



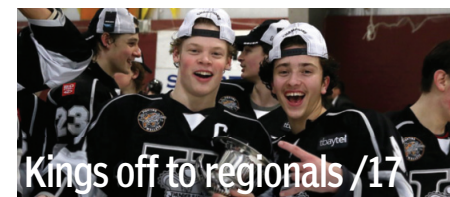
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Sixth wave may already be here

By Ian Kaufman - TB Source

The Thunder Bay district appears to be seeing the beginning of a “sixth wave” of infections that has prompted calls to re-impose public health restrictions elsewhere in the province.

Local indicators from wastewater testing to hospitalizations indicate the prevalence of COVID-19 in the region is rising, after recovering in March from an Omicron-driven spike, said Medical officer of health Dr. Janet DeMille last Wednesday.

The Thunder Bay District Health Unit reported the most new cases last Wednesday since March 7, while the number of people hospitalized with COVID-19 in the district rose to 31.

Along with increases in indicators like test positivity and wastewater testing, DeMille said the data is sending a fairly clear early signal.

“All of that together, including the wastewater [data], does make me say we’re starting the next wave of this pandemic,” she said.

That makes her “nervous,” DeMille said, saying a rise in cases is typically associated with more hospitalizations and deaths. She’s also concerned about the long-term consequences for those who are infected.

Rising case rates and hospitalizations elsewhere in the province have prompted calls to re-impose restrictions.

Cases climbing

Public Health Ontario released a report last week concluding cases have risen since the province lifted masking rules and other measures on March 21, and suggesting masking should once again be mandatory in indoor spaces.

Health Minister Christine Elliott indicated last week the government will re-impose a mask mandate if recommended by the province’s top doctors, but chief medical officer of health Dr. Kieran Moore said he would not be making the recommendation at this time, though he recommended people should choose to wear a mask indoors.

DeMille also “strongly encourages” people to continue wearing masks when they’re in settings where risks are higher.

“The evidence shows that masking, especially when a high number of people are masking, can actually reduce the transmission of the virus, especially in those indoor settings,” she said. “So I’m generally supportive of masking, and I have been strongly encouraging people to wear masks, especially in indoor settings, especially those that may be more crowded or where they may be having close interactions.”

Mask mandates in vulnerable settings like hospi-



Medical officer of health, Dr. Janet DeMille. (FILE)

tals and long-term care homes, which were set to lift on April 27, will likely be extended, Moore indicated.

DeMille is hopeful improving weather, and increased access to PCR testing, will help the region weather the expected wave of infections. Moore’s estimate the sixth wave could last for between eight and 12 weeks is reasonable but uncertain, she said.





New testing rules

The province announced last Tuesday that the following groups will now be eligible for PCR testing, which has been restricted to vulnerable settings:

- Those 18 and older who are immunocompromised
- Anyone 70 and older
- Those 60 and older with fewer than three vaccine doses
- Those 18 and older with fewer than three vaccine doses and at least one condition considered to be at risk

The policy change is welcome news for DeMille. “Testing remains an important part of knowing what’s happening in the community, and I’m pleased to see the increase in testing eligibility, especially with people at higher risk, because that’s an important group,” she said.

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Dam lights colourful

Current River dam lit up for Easter, photographers flock

By Ian Kaufman – TB Source

A familiar Thunder Bay landmark turned heads over the weekend with an impressive Easter-themed makeover.

The newly-installed LED light display on the refurbished Boulevard Lake Dam was activated for the first time in pastel colours to mark the holiday, beginning a new tradition for the city.

Will be a regular thing

The dam will feature themed light shows to mark major occasions going forward, and could be programmed with custom designs

in the future.

The Easter light show generated excitement on social media, where some residents posted photos and videos of the display.

“It’s been overwhelmingly positive,” said project engineer Mike Vogrig of the reaction.

“I’ve been working with the city for a long time, and I don’t think I’ve ever gotten this much positive feedback on a project I’ve been involved with.”

The activation of the light system was one of the last finishing touches on the \$8.5 million project, which began in June of 2020.

Work on the 115-year-old structure included extensive concrete repairs, replacing post-tension tendons for structural stability, and new mechanical gates that will allow for more refined dam

operations.

It also widened the walkway running above the dam, which reopened in October of 2021, and added a new viewing platform.

Adds to city

The addition of the lights is a small touch that adds a lot of character, Vogrig said.

“During the original design, we knew we were involved with a project that was kind of a landmark in the city,” he said.

“Obviously the main component of the project is the structural rehabilitation and making sure it’s stable, but with such a large budget, we knew we could allocate a small amount, and the small amount we allocated for this lighting component ended up being a really big win, I think.”



The pastel colours of Easter were on display last weekend. (TBT Engineering photo)

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Pay hike to be voted on

By Ian Kaufman - TB Source

Thunder Bay's city council appears to be happy sticking with a 2018 policy pegging councillors' pay increases at half the rate of inflation, ahead of a decision on the issue next month.

Council will vote on whether to approve the hike in early May, after receiving a report in March disclosing the salaries, benefits, and expenses paid to councillors, as well as citizens council appoints to local boards and committees.

The base salary for city councillors was \$33,589 last year, including a \$2,750 car allowance.

Including fringe benefits and stipends paid by some committees and boards, councillors were paid between \$39,087 (Coun. Brian McKinnon) and \$50,179 (Coun. Mark Bentz), with the average at \$44,997. Mayor Bill Mauro, the only member of council considered full-time, received \$126,528.

The increase recommended for 2022 will be calculated at half the rate of Thunder Bay's CPI for the previous year, following a policy established in 2018.

It's a policy Mayor Bill Mauro said he supports, despite casting a lone vote against the pay bump last year.

"I think the process council has in place is a very good approach, actually," he said. "It keeps the politics out of it as best it can, even though for whatever reason, it's a highly political issue for the electorate."



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Councillors voted to forego the increase in 2020 due to the pandemic, saving the city \$4,900. The 0.55 per cent increase approved last year over Mauro's objection cost the city \$3,000.

That amount is "more symbolic than impactful," Mauro acknowledged, but said the issue was symbolically important in a year where the pandemic was hurting many residents and businesses.

All told, remuneration and expenses for councillors and citizen appointees cost the city \$675,686 in 2021, a slight drop from \$693,255 in 2020. The difference is explained largely by the fact 2021 contained one fewer pay period, staff said.

Mauro demurred on whether the current level of compensation is appropriate.

"I have no opinion on it, whether it's too high or too low," he said. "It's what previous councils established."

Coun. Rebecca Johnson believes it's just about right for what she called a demanding job.

"I'd say it's good compensation, there's no question about that, but we average out to what other municipalities receive," she said, citing a 2018 review by the city clerk's office. "We've made a decision to have an annual increase, which is very fair."

She's been the loudest voice in defending councillor salaries, but has no desire to see them increase further.

"That's not why you should be running for council, and if that's your only income, then that's what you'd live on," she said. "[It's] above the poverty line."

Needing Coun. Cody Fraser said he'd prefer to see the question taken out of council's hands altogether and salaries simply tied to inflation, if the annual vote wasn't required under provincial law.

"Raising our salaries by half the rate of CPI is very miniscule in the grand scheme of things," he said. "

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EDITORIAL

Election buying

Journalists are being bombarded by emails from Ontario's Conservative government these days, boasting about how much good they're doing for each area of the province.

One day it's \$5 million for research at Lakehead University, the next it's a promise to continue twinning the highway between Thunder Bay and Nipigon.

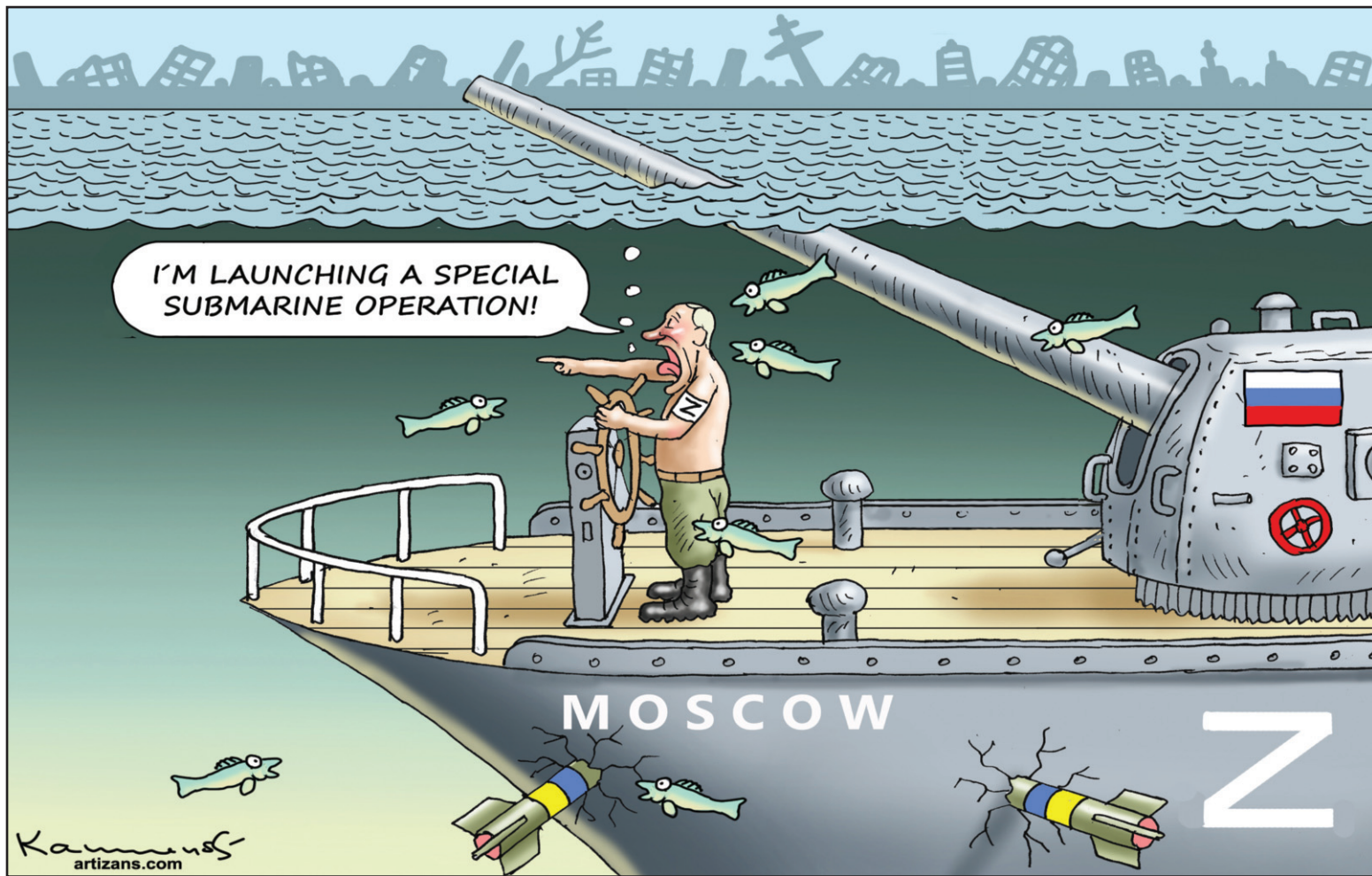
Doug Ford's gravy train is overflowing these days. And why should we be surprised? There's an election on June 2.

There needs to be a rule in place that bans government announcements of this nature within six months of a scheduled vote.

To be fair, it's not just the Conservatives. The previous Liberal government were no slouches at handing out taxpayer money as the vote neared, and the dollar figures were similar.

New spending, old spending, it's all about grabbing headlines and gaining air time.

News organizations must also be careful as elections near. Don't necessarily ignore the project, but focus on those it benefits outside of the political realm, not those seeking to win votes as a result of the free coverage.



Libraries open arms to everyone in town

The Library Book by Susan Orlean is a study of the Los Angeles Central Library in particular and public libraries in general.

After moving to Los Angeles, Orlean becomes fascinated by a mysterious local crime that has gone unsolved since it was carried out on April 29, 1986.

Orlean is searching for the answer to two burning questions: who set fire to the Central Library, ultimately destroying nearly half a million books; and why?

Weaving her lifelong love of books and reading with the fascinating history of libraries, Orlean investigates the legendary fire to showcase the larger, crucial role of libraries.

She also reflects on her childhood experiences in libraries; studies arson and the long history of library fires; tries to burn a book herself; and re-examines the case of Harry Peak, the blond haired actor long suspected of setting fire to the library.

Along the way she reveals how libraries provide more than books – and they are needed now more than ever:

‘The publicness of the public library is an increasingly rare commodity. It becomes harder all the time to think of places that welcome everyone and don't charge any money for that

warm embrace’

Public libraries are democratic public spaces that belong to the whole community: ‘The commitment to inclusion is so powerful that

many decisions about the library hinge on whether or not a particular choice would cause a subset of the public library to feel uninvited’

Everything the public library does should be viewed through an equity lens. This requires a move away from the

traditional model in which all patrons are treated equally. In the community led model patrons are

served according to their needs. Those with the greatest needs get the most attention.

Los Angeles library, is one of the few places homeless people are welcomed, given access to computers and the internet and permitted to dally all day:

‘Libraries have become a de facto community centre for the homeless. There is not a library that hasn't grappled with the issue of how – and how much – to provide for the homeless’

Many librarians told Orlean they consider this the defining question facing libraries right now, and they despair of finding a balance between welcoming homeless

people and somehow accommodating patrons who occasionally are scared of them or find them ‘smelly or messy or alienating’.

Every problem that society has, the library has, too, because the boundary between society and the library is porous; nothing good is kept out of the library, and nothing bad. The library's commitment to being open to all is a challenge:

‘For many people, the library may be the only place they have to be in close quarters with disturbed or profoundly dirty people, and that can be uncomfortable’

A library can't be the institution we hope it to be unless it is open to everyone.



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A grocery store meet and greet

By JR Shermack

Going for groceries is one of the simple pleasures of life for many people and a good place to stop and chat with friends and neighbors from the community.

It was more challenging during the pandemic but even with social distancing and from behind protective masks grocery stores were an oasis for hungry, gregarious Canadians.

Grocery shopping is a social activity including chance encounters at the deli counter, exchanging glances while leafing through lettuce and mutual nods of approval in the bakery.

Everybody needs to eat and if you shop for groceries it's only a matter of time before you run into people you haven't seen in ages.

Canadians often return home from shopping bursting with excitement as they pose the challenge, "You'll never guess who I ran into at the grocery store today?"

When you stop for bread and

milk you never know who you're going to meet.

Grocery day has always been a big event for me back to when I would gladly help my mother pull a wagon full of groceries home from the corner store.

Growing boys and girls especially need to eat and hungry families kept those wagons rolling.

Corner store days are gone, but I still enjoy grocery shopping including the social interaction and the insightful 30-second conversations with fellow shoppers.

It might be an exchange of views about the quality of the produce, a pleasant greeting from a long-time acquaintance or sometimes just a friendly nod and a smile.

As they stroll around the perimeter and saunter up and down the aisles Canadians are friendly and pleasant while filling their carts with groceries.

Shoppers waiting in checkout lanes can use the time to peruse tabloid headlines, grab a couple



Groceries are a social outing too. (FILE)

last minute chocolate bars or exchange pleasantries with friends in line.

When you get to the till you can trade quips with the cashier while your groceries are checked and bagged – laid back shoppers prefer it this way but the times are changing.

For the convenience of a growing number of hectic, hurried consumers grocers began installing self-checkouts alongside the tills to accommodate their hasty lifestyle.

The reviews were mixed at first but Canadian grocers seem determined to increase self-checkout use and eliminate cashiers, along with their skills in customer service.

Today more Canadian consumers are using self-checkouts (at least once in a while) either by choice or by coercion, as I recently experienced in a local groceteria.

I was waiting in line with a few groceries, quite happy to spend the time looking at what was going on around me, maybe see an old friend.

But that was not to be – a staff

member came along to nudge me out of line and lead me to a self-checkout as if they were doing me a favour for my own good.

For some reason I succumbed to the pressure and I was assured that my protests and reluctance would soon disappear – I resisted but I was forced to participate.

I sheepishly left with my small bag of groceries and was given a patronizing, "There, that wasn't so bad, was it?"

As you can probably tell, it irked me and I walked out of that grocery store with a lot of questions on my mind.

And just to clarify, I understand how to use self-checkouts, but while I still have a choice, I prefer the standing in line experience.

By increasing automation grocers run the risk of pushing their customers out of stores altogether and into the welcoming arms of online shopping and delivery.

That won't be so bad, will it?

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April 23

The Heavy Show

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April 25

Wolverine research

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Scrafford's work has been featured on CBC's The Nature of Things. After his talk there will be a short presenta-

tion on the City Nature Challenge 2022 and a demo on how to use iNaturalist.

Admission is free of charge for the event, which takes place at St. Paul's United Church at 349 Waverley Street from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Monday.

April 23

Spring Craft Market

Head on down to the Moose Hall on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. to check out 64 tables of crafts and gifts for that special someone. It's never too early to start shopping for Christmas and who doesn't like something that's hand made and local?

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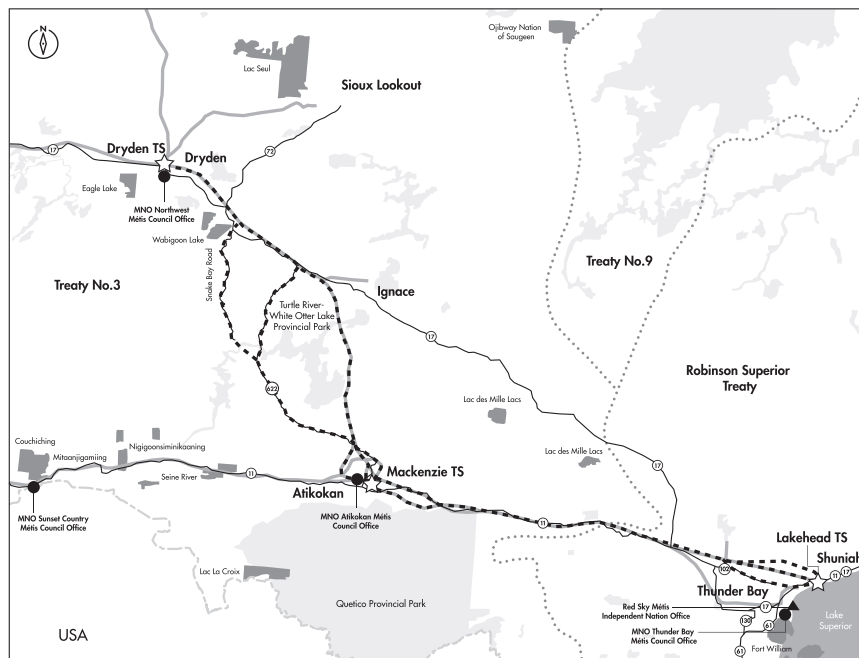
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Foul play suspected in disappearance

Alyssa Turnbull went missing in 2020, never found

By Ian Kaufman - TB Source

Two years after Alyssa Turnbull was first reported missing, police have confirmed what many long suspected, saying they suspect foul play in her disappearance.

The Ontario Provincial Police made the announcement in a statement last Wednesday, saying their investigation continues.

Anniversary

Last Thursday marked two years since Turnbull, originally from South Gillies, was first reported missing.

She was last seen in Nipigon, where she was residing, between March 23 and 25, 2020. She was 26 at the time.

In an interview, her parents Debra Otway and Kevin Turnbull said they're still grieving.

"Life without Alyssa has been unbearable," said Otway. "The days have turned into weeks, into months, and now years - two years without her. She's deeply missed by her family, her friends, her siblings."

"She deserves to live, laugh, grow, have fun, sing, dance with her friends, watch her siblings grow up - just live life."

Otway and Turnbull renewed their appeal for anyone with information about their daughter's disappearance to come forward, saying the lack of closure continues to take a toll on the family.

"We're plagued with worry, unanswered questions," said Otway. "It's very hard to move forward in our lives without her, and not knowing where she is, it's truly a parent's absolute worst nightmare that we live every day."

"We're just pleading with anybody, somebody to please come forward and tell us something. We just want to bring her home and find some peace in our lives, if that's even possible anymore."

Turnbull remains sure there are people who know more about what happened to Alyssa.

"For myself, I'm beyond hurt, I'm angry - very angry," he said. "I know there's people out there that know where Alyssa is. They've taken away

our closure, they've taken away her life."

"I don't know how they sleep at night."

Police have shared limited details about the investigation into Turnbull's disappearance, which has involved interviews with dozens of people and the collection of several pieces of evidence, according to the OPP.

Police stormed Nipigon in April of 2020, and have since conducted extensive searches in the small community about 100 kilometres northeast of Thunder Bay.

In 2021, the OPP announced a \$50,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the people responsible for

Turnbull's disappearance or information resulting in locating her, which they said resulted in numerous tips.

Hadn't yet confirmed

The OPP said last year that foul play could not be ruled out in Turnbull's disappearance, but Wednesday's statement marked the first time police have confirmed it was suspected in the case.

Turnbull is described as standing five-foot-three, weighing about 100 pounds, with shoulder-length blonde hair and blue eyes

Any person with information regarding this investigation should immediately contact the Ontario Provincial Police at 1-888-310-1122 or their local police service. - *With files from Leigh Nunan, Thunder Bay Television*



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Egg hunting

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Even after two years without a Easter egg hunt, Kayla Mellis has her strategy down pat.

The 10-year-old joined the chaos on Good Friday morning, in the parking lot of the Slovak Legion, her eyes set on the colourful plastic eggs filled with candy and prizes, hoping to indulge her sweet tooth and have a little fun at the same time.

The event didn't disappoint, she said. "I just saw them placing all the eggs down and I was looking for the eggs that were mostly close together so I could get as much as I could," the youngster said.

Also in the eight and older group was Emery Garriock, a nine-year-old who said it was a blast taking part in the hunt, for one reason and one reason only.

"I really like eating the chocolate and I like meeting the Easter Bunny every year," she said.

She said she missed not having the event the past two years, the hunt cancelled because of restrictions related to COVID-19.

The smiles on the thousand or so kids that took part on Friday, racing to gather up some of the 13,000 eggs laid out in the parking lot - a substitute for the water-logged Frank Charry Park, the traditional home of the Easter egg hunt - were enough to convince Hill City Kinsman organizer Jason Freeburn that bringing back the event was the right thing to do.

"We are so excited to be able to bring this event back. It's something that we loved to do and did it for a number of years before the pandemic. We were all ready to go in 2020 and of course the pandemic came along," Freeburn said.

"It was looking for a while like we may not be able to make it happen this year, but with the relaxing of the rules, everyone came together and we had lots of support to be able



Hundreds of youngsters came out to the Easter egg hunt.

to put it on. I'm very happy with the turnout."


The Kinsmen organization has the stuffing of the eggs down-pat, organizing an evening dedicated to filling the eggs with the 21,000 pieces of chocolate and vouchers for those lucky enough to find one of the dozens of special prize eggs.

It's all about the children, Freeburn said. "We love to do events, especially for the kids. This event, you get to see it happen right away. You get to see them collect their eggs and open their eggs up and see what's inside, if it's a chocolate or maybe they get a prize," he said.

"It's near instant gratitude. It's awesome." Freeburn said the ground was just too wet at Frank Charry Park, but said he hopes the weather co-operates and allows them to return next year.

Gage Vic, 10, knows he'll be back. He looks forward to the Easter egg hunt every year. The site really doesn't matter.

"This location is very epic and I like it," he said.



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Port and sherry flavourful additions

When I penned my first (and only) cookbook, *Smoke, Bacon and Booze*, it was a lot of fun to get people's reactions to the recipes I developed and chose to feature. It was written much in the tone of this column, being in my own voice. This can be an advantage or a detriment, depending on who you ask. One part of this process I truly enjoyed was educating people on the advantages of cooking with alcoholic beverages. Many subtle flavours go into crafting liqueurs, wines, and spirits. These can provide a cook or chef with a distinct advantage in building flavour profiles and utilizing these already complimentary scents.



Derek Lankinen

Here's Cooking at You Kid

Wine is one of the most common alcoholic drinks to find on menus. We all know the basic rules of pairing wines with foods, traditionally, reds go with your more earthy red meats, whites with your poultry, and fish. With some variation and deviations made. These can also branch off into your fortified wines like sherry (from Spain) or port (from Portugal).

The more potent the flavours in these wines the more they should be allowed to shine in a dish, covering up these strong tastes with excessive seasonings or herbs does them a definite disservice.

The classical use of wine on a lot of menus breaks down to the simple



Wine works well in the kitchen.

reduction sauce. During this process you take some potent ingredients, such as onions or garlic for your base.

Here you sauté and "sweat" off some of the flavours. At this point

you pour in your wine with an equal amount of meat or vegetable stock in accordance with your protein and reduce it by fifty percent. At this point you kill the heat and swirl in a pad of butter (about 1 tsp per portion of sauce). The butter will add richness and sheen to your sauce and really finish it off perfectly.

We usually associate wine with entrees but some of your stronger fortified wines can be stars at the end of meal. Typically, in North America, most fortified wines stronger than 14% are considered dessert wines but they can also easily find themselves in the dessert themselves. Port, especially is a most excellent friend to chocolate and cherries. The strong acidic tones cut the richness in most creamy chocolates while simultaneously, the

sweetness is complimenting the tartness of the cherries.

Not to be outdone, sherry will also find its way into plenty of similarly flavoured desserts with a lot of stonefruits, chocolates and custards. You will find that moreover, sherry would be a bit more versatile with its slightly more subtle tones complimenting even blueberries and cranberries as well.

You can easily add a wine component to any existing dish and elevate it to another level of quality. Next week we will talk about cooking with spirits.

Derek Lankinen is an award-winning chef, author, and restaurateur. He is the Owner/Operator of Beefcake's Burger Factory and Co-Owner of Elite Beef, Eat Loco Tacos and Brick and Mortar Food Co.

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What spring? Winter weather continues

Easter Sunday: a grey day feeling raw even though the thermometer says zero. Easter Monday - snow flurries. The weather chaps forecast more snow later this week. Really?

When is this going to end? When will we see green? Or even brown until the green can take over?

I have my tractor, Big Red, back with a new clutch and after the last big snowfall, we got to work.

Unfortunately, the route to what I call 'Crumpet 2' where I dump the manure from the horse stalls, was too much for Red. Red is not a four-wheel machine that probably could have done the job.

I would push with the bucket and soon it would feel like hitting a

solid wall. Then Red's rear tires would spin. Need to back up and try again. After five attempts and seeming to be getting nowhere fast, I gave up.

That was last week.

On Easter Monday I resumed the task and behold! Red and I had better luck. Not only did we have to create a path for the quad and cart, my usual means of transporting manure out of the barn, but we had to push the accumulated piles that had been sitting there farther back so that I could create a large enough turn-around space for the quad and cart.

Laura and I had been mucking into wheel barrels and dumping it outside the barn. Now there is a small mountain of stall leavings that

I will have to pick up and transport to Crumpet 2.

Crumpet 1, the main manure pile is never available until all of the snow has vanished.

We feel for the returning birds. By now, the snow should be mostly gone with enough grass revealed for robins to grab worms, for all the other feathered folk just back from the sunny south to find food. Alas, while the birds' clocks are on time, Ma Nature's clock isn't.

So, we feed extra seed. Our daughter, Beth saw a robin the other day.

We now hear the creaking gate call of the Redwing Blackbirds who are competing for the seed along with the hundred Red Poles and who knows what else. I saw a report of someone having spotted a pair of Sandhill Cranes standing in the snow.

What do cranes eat?

We have a pair that returns annually and we see them pecking away in the large southern paddock throughout the summer. But what do they do now?

One neighbour said that she puts out feed corn for the cranes. I suggested to Laura that we could do the same and she snorted "The fox will have a field day!" Oops.

Sunday morning we made our usual trek to the barn to feed the horses.

I saw one of our pooches, Lily, sitting beside something grey and fluffy. It was a headless rabbit.

Now where did that come from? Sophie, new resident pup at Casa Jones was barking up a storm wanting "a piece of the action" as it were.

Lily would have none of it.

Eventually, the bunny corpse was carted over to the house and while the pups wee inside, we believe the

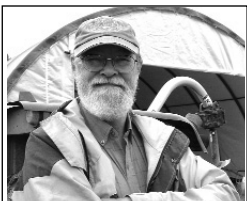
fox trotted out to begin a feast.

Certainly when I let the dogs outside again, most of the bunny corpse had been greatly reduced. Sophie went right at it. I donned outside apparel and ventured to pick up the remains and dispose of them where puppies couldn't have access. I know that neither of our dogs killed the rabbit. Fox perhaps?

In the fall I sit in my living room chair and look out the west window.

As the sun rises it showers the autumn leaves with that gold and orange fire. The scene is especially dramatic if the sky in back is dark.

What a contrast! Friday morning I was so seated and looked out the same window to see the white, winter wonderland covering the trees ablaze with the sun (that didn't last) and a dark sky in behind. So much beauty even if we crave the green.



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Ice auger is still required

When the Easter weekend falls in mid-April, I always put some time aside for a fishing trip. Typically, this means hiking up and down some fast-flowing river, chasing steelhead and soaking up the sun on a warm spring day.

This year was different. This year, my Easter fishing was confined to the thick sheet of ice that still covers much of Lake Superior. I am a very cautious ice angler and I have no interest in taking my chances with the sketchy, deteriorating ice we normally see in April.

However, there were no concerns about the quality of the ice in the spot we fished this year. Even though we were past the midway point of April, we found nearly three and a half feet of solid ice that required us to bury the ice auger right down to the powerhead to reach the water below.

I was out with my friend Randy, and we decided to pick a spot close to home where we could easily walk out to hopefully catch a few whitefish and maybe, if we were lucky, a rainbow trout.

As we walked onto the ice, it was apparent that there was nothing to worry about with plenty of visible snowmobile tracks and no hint of water, slush or even a crack in the ice. We walked out to a small point where a reef gave way to deeper water and set to work drilling a series of holes with the battery-powered ice auger.

We dropped our lines, started jigging, and watched as a big, lone wolf crossed the ice about half a kilometer further out. It moved fast and covered a long expanse of ice in just a couple minutes. While he surely noticed us standing out there, he took no interest. Most likely, he has had an easy winter of hunting with the deer struggling in the deep snow.

The first fish Randy brought up the hole was a big Lake Superior herring. It was followed by a couple whitefish later in the morning, but we were not lucky enough to have any rainbow trout action. As we stood out on the ice, I could not help but notice how "wintery" the conditions were.

It was very cold and the wind was fierce



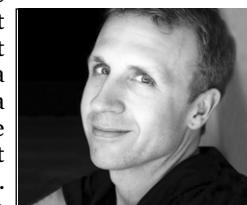
ice fishing this late in the season can still be done, but use extreme caution if venturing out this year.

each time it picked up speed as it crossed the bay. Snow flurries fell intermittently throughout the morning, and we were kept busy cleaning the ice and slush from our fishing holes.

For anyone considering ice fishing in April, safety must be the top priority. Broken ice and wet spots should be avoided, along with areas known to feature underwater springs and currents, especially where creeks or rivers enter the lake.

These are the most dangerous areas as they can remain open or covered by a thin layer of brittle ice. Wearing a floater coat or even an inflatable PFD will provide some extra assurance, and, in the event of a breakthrough, a pair of ice claws or safety picks will help you get back up on top of the ice.

Regardless of the conditions we found last weekend, I am done with ice fishing. In fact, despite my love for all our different seasons and the unique adventures they bring, I am done with winter altogether. It is time for spring.



Keith Ailey
the GOOD LIFE

Ambulance equals Heat and Speed

One approaches *Ambulance* (SilverCity) with understandable reticence.

Michael Bay offerings tend towards noisy, big-budgeted nonsense with dime-store pulp characterizations and dubious plotting, with plenty of things getting blown-up and smashed-up real good.

Similar caveats can be justifiably applied to *Ambulance*, but gosh darn if the movie manages to be popcorn-chomping fun thanks to Jake Gyllenhaal's laser-beam intensity as a master bank robber, a script by Chris Fedak (based on the Danish film *Ambulancen*) that provides just enough back story and exposition and Bay's adrenaline-driven, pulse-pounding direction.

A combo of *Heat* meets *Speed*, *Ambulance* has a novel premise and for a good chunk of the film we buy

into it despite everything being so completely ridiculous.

Bay doesn't waste time touching off the fuse. Decorated veteran Will (Yahya Abdul-Mateen II, *The Matrix Resurrections*) is in desperate need of cash to cover his wife's expensive cancer surgery. Against his better judgment, one fateful day he visits his adoptive brother Danny for a loan (Gyllenhaal, *Spider-Man, Far from Home*), an educated, a career criminal and generational robber of over 35 banks.

But today Danny just happens to be heading out with his gang to pull off L.A.'s biggest heist of \$32 million. Danny could use Will's expert war-time driving skills like—now! Thinking of his wife, dubious Will goes along, just-like-that. (So much for meticulous planning.)

Something unanticipated naturally sends the robbery sideways. Cops

swarm in. Bullets fly, robbers fall. With the cops closing in, desperate Danny hijacks an ambulance, containing a seriously wounded cop and a no-nonsense, top-flight paramedic Cam (Eiza Gonzales, *Baby Driver*).

The ambulance zooms off with an army of cruisers and 'copters in requisite hot pursuit.

Keeping their hostages alive ensures Will and Danny won't get shot to pieces themselves. (No one asks how they're going to evade capture.)

The drama inside the ambulance is key. Danny, Will and Cam have just enough layers and back story to generate emotional investment. Gyllenhaal is all in as a ruthless robber with tricks up his sleeve. Abdul-Mateen's Will has some handy Marine skills and a conscience.

Gonzales is compassionate and super-competent but psychologically detached to maintain her sanity.

A nod also goes to Garret Dillahunt as a quirky dog-loving tactical ops commander.

Bay's camera drones glide from high buildings to dive dizzily down to ground-level, with cars roaring, soaring and smashing aplenty.

Unfortunate clichés have the territorial minded cops trading shopworn macho quips while bickering over strategy.

Bay ratchets up the tension, relentlessly cross-cutting from the stressed-out ambulance to the cruisers and copters zooming around to the top cops strategizing, embellished by Lorne Balfe's pounding soundtrack.

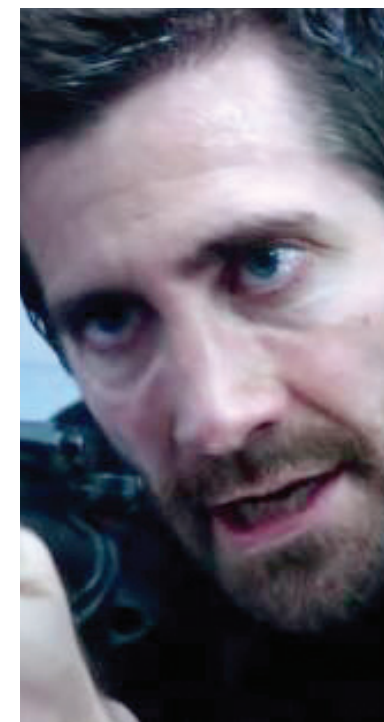
The air seeps out of the balloon towards the end.

But by that time, much vehicular carnage has ensued, many casualties suffered, and a mindless popcorn-chomping good time has been had by all.

Michel Bay gets off the proverbial hook—barely!



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Jake Gyllenhaal is Danny in *Ambulance*.

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Touching a time warp

By Linda Maehans - TB Source

Ceramic artist Katie Lemieux's explorations began with an Honours degree in Fine Arts from Lakehead University. The closer side to a decade ago, if we're thinking in those terms. If in centuries, a mere pebble along the path. If in millennia, well, only a small ember in an inferno; or perhaps the ideal temperature within a kiln.

After adding an MFA and further experiences to her perspective, today Lemieux is back in Thunder Bay with her first solo show at Thunder Bay Art Gallery. It's called Ending Up.

I keep referring to time, how typically we measure and take note of it, because Lemieux's craft defies that convention with eerie ease. The other dimension she defies is our sense of scale.

Consider Little Assembly: what does it have you imagining? Where, when has it taken place? Hundreds upon hundreds of human voices, or "stories", rise as murmurs from those tiny figurines. Some are missing arms. Or are these folded behind their backs? Why do some have elongated necks and heads, while others are headless? All have legs, we think, because the figurines are upright. In chalky hues of salmon, ivory and ecru, all seem fragile. Destructible.

Now move into the time and scale warp of The Other Assembly: five to six slightly larger than life-size torsos; no heads but same pale hues. Might these be the discs and joints of some sort of creature, maybe colossal insects? Again, when is this?

"There's definitely fluctuation in my style. I've jumped back and forth, from really literal sculpture to something more abstracted," remarks Lemieux. "As my artistic skill grows, I have more confidence. In challenging gravity; in making bigger pieces with the medium."

Given her medium involves a kiln and sticky wet earth, I ask whether the artist is ever surprised with her outcomes.

"Oh absolutely! Rarely are 100 per cent of



The artwork of Katie Lemieux will be on display at the Thunder Bay Art Gallery until June 19.

my intentions the result. Especially working with clay, so malleable and it 'moves' so much. It's almost a rule (in ceramics): one has to allow for the space, for the piece to 'grow' of its own accord."

Stand before a dull-green head-and-torso. Focus in on the face. No, nothing dull here; nothing happy either.

The eyes; the set-of-mouth; those worry-lines across the forehead. Move downward to the neck, prominent clavicle, hunched-in shoulders. How old is he? What life-experience prompts such an expression, and posture? What's in a Gaze.

Face Value, a grouping of 4 large charcoal-and graphite sketches, is Lemieux's only departure from three-dimensional representa-

tion; yet here also the textures have us contemplating time. The kind that goes into the shaping of mountains, or limbs of rivers. And scale: the skeletons of ancient animals; or an ice crystal under a microscope.

The titles she's given her pieces: *Emergence, Retreat, Weather Teller, Quest, Flourish, Surface*. Let your mind ebb and flow.

Time, yes, is linear: a one-way direction for many experiences. But it is also circular. Think of seasons, natural life-cycles; the spatial configurations of the heavens. Either way, you'll see Ending Up is neither a coming-of-full-circle nor a finish-line for Katie Lemieux.

Go experience this international artist's interesting warp of time-and-scale, anytime between now and June 19.

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U18 Kings crowned

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

A season in the Greater Toronto Hockey League has the Thunder Bay Kings U18 squad ready for playoff action.

The Kings on Sunday rode a pair of goals from defenceman Nick Holomego and the standout goaltending of Keenan Marks, downing the visiting Kenora Thistles 9-1 to capture the Hockey Northwestern Ontario crown and a spot at the Telus Cup West Regionals in Virden, Man.

Thunder Bay won the best-of-three opener 7-1 on Saturday, both games contested at the Fort William First Nation Arena.

Kings forward Luca Ricciardi, who had a goal and an assist in the win, said the series triumph was huge - but only the first step.

"Obviously we're ecstatic," said Ricciardi, a 12th-round pick last year by the Ontario Hockey League's Sudbury Wolves.

"We get to go to the West Regional and potentially the Telus (Cup). We're all super excited."

Knowing the competition will only be stronger, Ricciardi said he's still confident the team has what it takes to compete at the next level, but they're going to have to prepare a little differently than they did for the Greater Toronto Hockey League playoffs.

It's a different brand of hockey on the plains, he said.

"They play a little bit grittier than the teams down south. We've just got to bring our game, compete, use our speed, take shots in the slot and hit the net, all that kind of stuff," Ricciardi said.

His father Jeff, who coaches the U18 team, said his squad got off to a slow



Thunder Bay Kings captain Josh Lehto (left) and forward Evan Lachimea following Sunday's 9-1 win.

start on Saturday before pulling away in the late second and third, but did the right things on Sunday and made easy work of a Thistles team that struggled to get ice time in the second half, Ontario's COVID-19 restrictions making it tough to continue playing against Manitoba midget competition.

"I thought today we played fast and physical and moved the puck and attacked the puck, so I was pretty happy with the way we finished this weekend," Ricciardi said.

The Kings opened the scoring just 2:20 seconds into the contest, Keegan Jones beating Kaden King to set the tone for what was to come. Evan Lachimea doubled the Thunder Bay lead at 9:12 of the first, and the Kings added another before the period ended, Easton Gloucher slamming home a cross-ice pass from Kaden Goodwin to give the

Kings a 3-0 lead after one.

They kept the attack going in the second, Zach Biniaris firing a low shot that went untouched past Marks. Within six minutes the lead had grown to 6-0, courtesy of Brodie McLeod and Owen Voortman, who tallied with the Kings down a man at 12:39 of the middle frame.

Holomego upped the lead to 7-0 on the power play at 15:04, though Kenora would finally get on the board, for just the second time in the series, Nick Fagnilli letting loose a quick shot from the left faceoff circle that Thunder Bay goaltender Keenan Marks couldn't catch up to in time.

The Kings added a pair of goals in the third, Holomego netting his second of the afternoon, after Ricciardi made it 8-1 less than two-and-a-half minutes into the period.

"The battle's not over," Lachimea said

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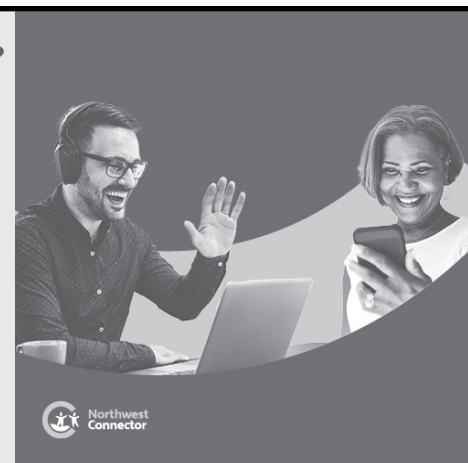


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T-Wolves land Fortin

By Leith Dunick -TB Source

The Lakehead Thunderwolves have landed the biggest fish of them all.

The team on Friday announced it has gotten a commitment from Kam River Fighting Walleye defenceman and captain, Zach Fortin.

The 20-year-old spent parts of two seasons with the Gatineau Olympiques of the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League before playing the 2019-20 and 2020-21 campaigns with the Timmins Rock of the Northern Ontario Junior Hockey League.

He joined the Fighting Walleye this season and was named defenceman of the year in the Superior International Junior Hockey League, scoring 12 times and adding 32 assists in 42 appearances.

"It's an honour to play at my hometown university in front of my family, friends, and mentors," Fortin said in a release issued by the team, shortly after the commitment was announced by Lakehead hockey, adding he can't wait to have his parents in the stands at Fort William Gardens watching him play for the Thunderwolves.

Lakehead coach Andrew Wilkins has kept a close eye on Fortin and his teammates, who are awaiting their Bill Salonen Cup championship round opponent.

"Zach has had an impressive year, he definitely fits the type of player and person we are looking to add to our program," Wilkins said.

"Zach always plays a big role into team success. He has been put in a situation to play big minutes for his team and shown that



Kam River Fighting Walleye captain Zach Fortin, the SIJHL defenceman of the year, will play at Lakehead next season. (FILE)

his game is continuing to evolve. Zach is a standout leader by example and with his contagious style of play. It's a good fit with our group and helps compliment our young D core."

Kam River GM Kevin McCallum said the team couldn't be happier for Fortin.

"He has been a huge asset for us and a true

leader, and he's chosen an amazing university to continue his education and play the game he loves. Zach is a special player and most importantly an amazing person. We look forward to seeing him in the Thunderwolves jersey and following his and his new teams' future accomplishments," McCallum said.

Fighting Walleye, Miners vie for title

Heading into the Superior International Junior Hockey League playoffs, most junior hockey insiders expected the Kam River Fighting Walleye and the Red Lake Miners would meet up in the Bill Salonen Cup final.

They weren't wrong. The Miners on Sunday dispatched of the Dryden Ice Dogs in five games, joining Kam River in the championship round, both teams seeking their first SIJHL title.

For the Walleye, who will open up at home, it'll be their first shot at bringing home the hardware, in just their first playoff appearance.

For the Miners, it'll mark their third finals appearance. They lost to Dryden in 2017 in

four games and lasted just one game longer in 2019 against a juggernaut Thunder Bay North Stars squad.

I'm not sure you can say there's a favourite here. The two teams were pretty evenly matched all season long, the Fighting Walleye going 35-7-2, the Miners 28-6-3.

Led by Ryan Hunter and Jordan Barnesky, who scored four times in Sunday's semifinal clincher, Red Lake might have the advantage up front — with four players topping 50 points. The Fighting Walleye had just two players hit the mark,

despite playing seven more games than their opponent.

Hunter and company will have to find a way to put the puck past Kam River goaltender

Austin Madge, the goalie of the year this season.

He allowed just four goals in Kam River's four-game semifinal sweep of Thunder Bay, following a 20-3-1 regular season that came with a 2.42 goals against average. Red Lake's Kiev Kinieshanko was solid too, with a 16-3-1 record and a 2.93 goals against average.

The best-of-seven final should be one for the ages. The two teams played eight times in the regular season, splitting the series with four wins apiece.

Each team scored 32 goals in the eight games, so there's no tell there.

Goaltending usually wins championships, and since I give the slight edge in that category to Madge and the Fighting Walleye, my prediction is they'll prevail — but they're going to need seven games to get there.



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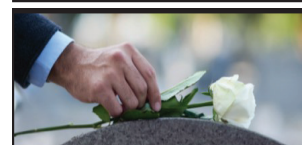
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