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Festival of Colours
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The Festival of Colours returned to the Thunder Bay waterfront for the first time since 2019, with people lining up for a chance to throw their worries to the wind. (Leith Dunick)



At-large Coun. Aldo Ruberto was first elected in 2006. He's one of at least five councillors are walking away in 2022. (FILE)

Ruberto retiring

Four-term councillor says it's time to walk away

By Gary Rinne - TB Source

At-large city councillor Aldo Ruberto is stepping aside from municipal politics.

The four-time councillor informed his city hall colleagues Monday evening that he will not be a candidate in next October's election.

"I've been there for 16 years. If you're working as a councillor for 16 years, and giving it your heart and soul, you're giving up a lot of energy. Quite frankly, it's time for me to retire," Ruberto said.

He said he had always planned to serve just three terms, and decided about 18 months ago that four was his limit.

This means there will be at least five new faces on the 13-member council after the Oct. 24th vote.

Besides Ruberto, Mayor Bill Mauro and at-large councillor Rebecca Johnson, Neebing ward's Cody Fraser, and Red River ward councillor Brian McKinnon have announced that their names will not be on the ballot.

Ruberto said it's been an honour to serve, and he's proud of much of what city council has accomplished since he was first elected, pointing to waterfront development as a prime example.

"People gravitate to it. It's amazing," he said in describing its transformation.

But he's disappointed a waterfront recreational trail is still years away from being completed, saying these kinds of trails have been a priority for cities all over the world.

Ruberto also regrets that the city continues to struggle to develop an indoor turf facility for soccer and other sports, considering Thunder Bay has seven hockey arenas.

In his retirement, he said, he hopes to spend less time answering his phone, email messages and texts.

Ruberto has had a high profile on social media, where his posts have generated controversy, and even led to a recommendation from the city's integrity commissioner that he be sanctioned.

Council ultimately rejected that recommendation, but Ruberto concedes his engagement with the public on social media happened "maybe in a hostile manner" on occasion.

"But I always spoke my mind, and if I disagreed with someone, I let them know that and I let them know why. And I always tried to do it in a respectful manner," he declared.

Ruberto isn't ruling out a return to politics at some point.

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Former Chronicle Journal publisher Clint Harris is one of four candidates running for mayor. (FILE)

Harris to run for TB mayor's chair

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Former *Chronicle Journal* publisher Clint Harris has filed to run for Thunder Bay mayor.

Harris, who submitted his nomination papers at city hall on Monday, joins entrepreneur Gary Mack, at-large Coun. Peng You and Robert Szczepanski in the four-candidate race.

Harris said he wants to make the city the best it can be.

"Giving back to communities is not new to me, and as I lived in numerous cities in Ontario, I always found a way to contribute," he said in a statement issued to Dougall Media.

A member for the Fort William Rotary Club for 25 years, Harris said charitable work has been an important part of his life for the past 40 years, Harris said he's been a leader in business, an important function of the mayor's office.

"I am familiar with leading a team and ensuring we are making the best decisions and understanding the current climate, you know reading the room as in making the best decisions the city can make to ensure they meet the goals of the community," he said.

Harris said he's got the background required to guide the city into the next four years and help tackle the problems facing it.

"I know the challenges ahead and if you know me, I am a serious guy when it comes to caring and I have created

solutions throughout the city in almost every role I played as a leader or part of the team," Harris said.

"This new team will need a leader that can in every way bring solutions that meet the needs of our current climate and take great care in listening to our community and allow their voices to be heard without prejudice which is the only possible way for the entire city to be part of the bigger team, all of us working together to create successes we can celebrate together."

Harris doesn't come without controversy.

He was involved in a highly publicized drinking and driving incident several years ago, which led to his departure from the day-to-day operations of Thunder Bay's only daily newspaper.

"As many of my close friends know the three hundred plus events a year as publisher of the newspaper and taking on all the important roles in our community I took on eventually caught up and the well-published incident for over a year took its toll on me," Harris said.

"It was time I took care of me and that I did putting in the hard work required to become healthy mentally and physically. Well after a three year hiatus I can tell you I am stronger in every way and ready to do what is needed to make us all proud to live in Thunder Bay."

The election is Oct. 24 and the filing deadline is Aug. 19.

Festival of Colours a huge hit

After two years, the event was back at the waterfront

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Darsh Hudka felt right at home at Sunday's Festival of Colours.

A centuries-old tradition in India, Hudka said it's great to see the tradition being carried on in Thunder Bay, celebrating unity and throwing worries to the wind.

"We may have different skin colours, but on this day we will forget about everything. We are all one in the same. Mixing up all of the colours on each other says we are all just equal," Hudka said, joining hundreds of others at Marina Park, the traditional home

to the Festival of Colours.

"All my friends are together and I like this environment very much. As you can see, all my friends are blasting colours and all the people are together. We believe in equality and we always like people together."

Hudka added he's also a fan of the food booths, a little taste of home along the shores of Lake Superior.

Young and old alike were on hand for the event, which last year shifted to the Canadian Lakehead Exhibition grounds due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Last Sunday crowds were waiting in line to get in, a rainbow of colours clouding the sky every few minutes as a new group coated themselves in yellow, orange, green, red, purple

and blue powder.

Eleven-year-old Madalyn Heikkinen was a first-timer at the Festival of Colours.

"I've never been to it before. This is my first time and I really wanted to try," she said. "It's really cool; the colours, the music the dancing, just everything."

Her friend, Alexa Polowski, also 11, said it was a great way to spend a summer afternoon.

"I think it's fun and something to do," she said.

"It's something everyone can do. I was here last year. It was fun and my friends came."

Nine-year-old Sophia Polowski was also having a blast.

"You get to spend time with your family and you get to throw colours in their air."



Long lines of people waited on Sunday to take part in the Festival of Colours. (Leith Dunick)

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Barren ballot?

As of Monday afternoon, just 20 people have filed to run for city council.

Four current councillors and Mayor Bill Mauro have announced they won't be standing for election in 2022.

One other long-time councillor is almost certainly not coming back, and another is weighing their options.

Just one person has filed to run in Neening and Current River, and none in McIntyre.

Time is running out.

While there is certain to be a last-minute flurry of candidates jumping into the various races, including school board contests, it's looking like there may be a lot fewer on the ballot this time around.

That's not a good thing.

Whether it's constant criticism and harrasment from anonymous trolls on social media or a lot of work for very little pay, the interest seems to be waning.

Councillors are in a no-win situation. They try to do good for the community and face a barrage of complaints. We need more people to show an interest in running. It's not a race to the bottom.

Stop the insanity To the editor:

Many of us watched in horror as the decision of the U.S. Supreme Court overturned Roe vs. Wade. Roe vs. Wade was a landmark decision that federally protected a woman's right to choose. This decision has been triggering for many, myself included. We feel anger and fear. We have so many questions. Can this happen here? I believe we live in a world where anything and everything is plausible and possible. A number of people have messaged me wanting to know what to do and how to fight.

We can fight by knowing.

1. Know your Charter rights. The Charter of Rights and Freedoms - 1982, in particular section 7 that speaks to a person's right to life, liberty and security of the person. This is the base right for a woman's right to choose.

2. Research Dr. Henry Morgentaler and understand his contribution to women's rights in Canada. His story is fascinating and has changed the course of the lives of women in this country.

3. Know what access to a safe abortion looks like. Do you have

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access to Plan B, a therapeutic abortion or a D&C as well as appropriate after care? Did you know that access to safe abortion isn't the same in every province?

4. Talk about your reproductive rights and abortion experiences with your partners, friends and family. Normalization is key to

removing the stigma around these experiences that have historically been shrouded in shame for women. The number of women in Thunder Bay who've had abortions can fill our auditorium dozens of times over and yet the expectation is that we need to hide.

We can protect ourselves by

knowing.

Know your rights and know you are not alone.

The time for shame and complacency is over. We need to mobilize and know our rights.

Coun. Shelby Ch'ng,
Thunder Bay

Trease tale a fight of rich against the poor

Bows Against the Barons by Geoffrey Trease is the rousing tale of a young boy from Nottingham, Dickon - made an outlaw for killing one of the king's deer - and his fight against injustice.

This classic work captures the clash between rich and poor in medieval England and, above all, tells a new story of the common people's great leader, Robin Hood of Sherwood Forest, here presented as he might have been.

There have been many interpretations of the Robin Hood story. They all hinge on a character who stole from the rich and gave to the poor. Historians have argued whether he was a real person or a composite of

a number of people who may have existed at different times in history.

He is one of England's greatest folk heroes and Geoffrey Trease, who himself came from Nottingham, imbues Robin Hood with a very particular ideology.

Bows Against the Barons (1934) was his first book and tells the story of a boy who joins a band of outlaws and takes part in a rebellion against the feudal elite.

Bows Against the Barons sees the rich and poor clash in medieval England, a time of harsh winters and starvation, not a

place for the merry.

In this backdrop we get Trease's 'Robin Hood for Boys and Girls' in which Dickon is helped by the commoners' great leader and his band of elite battling rebels.

This leftist book was produced by the Communist Party of Great Britain's publishing arm, with illustrations by their official illustrator.

Trease never lectured to or patronized his readers, but the idea of Robin Hood as a role model encouraged many parents to buy the book. In one

rousing speech Hood declares:

'It won't be easy comrades - if it was, we'd have done it long ago. It takes years to persuade men, to show them the one truth - that there are only two classes, masters and men, haves and have nots. Everything else - Normans and Saxons, Christian and Saracen, peasant and craftsman - is a means of keeping us apart, of keeping the masters on top'

Like other rebel writers, Trease had work canceled and censored (his books were even bombed by the Nazis) but his stories influenced many young minds for the better.

George Orwell, in a Tribune book review, wrote of Trease that he

was, 'that creature we have long been needing, a "light" left-wing writer, rebellious but human, a sort of P.G. Wodehouse after a course of Marx'.

As Trease points out in his author's note to the second edition of *Bows Against the Barons* (1964), 'There is nothing impossible about this tale, even the idea of Robin leading a great rebellion - such a thing actually happened in 1381'.

Robin called for, 'An end of tolls and tithes and dues and forced services. The land for the peasants and the town for the workmen. No more castles, no more hired cut throats in livery, no more war service, no barons, no king!'



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Cooling without an air conditioner

By JR Shermack

We don't use air conditioning in our home because no matter how hot it gets during the day in Northwestern Ontario it almost always cools down overnight.

During those hot summer days (you can count them on the fingers of both hands) we open all the windows in the evening and close them in the morning when it heats up again.

It's a very low-tech remedy but it does keep the house cool on all but the hottest days and it is a carbon-friendly solution to the inconvenience of global warming.

Cold homefront

But not everyone is so inclined and many create a 24-hour oasis right in the comfort of their own home, amid the scorching heat right outside their door.

That is the cool, comfortable magic of air conditioning.

However as the climate gets hotter and more air conditioners are switched on we need to find sustainable ways to cool our over-

heating hides.

It is a sad irony that the more we try to keep ourselves cool the more greenhouse gases are released, pushing temperatures to even more dangerous heights.

As the planet continues to warm and we try to keep cool, the worldwide emissions from 1.6 billion air conditioning units become a major contributor to even more global warming.

That number is predicted to grow to 5.6 billion units by 2030 and over the next 30 years air conditioning will be responsible for over 25% of worldwide emissions.

This is clearly unsustainable and we need to find less damaging ways to cool our sweaty bodies – how did overheated humans cope before air conditioning was invented in 1901?

I came across a few creative and ingenious old-fashioned remedies for the heat.

During the hot summers of the 1780s John Cram invented a fan rocking chair which had a foot treadle to operate the fan above

your head while you rocked in cool comfort.

George Washington used a fan chair to cool off during a heated summer constitutional convention and so did Benjamin Franklin but the device never cooled the masses.

Before air conditioning, windows often had canvas awnings, a practical feature with bold colors and patterns or if you dared, tassels were considered a nice touch.

Awnings kept the sun at bay and they soon became a key decorative feature as well – maybe their time has come again only this time it's to keep global warming at bay.

In the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries it was common practice to cool down by drinking a tall glass of buttermilk.

There may be something to this old time remedy - buttermilk is full of probiotics, vitamins and minerals which help restore your energy when you've been drained by the heat.

An innovation in theatre venti-

lation, the powerful Crocker-Wheeler electric fan blew outside air over an immense underground ice chamber and then up through floor vents.

As an added bonus a huge sponge saturated with perfume could be added to freshen up the theatre – underarm deodorant was not widely used at the time.

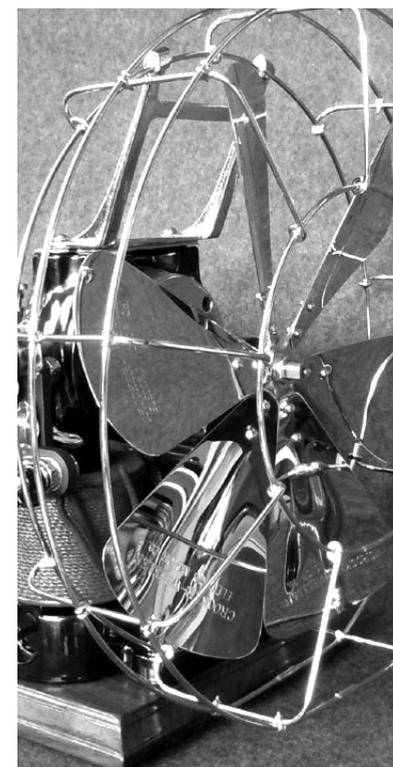
Ahead of its time

The Crocker-Wheeler contraption of the 1890s was a crude forerunner to what was to follow.

To keep ourselves cool in the 21st century we need an unlimited supply of power for our air conditioners and an endless supply of fresh water for our recreational needs.

Since both are in short supply we may be living in a cool fool's paradise, hoping technology can keep up with the cooling demands of an overheating planet.

As for me, you can find me rocking and pedaling my fan chair in front of an open window, drinking buttermilk in the cool of the evening.



The Crocker-Wheeler fan from 1892.

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Featuring headliners Lee Brice, Johnny Reid, Terri Clark and Brett Kissel, along with the likes of the Hunter Brothers, JoJo Mason, Jade Eagleson, Gord Bamford and Jess Moskaluke, it'll be a weekend you'll never forget.

The fun kicks off on Thursday night at 7 p.m. when DJ Johnny Rivex takes the stage, ahead of the Scott Van Teeffelen Band and The Reklaws.

Gates open at 1 p.m. on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, with the final act taking the stage at 10:30 p.m.

Tickets are available at countryonthebay.ca.

July 23

Air Fest

Thunder Bay's Air Fest kicks off on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the

Thunder Bay Aeromodellers site on Highway 61 South, across from Little Norway Road.

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There will be food, pilot prizes and dry camping is available.

July 25-29

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Visit www.evangelchurch.ca/day-camp to register.

July 21

Jeff Dunham

When Jeff Dunham was nine, he received a toy ventriloquist dummy.

The rest, as they say, is history.

Dunham and his suitcase posse will be taking the stage on Thursday night for his long-awaited show at the Thunder Bay Community Auditorium.

Peanut, Bubba J, Wonald Grump, and Walter are all expected to make appearances at the show, along with Achmed the Dead Terrorist and Url, the basement dwelling social media smart-phone addict.

Dunham, familiar to many from his ground-breaking comedy specials and an NBC prime-time special, has played around the world.

After sitting out the pandemic, Dunham is back on the road and ready to entertain.

Tickets are still available through Ticketmaster and start at \$101 plus fees.

Voted the top comedy show for three years running, Jeff Dunham is a show you're not going to want to miss.

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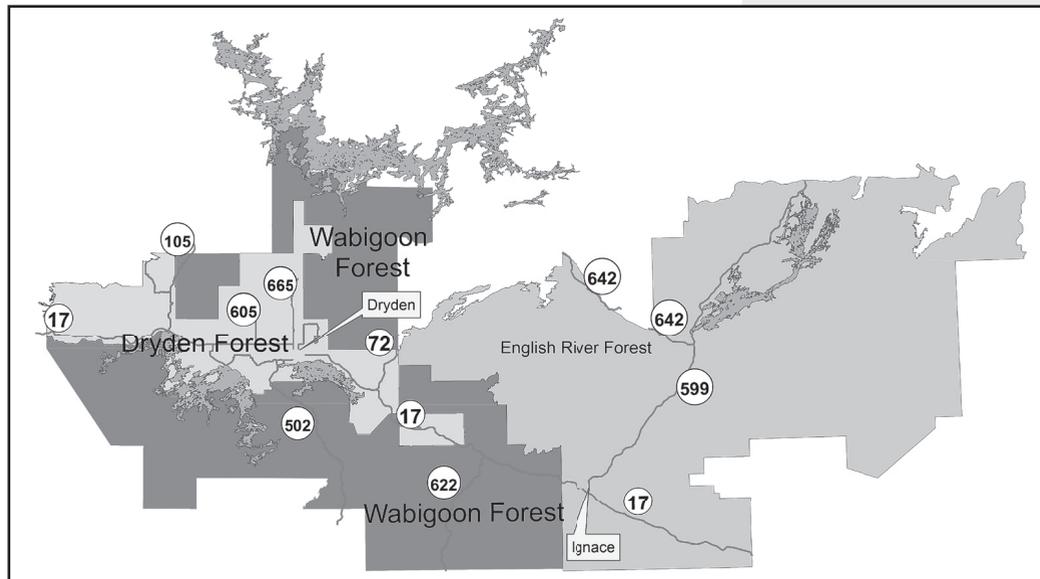
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INSPECTION

Inspection of Approved Aerial Herbicide Project for English River And Wabigoon Forests

The Ontario **Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (NDMNR)** invites you to inspect the NDMNR-approved aerial herbicide projects. As part of our ongoing efforts to regenerate and protect Ontario's forests, selected stands on the **English River and Wabigoon Forests** (see map) will be sprayed with herbicide to control competing vegetation, starting on or about: **August 1, 2022**.



The approved project description and project plan for the aerial herbicide project is available electronically for public inspection by contacting the **Resolute FP Canada Inc.** (English River Forest) or Domtar Inc. (Wabigoon Forest) during normal business hours and on the Natural Resources Information Portal at <https://nrip.mnr.gov.on.ca/s/fmp-online> beginning **June 29, 2022 until March 31, 2023** when the Annual Work Schedule expires.

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

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Catering not an easy task

Catering in 2022 is a tricky business. The unpleasantness of the last two years has made for a backlog of events. Many people wanting to get together to celebrate past milestones but also people putting off things waiting for the opportunity to get together.

Not to mention the human need to socialize and get back to normalcy.

The next 18 months or so is an interesting time for people who do off site catering.

There is no shortage of clients wanting to book and the inner drive of a chef is screaming inside all of us to take on as much as possible to make up for the shortages of the previous two seasons.

FOMO is a real thing for chefs/caterers, especially with the healthy dose of fear that's been instilled in us over the last couple years. Smaller companies will sometimes bite off a bit more than typically they do, and some unscrupulous caterers may take the opportunity to line their pockets and bump their prices.

There is no right or wrong way to deal with the current landscape. We are truly wading into uncharted waters, although we have been here before and I'm certain we



Derek Lankinen

Here's Cooking at You Kid

aren't done either. I spent the first decade of my career working in hotels. Cooking hotel food and pushing out numbers.

That experience is truly becoming lost among the industry. Hotel food needs to have a broad appeal, which means you won't find yourself testing your creative boundaries catering large functions in hotel banquet rooms, especially in the early 2000s when I was

there.

There will also be clients with whom you may not have a personal relationship, who are far more willing to test the boundaries of being a decent human.

Cue "bridezillas". Those types of experiences formed the current approach I have to my own catering, one which I feel a lot of smaller and niche caterers have also developed.

Boiled down to it in a sentence it's simply "I'm only doing cool food for cool people".

There are lots of companies who can do broad appeal, large quantity catering very well. It is not something I really want to get into anymore.

I tell people when they reach out for catering, "if you dig what I do, cool, let's make something great for your party, if you don't that's super cool too, I have no issue staying home on a Saturday night these days".

I love having people for clients that we can get a good vibe going and have some fun with their function to make it special and unique.

If your chef is engaged in what he's doing the winners are always the guests and clients. This is true in every facet of restaurants, catering and hospitality.

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.

Spiders in morning

Walking to fetch the newspaper at the end of our driveway I suddenly saw diamonds twinkling on the rope fencing.

Spider webs. The morning sun had risen, sending rays through the trees that lit up the amazing webs. I had to stop and observe.

What feats of engineering these webs display!

There are three strands of rope called Electrobraided strung between fence posts that keep horses inside the paddock.

You can send a small charge through it to prevent horses from exiting the paddock.

The webs had appeared overnight hanging between the top and middle ropes.

I was so impressed with the perfect symmetry of the strands.

And as a bonus, morning dew coating the strands and reflecting the morning sun.

If I moved my head left or right, I could catch the prism effects the reflected sun created.

While most folk don't like spiders, even some people suffering from arachnophobia, I see how beneficial they can be especially when I observe how many black flies were ensnared in the spider webs.

Right beside the doorbell at the entrance of Casa Jones, I discovered a very fine web obviously constructed by a very small spider but now with several black fly corpses trapped. Good. The more the merrier.

Returning from collecting the newspaper, I walked across the front lawn and saw more webs in the grass. These webs are very fine and tightly woven.

No idea what member of the arachnid family built those but if they help with the cause of ridding us of biting flies then as I wrote, the more the merrier.

I remember one canoe trip in Quetico with my wife, Laura, where we had landed on an island and were setting up camp. I was putting up the tent when I saw a large spider resting on a rock nearby. I investigated. Beautiful colouring of tope, black, and grey.

What kind?
No idea as I didn't possess a field guide on arachnids. At our summer cottage on Lake Simcoe many, many years ago (we sold it in 1969), I remember seeing a large spider on our dock.

"That's a dock spider," my dad told me. Oh. Was that really its moniker or was it called a dock spider because it was on the dock?

My child brain wondered if that spider had been discovered on a rock would it no longer be called a dock spider but, instead, perhaps a rock spider? At that point in my young life, I wasn't interested in further exploration.

The morning dew doesn't just create diamonds on spider webs. The grass on the lawns, the plants in the vegetable garden I pass as I return from fetching the paper, are all glistening with sparkling prisms. It doesn't last since Ol' Sol rises high enough and its heat dries the morning moisture.

But I am a morning person and appreciate the show the dew presents to me just as I appreciate the effects Sol creates when it first crests the tops of trees to light up the bush opposite.

The first light on the leaves slowly turns into gold.

That effect too, doesn't last long as Sol climbs higher; but I soak it all in.

And again, in the heat of the night I look out our bedroom window to see the dancing light show of fireflies a.k.a. lightning bugs (although they are neither a bug nor a fly but rather a type of beetle) flashing on and off as they move through the air. So beautiful.

So, let's hear it for the dragonflies, insect-eating birds, and spiders who do their part in trying to keep the population of all those nasty biting flies under control.



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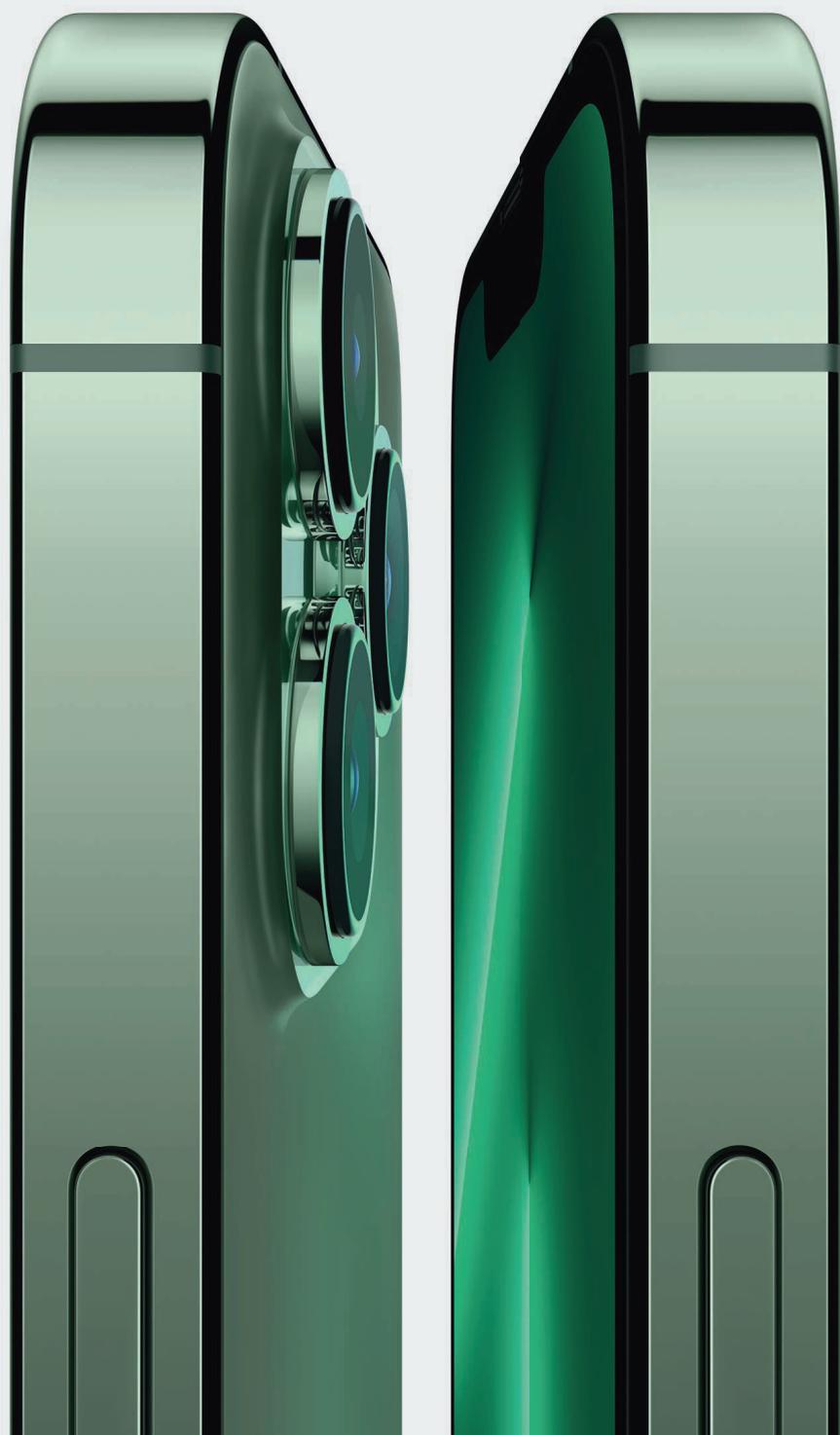
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There is no doubt that heading out for even a few hours of fishing can take the mind off work, conflict and all our responsibilities, while simultaneously reducing anxiety and promoting relaxation.

For some anglers however, not catching any fish can eventually become frustrating. Quite simply, fishing is a whole lot more fun when the fish are biting, but the fish are not always eager to cooperate.

Many factors influence the success of a fishing trip, but there are a handful of simple tricks that we can use to maximize our chances of catching at least a few fish during the next angling adventure:

Set the alarm. In general, early mornings tend to be the best bet for fishing success. This is especially true right now, when the days are long, the sun is high and the daytime temperatures are consistently hot. For those who are not morning people, late afternoons and the evening hours can also be highly productive times to be on the water.



Keith Ailey
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Move around. Many species, like walleye, trout and pike, will not be in the same areas where we found them back in the spring when the water was much cooler. By now they have likely moved from their spawning areas to mid-summer locations which are likely to be influenced by forage availability and water temperature. Now is the time to explore.

Go deep. As we approach August and waters on inland lakes warm up, fish will seek out cooler temperatures by heading for deeper water. They may still venture into the shallows to feed, but gamefish, especially big ones, will spend most of their time in the depths. Look for areas where a point of land or a sunken reef offer fish a place to feed close to the comfort of deeper water.

Switch it up. Sometimes we are on the water at first light and in the perfect location, but there is still no action. This is the time to switch lures. Often, predatory fish will be keyed in on a specific type of forage and they are content to ignore any bait that doesn't mimic their preferred target. When the fish are picky, we need to try different lures until we find the one that the fish are looking for. In some cases, this will mean changing the size or switching to a completely different type of bait that offers a distinct action that imitates the specific food source that the fish are looking for.

There are no guarantees in fishing. However, when we pick our times wisely, embrace the idea of searching for fish and have a willingness to experiment with different lures, we definitely increase our chances of having more success and consequently, more fun.

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Bluegrass Celebration toe-tapping fun time

By Linda Maehans - TB Source

Geek willikers, can this be true?
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 tappin' show is back on its home-
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 in them there heavens. Not
 kidding.

And no, let's agree these past few
 years (of pandemic) haven't been
 easy. Then thank those Heavens
 Above for folks like the ones I'm
 about to name, in no particular
 order because the entire cast of
Home: A Bluegrass Celebration
 equally and unreservedly merits
 our enthusiastic applause.

Hometown creativity

OK. Of course the first kudo
 belongs to the creator of this
 sparkler-hoedown: the one-and-

only Jo-Ann Waytowich, originally
 of "Ivanka fame" and now a
 genuine Ruby-in-Red.

Way back, think it was March
 2020, when Covid's isolating grip
 was first felt in these here parts, Jo-
 Ann decided to light that fuse of
 ingenuity she carries within like an
 irresistible stick of dynamite.

She then enlisted another gem-
 and-gentleman of music with
 prowess known far beyond the
 Lakehead. The second kudo goes
 to Danny Johnson, musical director
 of *Home: A Bluegrass Celebration*
 (and just a guy valiantly looking for
 lumber-during-Covid). But no. As
 said, in this show the limelight on
 stage is in constant motion.

The remaining six kudos belong
 to Talents whose home is Thunder
 Bay, beside the big lake. They offer
 up diverse musical abilities and
 sweet harmonies. A big shout-out
 to Jasmine Madeo (vocals and



Bluegrass has taken over Magnus.

some pretty sexy razz-tazz); Susie
 Campbell (ditto); Olivia Korkola
 (fiddle-on-fire, with legs-to-

match); Robert Balabuck (banjo,
 and wow those contagious grins);
 Dan Zadkovich (mandolin-and-
 more, not sayin' what); and Martin
 Blanchet (double bass, and
 charisma-that-jumps).

There you have it. Eight reasons
 why *Home: A Bluegrass Celebration*
 is sheer delight for any
 and every audience; also a bit of
 rear-view mirror perspectives on
 Covid.

Snippets of video at key moments
 during the show are welcome
 reminders, hopefully humorous
 to most of us now. We can see how
 far we've all come since those
 alarming early weeks and months
 of the pandemic. No, it couldn't
 have been easy for the health-
 science advisors either; nor the
 politicians. Except maybe for a
 certain buffoon-behind-door-
 number-three. Take a (still scary)
 guess as to who I mean; and don't

let the ridiculous obstruct your
 path forward.

Instead, allow your emotions and
 memories of how we've all coped
 during Covid to lighten the view.
Home: A Bluegrass Celebration
 is a shared journey: of crackle-snap
 peaks of joy interspersed with
 poignant valleys that will put that
 lump in your throat. As we know,
 we are still all in this together.

In the best place in this world:
 home.

Outdoor fun

Last word is about our blue skies
 overhead and the deep green shade
 of Waverley Park nearby. Magnus'
 new outdoor venue, the Boshcoff
 Summer Stage, is a literal breath of
 fresh air for anyone feeling cooped
 or tired-of-indoors.

Directed by Thom Currie, *Home: A
 Bluegrass Celebration* pulls like a
 magnet until July 30.

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The cast of the Wonderettes includes Katherine Nemeč, Amanda Comisso, Jamie Morrison and Tegin Menei. (Submitted photo)

Wonderettes take you back in time

By Linda Maehans – TB Source

I ask you. Wouldn't it be marvelous to be a Wonderette?

I mean, c'mon. You're pretty; pretty tough too.

You love music; boys; and yeah, sometimes school can be cool – mostly 'cause you get to show off a new outfit and those shimmer-pink nails. Never mind that, you're smart. And talented. With. Everything on that shiny horizon. It's 1958; and it's prom night.

Oh, and guys? Don't tell me you've never gazed longingly at a Wonderette; maybe even dated one, back in the day. Too bad if a microscope in the lab seemed more interesting to you than Billy Ray's souped-up car.

These girls, still and ever the Wonderettes.

The Source, in time-travel, met Cindy Lou, Missy, Suzy and Betty Jean in the high school ladies dressing-room. The girls had arrived early because, well, mutual congratulations were in order. Who would be crowned Prom Queen later tonight?

Betty Jean (nowadays Katherine Nemeč) wears a mischievous grin. "So

excited. And, my birthday, so extra-special! And I just hope everyone loves our performance; and votes for me for Prom-Queen!"

Did we mention the Wonderettes are performing tonight because the Glee Club boys are all serving detentions; who knows what lame prank they pulled to deserve that? Anyhoo.

Back to BJ, who confides she'll be remembered in the hallways as a bit of a clown. "Oh, I think I'm good at it!" There's that grin.

Missy (nowadays Amanda Comisso) is as beautiful statuesque as is her outlook-on-life.

"Everything is just great," she tells me calmly. "Ever since Mr. Lee asked us to step-in, in a pinch, I've been working really hard to get the Wonderettes into shape. It's going to be perfect because I'm in charge. But besides that, yeah, I just know tonight's going to turn out the best ever!"

Suzy (nowadays Jaime Morrison) is a vision-in-peaches-n'-cream. Gives those glossy curls a touch.

"Well," drawing out the moment. "I get to go to the prom. With a very special boy. My boyfriend. Ritchie

Stevens. Actually," a giggle and girls' confidante-lean-in, "I just got pinned last month."

Cindy Lou (nowadays Tegin Menei) doesn't mince words; and yeah, those beach-baby looks could sit around any campfire I know. Down to the embers.

"There are quite a few girls who don't like me because of how gorgeous I am. Basically, mm, how to say, I don't really think of that. I'm way too focused on my goals, when I leave this place."

Creator of this show is Roger Bean. Wonder if that's any relation? Anyhoo; back to the 50's and 60's. Click.

"These ladies are of a calibre, they'll transport you."

Director Spencer Hari: "To a place of optimism, excitement and dream-filled adventure. Telling a story. We were/are young. We all made mistakes. We all fell in love; had hearts-broken. In every era. This just happens to be the 50-60's.

The Marvelous Wonderettes play at Paramount-on-Court on July 26-28; again on August 2-4. All shows 7:30 p.m. Tickets on Everbrite.com. That's in 2022.

Garden Tour returns for 25th year

By Linda Maehans - TB Source

It wouldn't be summertime without the beauty and bounty of some glorious gardens.

Once again Thunder Bay Art Gallery is helping highlight the best-of-botanical successes and art-with-gardens around town with its (fund-raiser) garden tour.

The self-guided odyssey into the brilliant colours and hues of Nature's palette, together with shapes and textures found exclusively in Her realm, is an experience like no other.

The 25th annual Garden Tour features six masterpiece landscapes alongside something new this time: two "teaching gardens" on sustainable and best growth results for this region. Details in a bit, or in a clip, shall we say.

First, an example of paradise-discovered, after I pulled up to an

unassuming address on College Street in the city's north end.

Rosemary and Wayne Melville's 3-storey cobalt-blue home with white trim and flanked by symmetrical stone ledges splashed with jewel-tone flowers is beautiful on its own. There's a feeling of solid balance simply approaching the front door.

But step through to the "back yard" and be prepared to have your breath taken away: pristine perfection is not an exaggeration for what greets the eye and floods the senses. How on earth did this couple from Australia land in the Lakehead-by-Superior, we marvel, and transform their property into a quietly joyful Garden of Eden?

"We've been here about 17 years; when we first arrived there were only seven Manitoba maples in the yard and they were an eyesore," says Rosemary with a little smile and shrug.

In the moment she reminds me of a twinkling faery-nymph. "We salvaged a few peonies, some smaller irises; but basically everything else in our garden is new.

When we moved in, I worked out (as a blueprint) what I wanted it to look like; I wanted to create a series of "rooms", each with a theme. One room, our deck-area, is where we entertain, barbeque, etc. and just sit out on the evenings; another room is our vegetable garden, set up for rotation.

Next to that is our mini-orchard, with plums, pears, apples. We have a hazelnut tree; and a big asparagus. Then our lawn-area, with its perennial border and seating. And, last, what I call our Tree Garden: a secluded, private room; lots of perennials, annuals, and trees.

When walking around our "rooms" you don't have to take the same path; you can choose different ways to go.

We wanted to give (ourselves and others) various perspectives, different vistas depending on which area you're in. In our garden you don't see everything all at once; you have to move around to notice and remark on everything.

Lots of points-of-interest-and-views. Ever-changing; always something different to see."

Rosemary admits to a big learning curve for herself and her husband, having gardening limited to only part of a year here as compared to their former home in Tasmania. Sure doesn't show!

What does show is all the loving care, patience and skill of the Green-Thumb Melvilles.

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Popular novel, but dim movie

Wedged in between the plethora of summer 'tent-pole' films (or blockbusters as us old-timers are wont to call 'em) comes *Where the Crawdads Sing*, (SilverCity) based on the curiously best selling 2018 novel by Delia Owens.

The story is a character study/murder mystery. The tale is set in the North Carolina marshlands, circa 1950s-1960s where Catherine "Kya" Clark manages the unlikely feat of surviving total abandonment as a child to become a successful nature writer/illustrator before being accused of murder.

Much like the book, the movie version demands giant leaps of faith on key plot points. Sorry to say, this ain't no giant leap for mankind.

The story would have us believe that—improbability No. 1—through family dysfunction—battered mom flees the home first, followed one by one by Kya's siblings over time—little Kya would be left with drunken abusive dad (Garret Dillahunt, *Ambulance*) until dad himself disappears, leaving the child to fend for herself like an abandoned kitten or puppy. Children Services barely gets a mention. Taunting classmates puts her off school.

Improbability No. 2: that little Kya (Jojo Regina) manages to fend for herself living in the marshlands alone in the family shack thanks in part to her own resourcefulness and the support of the town's general store owners, a kindly Black couple (Sterling Macer Jr, Michael Hyatt) who teach her basic arithmetic.

Due to her furtive, people-wary behaviour, she's branded "Marsh Girl" by the bigoted townsfolk.

Later, Kya learns to read and write courtesy of childhood friend Tate (Taylor John Smith) who shares Kya's love of nature, eventually becoming her boyfriend.

Improbability No. 3: grown into young womanhood, older Kya (Daisy Edgar Jones) becomes a best selling nature writer/illustrator, having inherited her mother's artistic talent coupled with her own affinity with the marshlands. How she accomplishes this without benefit of formal education or resources is a



Daisy Edgar Jones plays the role of Kya.

mystery.

Kya grows into a reasonably articulate if shy adult. She's hardly a feral wildcat. But she remains a pariah.

The novel's sinew of detail makes Kya's survival "digestible" if still not totally credible. Author Owens weaves a mystique around the marshlands, creating a palpable atmosphere. Director Olivia Newman merely gives us a tourism pictorial of pretty, unsullied landscapes and captivating creatures.

The movie is a skeletal version of the novel. Hence, the story's glaring weaknesses show up even more.

Abandonment by several characters severely impacts Kya, but is poorly explained. With uncommunicative boyfriend Tate away at college, lonely Kya inexplicably falls for Chase (Harris Dickinson), the school's star quarterback. This dubious coupling comes out of nowhere.

Chase turns out to be a cad. Then suddenly, he's found dead. Kya's the prime suspect.

The closing plot twist is a lot to swallow. Kya's marshland philosophy—"Every creature does what it must to survive"—is flimsy foreshadowing. Her love of nature supposedly puts her above the law. But the filmmakers are guilty of shabby storytelling.



Marty Mascarini
MOVIE TALK

Rivord on a roll

By Johan Vass - For TB Source

Thunder City Speedway can boast the largest spectator sport in our community. The last two crowds were 3000 and over three thousand. Race fans are loyal. To all the new race fans thank you for checking out our home track. July 13th 50/50 was \$3,677.

Race car drivers from Thunder Bay have traditionally travelled to the United States to race. The drivers continue to do so, it makes you a great driver. The American drivers are very good and you want to test your skills against the very best.

We are thankful for drivers that come to Thunder City Speedway from the states recently a checkered flag was given to one of the American Drivers.

Jack Rivord out of Superior Wisc. started the feature in 4th and took the checkered flag in the Thunder Bay Truck Centre Wissota Modified Feature. In his heat he started eighth and finished second.

"We had such a great experience last week in Ontario, we thought we would go again and are so glad we did. We were able to bring home our third W of the season," Rivord said.

"The stands were packed! The pits were packed with families. The food is delicious, the people are so very welcoming to outsiders, truly a great experience.

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Jarck Rivord took the checkered flag in the Thunder Bay Truck Centre Wissota Modified Feature.

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"On a personal note, Rick, Kara and their staff have been nothing but exceptional with our personal vehicles and we truly would

not be able to travel the places we do, chasing new racetracks, without them."

Checkered flags also went to David Simpson in the Paulucci's Wayland Bar Wissota Midwest Modified feature. The Mezo Motors & Machine Wissota Super Stock class was won by Cole Chernosky. The Mastrangelos Fuels Street Stocks winner was Darren Wolframe.

Trever Lane continues his winning ways in the Bay Lock and Security Hornets class.

Kirk takes 8th place at Ontario Men's Amateur

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Thunder Bay's Jeremy Kirk rebounded in his final round on Friday at the Ontario Men's Amateur Golf Championship and has earned

himself a spot in the Canadian Amateur later this summer.

Kirk shot a final round 67 to finish in eighth place at the event, played at the Scarboro Golf and Country Club.

That left him 11 shots back of winner Peyton Callens, who had a top 10 finish at last year's national championship. This year's takes place Aug. 1 to Aug. 4 at Vancouver's Point Grey Golf and Country Club.

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- Earth personified
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- Pub fare
- Low-grade brown sugar
- Down
- Among (Fr.)
- Male noble
- Recommended daily allowance (abbr.)
- Trend
- Tell legend site
- Mercury's winged shoe
- Out of the way
- Cotillion attendee
- Threading tool
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- S. Afr. fox
- Arab. garment
- Winglike
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- Dive
- Rome (Ital.)
- Eight (pref.)
- Irish Republican Army (abbr.)
- Legislature
- Nigh

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- Asian
- Monger
- Cotton fabric
- Afr. tree

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CLASSIFIEDS

Playoff bid falls short

By Leith Dunick - TB Source



Thunder Bay's Jag Arena (right) slides after the ball last Saturday night at Chapples Park. (Leith Dunick)

The Thunder Bay Chill have a checkered history with red cards, some good, some bad.

Toss Saturday's night's season-ending finale into the good column.

The Chill played the entire second half down a man after Jag Arena was red-carded in stoppage time late in the first for a vicious tackle on FC Manitoba's Daniel Lopez.

They went down a goal in the 59th when Michele Paulucci out-manuevered the Thunder Bay defence and blasted a shot that keeper Alejandro Chavarria only managed to slow down, but not stop.

It was at that point the Chill (6-4-2) found an extra gear.

Seven minutes later, they were back on even ground.

Camden Kowalski caught up to a bouncing ball, and with only Manitoba keeper Evan Barker to beat, softly lifted over his opponent and into the net, the game remarkably now tied 1-1.

But a single point wasn't enough for a Chill team, whose 3-1 loss to the same team a night prior eliminated them from the United Soccer League 2 post-season hunt.

Inspired by his feats of the past, Thunder Bay coach Gio Petraglia sent former Premier Development League most valuable player Sullivan Silva onto the pitch.

Silva, who earlier this month scored a stoppage time winner in St. Croix, broke free and sent a crossing pass through Barker's box to a waiting Mattea Rolli.

Rolli, who missed Friday's game because his wife is about to give birth to a baby girl, headed the ball into the Manitoba net, the deciding goal in a 2-1

that left the Chill tied with Peoria City for second in the Deep North Division.

Peoria City won the tiebreaker, beating and tying the Chill in their two meetings this season.

It was an extra special moment for Rolli, the Thunder Bay captain.

"I've been living in Thunder Bay since 2015 and it was my first goal, believe it or not," Rolli said.

"Unfortunately we didn't finish how we hoped, but we wanted to finish strong. We were down one man, and it was hard. I'm speechless, honestly."

Thunder Bay likely wouldn't have earned the three points if it wasn't for Chavarria, who came up big with FC Manitoba pressing after Kowalski evened the score.

Chavarria made a point-blank stop on Ethan Cabral in the 73rd, then punched

away back-to-back chances by Diego Riveco in the 76th and 78th.

Rolli's game-winner came moments after he fired a shot into the bar off a Chill corner.

That it was Silva who fed him the pass after entering the game late in the second, was fitting.

"Sullivan is a good friend, he's a good teammate. I'm so happy we finished in that way, with that assist. He crossed the ball perfectly in the box," Rolli said.

Petraglia, who will meet with team brass to determine his coaching future with the Chill, said all he asked of his team was to give it their all.

The message was heard and understood.

"That's what I asked the boys today, to respect the badge," Petraglia said, tapping the Chill logo above his heart.

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