back in sport."

Warden said the impact on Thunderwolves teams will depend on the sport.

"Regional is something that really doesn't affect us because of our geography. But regionally speaking, we will probably play in the one hub and play teams in that area," said Warden, who sat on the committee trying to help the OUA sort through its return-to-play document. "It's likely we'll have Toronto-based teams in our conferences and in our divisions."

The OUA is expected to provide more details about divisional set-up and which teams will play where in early July.

The league does plan to hold its championships, the goal being to send teams and athletes to compete for a national title in their various sports.

For individual sports, it may mean single-day championships where possible.

#### Could change

Nothing, however, will be written in stone, Warden said.

"There is the ability to shift and pivot, to use an overused term," he said. "But I think the priorities are with Ontario championships and national championships and those will be worked into the formula, regardless."

Warden said the hope is that fans will be allowed in the stands to watch.

Under the current framework, it would be minimal, but most sports won't be back in action before September, giving time for the COVID restrictions to be loosened as more people are vaccinated and case counts continue to decline.

"We need our fans back. We need everybody to understand that and we need a good, comprehensive schedule for Ontario and national championships."

Warden said the schedules will be made with the understanding they may have to change or be pushed back depending on circumstances and local public health rules.

## Kenora swimmer named to Olympic team

### OLYMPICS

By Ian Kaufman - TB Source

**K**enora will have some local pride at stake in the upcoming Tokyo Olympics, after swimmer Gabe Mastromatteo was officially named to Team Canada on Thursday.

The 19-year-old placed first in the 100-metre breast stroke qualifier with a time of 1:00:19 earlier this week, earning a spot on the men's medley relay team.

#### Local connection

Mastromatteo, who was born in Thunder Bay and grew up in Kenora, said Thursday making the team was a long-held goal, but he wasn't quite ready to let himself celebrate.

"The job's not done yet," he said.



TOKYO BOUND: Kenora's Gabe Mastromatteo is headed to the Olympics.

The teenager approaches the competition with a Zen-like focus, saying he's not feeling particularly perturbed by the glare of world media and a nation's

expectations.

"At the end of the day, all I have to do is go [to the other end of the pool] and back," he said. "It's not too complicated."

COVID-19 restrictions could lead to less fraternal atmosphere than a usual Olympics, he expects, with less mixing allowed between teams from different countries.

However, he said he's looking forward to the experience and bonding with his Team Canada teammates.

"I love relays, I love swimming for the team and swimming for something bigger than myself," he said.

While the decision to host the games in the face of an ongoing pandemic has drawn some controversy, Mastromatteo said he ultimately put faith in officials with the IOC and Japan to measure the

risks and respond appropriately.

"I trust the officials," he said. "If I'm being told it's alright to go, I'm going to do what I'm told."

#### Good and bad

Reflecting on the steps that led him to the Games, he said growing up in a smaller and more remote community might have constrained some opportunities, but also offered benefits, he said.

"There were definitely a lot of challenges... the grass is always greener somewhere else, [with] bigger training centres, better weight rooms," he said. "But at the end of the day, I realized everyone needs something different. Two people can get to the same point with completely different paths."

The Games are scheduled to take place in Tokyo, starting on July 12.



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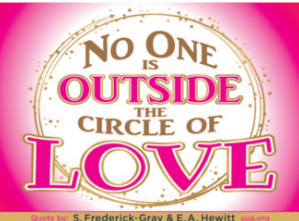
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