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**JUVENILE DELINQUENT:** An MNR worker estimates this bear was probably about two years old.

# Treed bear taken out of backyard

MNR worker tranquilizes, removes animal

**THUNDER BAY**  
By Leith Dunlick – TB Source

**M**aija Sarkka wasn't expecting to see a bear wandering down the backyard laneway behind her Rupert Street home.

At first, she wasn't sure what she saw last Thursday morning.

"I was doing dishes in my kitchen and I could see the back lane out my kitchen window. I saw something large and black running in the back lane," she said.

"It looked like it was larger than a dog. I figured it must be a bear. Somebody's dog started barking and the bear got startled and jumped over the fence into my yard."

Moments later the bruin, a two-year-old male, dug his claws into an evergreen tree at the back of the yard and hoisted his way up under cover of a canopy of branches.

That's when the waiting game began.

Thunder Bay Police were initially called to secure the yard and provide protection should

the bear manage to make its way out of the tree.

"They gave me animal services number, but they didn't answer. I guess some of the other neighbours had been calling and the police showed up," Sarkka said.

The Ministry of Natural Resources was also called in, ultimately tranquilizing the animal, laying out a mat for it to land on when it eventually fell from its perch.

Police helped carry the sleeping bear on a stretcher to a waiting MNR cage.

Sarkka said she's glad it worked out for the bear and for the neighbourhood itself. It's a good reminder of just how close the city is to the wilderness.

"There are children and elderly people and people who walk and run. So I think people should be aware that (bears) are coming into town," she said.

"None of the neighbours wanted to have it shot, so hopefully they can relocate it safely."

**"It looked like it was larger than a dog. I figured it must be a bear."**  
**MAIJA SARKKA**

LOCAL NEWS

# Ready for Stage 3

**THUNDER BAY**  
By Ian Kaufman – TB Source

Political and health leaders in Thunder Bay are cautiously welcoming Monday's announcement that the city will head to Stage 3 of reopening on Friday, along with most other regions of the province.

Thunder Bay's medical officer of health, Dr. Janet DeMille, said the region's COVID-19 numbers justify the step, which will allow the large majority of businesses and other facilities to reopen, as well as easing restrictions on public gatherings.

The Thunder Bay District Health Unit was reporting only one active case as of Monday morning.

"We've done very well in Stage 2 and it's been four weeks, so it's reasonable that we'd be reopening," said DeMille, who heads the health unit. "In terms of the indicators, we have very little COVID-19 circulating, the hospital is doing okay, and public health capacity is good."

Still, DeMille said experiences in other Canadian jurisdictions have proven the virus can spread quickly when people gather without appropriate precautions.

"I have to admit, even though I'm supportive of more reopening, I'm also quite nervous about it," she said. "I have a lot of confidence that if we all do this together, we can navigate through Stage 3 and beyond. (But) if we let up our guard in any way, we could easily slip back."

Managing COVID-19 risks still largely comes down to the basics, DeMille said: maintaining physical distancing, wearing a mask in indoor public spaces, and washing hands frequently.



FILE

**NOT CERTAIN: Thunder Bay Mayor Bill Mauro says he's not sure if he'll venture inside bars and restaurants just yet.**

19 numbers in many parts of the United States that took similar reopening steps in recent weeks.

"We've seen areas in the U.S. and other [places] where they've reopened – it hasn't gone well, and they've had to go backwards and close down again," he said. "I'm not suggesting that will happen here, but it's something you need to guard against. Yes, things are changing, but caution and good health advice still remain part of the equation."

**No hurry**

While most workplaces will have the option of reopening as early as Friday, DeMille urged them not to rush.

"One big piece of advice I'll ask workplaces (to follow) is, don't open up until you're ready," she said. "You have to do it safely – it's not going back to the regular practices, it's got to be done differently."

The province offers a number of detailed resources on how to safely reopen for businesses across various sectors, she added.

While Mauro anticipated the private sector will react more nimbly, it will take longer to determine if recreation centres and other city-run facilities might open under Stage 3.

The city estimates it will take two to six weeks to prepare facilities after any decisions are made.

**Helps Thunder Bay**

The province's decision is good news for the city, said Mauro. The mayor sees the greatest COVID-19 risks coming from outside the region, not from reopening within it.

"I think a lot of people feel we can move to this stage, even health professionals," he said. "I don't think they'd be recommending it if they thought it would necessarily lead to an increase. The pieces we need to be cautious about are the border and travel."

DeMille expressed confidence activities allowed under Stage 3, such as indoor service at restaurants and bars, can be carried out safely – as long as both staff and customers follow precautions. Anecdotal evidence indicates that hasn't always been the case during Stage 2, she said.

"Sometimes precautions are put in place, but people aren't abiding by them – sometimes it's the staff, sometimes it's the customers. Even just the simple one of the directions in the grocery store: It's a great idea, but I'm finding people don't necessarily follow that."

Mauro agreed the success of Stage 3 reopening will come down to residents' determination to stick with public health advice. He pointed to ballooning COVID-

**"I think a lot of people feel we can move to this stage..."**  
**BILL MAURO**

# Finnish Labour Temple up for sale

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

The Finnish Labour Temple is on the open market and the asking price is a cool \$599,000.

The century-old, 14,641 square foot historic property is the former home of the Hoito Restaurant and includes an upper level bar and hall, office space and an apartment unit.







According to a listing on Royal LePage's website and first reported by TVO, the "building and existing chattels (are) being sold as is where is."

In May, the Finlandia Association was dissolved and entered into a liquidation process, citing debts of more than \$1 million. The move came after RBC refused to grant a deferral of a \$2,000 biweekly mortgage payment after the restaurant and hall were forced to close due to pandemic restrictions.

A short time later the Finlandia Co-operative was formed and set up a Go Fund Me campaign to raise \$25,000 in an effort to purchase the building and reopen the world-famous Hoito Restaurant.

The organization reached its goal late last month.

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**LOCAL NEWS**



**PANDEMIC PLAN:** Canada's land crossings with the United States have been closed to non-essential travelers since March, when COVID-19 arrived.

# Hajdu says border likely to remain closed for now

Health minister says keeping non-essential travel out ideal at this time

**POLITICS**  
By Leith Dunick – TB Source

Canada's Health Minister doesn't sound like she's keen to reopen the border to the United States anytime soon.

The border has been closed to non-essential travel since mid-March, when the COVID-19 pandemic struck and is scheduled to remain so until into August – though it would be surprising if Prime Minister Justin Trudeau opens the border when the latest agreement expires.

"As the health minister, I'm certainly working with my colleagues to ensure we continue to have the suspension of non-essential travel over the border," Hajdu said.

"We know that as we get our handle on coronavirus activity here in Canada, that it is a tricky thing and that we can see outbreaks so quickly."

While Canada seemingly has the virus in check, with 565 cases reported nationwide on Monday, it's a completely different story in the United States.

The country, which has been widely panned for its response to COVID-19, has reported an average of nearly, 60,000 new cases over the past week, including more than 15,300 in Florida on Sunday.

**Numbers rising**

According to the Johns Hopkins University of Medicine, the United States has reported a total of 3.36 million cases, resulting in 135,616 deaths. Canada, on the other hand, has reported just 110,046 cases, which have led to 8,836 deaths. More than 73,000 are listed as recovered north of the border.

Hajdu said by no means is Canada out of the water yet, pointing to an outbreak at a British Columbia long-term care facility, and she'd like to ensure the country maintains its downward COVID-19 trajectory.

"I think the challenge is that while we come up with a system here in Canada to continue to put out the fires of various outbreaks, to continue to work toward therapeutics and vaccines, we have to be really thoughtful about the importation of cases," Hajdu said.

"On that note, as the minister of health, we are putting additional health screening resources in airports and at land borders. But I think having the border closed right now to non-essential travel, for me is an ideal state."

Hajdu said Canada will continue to hold discussions with the United States, where President Donald Trump is on record saying he wants to reopen the border as soon as possible as he fights for a return to normalcy locked in a heated election battle with presumptive Democratic nominee Joe Biden.

"So far, so good, (but) I think they've got their hands full," she said.

Hajdu also encouraged Canadians to stay close at home when choosing vacation plans this summer, where several provinces in Atlantic Canada have tightened restrictions to out-of-region visitors, imposing mandatory 14-day self-isolation orders.

**Didn't follow rules**

Several eastern premiers have discussed reopening their so-called Atlantic bubble to the rest of Canada by month's end, but a U.S. student who did not self-quarantine after arriving in Nova Scotia, leading to new cases in that province and on COVID-free Prince Edward Island, may have set the plan back.

Nova Scotia now requires documentation from out-of-region travelers, and plan to follow up with phone calls to ensure visitors are self-isolation.

Hajdu said it's a great opportunity to get to know one's own backyard.

"I think it's challenging. A Canadian is a Canadian and people want to go to different parts of the country. We're still saying though, to Canadians, if you don't have a need to travel for an essential reason, stay home, even within Canada," Hajdu said.

"There's no need right now to go across to B.C. or to go to Northern Ontario or to go to various parts of the country that perhaps haven't had that much COVID activity. It's really, really important that we do our part."

**"I think it's challenging."**  
**HEALTH MINISTER**  
**PATTY HAJDU**



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LOCAL NEWS

# Unemployment figures show good, bad

**EMPLOYMENT**  
By Leith Dunick - TB Source

The head of the North Superior Workforce Planning Board says Thunder Bay isn't doing too badly when compared to the rest of Canada.

From May to June, the country experienced a growth of 1.5 percentage points in its unemployment rate, while Thunder Bay's grew just 0.7 per cent. The district's rolling three-month unemployment average is 11.1 per cent.

However, any positive growth in the unemployment rate is never a good sign, Madge Richardson said.

"Canada is actually twice as high as Thunder Bay's," she said on Friday, after Statistics Canada released its latest employment figures, nearly four months after the COVID-19 pandemic forced businesses across the country to shut their doors.

Richardson said another statistic released by the government shows the city's employment rate is less than 50 per cent, which means less than half of the people who want to work or are looking for work, are actually employed.

"Only half of the population is doing that. So there are going to be lots more people coming into the labour market and looking for work beyond the date when that figure was taken. So that's a large concern right there," Richardson said.

However, like most statistics, timing is everything.



**DISINCENTIVE:** Madge Richardson head of the North Superior Workforce Planning Board, says CERB may keep people off the job.

Richardson, the former mayor of Schreiber, Ont., said the numbers were collected during the first week or so of the province's Phase 2 reopening, and not all businesses had yet opened their

doors.

That could mean a mixed bag for potential workers.

On the one hand, more people may have been rehired. On the other, there's a

new way of conducting business that's arisen.

"A number of people may not have been called back. But I think, from our business impact survey we've been

doing over the last number of months, a lot of businesses were hit really hard, so they're rethinking or recalibrating their operations," Richardson said.

"Some of them may be slower to start up than others. There are so many variables. I think it's difficult to make one statement of why it's happening. I think it's pretty complex. But at this point, if you are one of those looking for work, there isn't a great deal of competition looking for those postings that are open."

Richardson said complicating the matter is fear held by many of going back into the workplace, mostly surrounding their own health and safety and that of their families.

"It may be lack of personal protective equipment," she opined.

But the federal government may also be impeding workers from seeking to return with the promise of the Canada Emergency Response Benefit, a \$2,000 payment to qualified workers who lost their jobs because of COVID-19.

"The CERB may act to de-incentivize a number of people from going back to work. That emergency amount ... has almost enabled them to hold off actively looking for work. It's helped many people, and the intent of it was really good, but it has acted as a disincentive for many people going back into the workforce."

Richardson said she'll be able to get a better grasp of the situation when the July numbers are in, as it will be a full month of Phase 2 being in place.



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# Editorial

## EDITORIAL

# WE scandal is troubling

Justin Trudeau is in hot water again. Is anyone really surprised?

After months of building election capital with a generally well-regarded response to COVID-19, the second-term prime minister finds himself this week in yet another scandal.

This time, it's the WE charity, which apparently members of his family benefited from through speaking engagements, complete with hefty remuneration.

On Monday, Trudeau meekly apologized for his mistake, admitting he should have immediately recused himself from any decision regarding the \$9-million youth fund awarded to the charity.

WE has since turned down the money, as the scandal continues to grow, fed by opposition leaders sensing blood in the water.

It comes on the heels of the SNC-Lavalin scandal that Trudeau somehow managed to survive, and his stunning decision to accept a trip to the Aga Khan's tropical island.

Who is giving the prime minister his guidance? Stephen Harper, the former prime minister, ran against Trudeau in 2015 with the tagline, "He's just not ready."

It's starting to look more and more like Mr. Harper might have been right.

## Soccer questions

To the editor:

The City of Thunder Bay is inviting community feedback on the proposed Chapples multi-use indoor turf facility until July 19 with a report to be presented to Council on July 20. The community engagement process that has been outlined to date provides a slide deck and virtual presentation about the physical features of the facility. The engagement platform does not provide any information relating to the final projected capital cost, operating costs, revenue and usage projections, or a business plan for the facility.

As a vocal advocate for transparency and fiscal accountability from our governments, we are concerned with the absence of a publicly available financial and business plan to ensure that the community is fully informed about this significant and costly project as part of this engagement process.

As the current engagement process does not provide a public forum for questions to be raised and answered, we submit the following and ask that information be made publicly available to address these questions prior to the closure of the current community engagement process:

- What is the business plan?
- What is the financial breakdown of operating revenues and expenses?
- What is the net operating impact to the City of Thunder Bay?
- What are the schedules that inform user revenue projections regarding daily usage?

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



● Have any private partners such as local sporting groups committed to capital contributions? If so, are there any agreements relating to priority scheduling for funding partners?

● Does the building design include loading doors of at least 14' that allow trade show hosting capacity?

● Does the plan include purchase of a solid floor to cover the turf for trade show events?

● Does the building design include air conditioning?

● What type of kitchen facilities are included for concession and catering?

● Have the senior levels of government committed/approved funding contributions? If not and if there is a funding shortfall, what is the plan to finance this project?

● What will the property tax implications be?

● Will this facility compete with the private sector turf facility that is currently in progress?

In recent months, the City of Thunder

Bay has hosted virtual townhall sessions to provide information and respond to concerns during the pandemic. We suggest that a virtual townhall session should be scheduled, with sufficient notice and promotion, to allow the above and other questions to be brought forward by the community and answered in a public forum.

Charla Robinson  
President,

Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce

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# Community loses an ardent fan

## OBITUARY

By Leith Dunick – TB Source

If you've stuck around one place as long as I have in the media world, you get pretty familiar with a lot of people in the world of communications.

In Thunder Bay, that's a pretty small world.

Bruce Nugent stood head and shoulders above almost all of them.

Sadly, Sunday night the city learned that Bruce, the long-time communications officer for Lakehead Public Schools, had died suddenly earlier that morning.

It's a crushing loss for the board, but more so, it's a tremendous blow for the entire community.

Born in Terrace Bay, Bruce eventually made his way to Thunder Bay. I first came across him in the early 2000s, when he was with the Thunder Bay District Health Unit.

But I really got to know him when he moved to the school board.

No story was too big or too small for Bruce. He absolutely loved to show off the great work being done by teachers,



**GONE TOO SOON:** Bruce Nugent was always first and foremost a family man.

students and administration, and more often than not he'd be there taking pictures, chatting with anyone and everyone who crossed his paths.

An event with Bruce inevitably meant setting aside an extra 15 minutes just to

shoot the breeze.

That's what I'll miss most.

Bruce loved to talk sports, whether it was his beloved Minnesota Vikings or Twins, or the Rangers – both Glasgow and New York.

It's funny, each Christmas I'd get the inevitable text from him. "Hey, are you going to a Vikings game this year? Can you pick me up a Vikings calendar. I want to give it to my kid for Christmas."

The last time he meant to send me \$50 to pay for them, but instead sent \$500.

The Scotsman in him panicked, and I got a frantic message not to accept the payment. I just laughed.

He was never one worried about sharing his opinion – just ask anyone who followed Bruce on Twitter or Facebook.

A lover of politics and beer, he and I shared many similar musical tastes. He was just a year older than me and we grew up in the '70s and '80s, listening to a lot of the same stuff, including The Clash, the Sex Pistols and Neil Young.

More recently, we'd come to realize how much we loved Jason Isbell, a guy I honestly believe is the best singer-song-

writer this side of Bruce Springsteen.

Fiercely proud of his adopted Westford roots, Bruce was community-minded in every way. He was a long-time member of the Fort William Rotary Club and was working hard to make this year's House Lottery a success.

He was an ardent supporter of Roots to Harvest's community garden project, and often pointed about the work he and his wife Sharlene had put in on their plot this summer.

Because above all, Bruce was a devoted family man.

There's nothing he wouldn't do for his wife, Sharlene, or his two boys, Liam and Aidan.

They were his world and he was theirs.

Lately he'd taken to posting pics of the meals Liam had been making them during the pandemic lockdowns.

He was immensely proud of the young men his sons have become, and never failed to share the latest in their lives, always with a giant grin on his face.

If you're lounging in the backyard this weekend, raise a glass to Bruce and his family and keep them in your thoughts. He truly was one of the good ones.

# Perspective

# Pay the power bill

It's time to get serious about renewable energy sources

**OPINION**

By J.R. Shermack  
Special to TB Source

I think the time has come to pay the global hydro bill.

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Building these dams and power plants is very expensive but once they are on line they require very few workers and maintenance costs are usually low.

The endless free flow of water delivers an unlimited supply of electricity but we tend to disregard the environmental impact and consequences.

We have been diverting rivers, creating huge reservoirs and manipulating the flow of water on a scale

large enough to create a wobble in our planet's rotation.

But our blind faith in technology has given us some unintended consequences to deal with.

We are approaching the limits of our technology and even cubic miles of concrete can't resist the force of the looming catastrophe.

The time of cheap hydro power has finally come to an end and now is the time to start paying the environmental costs we have been ignoring for so long.

Rampaging rivers, overflowing reservoirs and extreme weather caused by climate change are applying pressure to the crumbling concrete and aging infrastructure.

Huge hydroelectric dams once considered the apex of human engineering are now crumbling, cracking, bending and in some cases, collapsing altogether.

One such disaster is unfolding right now as torrential rainfall, floods, landslides, earthquakes and crumbling infrastructure have the people of China scrambling for their lives.

Weeks of heavy rain have already left millions homeless and the extreme floods are expected to continue all along the Yangtze River.

China experiences flooding every year and has struggled to protect its low-lying areas from surging water levels with small dikes, dams and other features.

Human activities have altered or

destroyed rivers, lakes, wetlands and many other natural features that provide protection against flooding.

And now, after 31 days of heavy rainfall experts are expecting more landslides and breaches at other reservoirs and dams.

One notable Chinese hydrologist believes that one of the largest hydroelectric dams in the world, the Three Gorges Dam on the Yangtze River, is in danger of collapse.

Satellite images reveal a badly warping dam but Chinese officials claim that this dam is in an "elastic state" well within the allowable deformation range.

That's not very reassuring and scientists are warning that as many as 400 million people may be at risk.

China is not alone – the recent collapse of two dams in Michigan was a reminder that climate change and extreme weather are pushing the limits of aging infrastructure.

A 2017 report from the American Society of Civil Engineers gave many of that country's 91,000 dams a grade of "D" for safety.

The situation in China is very dramatic but the frequency of severe flooding around the world has demonstrated an unacceptable risk of disaster.

Decades of cheap, plentiful electricity has made us complacent but there is a price to be paid for ignoring the perils of unsustainable development.

Our global hydro bill has come due and Mother Nature is taking payments.

**"The time of cheap hydro power has finally come to an end..."**

## HANGING TEN



**ROLL WITH IT:** The local skateboarding community is inviting anyone and everyone to join them and learn about the sport at any of the city's skateboard parks this summer.

ADAM SIBAZ

## A look back in history:

### Black Bay Bridge

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**KEITH  
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THE GOOD LIFE

It's no secret that hard work pays off and nothing worthwhile is ever easy. I was reminded of this while on a recent fishing expedition with my good friend Wes Bender.

There are plenty of easily accessible lakes we could have visited, but we chose one with no road access. When it comes to fishing, it is usually worth the extra effort, and always more fun, to work your way into some lake where you are very unlikely to ever see another angler.

### Getting late

It was already early evening when we pulled off to the side of the secondary road we had been travelling down. I had to do a double take because the place where we were going to launch our boat was fully overgrown and essentially invisible, hidden from anyone who didn't already know it was there. It was obvious that nobody else had bothered to try to get into this lake for quite some time.

Undeterred, Wes backed the truck and trailer through the brush and down



**WADING IN:** Finding one's way into a seldom-used lake can take a lot of work, but the pay-off in the end can make it all worthwhile.

the bank allowing us to lift his 12-footer the final few feet to the water. We loaded in our gear and set off for adventure. However, the water levels are low this summer so this wouldn't

be a quick trip upriver into the lake. In fact, the motor stayed out of the water while Wes, wearing chest waders to stay dry and a jacket to shield him from mosquitos, pulled us

through a tiny sliver of a creek that was no wider than our small boat and choked with reeds and bulrushes. This made me smile, not only because I got to stay in the boat, but because, if a

lake is really tough to access, the fishing is often really good.

Finally we came to a beaver dam where we had to lift, pull and persuade our craft over the top. Beyond that, the river finally widened enough to drop the motor, so Wes jumped back in the boat and our forward progress sped up significantly as we approached the entrance to the lake.

### Ready to start

Soon we were fishing. We were targeting walleye, but it was the endless action from some very eager Northern pike that kept us entertained while we searched for our dinner. Before too long, we both had caught limits of plump walleye to bring home to our families, and we were headed back down the creek to the truck.

Once we arrived back at our "boat launch", we were surprised to find a painted turtle laying eggs in the sand right below our trailer.

So, as to not disturb her, we unhitched the trailer and maneuvered it away from her nest and down to the water's edge.

With the cooler full of walleye and the boat back on the trailer, we set off for home. Along the way we dodged dozens of rabbits and turtles, including a huge snapper, while also spotting grouse, a fox and a black bear. What an amazing evening, all just a short drive from Thunder Bay, and made possible with a little bit of hard work.

## Borrowing to invest comes with risk, but it's not uncommon



**CHRISTINE  
IBBOTSON**

MONEY LADY

Dear Money Lady,

My sister borrowed \$100,000 off her line of credit a few years ago at the advice of her investment advisor and put it into the stock market, using the interest as a tax write off.

She said this was a leverage lend strategy which I was very skeptical about at the time. Since the market is so low now, I am wondering if you think I should do this too. Should I borrow to invest even though I still have debt? Thanks, Peter

Dear Peter:

Let's first start with an explanation of a leverage lend for those who may not be familiar with the term. Leverage lending means borrowing money and often writing off the interest based on what the funds are used for; then investing in something that we feel will give us a higher return than the amount we are paying in interest on the borrowed funds.

When most people think about leverage lending they imagine taking out a margin loan on their stock portfolio or as in your sister's case, drawing down a secured line of credit to buy more stock.

While this is one method, I would caution you greatly to not do that, even now.

Put simply, it is taking on a lot more debt – and you should always be careful when you consider going more into the red.

That being said, wealthy people always have debt in their portfolios and are always on the lookout for opportunities to either invest, purchase, or transfer funds from investment to another to build wealth.

I know a lot of readers would like me to condone borrowing to invest in the stock market, especially since it is down so low. Unfortunately, I can't. While I'm confident it will turn and go high, I can't predict when this will happen and there is no real assurances it actually will -- yet!

I would prefer you invest in something a little more tangible such as real

estate, an investment property or maybe yourself. Yes – You! Why not leverage yourself? You are a sure-fire exceptional risk to bet on, guaranteed.

Use this new low rate environment to help fund your dreams, whatever they are.

Entrepreneurs are always looking for a unique situation to give them an edge.

This "new normal" could be it; an opportunity that may only come around once in a lifetime. Successful people fill their minds with all the ways to get what they want. Sometimes all it takes is a concerted effort to let go of negativity and to positively and persistently improve your situation. Believe you can and leverage yourself and your dreams to

do so.

Like yourself for making a change and disregard the inevitable setbacks and obstacles that you will have to overcome in your journey. Just make a difference.

All that is required is that you shift your mind toward believing that you can. Do it this time.

*Good Luck and Best Wishes,  
Money Lady*

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TB Life

# Summertime is for bird sounds



**FRED JONES**

**RURAL ROOTS**

This month sure has been a hot and until recently, a dry one. Thank heavens for the rain last week.

Mind you, the old saying: “Make hay while the sun shines” certainly has proven true this summer. Our hay supplier has been working non-stop cutting, raking, fluffing, and baling his fields. I can’t remember a summer when he has had such ideal haying conditions. Just need to ask him about the quality and quantity since until recently, we hadn’t received any rain for a month.

From a distance as I drive by the fields and see all the large, round bales sitting where once there were rows of swathed grass, the bales look pretty good. I’m still feeding our equines hay from last year, still good, but wait until I fork the new hay into their stalls.

The scenery around Casa Jones is luxurious – all the greens that began in spring radiating a lemon-green, have darkened. The lupins that grow at the end of our driveway have lost their colour as have all those one sees when driving Highway 61 en route to town. Now we see pale blue of the chicory and the pinks of fireweed.

## Get growing

Behind Casa Jones I planted a mock orange bush outside my library window in the flower bed along the south of the house. It has grown tall with white flowers blossoming that have a wonderful perfume. The flowers on that bush are in full display and when I pass it, I have to stop and take a deep whiff of that heady aroma.

My three, favourite bird calls are the loon, the veery, and the white-throat sparrow. The loons I get to see and hear when my wife, Laura, and I go boating on Northern Lights Lake. The veery I heard

when we first moved onto this property but the summers had been cool and set. They have that gorgeous descending arpeggio trill. Veerys like it wet which it hasn’t been for many a summer. The white-throat sparrows are in our bush. Until recently when I got new hearing aid, I couldn’t hear their wonderful call when walking through our woods. Laura and I would be walking our trials when she’d stop and ask if I could hear the sparrow. I couldn’t. Now I can.

But the other day when I heard the white throat, it was a different call. Laura and I were coming up from the vegetable garden when I heard it.

“Hey,” I called, “I can hear a white-throat. But the call is different.”

No longer did it end with the triple “Canada, Canada, Canada.” Instead of the notes descending, they rose to end on only two “Cana’s.” I read on-line that this change in the call of the white-throated sparrow has been only recently noticed beginning out west in B.C. and now that change has swept across the country. I am not sure if the scientists have figured out the cause of this change.

## Smell test

Mornings are heavy with smells of the bush. When I exit the house my ‘schnoz’ first catches the scent of the newly-split birch firewood now stacked in even rows. Such a relief to have the firewood done. Then when I head down the stairs to walk across the yard to the barn, the smell of balsam (absolutely one of my favourites) assails my senses.

At night when I exit the barn after turving the horses out so that they can graze, fireflies are flashing on and off in the dark. We keep our horses inside their stalls during the day as the deer and horse flies and those nasty ‘ankle biters’ torture the equines. We call it the “Summer Shift”. When the mercury begins to regularly dip nearer freezing, the shift flips to “Winter Shift” and the horses stay out all day only to come inside when it is very cold. I love the two periods of in-between when the horses can stay out both day and night.

Less work for Farmer Fred.

# Dog scam alleged by RCMP

**POLICE**  
By TB Source staff

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police are investigating an alleged fraud involving the purchase of a dog from Thunder Bay.

Halifax District RCMP said they were contacted by an area resident on July 7.

He told police he had made arrangements to buy a golden retriever from a seller he found online.

The puppy was to be shipped from Thunder Bay to Halifax by air, and there were additional costs associated with that.

After the seller asked for more money for pet insurance, the victim suspected he was being defrauded, and contacted the mounties.

However, he had already sent a total of \$2,800 to the seller.

RCMP say they are continuing to look into the incident.

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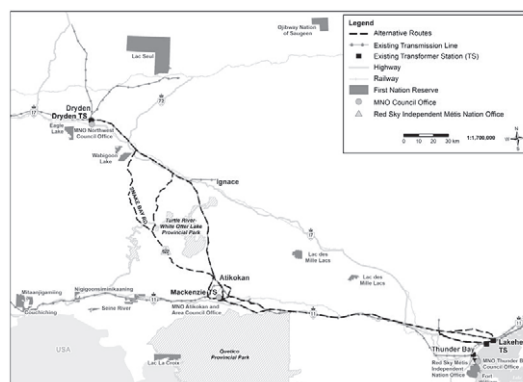
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## Blues Festival return still up in air

Most acts have yet to set touring schedules with no guarantees of being able to perform

### MUSIC

By Lelth Dunick – TB Source

Last Friday was supposed to mark the opening of the Thunder Bay Blues Festival.

However, after months of trying to pull together a lineup, with little success finding headliners to live up to Bryan Adams' festival-stealing show last July, organizers decided to cancel it and focus on 2021.

The COVID-19 came along.

Trevor Hurtig, manager of marketing and development at the Thunder Bay Community Auditorium, which runs the Blues Festival, said the pandemic has left planning for next year's event, along with scheduling concerts and other events at the facility itself, at a standstill.

There's just no way of knowing when large gatherings like the Blues Fest, which drew sold-out crowds in the thousands to Marina Park, will be allowed.

As a result, most acts have yet to make touring plans for next year, preferring to take a wait-and-see approach.

"The whole industry is at a standstill at the moment. People are very reluctant in the business to commit to too much, as far as new dates or really anything into the future, just because nobody knows exactly what's happening and when this is all going to settle down enough so we can move forward with actual plans," Hurtig said, reached recently by phone by CKPR Radio.

"Apart from that, there are certainly discussions going on with agents for both the Auditorium and a potential Blues Fest in the future."

The good news for both venues is if touring is allowed to resume again in 2021, there will be a large number of artists and acts that will likely hit the road next year. Many will be trying to make up for lost income in 2020, while others would normally have been hitting the road anyway.

It should mean an availability of more talent, though the still uncertain



**FUTURE UNCERTAIN:** Amanda Marshall has performed twice at the Thunder Bay Blues Festival, including a show-stopping lead-in last year before Bryan Adams took the stage.

issue of the border being closed between Canada and the United States does loom large for the time being.

Hurtig said no decision has yet been made about the 2021 Blues Festival, but added nothing needs to be done immediately. The lineup isn't traditionally revealed until March.

The event has proven hugely successful throughout its two-decade

history, and sold out in record time in 2019, with Adams heading the bill.

"I think we have a fair bit of time on that one. We usually start after the Blues Festival – which would have happened this weekend had we proceeded with it. Usually we have some initial discussions after the festival takes place and have some further discussions over the summer

and then some more serious discussions into the fall and before Christmas," Hurtig said.

Blues Festival, if it does return, could have a much different look. Asked about the possibility of a more localized lineup, Hurtig said nothing is off the table at this point.

"Whatever happens, we are looking at everything," he said. "If it turns out

that Canadian artists are what's available because the border is still closed (maybe that's what we'll do)."

The same goes for the Auditorium, Hurtig added.

The Auditorium has already had a number of shows, including ZZ Top and Jeff Dunham, cancel or postpone. Both have rescheduled shows for 2021 dates.

# Greyhound battles way to respectability



**MARTY MASCARINI**  
MOVIE TALK



LEITH DUNICK

**DOG DAYS:** Tom Hanks stars as Capt. Ernest Krause in the Apple TV movie *Greyhound*.

Screenwriter Tom Hanks gives actor Tom Hanks much to shout about in *Greyhound*, (Apple TV) a story about the Battle of the Atlantic in WW II, where American cargo ships duel with German U-boats while conveying supplies to England, inspired by C.S. Forester's novel, *The Good Shepherd*.

It's 1942. America's smarting after the attack on Pearl Harbor. Fresh from specialized training but lacking combat experience, Hanks' 'mature' Capt. Ernest Krause takes over a convoy of 37 cargo ships and four warships, led by his vessel, *USS Keeling* (call-sign: "Greyhound.")

To get to Liverpool, they must cross the Atlantic's "Black Pit" where they will be without air cover for fifty hours and thus vulnerable to predatory U-boat wolf packs. The story focuses exclusively on this narrow timeframe.

Instantly, Hanks and company come under various attacks, as the enemy strives to take advantage of its ripe opportunity. Hanks authoritatively barks

orders despite his inexperience, scrambling to outwit the cagey subs with unleashing firepower, and split-second maneuvering, dodging torpedoes and

head-on collisions by a hair's breadth. Hanks' script melodramatically accentuates the pressures of command.

History buff Hanks also loves credible operational details, such as naval protocol. On the bridge, all terse jargon-laced updates and orders are repeated intensely, verbatim. In the heat of battle, the margin of error is dire for miscues stemming from miscommunication.

A man of faith, Hanks has to collectively overcome self-doubt, uncertainty from his more seasoned young crew, and one potentially fatal blunder. Characterization is thread-bare, though the actors manage to convey slightly distinctive personas. No time for back story here.

Hanks' crew is also vexed by new technology where radar, sonar and even wiper blades on the bridge windows have their wonky moments.

The enemy remains faceless. The only subjective sense we get is views of the convoy through their periscopes, accentuated by Blake Neely's sinister soundtrack. Their deviousness comes through doomsday taunts via radio.

Defenses weaken while ticking time stamps indicate the anxious elusiveness of expected air cover. Losses mount on

both sides. Hanks stoically grieves over his men, especially those close to his command.

Hanks is typically convincing, worn, self-doubting, yet capable and determined. Stephen Graham is impressive as Hanks' ever-competent XO who's empathetic towards his rookie commander.

The production values are first-rate. Director Aaron Schneider makes full use of CGI and excellent cinematography. The Atlantic is foreboding in grim grey. Vessels loom large and formidable, cutting through the wave-tossed sea, often engaged in taut, well-edited battle sequences. Schneider cuts from claustrophobic deck-bound scenes to impressive aerial views illustrating *Greyhound's* tactical, harrowing effort to elude perilous cross-fire from the subs.

One trifling curiosity occurs early on, as we learn through Hanks' fiancée Elisabeth Shue that he's achieving his first-ever command only now at an advanced stage in life, something which the book apparently explains but the film does not.

Though this is no *Saving Private Ryan*, *Dunkirk*, nor *1917*, *Greyhound* stands as a serviceable wartime thriller that deserves a shot on the big screen.

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# It's a dog's life on television these days

According to many rescues, recent adoptions have increased with so many people working and schooling from home. It's understandable. You're lonely and available to give lots of love and cuddles – especially since you can't cuddle most people, let alone touch them, anymore.

So now, there are more homes in Canada with dogs running about, chewing on things and farting in corners while we're holding Zoom meetings and trying to find some kind of normal. But it suddenly occurs to me, we rarely see pets as an active part of family life on television.

I'm not talking about Lassie – whose owner had to be the stupidest/clumsiest child on earth to constantly be caught in a well every week. There was also *The Littlest Hobo* – a Canadian classic to be sure. No, I'm talking about family-centric shows that accurately include the family dog in their daily lives.



Sure, they love to use Fido as an occasional punch line.

The recent Pauley Perrette comedy *Broke* had a purse-pooch Chihuahua that caused a few chuckles in the first episodes.

But as its owner's storyline progressed from a wealthy, bored, socialite to a working woman, the dog sort of disappeared.

It was a little like *Happy Days*' mysterious older brother, Chuck. One day, he

just wasn't there anymore.

In a real family, that dog still wakes Mama up at dawn to eat and wee-wee – not necessarily in that order. He occasionally vomits in the most visually obscure but foot accessible location on the carpet.

While the family goes to school and work, someone's still got to get home to let Rufus out to do his business. And then hunt for it – lest you want to have that shoot out the side of your lawnmower in a couple of days.

Speaking of which, whoever is doing the lawn maintenance better buy stock in grass fertilizer and patch repair products. That might also help to pay for the special allergy food or the periodic trips to the vet to remove the golf ball someone swallowed.

At the end of the day, while the TV family is getting into hilarious or dramatic trouble together, the real one is arguing about whose turn it is to walk the

dog. Sure, we could give it a friendly pat and send it off to quietly sit off-scene like our Hollywood counterparts.

But while their pooch is either lounging serenely or actively patrolling the perimeter without making a sound, my dogs are freaking out at every child, bird, squirrel and mailman that walks by the house.

And I prefer that.

Because if I haven't heard from my beloved hounds for a while, I know without a shadow of a doubt, that something is being destroyed. Something I love.

It's no wonder many homes get a dog only to give it up, claiming "not enough time." Real life with a real dog isn't a music montage of puppy kisses, clean houses, and jogging with your dog at your side. It involves bad breath, fur everywhere, and constantly hunting for a poop bag.

And that's just not Hollywood enough.



**BIG ROLE:** Comet had an integrated role on the '80s sitcom *Full House*.

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

### ACROSS

- 1 Ember
- 4 Bee house
- 8 Table scraps
- 12 Postpaid (abbr.)
- 13 Geological epoch
- 14 Transparent mineral
- 15 At the age of (Lat.)
- 16 Grease
- 17 Very (Ger.)
- 18 Carouse
- 20 Mint herb
- 22 Daughter of Laban
- 25 Suspend
- 28 Mount near Olympus
- 31 Vapor
- 33 Male sheep
- 34 Lively (Fr.)
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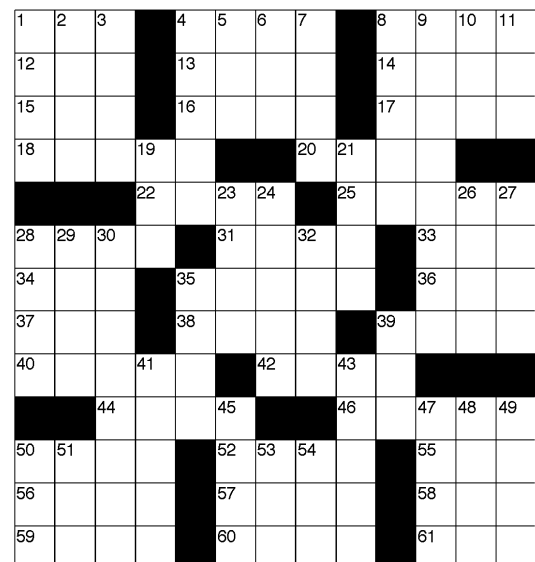
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- 2 Ger. admiral
- 3 High definition television (abbr.)

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 ANTETERAH  
 UREDO LAET  
 READSTANDARD  
 GASHARNOKAE  
 EMEU DIKAENA

- 4 Daughter of Athamas
- 5 Amazon tributary
- 6 Videocassette recorder (abbr.)
- 7 Mississippi bridge
- 8 Greek letter
- 9 Hull of rice (2 words)
- 10 Exclamation
- 11 Posed for a portrait
- 19 Guido's note (2 words)
- 21 Attention (abbr.)
- 23 Oriental nursemaid
- 24 King of Tyre
- 26 New sugarcane shoot
- 27 Discharge
- 28 Today (Ital.)
- 29 Levantine ketch
- 30 Soft job
- 32 Basic igneous rock
- 35 Girl
- 39 Crab-eating macaque
- 41 Nose opening
- 43 Pain (suf.)
- 45 State (Fr.)
- 47 Semitic deity
- 48 Rhine tributary
- 49 Assam hills
- 50 Arabic letter
- 51 Girdle
- 53 Alabama (abbr.)
- 54 Ultimate degree



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## Gymnastics clubs starting over

### GYMNASTICS

By Leith Dunick – TB Source

When the pandemic struck, Jennifer Nedgial found herself in the same troubling position as hundreds of other business owners in Thunder Bay – shut down with no return in sight.

Nedgial, who founded Giant Gymnastics, was not permitted to open her doors for months, the fear of COVID-19 closing all but the most essential of essential businesses down.

Slowly, but surely, as Northwestern Ontario began to get a hold of the virus, the restrictions began to lift.

In May, Nedgial got the word gymnastics clubs, like the one she hosts in the gym of the former Fort William Collegiate and Vocational Institute, would be allowed to offer classes again – albeit in much smaller numbers.

#### Guarded return

At first she opened the doors to four gymnasts at a time.

With restrictions loosening further, she's brought back summer day camps, capped at 24 athletes.

It's still not paying all the bills, but Nedgial said she's doing it for more important reasons.

"It was a question of do we stay open? Do we close? Is this worth it? It is so worth it for the children," Nedgial said.

"It's my social responsibility, as a

person who has a facility that offers programs for children, to make it work. And that's what we're doing every day, is making it work, as best as we can – with financial assistance from the government, of course."

Working with the Thunder Bay District Health Unit, Nedgial and her staff – she's had to lay off 43 employees – have implemented a strict cleaning schedule to ensure the facility is as sanitized as possible.

Equipment is wiped down frequently, usually every 20 minutes, and a fogger is used to further clean.

The gymnasts have also had to change their ways.

"Our sport is a contactless sport, but they are known to hug each other when they get a skill, to high-five each other. We get excited too. So the biggest thing has been the social distancing. They have been so great, knowing that gymnastics was the lead sport in coming back, so it's up to us to be the role models to do it right," Nedgial said.

"So they have been vigilant in making sure. They've come up with what we call celly dances. Just like in football, when you get a touchdown, they now have their own and the rest of the team has to do them."

Nine-year-old Caitlin Orr said she's

excited to be in the gym, after months cooped up inside her house with schools closed and most other activities shut down.

"I really missed it," she said, adding she missed being active and seeing her friends.

"It's really good to get out because I've been in the house since basically school stopped and this is just something really fun to do."

Giant Gymnastics isn't the only program back in business.

#### Also open

Greg Balec, who runs Ultimate Gymnastics, says summer fun camps began last Monday. They too got the go-ahead from the health unit to resume, and he said they'll be following the strictest of cleaning protocols and guidelines to allow campers to enjoy their long-awaited return to the sport.

"Chalky's Ultimate Summer Fun Camps kick off this week and could potentially run through the end of August, offering eager campers both gymnastics and the very popular parkour options to choose from," Balec said.

Balec said tryouts for the 2020-21 competitive team will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on July 22 at their Alloy Drive gym.

"It's so worth it for all the children."

JENNIFER NEDGIAL



OPEN AGAIN: Giant Gymnastics is offering day camps for up to 24 athletes.

LEITH DUNICK

## Racist nicknames should be made a thing of the past

It's about time Daniel Snyder came to his senses.

It's just too bad it took the threat of major sponsors like FedEx, Amazon and Nike to drag him there, kicking and screaming all the way.

It's tough to give the owner of Washington's NFL team any of the credit for the decision to retire the club's longstanding racist nickname, Redskins.

Snyder, who vowed never to change the name, only did so when his bottom line was threatened.

Money talks in the world these days and Snyder clearly knew it.

But Indigenous groups have been fighting the name for decades and nothing got done.

The good news is that other teams in other sports are listening. The bad news is, only one, the Cleveland

Indians, appears to be responding.

Like Washington, the team from Cleveland has long been criticized for hanging onto an outdated nickname. At least they retired the offensive Chief Wahoo design a couple of seasons ago – but then again, it never should have been created in the first place.

Sadly, at least two other North American teams have indicated they have no intention of retiring their Indigenous designs.

The NHL's Chicago Blackhawks issued a statement saying their team indirectly honours Black Hawk, a Sauk band leader and warrior from the 18th and 19th century and they have no plans to change.

The Atlanta Braves this week also said they will be keeping the Braves name, but will look into the

Tomahawk Chop, a cheer made famous during the team's prolific 1990s run.

I've been in the middle of that chop and, yeah, it's racist as heck.

Finally, the Edmonton Eskimos of the Canadian Football League – yeah, that league still exists – are asking shareholders and ticket-holders if the team should consider adopting a new nickname.

The team does have the support of former NHLer Jordin Tootoo, who is Inuit.

Like Washington, the 14-time Grey Cup champions have started losing sponsorships, so I'd guess the loss of revenue in what appears to be a lost season will ultimately spur the decision. Realistically, they can't afford to keep it.

The bottom line is that Indigenous people are not mascots. There are plenty of ways to honour Native

Americans and Canadians without turning them into caricatures.

The time has come to stop this practice once and for all. Honestly, that time was two decades ago.

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I'm starting to think it might make more sense for the Toronto Blue Jays to seriously consider playing their home games in Buffalo.

Travis Shaw later apologized for his comments, but the Jays third baseman came across as a spoiled millionaire when he went on social media and suggested he'd be willing to quarantine once, but after that, the players should be allowed out of their bubble to roam the streets or stay at their high-priced condominiums.

Not when the Blue Jays have to travel to Florida, where record numbers of COVID-19 cases are being diagnosed each and every day, it

seems.

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Speaking of baseball's return, next week we'll bring you our annual MLB predictions.

The Yankees and Dodgers are the obvious choices, at least on paper, but the shortened 60-game season is bound to bring surprises. I spoke to Sportsnet's Jamie Campbell when he was in town, and he thinks the shortened season might benefit a team like Toronto.

Personally, I think their schedule, playing the AL and NL East, means another long summer awaits.

Unless Nate Pearson catches fire, and sophomore sensations Bo Bichette, Vladimir Guerrero Jr. and Cavan Biggio really find that next level, I find it hard to believe the Blue Jays are going to win more than 27 games in 2020, and I think that number might be a stretch.



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