

Canadian country star Brett Kissel blew away the crowd on Friday night, returning to Thunder Bay for the first time in four years in full party mode. (Leith Dunick)

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### NEWS 3



Pope Francis prays in a graveyard in Maskwacis First Nation on Monday, the day he apologized to Indigenous Peoples in Canada.

# Papal apology Pope Francis says sorry for residential school abuses

By Leith Dunick – TB Source

Fort William First Nation Chief Peter Collins says he believes Pope Francis was sincere in making an apology to Canada's Indigenous Peoples over the Catholic Church's role in the residential school system.

The Pope made the apology on Monday in Maskwacis First Nation, on the second day of a seven-day visit to Canada.

The apology came at the behest of Indigenous, Inuit and Metis leaders and residential school survivors, who earlier this year met with the Pope at the Vatican.

"What we would like to see from the church is that they apologize to our members, apologize to our communities, apologize to the survivors, and at the same time make it a commitment that the church will never have an impact on our kids again."

#### **Abhorrent history**

Residential schools were operated in Canada from the 1870s until the early 1990s, with Indigenous children in remote communities taken from their homes and forced to assimilate into Christian culture, their traditional culture and language taken away.

Many Indigenous, Inuit and Metis children also faced physical, mental and sexual abuse at the hands of those who were supposed to watch over them, including members of the clergy.

The after effects are still being felt today, the inter-generational trauma still impacting families decades later.

Pope Francis expressed sorrow, indignation and

shame at the Catholic Church's actions and the deplorable evil of residential schools.

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"I have been waiting to come here and be with you here, from this place associated with painful memories," the Pontiff said. "I would like to begin, what I consider a pilgrimage, a penitential pilgrimage. I have come to your native lands, to tell you in person of my sorrow, to implore God's forgiveness, healing and reconciliation, to express my closeness and to pray with you, and for you."

#### **Emotionally charged**

In Thunder Bay, it was an emotional afternoon for a dozen or so Indigenous People who joined Bishop Fred Colli at the Catholic Archdiocese to watch the Pope make his apology, including a handful of residential school survivors.

Grace Esquega, who attended residential schools, said it felt like the Pope was speaking from the heart.

"It was kind of a relief, in a way, because of the unforgiveness of our people. Now that we've heard the apology, saying 'I'm sorry,' it's heartfelt and I'm truly grateful for this moment to hear our Pope talking about the healing, the journey that we need to begin," Esquega said.

Colli said the apology will allow that period of healing to truly being, adding it's just the first step on the road to reconciliation.

"(The Pope) encourages all Christians and all of us to work together and to put things in process so that we can better recognize the culture, the religion and the spirituality and also the language of our Native peoples of Canada, and appreciate them for the great goodness that they bring us," Colli said.



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Thunder Bay Police seized more than five kilograms of suspected crystal methamphetamine. (Doug Diaczuk)

# Meth bust worrisome

#### By Doug Diaczuk – TB Source

The largest ever single seizure of crystal methamphetamines in Thunder Bay is raising significant concerns for police and, while the investigation is still in the early stages, one possible theory is that the drugs were destined for other communities throughout Northwestern Ontario.

"There are a couple theories and explanations, all of which are under investigation," said Det. Insp. Jeremy Pearson, with the investigative service branch of the Thunder Bay Police Service.

"With the absence of significant seizures of crystal meth in the past and some of the issues plaguing outlying communities with crystal meth, there is the possibility that this substance was destined elsewhere."

Last Thursday, officers with the Intelligence Branch and Break and Enter and Robbery Unit with the Thunder Bay Police Service executed a warrant on a residence in the 700 block of Pacific Avenue.

Following a search of the residence, police seized approximately 5.2 kilograms of crystal methamphetamines with an estimated street value of nearly \$555,000. Smaller quantities of suspected crack cocaine, cocaine, and fentanyl, along with cash and paraphernalia consistent with drug trafficking were also seized.

As a result of the seizure, three Thunder Bay residents have been charged, including 43-year-old Chad Allen Jones, 55-year-old Florena May Pittel, and 41-year-old Craig Joseph Novak.

The investigation was first launched in November 2021 and Pearson said an operation of this size is complex and requires creative techniques along with significant time and resources.

"We have conducted a number of highprofile investigations and seizures in the interim, so there are a number of investigations ongoing at the same time and in order to have the best possible result, an investigation cannot be rushed," he said. Pearson said the city has only seen small quantities of the drug in the past.

"I believe the largest seizures prior to this would not have been over 100 grams, so to go from that to 5,000 grams is very significant indeed."

To have such a large seizure raises many concerns for police, Pearson said, given the community is already dealing with the opioid crisis that has resulted in increased criminal activity, overdoses, and deaths.

"The potential introduction of another dangerous substance to the community is a concern. I will not downplay that."

# A new way to look at space

It is often said, a picture is worth a thousand words and the first images from the James Webb Space Telescope did not disappoint. During the news conference on July 12, the world had a ringside seat to the most remarkable images of the universe ever taken.

Over the hour, five images left us wanting more. This is only the tip of the cosmic iceberg.

The deep field image showed thousands of galaxies including a few that look stretched. This is not a flaw of the telescope. It is the distortion BACKYARD ASTRONOMER caused by gravity from a

foreground large galaxy. Einstein predicted this warping or the curvature of the fabric of space-time, much like someone standing on a trampoline where the rubber mat is distorted. The larger the object, the bigger the distortion of light.

To show the power of James Webb, the area of space where the deep field image was taken was as small as a grain of sand held at arm's

length. This cluster is located 4.6 billion lightyears away. That is the amount of time it took the light to reach us and when the sun and planets were slowly being created from the solar nebula. Launched last

Christmas, the mighty

**Gary Boyle** 

Ariane 5 rocket delivered the seven ton telescope into space where it was deployed and gracefully continued its journey. It travelled for another 30 days to its

final position known as Lagrange 2, a point in space some 1.5 million kilometres from earth or about four times the earth-moon distance.

Unlike the Hubble which was launched in 1990 with a flawed mirror requiring a repair mission in 1993 outfitting it with corrective lenses, James Webb is too far for a service mission.

Who knows if there will be such a mission down the road if needed, but for now, there are no plans to ever visit the telescope.

The \$10 billion project is a collaboration between NASA, the European Space Agency and the Canadian Space Agency along with other companies.

Thousands of people worldwide worked on this project which began in 1996 when it was first called the Next Generation Telescope.



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The first stunning image released by NASA from the James Webb Space Telescope. (NASA)

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### **EDITORIAL Apology made**

Let the healing process begin.

On Monday, a day after arriving in Canada, Pope Francis made a longawaited apology to Indigenous Peoples for the Catholic Church's heinous role in the abuses inflicted upon them during the residential school era.

While the Pope's apology won't erase the trauma that can still be seen today in most, if not all, Indigenous communities, it's a show of faith on behalf of the Catholic Church, an acknowledgement of the horrors its leaders enacted in the name of assimilation.

We, as Canadians, must never forget the role we played, allowing children to be torn from their homes, their culture stripped from them, all the while many were physically, mentally and sexually abused while most of us turned a blind eye.

We share as much of the blame as the Church. It was our elected leaders who put the residential school system in place and it was Canadian voters who put them into office to do just that.

Our nation has plenty to be proud about, but until there's a clear path to reconciliation, there's still work to do.

### Stop the insanity To the editor:

On June 27, city council rushed through an "election sign by-law" supposedly treating municipal, provincial, and federal elections equally, but slyly changing the rules of procedure for municipal elections, while trampling on the freedom of expression rights of individuals and businesses in Thunder Bay.

Although the city clerk has the power under the Municipal Elections Act to make certain changes during an election, the clerk must be careful not to infringe on the Charter of Rights.

The move came even after the Neebing Ward councillor, who is a lawyer, said at the June 6 council meeting that the bylaw looked like a "cut and paste job", and questioned if a new by-law was needed.

Also, during the June 6 council meeting, the deputy city clerk told council the No. 1 reason for building the standalone sign by-law was due to candidates placing signs on public property.

Many municipalities in Ontario allow this as they designate municipal lands and roadways to support the election. This could be done in



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thunder Bay.

The new sign bylaw says candidates, even the ones who were given permission by the city clerk's office to start their campaigns on May 2, 2022 and were working under the previous sign by-law,

were now not allowed to erect signs, purchase billboard ads, or place advertising on vehicles until Aug. 23.

Candidates would also not be allowed to place campaign signs outside their wards. Business

owners were now restricted to a single sign on their property to support their candidates per 500 meters of frontage.

A business now had to choose to either display the sign of one favoured candidate, perhaps offending some customers, or not participate in the election at all.

The change of date disparaged early candidates' reputations as it seemed they did not know what they were doing, some incurred financial loss, and although council may not have intended, it gave incumbents an unfair advantage.

It also took away the right of citizens to express their support of candidates until the government told them they could.

This new election sign by-law matters, as it may open the door to move forward with election sign fees and more restrictions as seen in other municipalities across the province.

Just because you are given a right to change something does not mean you should. You should not give different rules for municipal elections.

> Lori Paras, Thunder Bav Candidate in McKellar Ward

# **East Berlin thriller a stunning debut novel**

Stasi Child by David Young is a Karin Muller thriller. It is set in East Berlin in 1975. A teenage girl's body is found at the foot of the Wall. The Stasi - the Ministry for State Security - say she was shot while escaping - but from the West. Oberleutnant Karin Muller, in the People's Police, suspects otherwise. But it is difficult to prove her suspicions as there seems to be some kind of cover up going on that has been authorized at the highest level.

Muller suspects her deputy, Tilsner, of being a Stasi agent; she is also attracted to him, despite the fact that both of them are married. and he has children. She cannot

have children of her own because of a dark secret in her past. And her husband is accused of anti-socialist activities.

This is a stunning debut by a new crime writer who has you turning the pages to keep up with the non stop action and to find out what happens next. He is good at creating cliff hanging situations and then making us wait

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to see how they are resolved. He is also skilful in using flashbacks to fill in back stories and lay a trail of clues that Muller can later follow up on.

But, most of all this novel conjures up a strong sense of history as Young takes us into the German Democratic Republic

(DDR) that was formed after World War Two. There are all kinds of myths, stereotypes and misunderstandings about the DDR that spread by were western propaganda during the Cold War. Young goes beneath and beyond these to unearth the real story.

At one point Muller has to pass into West Berlin to follow up on a lead and she is able to contrast the

shiny but superficial consumerism of the west with the construction of socialism in the east. The DDR has full employment, guaranteed housing and free child care, education and health care, while the west is riven by unemployment, homelessness, addictions and suicide.

Muller enjoys her job and knows what she is working for. She understands why the Berlin Wall - or the Anti Facscist Protection Barrier / Rampart as it was officially known in the East - is necessary. It is not there to keep the East German people in, but to keep the bad influences of West Germany, and the West in general, out.

The Stasi was an essential arm of

state security and socialist construction. It pervaded every aspect of life and had a huge number of people working for it. Criminal investigations were generally the preserve of the People's Police but if a case had significant political overtones, then it would be taken over by the Stasi, which had its own criminal investigation force.

The police and Stasi did not work together on the same team but there would often be liaison at a high level.

Young takes us into these relationships as Karin Muller works against time to solve a particularly nasty crime.

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# PERSPECTIVE 7 **Family Fest 101 disappointment**

#### **By JR Shermack**

Due to circumstances beyond my control I have nothing planned for the August long weekend.

This year was supposed to see a return to normal leisure time activities for Canadian families anticipating a carefree summer of relaxation, fun and merriment.

Our family was looking forward to many special events but as the expression goes, life is what happens to you while you are making other plans.

We are only half way through the summer of '22 and so far our hopes for endless summer fun has been a good news/bad news story, up and down like a merrygo-round.

And speaking of merry-gorounds, a recent announcement by the Friends of Chippewa Park was very difficult to hear for many other local friends and long-time users of Chippewa.

Unfortunately the unexpected announcement put the kibosh to Family Fest 101, the August long weekend gala intended to celebrate 101 years of Chippewa Park.

This year's lineup of activities and entertainment was impressive and a large regional crowd was expected to attend before the event was cancelled.

It was disappointing after the park's centennial came and went in 2021 without much fanfare (due to COVID) and the celebration was postponed until 2022.

We would have to make other plans - our family was already enjoying the sights and sound of summer and Family Fest was going to be one of the highlights.

Our summer began with an inspirational family reunion and although it was a sombre event that brought us all together, the faces of loved ones was a sight for sore eyes.

Just like many other families all across Canada our get together was long overdue which made the hugs a little warmer, the stories a little sweeter and the goodbyes a little sadder.



The Chippewa Park carousel has been refurbished and is now operational. (FILE)

But there was more to come we were planning a road trip to southern Ontario for a second reunion and camping trip to

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spend time with other fondly missed family members.

The vacation would include a visit to Santa's Village (in Bracebridge, not the North Pole) as a special surprise treat for the kids from their Great Aunt.

It was going to be a week of renewing, remembering and reminiscing - there were even some new family members who had never seen or met their relatives before.

Unfortunately they would have to wait a little longer to get acquainted.

Unexpected events caused us to postpone our road trip so we decided to deal with our disappointment with picnics and play days in local parks and playgrounds.

The under-five crowd was quite pleased with the compromise and they were especially glad to run and play in city parks including Chippewa.

Besides, at this point we were still looking forward to the 101st Anniversary celebration at the park - the cancellation was a midsummer bummer.

Enjoying the company and comfort of community events is the perfect way to welcome summer especially now that many recreational activities and events are back.

Thunder Bay is alive and well and bouncing back and the parks and gardens are waiting.

With one very notable exception we were saddened and dismayed to hear that Family Fest 101 had been cancelled - it is a mid-summer bummer for many families.

We took a walk in the park last weekend to take a look around and we saw a few kids on the tilta-whirl but the grounds were mostly empty and quiet.

The newly-restored merry-goround was silent and the pavilion was closed - the park is waiting alone for the renewed sounds of kids playing, families picnicking and a community celebrating.

Until then, Happy 101st Anniversary Chippewa Park.

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**Friendship Series** 

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Games start at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday night and conclude with a 1 p.m. start on the holiday Monday.

Tickets, which will be sold at the gate, are \$10 for adults and \$5 for seniors and students. Kids 12 and younger are free.

### **July 29-Aug. 1**

Strathcona Invitational

If baseball's not your thing, but you're still looking for some sports to watch live and in person this weekend, head out to Current River and check out the Strathcona Invitational, the most prestigious local golf tournament in town.

Connor Carr will be looking to

defend his 2021 title against one of the top fields in local golf.

Admission is free, with the matchplay final set for Monday afternoon.

### July 29-31

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**Martial Arts Championships** 

The Tbaytel 2022 Canadian Martial Arts Championships and Festival kicks off on Friday at the C.J. Sanders Fieldhouse at Lakehead University.

The event, which features some of the best martial artists in the country, includes an opening gala show on Friday night, with performances by renowned kung fu masters.

Tickets are available for sale at www.wushucanada.com.

### Aug. 3

Live on the Waterfront

The musically minded will want to check out this week's Live on the Waterfront lineup at Prince Arthur's Landing.

Conor Loughlin, JC Campbell and

New Friends will play a free concert for any and all, starting at 6 p.m. on Wednesday.

The following week it's the Aerialists, local favourites the Lockyer Boys and Sacha.

Then, in a special matinee edition of the popular concert series, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Aug. 17, Story Time with the Thunder Bay Drag Queen's and Maestro Fresh Wes, a Canadian hip hop legend, will take to the Marina Park stage. Bring a blanket or a chair and enjoy the music.

### Aua. 6

Family Fun Day

Founders Pioneer Village presents Family Fun Day on Saturday, Aug 6, from noon until to 4:30p.m. There will be kid's crafts and family games. See the Duke Hunt Museum and Russ's Garage all located in one spot. They're located at 3190 Hwy 61 at Gillespie Road, in Slate River just 20 minutes south of Thunder Bay.



The lakes of Northwestern Ontario are ideal for those who want to take up paddleboarding. The earlier in the day one heads out, the more peaceful the experience is likely to be.

# Paddleboarding in the morning

Daybreak may be the very best time to get out on the lake and enjoy some time on the stand up paddleboard (SUP).

In the morning, before the wind picks up, the waters are calm and

tranquil, making for perfect paddling conditions. Even on popular lakes, most camps are quiet and the only sounds we are likely to hear are the calls of a lonely loon or perhaps a smallmouth bass breaking the surface as it inhales some breakfast.

In the morning, on the water, time seems to stand still and the peace-

fulness is restorative. Each paddle stroke is crisp and the board cuts through the calm water effortlessly. As the sun rises in the sky, you hear each individual droplet of water falling from the paddle. The

calmness is intoxicating. A stand up paddleboard looks a lot like the surfer's longboard from which it originated. Made from glass-reinforced plastic with a polyurethane foam core, they are generally three to four meters in length, with a surfboard-style fin in the stern for

tracking. Paddles are extra tall to accommodate the standing position and they are constructed from fiberglass or carbon fiber, with a flat blade on the bottom and a handle on the top.

Stand up paddleboarding has become hugely popular in the twenty first century, likely because anvone, even beginners, can find immediate success as soon as they step on the board. With a bit of practice, maneuvering the board becomes effortless and with a little effort, they move very quickly across calm water.

New paddlers can start by kneeling on the board and finding their balance before standing up. Once standing, keep a little bend in the knees and position yourself near the middle of the board. This

keeps the nose from plowing through the water and the stern from dragging.

Alternating the side you are paddling on every few strokes is the easiest way to track straight while picking up speed.

The boards can get tippy as the winds pick up and waves develop, so wearing a PFD (Personal Flotation Device) isn't just a legal requirement but a pretty smart idea too. A paddling vest is essential here as it allows the required mobility in the upper body.

People of all ages are falling in love with SUPs and it is currently the fastest growing water surf activity.

Reasons for the surge in popu-

larity include the relative ease of this watersport, the core workout it offers, the minimal investment in equipment costs, the health benefits, and that indescribable feeling of gliding over the water from atop the board.

We are lucky that we are never more than a short drive from some pristine waterbody here in Northwestern Ontario and there is no better way to kickstart the day than to take a little time to be outside in nature.

Enjoying the rising sun on a SUP is a sublime way to spend a morning. Whether we paddle solo or take the kids, the dog, a yoga mat or just a cup of coffee, the experience is sure to be invigorating.



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# Change is tough

Chefs by their very nature are old school and resist change. Much of the entire business is cyclical and trendy, bringing back long lost "old" techniques that would sometimes be missing from the cooking zeitgeist for decades only to see a massive resurgence because of a trendy chef or restaurant resurrecting it with a twist to great critical and commercial acclaim. One such example of the intrinsic personality of professional chefs is the struggle to bring technology into the kitchen. Removing control from one's own hands and giving it to a machine or computer is scary to some. In food it can be a definite no fly zone to some. As you can imagine by how I spend my days building burgers via a technique you would find in 50's diners, I, of course am one of them.

Most of the time when a new piece of commercial food technology comes about the major selling feature is decreased reliance on labour. Lower your labour costs, increase profits. Blah Blah Blah. The hard sell is almost always the same. When you're in a commercial environ-



ment, the professional accountants would be salivating at the opportunity to remove more people from the equation. In larger operations, people, while they are necessary and should be treated like an asset, moreover are regarded as a liability. When I was a corporate stooge in the prairies I would often comment on my own limited lifespan in the position.

Derek Lankinen Here's Cooking at You Kid

When I was an apprentice and a young journeyman, a major piece of tech that was emerging was the combination oven, Rational was the standard, offering a steamer, oven, convection, air fryer and proofer all in one, oh and it was self-cleaning. At that time the units came with a hefty price tag that not many mid-grade operations could afford. Also, most operations regardless of the size will resist investing in their kitchen at all costs, that's a rant for another day. Over the years the combi oven became the standard for plating and catering in most larger operations, however it was a shift that took a lot of time to come about.

Smaller tech related changes can assist operations in a less intrusive way. Fridge temperature sensors that monitor and report temperature changes in real time to a mobile device or display can greatly assist operators when it comes to spoilage or fridge failure. There are companies using cameras to detect issues with food handling. While I've never been a fan of over supervision in the kitchen, as one of my chefs is fond of reminding me after some cameras were installed in our kitchen by an overzealous owner, I told him very matter of factly; "I moon these cameras every day, sometimes on purpose, sometimes not."

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



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# **Reimagining the city's north core**

By Leith Dunick – TB Source

Chris Hunda thinks a plan to make a section of Red River Road in Thunder Bay's downtown north core more pedestrian friendly is a great idea. Hunda, who works in the downtown, after looking at drawings and schematics presented as part of the city's Reimagining the North Core Streetscapes proposal, said it's an exciting plan.

"I think this is a really nice project for the downtown core. It really adds to the versatility of all the streets, with all the different set-ups they can have, depending on the season, depending on the events that are going on," he said.

"I think it's really going to make it a really nice change for Thunder Bay."

The city, along with Brooks McIlroy architects, held an open house on Thursday at Goods and Co., inviting the public to see potential designs and provide feedback, good and bad, about the project, which carries a budget of between \$6 million and \$8 million and a timeline for completion as early as 2023.

It's part of an ongoing plan to restructure sections of the downtown core, which to date has included closing down portions of several streets to make room for outdoor patios.

The remainder of the proposal expands on that.

"I think everyone is going to enjoy it," Hunda said. "It's something different for the livability of the city, especially during the summer months."

According to Albert Viljoen, an associate at Brooks McIlroy, the feedback has mostly been that of excitement, at seeing what this section of the public realm might become, in relatively short order.

"They're seeing places where people can spill out onto the street in a meaningful way and not be obstructed by vehicles.



A section of Red River Road could get a vastly different look next year. (Submitted)

The real goal is to create this pedestrian-centric downtown north core where people and families and anybody from the town can come and see themselves in the streetscape and practice their culture in the downtown and it being a meaningful space," Viljoen said.

In addition to patios on the lock-stone street, there could be firepits and spaces where an outdoor stage could be set up for special events, like a New Year's Eve concert. Art and lighting installations will be included, and curbing and sidewalks will be removed to create a plaza-like atmosphere.

Brian Newman, a project engineer with the City of Thunder Bay, said the streetscape is still being designed, hence the public feedback.

He's confident the finished design will be something the entire city can get behind.

"It's kind of a legacy project in a way. We're trying to do some-

thing a little bit new and unique in the downtown core to reinvest into some buildings, as business owners have reinvested themselves," Newman said.

The city will take control of the project once the streetscaping is complete, with the tender expected to go out by late fall or early winter for the work to happen next summer.

"We're trying to get to the point where Red River Road, from Court to Cumberland can be closed off at any given moment. The curb and gutter will be part of the infrastructure itself ... We're doing that all with the thought of having these big events, street closures and patios and decks and features that businesses want to have for weekly functions, monthly functions or daily functions, whatever they have to offer."

The street will remain open to traffic, though not when events are scheduled.



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### **I12** LIFE Visit tbnewswatch.com Thursday, July 28, 2022 Gardens a summertime labour of love

This past Sunday the annual garden tour took place in Thunder Bay. My wife, Laura, an aspiring Master Gardener, participated as a go-to gardener to answer questions of any visitors.

She was assigned a garden in the north ward and was to remain there while the tour lasted - all day. She informed me when she returned that she counted some 246 people coming through for a look-see. Impressive!

Not all the gardens on view were of the flower

flavour. There were a couple of vegetable gardens on view as well as some properties that sported both.

A couple of years ago a neighbour up our road who had large greenhouses and sold plants, had what she called a demonstration garden behind her house. It was huge! But she was moving to town due to ill health and had offered up any of the plants in that garden. All you had to do was dig up the plants and replant

> them at your garden which we did (or, that Laura did). Thus, we had a gorgeous flower garden that even won Laura an award as a pollinator garden because of the type of plants and the fact that we garden organically.

> However, where we live the ground is fraught

with crab grass that eventually consumed the flower garden. Since Laura' entire concentration for two summers was to completely dig up our vegetable garden, make permanent beds (much easier to weed), and start all over again, the flower gardens were put "on the back burner" as it were. In amongst the weeds you can see some of the incredible flowering plants but few and far between.

Now that the vegetable garden is almost complete (Laura still wants to make more permanent beds that will make a total of thirty before she is done), the flower gardens will be next.

Actually, there is one flower garden beside Casa Jones that Laura has weeded and it is very pretty. Trouble is the grass that has grown up outside the rock boundary and that will be my task to weed-whack it all down that should be done by the time you read this missive.

We finally got a fence up around the vegetable garden. We had one before but I took it down in order to ferry tractor bucket loads of wellrotted Mt. Crumpet. (barn stall leavings dumped at that spot for over 20 years eventually turning into amazing soil) for Laura to add to her permanent beds.

But a fence is necessary for two reasons: invading deer that love carrots, beets, etc., and our new puppy who loves to dig irrespective of the fact that where she is digging has prize veggies trying to grow.

I was not supposed to do any physical assistance in the fence project as I had just returned from surgery and was given explicit instructions not to do any strenuous physical work for six weeks.

So, we hired Ken (mechanical wizard who helped me with Big Red, my ancient tractor when it broke during the winter) who, along with Laura, did the physical work of installing fence posts in the ground, stringing the fence wire, and

attaching the garden gates. I was permitted to participate with one task: to sit atop Big Red to ferry gravel to where the fence posts would be installed. No hard physical labour there.

Each morning I troop down our driveway with pooches past the vegetable garden to retrieve the newspaper. As I pass the garden I am impressed with how quickly the garden has suddenly exploded with greenery, how 'them green things done growed'. Wasn't it just a few days ago that the plants were just poking their heads above the ground?

But now is the time of summer when the plants have produced their edibles and we are harvesting many of the veggies.

Such vertiginous blessings gracing our dinner plates and all due to my aspiring Master Gardener.



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The Canadian Lakehead Exhibition is a staple of the Thunder Bay event calendar every summer. (Leith Dunick)



### Annual fair opens on Aug. 10, after two years off

By Leith Dunick – TB Source

Change is coming to the Canadian Lakehead Exhibition's annual fair.

It starts at the entry point.

Organizers on Wednesday announced there will be enhanced security measures in place, including the use of metal detecting wands, a sign of the times, said fair president Basil Lychowyd on Wednesday, a day before advance tickets were set to go on sale.

It's a minor inconvenience, he said.

"People coming to the fair should note that on top of the safety checks we're going to be scanning people. For the safety of everybody, right now it's a must," Lychowyd said.

Other than that, it's pretty much business as usual at the fair, which is slated to open at noon on Aug. 10 and run through midnight on Aug. 14.

As always, the 132nd rendition of the Canadian Lakehead Exhibition has a little something for everyone, and a lot for most.

More than 40 rides are expected to be the centre of attention as the midway returns to Thunder Bay for the first time since 2019, the fair cancelled the past two years because of COVID-19. Games of chance are another big draw, as are the food vendors and the animal and horticultural exhibits and displays of culinary arts.

The music also won't disappoint, with a who's who of Canadian classic rockers taking to the stage throughout the week, a lineup that includes the likes of Trooper, Streetheart, Honeymoon Suite, Kim Mitchell and Who Made Who, an AC/DC tribute band.

"Everyone wants the fair to come back," Lychowyd said. "It's something they haven't done for two years ... The CLE is ready to go. Whether it's a thrill ride or a prize, fasten your seat belt. Here we go," Lychowyd said, adding they are looking for staff to work during the fair.

Other attractions include illusionist Tyler Biloski, Science North, Grumpy Grampas, Bobo the Clown and Martin Wonderland.

Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the gate for adults, \$8 and \$10 for children age five to 12. Children four and under are free. Midway ride bracelets are \$30 in advance and \$45 on site, while theatre and CLE admission at the gate is \$18.

Advance tickets are available at Canadian Tire stores in Thunder Bay, Nipigon and Marathon, at the Atikokan News Stand, Northern Computers in Terrace Bay and the Wellington Inn in Sioux Lookout.

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### **14 ON THE SCENE CBC's Jody Porter dies**

By Leith Dunick – TB Source

Prominent award-winning Thunder Bay journalist Jody Porter has died.

Porter, a champion of the Northwest as well as Indigenous peoples everywhere, was a highly respected reporter for CBC Radio, who was relentless in her pursuit of truth and fought for social justice, providing a voice for those who might otherwise not have had one.

According to her CBC bio, she was awarded the Debwewin Citation from the Anishinabek Nation for excellence in reporting on First Nations issues and a Massey College Clarkson Laureate in recognition of public service.

Porter fought a highly public battle with cancer, taking leave from the CBC in 2017 before returning in 2020. Her last story, about an Indigenous woman who was charged for



Jody Porter was an award-winning journalist. jaywalking after being hit by a vehicle and fracturing her skull, was filed in 2021.



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Daniel Kaluuya plays OJ in Jordan Peele's sci-fi (but not horror) offering, Nope, now playing at SilverCity in Thunder Bay.

# Nope a bit flat

One has to admire Jordan Peele for his multifaceted career trajectory evolving from sketch comedy with the act Key and Peele to directing and winning a best original screenplay Oscar for Get Out as well as helming another suspense film, Us.

Hence, there's a little letdown with his muchanticipated, Nope, (SilverCity) a UFO/sci-fi tale set in the wilds of modern-day southern California. There is much to relish here. One just wishes that the narrative threads could have been woven together more strongly.

OJ (Daniel Kaluuya) and Emmy (Keke Palmer) inherit a horse ranch from their dad (Keith David),

who passes away at the film's beginning under mysterious circumstances. The ranch was once a going concern providing trained horses for TV and movies.

Now they get by providing horses for a nearby outdoor Wild West amusement park run by Jupe (Steven Yeun) who harbours trauma from a bizarre, grisly incident he experienced while shooting a sitcom as a child star in the 1990s. This is an awkwardly integrated storvline.

Strange things begin happening around the ranch. A mysterious cloud appears but doesn't budge There are sudden power outages. The horses act strangely. Indistinct images flit through the sky. Flying saucers? The atmosphere suddenly becomes spookily still. Dust storms whip up on a whim.

Sensing a chance to cash in the UFO craze, Emmy purchases cameras to set up around the ranch to record the phenomena. Intrigued, a retail techie Angel (Brandon Perea) assists them. Things get decidedly weirder from there.

For the first half, Nope plays like a conventional

sci-fi flick, building unease and suspense with the requisite ominous occurrences, leavened by lowkey humour.

Peele sets things up nicely with spectacular, eerie visuals through CGI and creepy sound design. Cinematographer Hoyte Van Hoytema (Tenet) brilliantly captures the mountainous terrain, emphasizing the isolation of the deep valley encompassing the ranch. Images in the skies are disturbing and gripping.

The film's real strength comes through the leads. Kaluuya's deadpan reserve (his use of the word "nope" is quietly hilarious), Palmer's sarcastic

sparkplug, and Perea's lovelorn techie have some delicious moments. There's also a comic cameo from veteran actress Donna Mills (TV's Knot's Landing).

Peele has greater ambitions, involving strained symbolism and thematic linkages. The second half seems to emulate Close Encounters of the Third Kind, Spielberg's beloved sci-fi fantasy which ultimately failed to explain why aliens were viewed benignly at the film's ending despite their disruptive, upset-

ting actions and human abductions that happened over decades.

Here, death occurs. Don't look the entity in the eye. Why?

After a great build-up, one is left with several questions by the end including the alien objectives and defensive methodologies employed against them. Jupe's back story remains under-developed.

The classic sci-fi flicks from the 1950s and 60s usually introduced some scientific character to explain the supernatural threats and means to defeat them. No one of that sort is hereabouts. Nope.



#### **Marty Mascarin MOVIE TALK**

# **Keepin' it country**

#### By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Not even a little rain could dampen the spirits of those in the crowd this weekend at the first Country on the Bay music festival.

Far from it, said festival marketing manager Kamryn Winters, the sun starting to peek out from behind a rapidly vanishing cloud cover on Sunday afternoon.

Featuring the musical talents of Brett Kissel, Lee Brice, the Reklaws, Terri Clark and Johnny Reid atop the bill, Country on the Bay was a smash success, Winters said.

She was just glad they could finally bring the music to Fort William Historical Park.

"It's gone really smooth. We've been trying to do this festival for two years. Of course we got hit with the thing that no one wants to talk about, so it's nice to be able to have it. We've had really good attendance this year and really good support. It's been just great."

Organizers were hoping to average 4,000 attendees a night, and though Winters didn't have the exact figures on hand, said it was more like between 5,000 and 6,000 tickets sold per day.

Still, it's a little too soon to guarantee the event will return to Thunder Bay for a second year, Winters said.

She's not ruling it out though.

"You can never really tell the complete status of it until way after the event, but I mean, from the attendance, from the excitement of the people, we really think this really is a good festival and there's lots of potential, so there's definitely some hope in the future that it will happen again," Winters said.

If Tina Noyes has her way, Country on the Bay will become an annual affair. She loved it, even buying extra tickets for family on Sunday after spending three nights enjoying some of the best country music Canada has to offer.

"It was great. This means everything. I'm here with my family, so it's nice family time. I've seen a few friends around, it's great,"



Madeline Merlo performs on Sunday at Country on the Bay at Fort William Historical Park. (Leith Dunick)

Noves said.

"I'm having an amazing time. Even yesterday we sat through the rain. Everybody, all the artists were just amazing. All the vendors are good. It's been a great

and Country on the Bay ranks near the top.



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Team Canada's Ellie Jespersen of Spruce Grove, Alta. will be in Thunder Bay this weekend.

# **Baseball's back**

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

The lineups are set for this weekend's Friendship Series at Baseball Central.

Officials from Team Canada and the United States have announced rosters for the five-game series, which starts on Thursday and wraps up Monday, bringing the top female baseball players from both countries to Thunder Bay.

Canada's 20-player roster was chosen by manager Ashley Stephenson and her coaching staff, and features a mix of veteran players with plenty of international baseball experience and several newcomers looking to get their feet wet against the Americans.

"I'm really excited with the group we have and look forward to competing against the U.S. on home soil in Thunder Bay," Stephenson said in a release.

"Given our (Women's National Team) program has largely been inactive for three years this series is crucial to evaluate our team in its present state and what we'd like to build towards in the future.

The U.S. on Sunday announced its 20-woman roster, a lineup that includes the likes of Malaika Underwood, who will be suiting up for her country for the llth time and who owns the record for most games played on an American national team.

Tenth-time team member Anna Kimbrell and nine-timer Marti Sementelli are also on the roster.

At the other end of the spectrum, eight U.S. players made their national team debut in 2022, including Jillian Albayati.

#### **TEAM ROSTERS**

**United States** 

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### **SPORTS** 17 Staal battles cancer, still wins race

#### han Vass - For TB Source

I start out with a huge thank you to No. 08 Norm Staal for this story. I have his permission to share some medical information. The checkered flag is always a thrill but this checkered flag was special.

You see Staal is in a battle with throat cancer. He missed one Wednesday night show as he was in the hospital just tying to get an airway to breathe.

The next Wednesday night he is standing in victory lane.

"Oh it was a big win for sure. Not just because of my health issues. I called Joel Cryderman to come over to the garage because the car was pushing and pushing, it just was not running right.

"Cryderman said to tear it apart and start over because what I had was not working so let's give it a try. Cryderman said he watched the car

on the track and he had some ideas." Staal continued.

"His ideas sure worked it took us to the checkered.

"I would like to thank Joel for the help. I would like to thank Larry both for the good clean racing as well."

Staal said it was hours in the garage as it was a complete over haul. This is what racers do they help each other.

We wish Norm Staal strength though his battle with cancer and we wish him more checkered flags. It was Staal's first checkered flag at Thunder City Speedway.

Race fans continue to flock to Thunder City Speedway and the drivers do not disappoint. The July 20th event was sponsored by Item 2000 Equipment Inc.

Racing was a challenge as weather was not ideal. It rained just prior to race time and they had to farm that track to make the magic happen. The winner's circle belonged to the following;

Paulucci Wayland Bar and Grill Midwest Mods: No. 70 Dave Simpson.

Mastangelos Fuels Street Stock: Darren Wolframe No. 96W,

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I wish the drivers could hear the crowd over the roar of the engines because Larry Both, Norm Staal and Tom Smart put on a show.

The roar of Thunder Bay's race crowd when Norm Staal took the checked was epic. They were happy for him and they appreciated the race the drivers put on, clean racing.



Norm Staal took top spot in the Mezzo Motors and Machines Wissota Super Stocks race.



### **18 SPORTS**

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# Dual-sport star

### Reese Keating has Division 1 hopes in both golf and hockey

#### By Leith Dunick – TB Source

At some point in the very near future, Reese Keating may have a pretty tough decision to make – golf or hockey.

The 17-year-old, who spent last season between the pipes at Minnesota's Shattuck-St. Mary's, a school that's produced the likes of Sidney Crosby, Nathan McKinnon and American Olympian Amanda Kessel, most recently finished sixth at the Manitoba Junior Girls Golf Championship.

Her three-day, 246 total earned her a spot at the Canadian Junior Girls Championship, being staged this week at the Marshes Golf Club in Ottawa.

Following in the golfing footsteps of her father, Walter Keating Jr., a former Canadian Tour pro, the teenager says she's not ready to make a decision which sport she'd like to play full-time, not completely convinced she can't play both at the NCAA level.

With dreams of playing on the LPGA Tour and making the Canadian women's Olympic hockey team, Reese tries not to look too far ahead.

In this particular moment, her efforts are focused on golf and the chance to prove her game at the national stage.

The Thunder Bay teen said she had no expectations heading into the provincial event.

"I was pretty nervous, but none of them really knew who I was, so I didn't really feel like I had to show anyone anything. I just went out there and played, and played better than I expected to,"



Reese Keating, 17, has earned a spot at the Canadian Junior National Golf Champiosnip. (Sandra Shibata)

Keating said of her performance in Manitoba last week.

She had no idea it would lead to a spot at nationals.

"At first I was shocked, and then I was very nervous, but I'm very excited to get the opportunity."

Keating said she sees the two sports, both of which she played at school, to be complimentary.

"I feel like since I'm a goalie, it definitely is the same mindset in certain ways," she said.

Her father, Walter, said he and his wife, Chantal, have been talking to Division 1 schools about both sports and hope to have offers in place by November.

"She'd like to do both," Walter said. "Yeah," agreed Reese, a graduate of the Thunder Bay Queens program and a

а nunder Bay Queens program and a straight A student in the classroom. "It would be a lot, but I would prefer to do both than just pick one."

Walter said because of her grades, she's broadened her opportunities at the collegiate level.

"We've had some Ivy League schools interested in her too because of her grades. That plays a big part."

While many teens are content with one sport, hanging with friends or playing video games, Reese said she likes being busy all the time.

"For me it's summer, golf, winter, hockey," she said. "Then I mix in a little bit of both here and there."

It's lots of training, her father said. "She's working with Al MacKenzie, who trained Haley Irwin. And what's Shattuck's done is teach them how to be pros. Could she be a dual-sport star, like Deion Sanders or Bo Jackson?

Anything's possible, Reese said. "I'm really excited to try to do both."

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