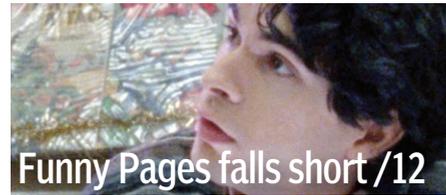




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The new Woodland/Outdoor Adventure playground at Centennial Park was an opening weekend hit. The playground reopened, with a natural theme. (Leith Dumick)

Labour feels it's under attack

By Leith Dunick – TB Source

Carlos Santander-Maturna says labour is under attack in Ontario.

The head of the Thunder Bay and District Labour Council on Monday said he fears efforts at Queen's Park in recent years, along with pending legislation, show government taking an anti-worker stance, particularly in the public sector where nurses are held to a one per cent raise annually over the next three years.

That doesn't come close to keeping up with inflation, which has soared to about eight per cent in 2022, in part due to COVID-19 and in part due to soaring gas prices.

"I think it's going to be a very bad four years," Santander-Maturna said, as the annual Labour Day Picnic opened at Current River Park.

"But it's going to be up to us to ensure that we're mobilizing our own members. It's what we need to do to force the government to slow down the political reforms that they want to do and have a pro-workers



Rodney Brown performs on Monday at the annual Labour Day Picnic. (Leith Dunick)

agenda and less geared toward the business community."

Bill 124 is directly in labour's cross-hairs.

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Conservatives, it provides three-year contracts that limit public sector salaries to one per cent increases, the province saying its necessary to cut costs and lower

Ontario's debt.

Workers are seeing less buying power under the act, Santander-Maturna said.

"It means over three years, we get a three per cent increase, when the fact of the matter is that inflation is eight per cent. But the government doesn't want to incorporate any collective cost of living agreement into any agreements," he said.

"If inflation is three per cent, you get three per cent. If inflation is eight per cent, you should get eight per cent ... At one per cent every year, we're actually losing seven per cent and our purchasing power is going to be affected."

Lise Vaugeois, the NDP representative in Thunder Bay-Superior North, also said labour is under attack, particularly teachers and health-care workers.

It has to stop, she said.

"Health-care workers are being constrained by Bill 124 for the last four years, which means they have no collective bargaining rights and they're held to a one per cent

increase. This is really a lot of what's pushing people out of health care," Vaugeois said.

Teachers are essentially being pressured to sign whatever deal is presented to them, Vaugeois said.

With a strong majority, the Conservatives are under little pressure to make any concessions. That won't stop Vaugeois and the NDP from trying, she said.

"The strategy is to get up as often as possible (in the legislature) and to be as articulate as possible about the effects.

"The government likes to throw around very big numbers. Supposedly 10,000 new health-care workers were hired, but we don't see any workers anywhere. What we see are disappearing workers.

Vaugeois said grassroots organizing is also needed to put more pressure on the province to rethink labour legislation.

The picnic included pony rides, a barbecue, speeches and a petting zoo.



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Mayoral hopefuls talk infrastructure

Roads, facilities key issue heading into this year's upcoming municipal vote

By Leith Dunick – TB Source

Vanity projects should be a thing of the past, says mayoral candidate Robert Szczepanski, addressing his infrastructure priorities for the next term of city council.

The first-time hopeful called unnecessary projects, which could include the proposed indoor turf facility, which dominated the past several years of the council agenda, and the shelved \$114-million event centre that dominated previous mayor Keith Hobbs' tenure, as a waste of time and money.

Taxpayer dollars are better spent elsewhere, Szczepanski said, also critical of statues on Algoma Street and the fountains outside of Thunder Bay city hall.

"I want to build more affordable apartments, because the city has been going nuts with houses and building out, building out," he said. "Instead we should be building up. That's a big reason a lot of the things in the city aren't working that well."

Szczepanski said people simply can't afford to live in Thunder Bay.

"Instead of building three-, four- and five-hundred thousand dollar houses, why don't we build an apartment building with 100 rooms that are maybe \$500 or \$600 a month."

He wasn't alone in his criticism of how the city's infrastructure budget was spent.

Entrepreneur Gary Mack, also running for mayor for the first time, said the No. 1 issue he's hearing at the door is the state of the city's roads.

"We just went through a terrible spring. Our roads are crumbling. Our city feels neglected. One of the reasons I stepped up to run for mayor is just because our city has been neglected for so long and we need a leader to step up and take care of our beautiful city," Mack said.

It's time to get out in front of Thunder Bay's \$20-million infrastructure deficit, he added.

"It's going to have to be prioritized as part of the budgeting process," Mack said.

Former two-time mayor Ken Boshcoff said it's clear that while previous councils have looked at ways to catch up, with climate change starting to show its impact, the city may have to take a different approach.

"The rapidity of some of the changes now has caught everyone by surprise. The council, as a group, has to think how (it) is going to be adaptive enough to deal with this," Boshcoff said.

"In our city, we know roads are really the first



Road repairs are an ongoing issue for city council. (FILE)

thing – and the first to go. Maybe there are things like frost lines built into the pavement so they don't totally destroy themselves."

Clinton Harris, the former Chronicle Journal publisher, said council needs to get a better handle on what needs to be budgeted for and stop putting things off for future councils to fund.

"That needs to be addressed so we can actually get that work done. If we get our infrastructure in place we can look for possible investment from people who want to come here. The shortfall is on the infrastructure spending," said Harris, adding he dip into reserve funds in order to play catch-up, rather than putting past mistakes on the backs of present-day taxpayers.

"That way you don't have to go back to your taxpayers for money," he said.

Coun. Peng You, seeking the mayor's chair after one term on council, said planning is key to keep up with the need to maintain the city's roads, bridges, sewage and wastewater systems.

You said the city also has to find a way to make larger recreational projects happen, though not necessarily paid for out of city coffers.

"We have to find a different way," he said. "Private-sector organizations can be part of the partnership. And also, I'd really like to see them be done with short-term solutions. We could put a bubble over Fort William Stadium and let our kids play through the winter indoors. We can do it."

Larger structures, like a replacement for Fort William Gardens, can only happen hand-in-hand with growth and economic development, something You said must be a priority of councils moving forward.

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Fire guts residence

By Leith Dunick – TB Source

A Valley Street home was gutted in an overnight fire on Saturday morning.

Thunder Bay Fire Rescue responded to the fire, in the 200 block of the north-side street, at approximately 3:30 a.m., arriving to find heavy smoke and flame showing from the front and side of the bungalow-style home.

Three simultaneous attack lines were set up to fight the fire and provide an entry point to search for any trapped victims. However, upon entering the home, it was confirmed there was no one inside the home and a family pet was located and rescued during the search.



A Valley Street home suffered extensive damage in a fire on Saturday. (Leith Dunick)

Collins named CEO of Chi Mino Ozhitowin

By Leith Dunick – TB Source

Peter Collins future place of employment is now public.

Collins, the long-time Fort William First Nation chief, on Monday announced he would be stepping down from his post ahead of next year's band elections in order to take on a public-sector job.

On Friday, Chi Mino Ozhitowin made it public that Collins has been appointed the company CEO.

CMO is a partnership of eight First Nations, working collaboratively with First Nations impacted by the Waasigan Transmission Line project. Specifically, Collins will develop and implement training,

employment and procurement initiatives for the eight communities and their membership to help them benefit from the project.

"I would like to thank the Board of Directors and eight partner First Nations for giving me this opportunity to lead CMO. While construction is several years away, there's a lot of work ahead to get our people and businesses ready to capture opportunities from the Waasigan Transmission Line Project. I will work hard to make sure Hydro One and the contractor fulfill their commitments to meaningful Indigenous participation on the Project," Collins said.



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Voting closes at 4:00 pm EST on Oct. 18, 2022.

Families enjoying new Centennial playground

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

The new Woodland/Outdoor Adventure playground at Centennial Park was an opening weekend hit.

Crowds of families flocked to the park to check out the new structures, which include slides and a zip-line that saw lines of eager children of all ages lined up for a turn.

For those looking to rest, there are a pair of hammocks, and anyone seeking solitude can find it in the well-hidden wolf den.

Primarily made of wood, rock and rope, the \$700,000 project was started in 2020 with the removal of the old playground equipment and site preparation for the new structures.

The finished product is quite nice, said parent Julie Bouchard.

"It's very natural. I love all the activities. My daughter loves the zip line," Bouchard said.

Bill Orr brought his wife, Sue, and daughter Kaitlynn out on Saturday.

It met his expectations and then some.

"We're really enjoying the new fun park that's been built for the residents of this city," Orr said. "The kids are all having great fun. It's a lovely day and thanks very much for this new facility."

But don't take the adults' word for it. The kids couldn't stop moving, finding one exciting new adventure after another as they crawled between structures, slid down slides, climbed poles and practiced their balancing skills.

Eleven-year-old Nodin King was having all kinds of fun.

"It's a good park, I kind of like it," he said, underselling the new facility just slightly.

"I like the slides and the zip line. It's fun."

An eight-year named Alice said she too liked the zip line and the big slide.

"I liked everything," she said.



Hundreds of families ventured out to Centennial Park this past weekend to check out the new Woodland playground.

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EDITORIAL

Tackling gangs

A poll on TBNewswatch over the weekend shows crime and safety appear to be far and away the biggest issue facing voters as they head to the voting booth next month.

Of the 2,238 responses, 44.6 per cent listed those crime and safety as their No. 1 concern, with roads and infrastructure coming in at 22.3 per cent.

Taxation was third, at 13.9 per cent.

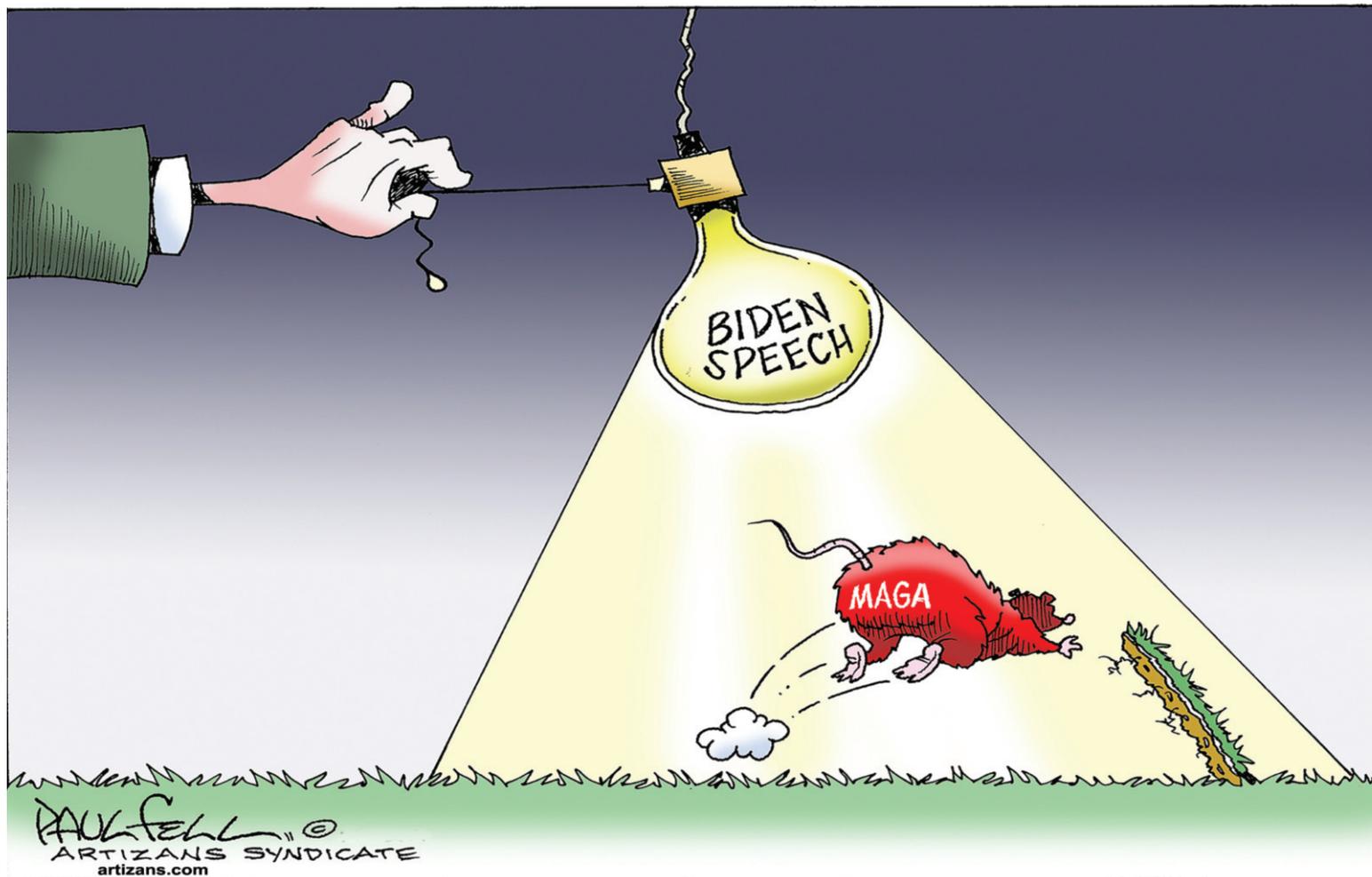
While there's little council can do on the ground to help put an end to the city's growing violent crime rate, there's plenty it can do at the provincial and federal levels to help procure funding to help fight the guns and gangs problem that has permeated the fabric of the city in recent years.

Gun deaths once were uncommon. Now targeted handgun killings seem to be a monthly occurrence.

At some point, if the problem isn't solved, if the gang problem isn't fixed, innocent people are going to get caught in the crosshairs.

These gangs think nothing of moving into quiet neighbourhoods, taking over homes and bringing violence next door.

The public deserves a council that will fight for everything senior levels of government have to give and more.



The Stasi Poetry Circle a Cold War gem

The Stasi Poetry Circle by Philip Oltermann is the fascinating story of the creative writing class that tried to win the Cold War.

In 1982 East Germany's Ministry of National Security (Stasi) - convinced writers were embedding subversive messages in their work - decided to train their own writers, weaponizing poetry in the struggle against the class enemy.

The Stasi Poetry Circle reveals how a group of soldiers and border guards gathered for monthly meetings at a military compound in socialist East Berlin to learn how to write lyrical verse.

Journalist Philip Oltermann spent five years rifling through Stasi files,

digging up lost volumes of poetry from musty basements and tracking down the surviving members of this Red poets' society to uncover the little known story of the Stasi's ideological interest in literature.

Using first-hand accounts and exclusive interviews, this unconventional group biography charts the history of the German Democratic Republic from its utopian origins. The GDR was shaped and determined by its victory over Fascism. The aim was to build a new socialist society in a peasant and workers state governed

by the dictatorship of the proletariat.

From its very inception in 1945 the GDR understood that literature and culture were essential to the development of a new 'socialist man'. The

term 'literature society' was coined by Johannes Becher who became minister of culture.

The president of the ruling Socialist Unity Party, Walter Ulbricht, announced the measures he believed East Germany needed to take in order to surpass West Germany - not just in economic terms, but also in general quality of life:

'In our state and our economy, the

GDR's working class has already taken charge,' Ulbricht said. 'Now we must also scale and seize the heights of culture.'

His successor, Erich Honecker, championed his state as a 'country of readers' - as opposed to what he called the 'bestseller country' on the other side of the Berlin Wall.

The government set a target that 85 to 90 per cent of GDR citizens should be reading 'high literature' within five years. Socialist men and women had to steel their body and brain with equal vigor.

Theaters and opera houses handed out a proportion of their tickets to factories or educational institutions. A government decree prescribed

that larger factories must have an on-site library, staffed by a part-time librarian. If the factory had over 500 workers, the librarian needed to work full-time. Bigger factories needed more books, up to 30,000 of them in any enterprise employing between 5,000 and 10,000 people.

Publishers were set a target of a yearly increase in productivity of four to five percent. Between 1950 and 1989 both the number of books printed per year and the proportion of those that were fiction more than tripled. An average of six to nine books per head of population printed each year put the GDR at the top of the book production charts, alongside the Soviet Union.



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Moon launch will have to wait

By JR Shermack

It is said that even the longest journey begins with a single step but when NASA tried to take the first step on its quest to explore deep space, it stumbled.

Ladies and gentlemen, Mission Control has informed us that there will be a short delay before we are able to boldly go where we've never been before - thank you for flying NASA.

The world's most powerful rocket, the SLS (Space Launch System) failed to launch again after a second attempt was scrubbed last week due to fuel leaks.

NASA's gigantic SLS mega rocket will have to go back to the rocket repair shop for at least a month of inspection before it is ready for a third countdown and hopefully a successful liftoff.

Perched on top of the rocket is an Orion capsule designed to safely carry astronauts to the moon and on top of that is a rocket propelled launch abort

system in case of trouble.

Of course there will be no trouble - after the flawless flight and deployment of James Webb the world has very high expectations for another perfect launch and a successful mission.

This test flight is intended as an operational stress test to see if the SLS rocket and the Orion spacecraft can safely carry future astronaut to the moon and back.

However this first Artemis mission will not have a human crew.

Instead, the SLS will be crewed by manikins - Commander Moonikin Campos along with crewmates Helga and Zohar, phantom torsos designed to mimic human bones and soft tissue.

The three astro-nots are equipped with sensors and detection equipment that will provide data about the stresses and radiation levels a human crew will encounter.

There is one more passenger along for the ride - a plush toy

Snoopy the dog will be floating around the Orion spacecraft to serve as a zero gravity indicator for ground control.

I expect Snoopy to steal the show whenever he weightlessly drifts into view.

Once the SLS blasts off and achieves Earth orbit it will be maneuvered into position for its five day outbound flight to the moon where it will enter into lunar orbit.

Thirty-five days later it will return to the Earth for a scheduled splashdown in the Pacific Ocean off California later this year.

Artemis II, the next phase of the project, is set for launch in 2024 or '25 and will carry four astronauts, including one Canadian, into lunar orbit.

If everything goes according to schedule (it already hasn't) the Artemis III mission aims to land humans at the south pole of the moon where water ice has been detected.

It has been 50 years since Neil

Armstrong took that first giant step for humanity - who knows where this second step will lead.

NASA has ambitious plans for a launch base on the moon and a space station in orbit around the moon.

And then it's all aboard the SpaceX Starship and on to colonize Mars and other destinations in deep space.

As for me, I don't think I have the right stuff for space exploration but I admire those who do and I am impressed by the engineering and science behind it.

I remember watching fuzzy black and white video of the first moon landing on TV - now I can see crystal clear color video from the surface of mars or hear audio from the surface of Venus.

Seeing the Artemis astronauts hopping around at the south pole of the moon will be like déjà vu for armchair astronauts all over the Earth.

I don't think they could take another failure to launch.



The first Artemis mission is delayed. (NASA)

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Visit voxpathular.ca for more information.

September 9 Fefe Dobson in concert

With a career spanning nearly two decades and decorated with several awards, nominations and music certifications to her name, multi-platinum recording artist Fefe Dobson is a true renaissance woman within the entertainment industry.

She'll be on stage at the Outpost at Lakehead University on Friday night.

Thunder Bay's The Locker Boyz will open the show, the first at The Outpost in more than two years, with the Honest Heart Collective to follow. at 8 p.m.

Dobson comes on stage at 10 p.m. Tickets are \$30, plus fees, and are available at eventbrite.ca.

The doors open at 7 p.m.

September 10 Fefe Dobson in Concert

Founders Pioneer Village presents Country Music in the Country featuring Road Worn Chaps, Lois Garrity and Butch's Country Classics on Sept. 10 from noon to 4:30 p.m.

Food by Dawson General Store. See their Facebook page for more details. The event is located at 3190 Highway 61 at Gillespie Road.

September 12 Daniel O'Donnell in Concert

Daniel O'Donnell is the only artist in the world to score a hit in the UK album charts every year since 1988, an unprecedented and unbroken 34-year span, an artist beloved around the world.

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Doors Open happens Saturday

By TB Source staff

The popular Doors Open program returns to Thunder Bay this coming weekend with a focus on the area's roots in agriculture.

Sixteen different locations in the city and rural area are available for free in-person visits between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 10.

"Choose your own adventure. Look at the sites and choose the ones that speak to you," says Lori Abthorpe, Doors Open Thunder Bay coordinator.

One of the tour sites is the Chapple Building on Victoria Avenue, the former headquarters of the Canadian Grain Commission.

It was built in 1913. The bottom two floors were rented to the Chapples Company which used the space as a department store.

The building retains many of its original finishes and features.

Another location on the tour is the N.M. Paterson building at 1918 Yonge St., now the headquarters of



The Chapple Building is one of 16 that will be open to the public on Saturday as part of the Doors Open Thunder Bay program. (FILE)

TBT Engineering.

Norman Paterson's pursuits in the grain-trade industry brought him to

Fort William in 1908.

The event tour guide notes that his successes saw this property develop

from a small building, wooden grain elevator, workhouse, and dock into the headquarters of a vast grainhan-

dling and steamship firm.

Visitors can tour the 1950s era boardroom, see photos of the former elevators and artifacts from Paterson Shipping, take in a model ship display, and visit the beautifully restored Paterson Sailors Memorial Park.

For the first time, this year's tour includes rural locations such as the Stanley Hill Bison Farm, Rural Heritage Days at Highway 130 and Piper Road (note that there is a \$10 parking fee per vehicle) and St. Benedict's Church at Highway 61 and Boy Scout Rd. in the Municipality of Neebing.

A full list of the tour sites is at www.doorsopenontario.on.ca/.

People unable to participate in person have the option of taking a digital tour of some of the locations.

Doors Open Thunder Bay is held every other year.

It is facilitated by the Heritage Advisory Committee under the supporting partnership of Doors Open Ontario and the Ontario Heritage Trust.



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Back-to-school meal ideas

Summertime is winding down and it's time for the kids to start their arduous trek back to the daily grind of school. This time can be full of upheaval as your entire household has to adapt to new schedules and one part of the daily life that can suffer is the family dinner. The typical 2022 working family has got a lot going on, dinner can't always be a priority but with a little planning on the less stressful days.

Weeknight dinners need to be filling, time responsible and should have the ability to be prepped in advance. For many people even just prepping a protein, or a starch in advance can really set yourself

up to save some time for the next day. We are gonna go through a few ideas and some tips for the coming busy autumn season.

Pasta: Pasta can be a life saver. Its quick and affordable and damn near foolproof.

When planning out the meals for the week. One giant pot of pasta (penne for example) can serve as one night's dinner and another nights

side. Additionally, cooking and cooling a little extra pasta can give you the opportunity to prep a cold pasta salad

for the next day if you have the opportunity. Pasta can also be very forgiving. Accidentally prep too much? Pour your leftovers in

a casserole dish and sprinkle some cheese on it. Pastabake is born. If the kids think you're phoning it in and give you some lip for it? Well, you deal with that how you see fit.

Slow Cookers: Most slow cookers can do dinner for one, possibly two nights if your family is small.

Prep can be done the night before, pop it in and turn it on before you leave. This is a huge benefit to have dinner ready to go before you even step through the door. However, if you forget to put it on, or have a power outage, these things can be causes of major stresses. Something none of us need.

Salads: Salads can be a hard sell to younger kids, so you need to tread lightly. Imagine Chris Pratt and the raptors in Jurassic World.

This can be the challenges faced by parents when presenting a dinner salad to their younger spawn. A trick to make the sell a lot easier to kids and picky adults is one used by fast food restaurants for years: chicken fingers.

Ronald McDonald has fooled a generation of adults and kids into eating lettuce by chopping the humble breaded chicken strip into store-cut lettuce bags and selling them for \$10 with a half a tomato and some carrot strings.

Say what you want, but that clown knows how to do it. Good luck parents!!

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Pasta is always a lunch-box option. (FILE)

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Rustic Rossport

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Today, Rossport has a population of about 75 residents. There are an additional 35 or so who live on Nicol island, which is connected to the mainland with a causeway. The distinctly emerald waters along this section of the north shore are well-protected by islands, offering the perfect location for kayakers, canoers, and boaters. As well, the area is renowned for its fishing and the Gunilda shipwreck, just a few kilometers offshore, is a popular site for technical dives. For those who prefer to stay on land, the Casque Isle Hiking Trail, which begins in Rossport, offers a unique wilderness hiking opportunity.

Last week, our family made a stop in Rossport as we travelled east to bring one of our children to university. It was a great beginning to an epic road trip that also included adventure-filled stops in Marathon, Wawa, Sault Ste Marie, Sudbury and North Bay.

The sun had just risen over the horizon as we rolled into Rossport and made our way directly to Nicol Island. Here we met Zack Kruzins of Such A Nice Day (S.A.N.D.) Adventure Expeditions, who would be our guide for a half-day paddle and hike.

With strong winds, including forecasted 50km/hr gusts, Zack recommended we use the double kayaks so we would have plenty of power on the return trip

into a headwind. We hopped in and ventured out to the big lake through a culvert under the Nicol Island causeway.

We paddled past Whiskey Island which, legend has it, was once a secret alcohol stash. With the strong tailwind, we sailed past it quickly and soon found ourselves on a beautiful, smooth rock point on the southern shore of Healey Island. We pulled our kayaks up on the exposed granite, which is part of the Canadian Shield and covered with deep grooves scoured by receding glaciers thousands of years ago. Here we explored the shoreline and a few trails before getting back into the kayaks and paddling over to a secluded cove on Quarry Island.

Quarry Island is known in the painting Rossport, created by the Group of Seven's iconic leader, Lawren Harris. From the cove, we hiked up a short trail to a pair of lookouts situated 100 vertical meters above the water. Without doubt, the views up there were well worth the climb.

After this stop, we got back into our kayaks to make the return trip to our launch point at Nicol Island. This part of the adventure was the most exciting as we had to paddle directly into a stout headwind with big waves crashing relentlessly over us.

Next time we are in Rossport, we will have to set aside a bit of extra time and plan to stay for a couple days. I am already looking forward to more paddling in those emerald waters and perhaps we will do some fishing and hike part of the Casque Isle Trail as well.

**Keith Ailey**

the GOOD LIFE

Hymers marks summer's end

Well, the Hymers Fall Fair came and the Hymers Fall Fair went this past Labour Day weekend. It was great especially since we didn't have one last year due to the pandemic. Huge kudos to all the volunteers who got it up and running.

The Hymers Fall Fair has always been for me the transition time - end of summer, beginning of autumn. Sure, autumn doesn't begin officially until the Autumn Equinox and sure, we're bound to get more warm summer-type temperatures, but there is a shift in our consciousness and in nature with noticeable changes taking place on the landscape.

School is back in session; most peoples' holidays are over.

Meanwhile, back at Casa Jones, my wife, Laura, The Gardener, was busy harvesting and preserving.

I lost count as to how many jars of pickles both sour and sweet she

made. But Sunday morning we awoke to a minus one celsius temperature. Oops. Bound to be a killer frost.

The freezing temperature wasn't supposed to occur until Sunday night. Fortunately based on a

couple of unfortunate experiences, Laura took no chances and covered the

Tomatoes. And fortunately, they were unscathed. Some of the other leafy crops were hit but Laura told me that they were all but done anyway.

And again, Monday morning, another killer frost lay across the land.

Still getting pole beans and all the rest, but Sunday afternoon Laura trooped into the house with a large bowl containing ginormous beets - one was a foot long!

When queried, she admitted that she planted four varieties of everything - four different types of carrot, potato, beets, zucchini, et al. Wow!

But unlike last year, she didn't submit any veggies at the fair for judging. "Too busy," she told me, "with work, garden, you away on your canoe trip, and taking our new pup, Sophie, for retriever training. Fair enough.

A side note: on the five-day excursion into Quetico park with my son, Doug (his first time on a serious canoe trip that involved a couple of horrendous portages and fierce headwinds - boo, hiss!), we encountered no mosquitoes. Not a one!

Nor bears thank goodness; but we did hear a wolf howling quite close as we were crossing a long-but-easy portage from Jesse lake to Maria (for those of you familiar with the park).

I even saw fairly fresh wolf poo on the trail. Not to worry. The wolf would never bother with us. But we only used insect repellent on our last campsite due to the insidious ankle-biter flies and there were lots of them.

I told my son, 22 years old and strong lie bull, that he'd passed the "Trial by Portage and Nasty

Headwinds" test with flying colours.

But he agreed with me that we'd do a very lazy, non-portage trip next summer.

But here we are in September with lots of chores to do before the snows (the what, Fred?)

I love this time of year - Autumn. I love the change in colours of the leaves on the trees, the ferny stuff growing beside the road, the cooler nights and early mornings when I can light a fire in the fireplace just to warm up the living room a bit and to sit in front of when sipping coffee mug number one.

I have fencing to do and more fallen trees to cut up, more since Doug and I did our trip. The cooler temperatures during the day mean that the horses can stay outside longer, even possibly all day and night without being eaten alive by nasty biting flies.

It means that rail rides on horseback are now possible since it is no longer a furnace during the day and the aforementioned flies have vacated for the season.

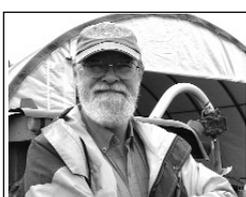
Daily dog walks are being resumed for the same reasons. The lack of intense heat makes it a lot more comfortable for my elderly pooch, Baxter, to mozy along with me while the younger pups tear around back and forth sniffing things out as they go.

It is a time when our menu at the groaning board also changes: now we cook more stews and soups with the veggies from our garden. My daughter, Beth, makes a root vegetable pie that is scrumptious since the root vegetables are being harvested.

I love that I can now dress in warmer shirts and even sweaters that I didn't during the warmer months.

Soon enough I will have to light a fire in the boiler in the basement to ward off the night chill but that day hasn't yet arrived.

So, autumn is upon us if the killer frost was any indication. As I said, there will be more warm weather before the much cooler days and nights tell the heat to "move over, it's our turn." I love it.



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Quirky film fizzles

Funny Pages (Shaw VOD) is a quirky low-budget coming-of-age comedy that begins promisingly then runs aground in an aimless plot.

Daniel Zolghadri ("Eighth Grade") stars as Robert, an 18-year-old aspiring underground comic artist in the tradition of Robert Crumb, Mad Magazine, etc.

The film opens with Robert getting encouragement from his heavy-set, middle-aged high school art teacher Mr. Katano (Stephen Adly Guirgis) who advises Robert that college will only ruin his talent (why remains unclear). He'd be better off to develop his art through life experience.

The film's off-beat, gross tone is set when the ungainly Katano unceremoniously strips for Robert supposedly to test his ability to quick sketch comic archetypes. (Goofy seduction may be a queasy possibility.)

Then Mr. Katano dies in an auto accident right before Robert's startled eyes. Rather than graduate from high school, Robert rejects comfortable suburban life in Princeton with his concerned parents (Maria Dizzia, Josh Pais) to embark upon his supposedly creative path.



Daniel Zolghadri plays Robert, an 18-year-old aspiring comic book artist, in *Funny Pages*.

Fascinated by Wallace's technique, Robert recruits him as his new mentor. The problem is that Wallace has psychological hang-ups and volatile eccentric ties. (Bad Decision #3).

At this stage, the movie begins spinning its wheels, plot-wise and thematically. Initially, the story engenders curiosity about how Robert will advance himself in the art world. Self-absorbed and cocky, he acts superior to his fellow artist pal, Miles (Miles Emanuel). Yet, there's hope he'll make the right turn.

However, more bad decisions occur at a pharmacy and Robert's family home during Christmas, leaving our protagonist bruised and shaken about his future.

actor in 2005's "The Squid and the Whale" and son of actors Kevin Kline and Phoebe Cates) has an authentic feel for the grubby comic book fan milieu, recalling "American Splendor" etc. The movie emulates subversive comic edginess with chaotic, oddball, nonsensical, gross, and sexually icky elements.

What makes the alternative comic art world fascinating to its fans goes unexamined.

The comic depiction of a mentally disturbed artist (Wallace) comes off as unsettling and exploitive versus endearing and amusing.

The dead-end plot depletes the scintilla of goodwill generated in the first half. The efforts of a good cast cannot quite redeem flipping through *Funny Pages*.

Though it has its moments, *Funny Pages* is not for everyone.

Rookie director/writer Owen Kline (a child

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In low-slung Trenton, N.J., Robert takes a hell-hole apartment (Bad Decision #1) occupied by a weird landlord (Michael Townsend Wright) and a weirder tenant (Cleveland Thomas Jr.), with whom Robert has to share a bedroom.

Supplementing his part-time gig at a comic book store, he gets an assistant's job with a public defender lawyer, Cheryl (Marcia DeBonis) after she saves Robert from a burglary charge (Bad Decision #2) while he tried to recover his work from his dead teacher's office. Cheryl loves his sketches.

At the office Robert recognizes one of his idols, Wallace, (Matthew Maher) a "colour separator" for some of Robert's cherished comics.



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By Johan Vass – For TB Source

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John Toppozini took top spot. I asked what he thought led to the success. "The strategy was consistency, and non stop work. It took a bit of time to learn this new car at the beginning of the year but we kept working on small adjustments and it just kept getting better and better, but the main goal was consistency and always having the points in the back of my mind, sometimes you have to settle for second or third instead of taking a big risk to pick up

a spot." Toppozini started racing in 2013 in Super Stocks. He moved to Late Models in 2014 and in 2019 he moved to his present class of A-Mod.

Paulucci's Wayland Bar and Grill Midwest Modified points championship was taken by David Simpson. In his speech to the crowd gave a heart felt thank you to his dad (Scott) and he said it was 11 years in the making.

He was genuinely touched with the honour.

The Mezo Motors and Machine Wisconsin Super Stock points championship was won by Cole Chernosky he had 12 feature wins on the season.

Mastrangelos Fuels Street Stocks points championship was won by Darren Wolframe. He was also celebrating a well deserved title.

The Bay Lock and Security Hornets points champ was Cameron Ellis. You could tell the title was worth all the hard work all season.

Curtis Stieh picked up a feature win in the A-Mod class and it was a big win for Stieh. He held off the top guns in an exciting race. David Simpson took the black and white checkers in the B-Mods with Cole Chernosky winning the Super Stock feature.

Justin Tougas capped off a great season with a Street Stock feature win as did Trever Lane in the Hornet class.

Kevin Monteith debuted in an A-Mod and we can look forward to watching him drive at the Thunder Bay Truck Centre Dirt Track Nationals Sept. 23 to Sept. 25 at Thunder City Speedway.



John Toppozini took top spot in the Thunder Bay Truck Centre Wisconsin Modified title.

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Family ties propel Kirk to win

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

When he woke up Monday morning, Jeremy Kirk paused for a minute or two and thought about his grandfather, who passed away five years ago to the day.

Arthur Kirk was his mentor on the golf course, teaching his grandson how to get better at the game even as his eyesight began to fail.

Arthur Kirk was also in Jeremy's mind as he stepped to the 18th tee at Whitewater Golf Course, nursing a one-shot lead over Colin Sobey, on the final hole of the final round of the 2022 Teleco District Amateur.

Playing what he called an unspectacular round, Kirk wound up with a two-putt par, claiming his second District Amateur championship, a tournament his grandfather also won in 1960.

All around, it was a pretty special day, said Kirk, who shot a one-over 73 on the day to finish with a three-day, 216 total.

"It's great. This one's special. It's a family tradition for me. My Grandpa won this 62 years ago. Today is also the fifth-year anniversary of his death, so I was thinking about him all day. He was with me today," Kirk said.

Kirk, who recently graduated from law school at the University of Ottawa, had 17 pars and one lip-out bogey on his round, draining a 12-foot putt for par on the 17th to maintain his one-shot advantage coming home.

It was a pressure putt, he said.

"Seventeen is a short hole. I hit an iron off the tee and my wedge shot came out dead. I had about a 50-foot putt, which I left 12 feet short. That wasn't good. But the 12-footer itself for par, it broke about three cups and it was just good to see it go in. Finally one went in," said Kirk, now the two-time defending District Amateur champion.

"It was a lot of two putts today." Sobey, who opened the day one shot back, finished in that exact, leapfrogging Kevin Jackson for second. Jackson, in the final grouping, was tied for the lead entering the third round, but couldn't get his round going on Monday and slid back.

A two-time champion in his own right, winning the title in 2018 and 2019, Sobey said the win was out there for him to claim, but he just couldn't find the shot he needed to even things up with Kirk.

"I had three to play and I got an update on the score. I knew I needed to make at least two coming in. I birdied 17, but I missed a five-footer on 15 and actually lipped out and got kind of a bad break on 16. It was a rough bounce and left it just a ball-and-a-half short," Sobey said.

On the final hole, needing birdie, he hit a nine-iron to 15 feet to give himself a shot.

"But I just left it a ball beneath the hole and it was a tap-in for a five. But when you're chasing a guy like Jeremy, it's a battle. You have to stay composed. It is what it is. I enjoyed my day and the weekend was awesome."



Jeremy Kirk is now the two-time defending champion at the Teleco District Amateur, a tournament won by his grandfather in 1962. (Leith Dunick)



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