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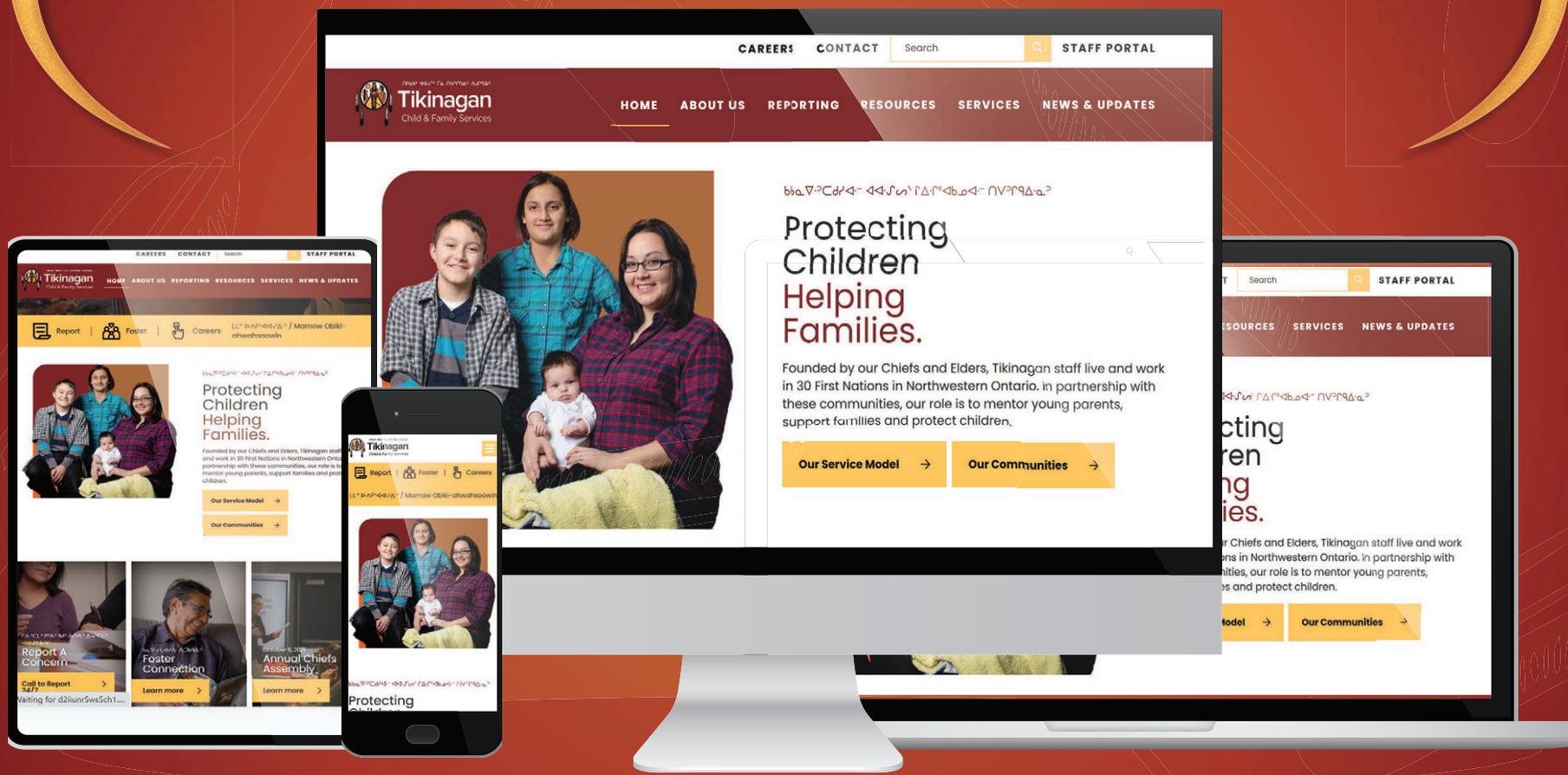
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WELCOME NEWS: Medical officer of health Dr. Janet DeMille welcomes vaccine certificates in the province of Ontario.

Vaccine passports are coming to Ontario soon

Health unit welcomes proof of vaccine for non-essential services

THUNDER BAY
By Doug Dlaczuk - TB Source

The implementation of a vaccine passport or certification policy in the province of Ontario is welcome news to the district's medical officer of health, who says it will not only reduce the spread of COVID-19 but help increase immunization rates as well.

"Evidence shows when you have a vaccine certification process where people are not able to attend certain events that are not essential does help get people immunized and does improve the safety of those particular events or locations," said Thunder Bay District Health Unit medical officer of health, Dr. Janet DeMille.

On Wednesday, the provincial government announced its plans for a vaccine passport, which will require individuals to show proof of immunization against COVID-19 when accessing non-essential services and events, such as restaurants, bars, cinemas, concerts, and gyms.

The policy will take effect on Sept. 22, with a more streamlined digital QR system on smartphones expected to be up and running by Oct. 22.

Premier Doug Ford had long resisted implementing a vaccine passport policy, though health units across the province said if there was no provincial system in place, individual policies could be developed.

DeMille said having a province-wide system makes much more sense as there will be no issues with consistency across various health unit catchment areas.

The vaccine passport is expected to help reduce the spread of COVID-19 while allowing businesses to remain open. However, DeMille said she expects it will also help increase immunization rates.

"As we move into fall and the cooler weather and some of the modelling that was released yesterday and even with what's already happening, the case numbers

are going up in other jurisdictions, it's very important that we use the tool that we have to reduce or mitigate the impact and the big one is the vaccination," she said.

"I do anticipate there will be an increase. We are already seeing a bit of an increase as we approach the fall."

The Thunder Bay District already has one of the highest immunization rates in the province with 73 per cent of eligible individuals over the age of 12 full vaccinated. But the threat of a fourth wave fueled by the highly infectious delta variant is very real and the district is likely to see daily case numbers increase.

"I think we cannot avoid COVID being here and having larger numbers of cases."
JANET DEMILLE

"As I look at what is happening in other jurisdictions, especially with the delta variant and different levels of vaccination and some of the modelling that has been done, it is concerning what we might expect for what's coming down the road," DeMille said.

"I think we cannot avoid COVID being here and having larger numbers of cases. I think it's going to come and spread and we will have to manage that. I think the biggest thing though is we have various public health measures still in place, including indoor public masking."

In an effort to increase the vaccination rate in the district even further, the health unit is setting up various pop-up clinics, including one that was held at Intercity Shopping Centre last Thursday.

"We are also looking at other location-based clinics, including at the mall to make it fairly easy for people who might be doing some back to school shopping and they can just get it when they are there," DeMille said.

"Our experience is we can get people who may not be the ones who go to the Coliseum clinic or a pharmacy or primary care, that we are there and they take advantage of that."

The vaccine clinic at the CLE Coliseum is still open for pre-booked appointments through the provincial portal and walk-in appointments.

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LOCAL NEWS

Homelessness concerns at local mall

THUNDER BAY

By Ian Kaufman - TB Source

The City of Thunder Bay says it will address concerns over people seeking shelter at the County Fair mall, with police, public health, and social service agencies to be involved in developing a response.

Both the general public and the company that owns the mall have contacted the city over the issue, said Mayor Bill Mauro, centring around a derelict gas station in the mall parking lot.

Concerns include people going to the bathroom without proper facilities at the site, litter, and fears expressed by customers, said business owners at the mall.

"Obviously it's a highly visible location, the community's very concerned, and I think it's important to let them know that, even though homelessness is not really a direct

responsibility [of the city], there are agencies in the community and municipal involvement in trying to do the best we can," Mauro said.

The use of the site for shelter has "created health and safety concerns given the disrepair of the facility and the lack of suitable sanitary facilities," according to a press release issued by the city Thursday.

In an interview Friday, Mauro declined to address what those health and safety concerns were in more detail.

"I think anybody that's been near the site, the public health concerns would be pretty obvious," he said.

A meeting planned for next week with police, the health unit, local service providers, and the Thunder Bay District Social Services Administration Board will develop a solution focused on "providing alternative options for the impacted individuals," according to the city.

That could include connecting people

with the city's "extensive" housing and shelter services, it said.

Some of those sheltering at the gas station were sceptical of that approach when interviewed Friday, saying they're already aware of available options.

Several said they didn't feel safe in the limited number of local shelters, while wait times for transitional housing were long.

"We're not aggravating anyone," said one man, who said he'd been living on the street for about seven weeks. "How are we scaring people? We're just sitting down and talking."

Providing a porta-potty and garbage cans at the site would help address the issue, said several of those using it for shelter.

The mall owner and a business owner on the property each said they weren't

aware of any incidents involving safety concerns.

One business owner located on the County Fair property said people have been gathering on the site more this summer than in the past. Though he called the group "99 per cent harmless," he said numerous customers had complained.

The issue is made more complicated because the former gas station is private property, Mauro said, noting the city will be working with the property owner.

Concerns from customers have led Toronto-based developer Goldmanco Inc., which owns the County Fair mall but not the gas station property, to hire additional security, said accounts manager Andrea Norton.

She also said a planned visit to a market at the mall by a children's camp

had been cancelled over the issue.

Local officials were reluctant to move people away from the property, she said.

Goldmanco wants to see action from the city or property owner, but Norton suggested the company could be receptive to solutions that don't involve forcing people off of the property, if it could be cleaned up and made a place where people could safely stay.

Municipal governments and police forces across the country have drawn criticism and protests when police were ordered to remove homeless encampments from city parks in recent months.

The situation at County Fair isn't comparable, because it involves private property, Mauro said. He didn't expect the city's response to be led by police, though they will be involved in discussions.

Ultimately, the mayor said the problem stems from inadequate resources to address poverty and homelessness from upper levels of government.

"I think anybody that's been near the site, the public health concerns would be pretty obvious."

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DFC students thrilled to be back in class

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By Doug Dlazuk - TB Source

For students attending Dennis Franklin Cromarty High School, learning virtually last year presented a lot of challenges, particularly being away from fellow students and staff, who are often seen as being part of a big family when attending school so far away from home.

"It's not the same because I couldn't even come to school in person," said Grade 12 student Jayda Jeremiah. "That was a big let down. When COVID started and March Break happened I was hoping to come back next month, but a year later we came back. It wasn't the same because I missed coming here and being a family."

Students at Dennis Franklin Cromarty are once again back in the classroom this academic year, with an assembly last Wednesday morning to

welcome them back, which included messages from Nishnawbe Aski Nation leadership, school staff, Thunder Bay Police Service chief Sylvie Hauth, and a message from Thunder Bay Mayor Bill Mauro.

"We are all very excited. It's just so good to have students again in the school," said DFC principal Sharon Angeconeb.

The COVID-19 pandemic forced students across Ontario to complete much of last year virtually, which was challenging for many.

Grade 10 student, Anemkii Patayash, said while getting his work done was easier, listening to and interacting with students and teachers was more difficult online.

"Compared to the first year I was here in person, it was very challenging because there was a lot of technical issues," he said. "It was just so nerve-racking and difficult. Usually you would be able to ask questions imme-



DOUG DLAZUK

BACK AGAIN: DFC principal Sharon Angeconeb is excited to see students again.

diately and not have to wait for a day."

Alongside academics, school also offers a lot of social development for youth, which was also sorely missed during the pandemic.

"It's much more fun because usually you wouldn't be able to hang out with friends as much because of all the COVID things happening," Patayash said. "I haven't seen them in a year. It's pretty cool."

"I was excited to come back so I could see everybody and actually be here in person. I just missed the whole vibe," Jeremiah added. "When you come in here, it's like a family. You get the vibe that it's like a big family."

Several students chose not to continue with the online learning last year, Jeremiah said, because there were too many challenges, adding that she nearly dropped out too, but ended up staying to complete the year.

Angeconeb understands the challenges students faced while learning online. Staff also struggled without being able to connect to the students in person.

According to Angeconeb, enrollment levels are good this year, with approx-

imately 80 students registered and more on the way, with a total enrollment expected to be approximately 130. However, COVID-19 is still presenting challenges with bringing students back.

"What is limiting us is our lack of boarding homes. Our students travel from the north to go to school in Thunder Bay, but they need homes," she said.

"Boarding parents who normally take in four or five students are now only taking one or two. So we have students still arriving in the next few days depending on when spaces open up for them."

The school has also implemented many COVID-19 safety protocols to limit the spread of the virus, including sign-in sheets, staggered lunch schedules, physical distancing in classrooms, increased cleaning, and providing personal protective equipment for all staff and students.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

EDITORIAL

Shameful behaviour

It's amazing what can happen in a year-and-a-half. Frontline health care workers went from being lauded as heroes to being shouted down and harassed. People went from banging pots and pans on balconies as a show of appreciation to protesting outside of hospitals in a disgusting, shameful display.

Health care workers know better than anyone the devastating toll the COVID-19 pandemic has taken. For months they have been overworked, struggled in a system near the breaking point, and witnessed people fighting to breathe right up until that last breath.

Protesting outside of a hospital is not a slap in the face to the men and women on the frontlines of the pandemic, it's a collective of feet repeatedly kicking them while they are already on the ground.

Those who don't want to get the vaccine will have to order their food to go, wait for movies to be released on a streaming service, and hope when they are being rushed to the hospital unable to breathe, no one is blocking the way.

They'll get used to it. Smokers accept that they can no longer smoke indoors, because while it may be their choice to smoke, that decision can be harmful to others. As smokers have done for years anti-vaxxers will have to accept some limits to their freedoms to protect the health and the rights of others.

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To the editor:

We are now in a fourth wave of this horrible pandemic. We are told that most of those in hospitals with COVID-19 are not vaccinated, and others who have been vaccinated. The variants are driving our population to distraction. The province's business sector has been carrying on, doing business in a safe and managed manner. There are many questions being asked by the public with regards to our health and safety.

1. How will the unvaccinated affect the opening of the economy? Will there be another closure?
2. How can we be expected to visit entertainment, sporting and cultural/festival events safely?
3. Do those unvaccinated have a responsibility to get vaccinated?
4. Will the opening of our schools carry with it a threat of super spreading events?

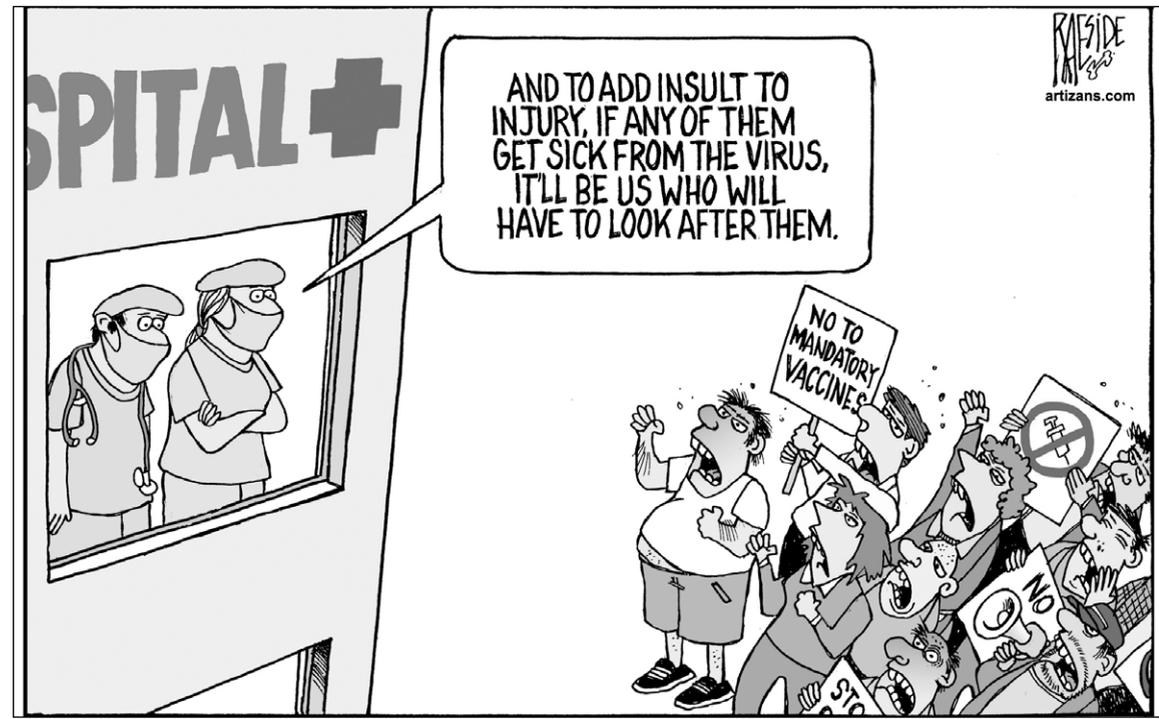
The provincial and municipal authorities tell us that there is a minor threat of COVID in our schools, so long as the staff and 12 years old + students are vaccinated. This directive was given in my opinion way too late in the summer.

The authorities seem to have allowed businesses to develop their own policies for the management of their functional safety and operation. The establishment of a COVID passport/certificate in Ontario is a possibility.

Our provincial government continues with its on-the-fence attitude toward public health and safety.

Encouraging the population to wear masks and get vaccinated. Their COVID medical club of 500 specialists is being disbanded.

It seems The Ford government has set an agenda for itself, then using so called medical specialists as agents of good or



bad news, diverting any blame or error from the administration and placing it onto others. Our provincial government has been on the re-election trail all along.

The administration's decisions regarding the protection of seniors, school children, and those working in essential industries have suffered because of this government's inaction, indecisiveness and tainted public policy. Our premier may have allowed his attitudes toward the protection of Ontario's corporate business sector to influence his public health policy and support of industry management who were under attack due to their mismanagement of various industries such as

senior living centers and meat packers to name a few.

How can Ontarians go to the theatre, see the Blue Jays or Raptors, or enjoy a busy festival safely when someone who sits beside us, stands behind us, or walks alongside us could be infected with COVID?

I have spoken to friends who have travelled by plane, and I can assure you their blood pressure and stress levels were not stable. I visited our ill grandma and must say when the little children ran around us, I too cinged.

I simply don't know where or when my family will be safe. So long as our neighbours refuse to be vaccinated, this fear of the possible will exist. I have

had to eject customers from my place of business because they apparently cannot read the signs posted saying "No vaccination - No Entry".

This is not a joke. I know of friends and neighbours who have died from this virus and have had their health damaged for a long time to come.

I don't know what I will do when someone will again verbally assault me while I go to the bank, or makes rude commentary while I stand in line at the grocery store because I wear a mask. Perhaps September will be a better month for us all.

Steven Kaszab,
Bradford, Ontario

Horror classics offer chilling reads



JOHN PATEMAN

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Horror Stories: Classic Tales from Hoffmann to Hodgson, edited by Darryl Jones, explores how the modern horror story grew and developed across the nineteenth century, embracing categories as diverse as ghost stories, psychological, medical, and scientific horror, colonial horror, and tales of the uncanny and precognition.

This anthology brings together twenty nine of the greatest horror stories of the period, from 1816 to 1912, and from the British, Irish, American, and European traditions. It ranges widely across the sub-genres to encompass authors whose terror inducing powers remain unsurpassed.

The book includes stories by some of the best writers of the century – Hoffmann, Poe, Dickens, Hawthorne, Melville and Zola – as well as established genre classics from M.R. James, Arthur Machen, Bram Stoker, Algernon Blackwood, Charlotte Perkins Gimna, and others. It includes little known pieces by writers such as William Maginn, Francis Marion Crawford and William Hope Hodgson and shows the important role played by periodicals in popularizing the horror story.

Darryl Jones's lively introduction discusses horror's literary evolution and its articulation of cultural preoccupations and anxieties.

From a psycho-analytical perspective Freud was particularly interested in horror stories as they offer an imaginative world of contorted and disfigured sexual relations, in which the past (infancy) looms over the present (adulthood), exer-

cising a monstrous, inescapable influence on individuals who are necessarily driven beyond the limits of sanity by the unbearable burden representing dark secrets and forbidden desires. Horror, for Freud, really was the soul of the plot.

For Freud, that which characterizes the uncanny is indeterminacy, or uncertainty: it is this which produces horror or dread. Like our minds, our very homes, those places we thought most safe and secure, are alien and threatening to us. All our houses are Old Dark Houses, concealing more than they welcome, hiding terrible secrets, those things which, like forbidden lovers, protesting wives, or the corpses of ancestors and relatives, must, in the world of the Gothic, remain locked up at home.

There is a particular genre of horror stories that reflect the experience of white colonialists who pay a terrible price for their imperialist adventures.

The Monkey's Paw by W.W. Jacobs,

for example, is about a quaint colonial artefact (a mummified monkey's paw) that is given to a soldier while serving in India. He is told that the paw will grant him three wishes but when he puts this into practice it does not work out as he expected. Now someone else has asked for the paw and he reluctantly gives it to them with a warning of what might happen. Of course the warning is ignored with horrific consequences.

The Mark of the Beast by Rudyard Kipling is also set in India. An ignorant colonial administrator desecrates a holy shrine and faces some truly horrendous consequences.

Closer to home, The Wendigo by Algernon Blackwood is set in Rat Portage (renamed Kenora in 1905) in beautiful North Western Ontario. These are stories guaranteed to freeze the blood, revolt the senses and keep you awake at night.

Perspective

Longest trail in the world

The Trans Canada multi-use trail has a long and winding history

OPINION

By J.R. Shermack
Special to TB Source

One of the recurring challenges in our history is how to bring Canadians together, how to unify the country around common goals and worthwhile achievements.

In a country as large and diverse as ours this is a difficult task that requires vision, courage and determination to achieve.

Every now and then an idea comes along that tweaks our national psyche and inspires Canadians to great achievements.

Canada covers a huge area and our relatively small population is spread over many communities, large and small, that are often separated by vast areas of wilderness and open water.

Our national perspective has been shaped by the challenges of climate and geography and we often find common ground when we overcome adversity and move forward despite the hardship.

Overcoming obstacles and difficulties is a big part of our common heritage and in fact, this may be the one experience we can all share regardless of where we live.

One of the advantages of our Canadian lifestyle is the number and variety of outdoor recreational opportunities including a generous network of hiking trails.

Many communities, including those in Northwestern Ontario, have developed interconnecting pathways and foot trails to access and enjoy the beautiful natural

surroundings.

Some time ago a group of like-minded Canadians took this idea one step further (actually, many steps) and came up with a plan to connect multi-use trails across the country.

Someone brought up this ambitious project in a conversation recently and stirred some memories for me about this inspirational vision.

It was late last century when our collective imagination was stirred by the concept of a path connecting the entire country from the east to the west and on up to the north.

It was an idea whose time had come and there is still comfort in knowing that such an ambitious project can be accomplished by dedicated individuals who share the same vision.

The construction of the Trans Canada Trail began in 1992 to coincide with Canada's 125th birthday celebration and the work continued for twenty-five years.

The goal was to connect the country's already impressive network of multi-use recreational trails with roads, waterways and communities along the way.

It was completed in 2017 when Canada turned 150 and it officially became the longest hiking trail in the world, covering over 24,000 km from coast to coast.

It meanders through rural, urban

and wilderness landscapes along green spaces, waterways and highways as it embodies the vastness and diversity of Canada.

Of course it is ideal for hiking but there is also opportunity to travel on horseback, by bicycle or while paddling a canoe, in addition to exploring the country on foot.

The trail includes the north shore of Lake Superior for 1,000 km from Sault Ste. Marie to Thunder Bay – portions run through 28 provincial parks in Northwestern Ontario.

It winds almost 40 km along Thunder Bay pathways and streets from north to south via Trowbridge Falls Park, Centennial Park, Fisherman's Park and the Cascades.

The Trans Canada Trail is now called The Great Trail – maybe that's because on its 24,000 km journey it connects with 15,000 Canadian communities.

If you travel thirty kilometers a day you can hike the world's longest trail from St John's, Newfoundland to Victoria, B.C. in two years, two months and one week.

As for me, I have plans for a casual patrol of local and regional sections of The Great Trail – a trail like that deserves to be hiked by as many Canadians as possible.

The only question is, do I walk west to Victoria or head east to St John's?

"The goal was to connect the country's already impressive network of multi-use trails with roads."

BACK IN CLASS



BACK TO SCHOOL School hallways are starting to fill up again as students return to class.

DOUG DIACZUK

A look back in history:

Royal Arthur sailors institute under construction

The Royal Sailor's Institute, shown here under construction, was a landmark on Water Street for many decades. It was designed as a temporary refuge for sailors in port while their ships loaded. Here they could find accommodation, games rooms, and guidance; an antidote to the early city's many bars.



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ON THE MOVE?: The James Whalen tugboat is currently moored at the Kam River Heritage Park.

Eye on the tug

Lakehead Transportation Museum Society eyes the James Whalen tug

THUNDER BAY
By Gary Rinne - TB Source

No sooner had the Lakehead Transportation Museum Society dedicated its new attraction on the Thunder Bay waterfront than its president was setting his sights on the next project.

Charlie Brown says the volunteer group is now working to add the historic James Whalen tugboat to its growing collection of key components of Thunder Bay's transportation history.

On Wednesday, the LTMS officially welcomed two Brill trolley buses of the type that served the former cities of Port Arthur and Fort William decades ago.

The buses are on display near the Alexander Henry, the former Canadian Coast Guard icebreaker that's been restored as a museum by LTMS members.

Brown said with the bus project virtually completed, "We're going to look at the James Whalen. What we'd like to do is bring it over from the Kam River Heritage Park and incorporate it with the rest of the artifacts that we have. We'll fix her up and make her look good again."

It's been suggested over the years that the tugboat is rather neglected in its current location.

Last April the 116-year-old boat developed a leak and almost sank at its mooring.

Brown said the starting point for acquiring the James Whalen is approval in principle from Thunder Bay city council.

"We do have plans on how to go about this...but we basically need city council to say 'Yes, we are in line with what you guys are doing,' and then we can move forward with the city on the expansion of the property and moving the tug over here."

Brown said it's important to preserve the things that were important in the history of transportation in Thunder Bay.

Without them, he said, the city "wouldn't exist as it does today."

Brown cited the role of the voyageurs who brought the fur trade here, followed by shipping, railways and the local manufacturing of transit vehicles.

"Transportation is the backbone of this community. We are in the middle of Canada. It's a hub...This is our history and we think we should be saving it, showing it off, and we should be turning it around and making it profitable as a tourist attraction."

He said many people might be surprised to hear the positive response to the waterfront display from visitors who have never been to Thunder Bay, saying "they are really impressed" with what the group has accomplished so far.

At this point there's no estimate for the cost of adding the James Whalen to the collection.

Brown said the bill will be nothing like what it cost to bring the Alexander Henry from Kingston.

"We moved it over 900 nautical miles all along the Great Lakes system. Yes, that one was a little pricey...This one is only a mile or two along the waterfront. Certainly we have the know-how and the manpower to do this in an economical fashion."

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LOCAL NEWS

Opioid crisis needs community response

THUNDER BAY
By Doug Dlaczuk - TB Source

With much of the country, including the city of Thunder Bay, struggling through an opioid crisis that is resulting in overdoses and deaths, it is becoming more and more important to create awareness around the supports that are available, while also grieving those who have already been lost.

"I think there's a visual right in front of us, the purple ribbons, those are people's lives," said Stephanie Diebolt, co-chair of the drug awareness committee. "It shows that we are all human, and we have people that we lose. Addiction and mental health should be treated just like any other health condition."

Purple ribbons were hung at the entrance to the Kam River Heritage Park on Tuesday, marking International Overdose Awareness Day.

The city of Thunder Bay has been hosting an event to mark the day since 2015 and drug strategy coordinator, Cynthia Olsen, said it's about standing united with the community.

"It is an international event to recognize the number of deaths that are occurring as the result of drug toxicity and support families in their grief," she said. "This is challenging and as people are well aware, the opioid crisis continues to rage on and a number of families are impacted."

"This is really about promoting community, about being a compassionate community, and getting an understanding of services and supports available in our community."

The event included representatives from the Thunder Bay Drug Strategy, Thunder Bay District Health Unit, NorWest Community Health Centres, Matawa, Superior North EMS, Elevate NWO, Oahs, Hospice Northwest.



DOUG DLACZUK

STARK REMINDER: Purple ribbons were hung to represent those who have been lost to addiction.

Resources on addiction and mental health services were made available, as well as overdose prevention training, free naloxone kits, and CPR training.

And while the day is meant to raise awareness about overdose prevention, it's also a time to remember those who have been lost.

The number of overdoses and fatalities from drug use is steadily increasing. This year alone, the city of Thunder Bay has seen 148 reported overdoses and 48 being fatal as of July.

Champagne Thomson, an outreach worker with the Thunder Bay District Health Unit's street nursing team, has seen first-hand the devastation the opioid crisis is having on the community.

"We witness and assist in the response to some overdoses in town and we also help a lot of folks post overdose and their medical needs. We have lost a lot of loved ones personally and professionally," she said.

Thomson added that addressing this issue takes a community effort, including the medical perspective and

the social perspective.

"All these things need to come together to understand addiction and mental health and trauma and have a better response to it to be able to prevent these deaths and provide the supports necessary to keep people happy and healthy on their healing journey," she said.

Drug addiction can impact anyone, though there are people who are disproportionately affected and they often slip through the cracks.

"My hope for the future is really understanding the social determinants of health and health equity," she said. "We need more housing, we need more supports in our community, and more funding needs to be put there to make sure these people get the supports that they need."

Other events are planned for the city of Thunder Bay, including the annual Rockin' Recovery, which will be held virtually on Sept. 22.

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LOCAL NEWS

Murillo Mutts working hard to keep pet families together

Murillo Mutts helping local pet owners with animal care

MURILLO
By Justin Hardy - TB Source

Murillo Mutts Respite Refuge is helping pet owners of all types in the Thunder Bay area with animal care, especially when they're in crisis situations.

"Our main goal is to help people in crisis, if they're in crisis, we'll offer temporary care for their animals until

they can get back on their feet, so we're hoping to prevent people from having to surrender because they're in a crisis situation," said Robin Ratz, Murillo Mutts board chair and founder.

"We work with a lot of seniors, and when they go in the hospital and they have no one to look after their animals, or, women or men that have to leave a domestic violence situation, we work with a number of agencies here in Thunder Bay, and we're proud to work with them, so, we work with their clients as well."

Murillo Mutts Respite Refuge houses

animals on site, as well as in foster homes, when owners are not able to care for their animals. They also help other local animal welfare organizations by housing overflow if needed.

Murillo mutts offers many services, primarily respite care, and they do not charge any fee for service, everything that they do is based on donations and sponsorships. They are also the only shelter in town that takes every species of animal.

For more information about their services or to learn how to contribute to Murillo Mutts, visit their website.



HELPING HAND: Robin Ratz, chair of the board and the founder of the rescue.

NOTICE OF OPEN HOUSE

Northern Road Link Project Environmental Assessment

Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) and Webequie First Nation (WFN) are initiating an Environmental Assessment (EA) study under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*, RSO 1990, c. E.18 for the design, construction and operation / maintenance of a proposed all-season road (the Project) called the Northern Road Link. The communities of MFFN and WFN are remote Indigenous communities located in northwestern Ontario and are not currently accessible by all-season roads. The proposed Northern Road Link is a multi-use road located between the proposed Marten Falls Community Access Road (MFCAR) and the proposed Webequie Supply Road (WSR). The Northern Road Link Project will connect the Ring of Fire mineral deposits in the McFaulds Lake area to the highway network via the MFCAR. The Northern Road Link Project would enable economic activity by facilitating the transport of goods, services and resources.

The Process

A draft ToR for the EA is currently being prepared for this project. The draft ToR will detail the framework and work plan for addressing Environmental Assessment Act requirements when preparing the EA, including an outline of the studies, evaluation of alternatives to be considered, and consultation activities that will be carried out.

In-Person and Virtual Open House

Both in-person and virtual Open Houses will be undertaken to consult and engage with interested parties, to provide an opportunity to learn about the EA study for the Project, and review elements that will be included in the Draft ToR. The Open Houses will each start with a 20-30 minute presentation, followed by time to visit different stations to discuss different topics and speak to project team members. There will be an opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback via a survey during and after the Open Houses to support our consultation efforts. Separate Open Houses will be also held for the Public and Indigenous Communities. In addition, we will be posting a recording of the Open House presentation to the project website, and additional times are provided for question and answer to be done virtually, as noted below. Information gathered at the Open Houses will be used both to complete the Draft ToR and to gather information to inform the EA.

The Open Houses are proposed as follows at the Delta Hotel in Thunder Bay at 2240 Sleeping Giant Pkwy:

- Indigenous Community Open House Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 2:00 pm and at 6:00 pm
- Public Open House Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at 2:00 pm and at 6:00 pm

Note: Please check the NRL website for updates up to the night of September 13/ morning of September 14, should the In-Person sessions need to change to virtual due to COVID-19.

The virtual Open House with question-and-answer sessions will be provided at the following times via this link northernroadlink.ca/openhouse. We recommend that participants view the recorded sessions provided on the project website for information about the project prior to participating in these sessions to learn about the project. The virtual Open House with question-and-answer period

- Indigenous Community Virtual Open House: September 14 at 12:00-1:00 pm
- Public Virtual Open House: September 15 at 12:00-1:00 pm

Contact

For information on the study progress and updates, including surveys, please visit the Northern Road Link website: northernroadlink.ca

If you are unable to attend, or have any comments or questions regarding the study, you are welcome to contact the following:

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TB Life

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A pleasant surprise

A Thunder Bay man surprised a friend by secretly installing an elevator in his house so he could visit with him on the second floor with his wheelchair

THUNDER BAY
By Gary Rinne - TB Source

Jamie Mendek could hardly get his mind around what his life-long friend secretly did for him during the COVID-19 pandemic.

A Facebook video that is now going viral shows Mendek's utter surprise in July when Franco Daniele revealed the elevator he installed in his home so his buddy could remain in his wheelchair and get upstairs when he comes to visit.

"I couldn't process it," said Mendek, who broke into prolonged, uncontrollable laughter upon realizing what Daniele had done.

Daniele was able to keep the project a secret among his old high school crowd for two years.

"We finally got to do the reveal after a couple years of building my house and the pandemic keeping us apart," he said.

Daniele explained to TBNewswatch that Thunder Bay isn't the most accessible community because "a lot of grandfathered places are unable to add accessibility. I just wanted him to be able to come to another place."

The two men first met when both were in Junior Kindergarten.

Mendek, a 33-year-old software developer at Tbaytel, has used a wheelchair his entire life.

He told TBNnewswatch that

"We finally got to do the reveal after a couple years of building my house."
FRANCO DANIELE

Daniele is "a wonderful person with a history of generosity and kindness to the people he cares about," but putting an elevator in one's home "just isn't something people do."

He knew his friend was building a house, Mendek said, however, "I didn't know the elevator existed. That's why I'm in such shock in that video."

He said members of a small circle of about six friends had to keep the secret, something he's amazed that some of the more talkative ones were able to do.

The cost of installing this kind of elevator can range up to \$40,000.



CHILDHOOD FRIENDS: Jamie Mendek and Franco Daniele have been friends since Junior Kindergarten.

New hospital position will help to bridge the Indigenous care gap

HEALTH
By Doug Dlazuk - TB Source

Travelling hundreds of kilometres from a remote community to a large urban medical centre can be a stressful and fearful experience and the return home can be equally as difficult without knowing what supports and care opportunities are available.

Joelle Mandamin, the first Indigenous care coordinator at the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre, is hoping her new role will help Indigenous people better

navigate the health care system and more easily transition back to their home communities.

"I'm really excited about this role and humbled to help Indigenous patients as they come into hospital with support and navigation about the system if they have fears, worries, or questions about plans of care," she said. "Given my background in nursing, I am able to help them not only in the hospital but that transition back into their community."

Mandamin's position was created through a partnership between the



NEW ROLE: Joelle Mandamin is the hospital's first Indigenous care coordinator.

Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre and Grand Council Treaty No. 3. Mandamin, who is originally from Shoal Lake 40 First Nation

and graduated from the Lakehead University nursing program in 2020, will be providing services including patient navigation, advocacy, discharge planning, and support services to Indigenous people primarily from Grand Council Treaty No. 3 communities.

"I have had a couple encounters with being in the hospital and how foreign that can be and scary," Mandamin said.

Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre president and CEO, Rhonda Crocker Ellacott, said

Mandamin's new role will help improve the overall care experience for Indigenous people at the hospital.

"This is an opportunity for us to partner with communities within Northwestern Ontario to ensure when people come to access care at Thunder Bay regional we have improved navigation, improved welcoming environment, we have the improvement in how they receive care and how they can transition and be supported when they return to their home community." Crocker Ellacott said.

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TB Life

Zucchini, zucchini, and more zucchini

It's that time of year when all the vegetables in the garden are getting just ripe enough for harvesting



As I have mentioned, tis harvest time in the veggie garden.

We were hoping to leave the tomatoes on the vine to ripen but my wife, Laura, The Gardener, has observed that something is eating the ripe ones. "Guess we'll have to pick them and pack them in cardboard boxes between layers of newspaper...again" She was so hoping for a bit of an extended warm period to advance the ripening process. Not this year.

Each time we troop to the garden we return with bowls of produce. On Saturday we pulled all of the onions that filled the wheelbarrow. They are laid out on shelves and my uncle's homemade wooden table on our screen porch to dry. Next we harvested the potatoes.

Interestingly, out of one patch the "pommes de terre" came out with scabby skins yet from another patch planted with a different variety, they were extracted with clear skins. I recall John Wilson who was the weekly gardener on my radio program telling me that scabs on potato skins meant an imbalance in the PH of the soil. That may be so but then why did one variety get scabs and another not? Same soil.

Speaking of soil, I had a fantasy of selling the rich, composted manure-now-excellent-soil in bags or half-ton truck-loads as a way to deal with the ever-growing Mt. Crumpet (where we dump the horse stall leavings). We use wood shavings as bedding in the stalls but it takes five years for those shavings to break down. The shavings mixed with horse poop evolves into an amazing soil. But when I fetched soil from Mt. Crumpet for our garden, I forgot that it is not weed-free. Gardeners would not want soil that they'd have to weed so I reluctantly nixed the idea.

The other problem is getting at the soil. I was lucky when I drove my ancient tractor, Big Red, onto Mt. Crumpet, the surface was sufficiently solid that Red's tires didn't sink and get royally stuck as has happened in previous years. The dry spring meant that the roadbed onto the manure pile

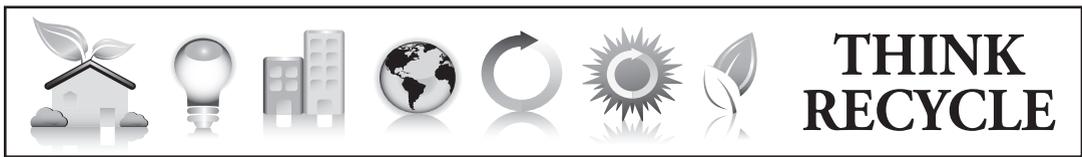
was solid. I was taking a big chance driving up onto Crumpet in the hopes of removing the layers of crabgrass that had covered the rich soil. I succeeded to clear enough that I could then drive the quad with the cart and shovel the now-exposed soil into the cart and ferry it to the garden. But as soon as I felt Red's rear tires beginning to sink and before they began to spin, we vamoosed. Then I would drive a full manure cart up to dump and return with rich soil from the exposed part of the pile...er, mountain. I suppose that gardeners could come to avail themselves of the soil if they were willing to do the digging. The weeds have grown back on the exposed soil very quickly, an indication of how fertile the stuff is.

Horses eat the hay we feed them in the barn; they eat the grass in the pastures. Both hay and grass contain seeds that pass through the horse's digestive tract and then back onto the manure pile. It is the way of things. Trying to sterilize the soil would be too complicated.

Every vegetable gardener grows zucchini - the never-ending veggie that keeps on producing. Once upon a time I loathed the vegetable; now I love it. Just had to learn how to prepare, is all. I like it halved and barbecued, covered in olive oil and parmesan cheese. But when Laura first began growing the plant, she didn't know how prolific they'd be. We had 'tons' of zucchini! As at that time we were running a horse riding business, Laura would try to encourage our clients to take some zucchini home with them. I recall daughter Beth standing at the end of the driveway with a large basket of the then-dreaded veggie and attempting to force...er...entice the drivers' to accept this bounty as they departed. Believe it or not, many obliged.

Daughter Beth recently told me that she read that in the state of Vermont at this time of year people lock their car doors and make sure their windows are up. Why? If they don't then chances are good that when they return to their vehicles they will discover a zucchini surprise, or several.

Ah me. Fortunately, zucchini is no longer a dreaded veggie in this household. BBQ'd, sliced in salads, added to stir-fries, it all works. But visitors beware: that if you were to visit our farm, you just might be "encouraged" to take some of the gourds away with you. We have lots.



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THE GOOD LIFE

The importance of nurturing our mental and physical health by getting outside and enjoying the things we love is one thing I keep thinking about as we wind down a second summer in the global pandemic. Thunder Bay, just like the rest of the world, has seen a major increase in the number of people getting outside to enjoy activities and challenges that support our health and happiness. We are surrounded by a vast landscape of natural beauty and endless recreational opportunities here in Northwestern Ontario, and more people than ever are taking advantage of all the great outdoor activities we have available to us. Now, as we enter the autumn season, our rapidly expanding cycling community have a few exciting opportunities left to have some fun on two wheels before the weather cools off.

The Shuniah Forty Miner

Entering its sixth year as Thunder Bay's marquee mountain bike event, the Forty Miner offers participants four options, ranging from a short children's race to a grueling 48km challenge. The races will be held Saturday, September 11, at Kinsmen Park/Trowbridge Falls.



BEAUTIFUL COLOURS: The fall season still has a lot to offer for cyclists in the city.

Organizers have made a course that ensures we will be riding many of the best trails through the amazing landscape and natural terrain that Trowbridge Forest has to offer. The hosting BlackSheep Mountain Bike Club have recently surpassed five hundred members for the first time ever

and they will celebrate with an incredible party at the Forty Miner. Besides the races, participants can also meet World Cup racer Jenn Jackson, enjoy meals from the Victoria Inn, or visit the beer gardens and food trucks that are sure to make this event a memorable one.

The Thunder Grinder

The Grinder, taking place on September 18th is the big gravel road race and ride introduced by the Thunder Bay Cycling Club back in 2019. Now in its third year, the Grinder will start and finish at Belluz Farms and feature distances ranging

from 40 to 120km so everyone can find their perfect challenge. Mountain bikes as well as cyclocross and gravel bikes will all work well for this ride. Afterwards, participants will enjoy prize draws, a meal and beverages from Lake of the Woods Brewing Company.

Cross is coming

Just when you thought the cycling season was over, cyclocross begins. Each autumn, the Thunder Bay Cycling Club hosts a series of CX events at unique venues like the Chippewa Park and the greenspace around the Canada Games Complex. Cross is like the happy medium between mountain biking and road cycling. Short races of less than an hour, combined with challenging courses that emphasize bike handling skills rather than risky technical terrain are presented in a relaxed atmosphere with plenty of post-race socializing and prize draws. The annual cross season helps cyclists continue to chase the endorphin rush of bike racing through the falling leaves of October and into the early snowfalls of November.

The upcoming autumn season presents us with some of the very best and most enjoyable riding of the year. Temperatures are no longer uncomfortably hot, the air is crisp and the colourful backdrop is unbeatable. Commute to work, try a race, or just hit the roads and trails with a few friends to make the most of this incredible time of year.

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By Linda Maehans - TB Source

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Magnus' curtain rises to a fresh new season of live mainstage productions with one humdinger of a show.

Home: A Bluegrass Celebration was hatched from the creative mind of Jo-Ann Waytowich. To us, who first met her as Ivanka, we could have predicted this. Now add the likes of eclectic music-maker Danny Johnson and friends and, well and geez, let's take our hats off to a genuine real-life sparkler. Take that, Covid!

Susie Campbell's soft blonde curls, bright eyes, belie any stress over this past year, though (acting now) she hints some trouble; not sure what. Next moment Susie's radiant smile is back. "If I look like I'm glowing it's because I'm making music with such terrific colleagues. Bluegrass has so much precision and integrity to it. We really do love this music."



SCOTT HOBBS

MUSICAL CELEBRATION: Pictured (L to R): Robert Balabuck, Susie Campbell, Jo-Ann Waytowich, Olivia Korkola, Danny Johnson, Dan Zadkovich, Fae Alexander, Martin Blanchet.

Fae Alexander blinks. In the storyline she's a single mom with youngsters. At home. "How's it goin'?" Terrible, to be frank. Think I'd almost prefer squirrels-in-the-attic. I'm engulfed. Wish Covid allowed for a live-in babysitter." She offers a brave smile. "My little ducklings, floating serenely on the pond;

while under the surface..." She paddles rapidly through the air with her hands.

Jo-Ann (acting) arches eyebrows and quips, "thanks for asking. About my mental health issues. That's what this whole thing has been, a mental health journey! For a person, now living alone, and without even a pet..." She slumps.

"It's sad. For someone like me." Next moment the real Jo-Ann is speaking, telling me how music, the pure joy of it, has inspired her throughout this isolating time. "I was learning to play a symbala. It's a Ukrainian instrument with 104 strings; you hit them with sticks, like a dulcimer. I listen to blue-

grass music a lot; all the while thinking 'this sounds like a banjo', perfect for bluegrass." She emphasizes her other inspiration: home.

"For the past 18 months we've stayed at home. This is home. Our home-theatre. Every person, every amazing musician you'll see and hear on stage for this celebration is from here. From home."

Danny (acting) shrugs his shoulders, leans forward, grins. "Yeah, I've become the handy-man of home improvements; lately can't get no lumber!" Back on his turf (music), "as much as there has been sadness and loss this last year-and-a-half, also moments of humour we can all find. Bluegrass, no, not 100% in my wheel-house." Modest Danny. "We've got a great ensemble. Bluegrass music is deceiving; maybe sounds simple, but is actually very difficult." Another grin. "Back to what Jo-Ann just mentioned, this'll be joyous. With all those beautiful bluegrass harmonies. I'm ready!"

Time to celebrate with some down-home talent gone bluegrass. Big lake, tall trees. Contact Magnus' box office for details; all Covid protocols in place. September 16 to October 2.

Marvel's latest offers magnificent nonsense

Shang-Chi: the Legend of the Ten Rings features a strong first act but starts to falter throughout the second act

Being a charter member of the Take-It-Or-Leave-It Marvel Universe Club, one still looked upon "Shang-Chi: The Legend of the Ten Rings" with guarded optimism.

Much is being made of likeable Chinese-Canadian actor Simu Liu ("Kim's Convenience") getting star billing in an action movie with a mostly Asian cast seemingly poised to advance their presence in mainstream cinema, taking up where "Crazy Rich Asians" left off.

However, while "Shang-Chi" features a strong first act, the film falters in a second half where CGI effects drown out the human element.

Liu plays Shaun, a parking valet in San Francisco working alongside his pal, Katy (Awkwafina). One day,



MARTY MASCARÍN
MOVIE TALK

Shaun is attacked by some burly thugs on a two-cab bus. Shaun dispatches the crew with surprising skill, (reminiscent of Bob Odenkirk's "Nobody,") thereby exposing a concealed side of his personality.

Shaun reveals that he was trained to be an assassin at a young age by his power-mad father Wenwu (Tony Leung). Wenwu commands an underworld army named after powerful iron rings he wears. Abhorring violence and disdainful of

being his dad's successor, Shaun fled to 'Frisco, leaving behind his little sister Xialing (Meng'er Zhang).

Shaun fears his dad is up to no good so he heads to Macau with Katy in tow to warn his estranged sister who runs her own martial arts fight club. Thugs show up again, resulting in a spectacular fight on skyscraper scaffolding.

The attacks are a pretext to steal amulets worn by the siblings and serve as Wenwu's heavy-handed attempts to round up Shaun and Xialing so they can help him rescue his presumed long-dead wife, Jiang Li (Fala Chen) who may be (or not) communicating with him spiritually.

To this point, "Shang-Chi" builds promisingly, blending a semi-interesting plot with eye-popping action

and passable comic relief. Director Destin Daniel Cretton's handling of the bus fight is especially impressive. Former stuntman Liu credibly handles the fisticuff element and banters with wisecracking Awkwafina.

In the second half though, the film jarringly shifts from hyper-reality to fantasy, involving a journey to a magical realm populated by dragons, menacing banshees, exotic animals, warriors and a dotty Ben Kingsley.

They find Shaun's warrior aunt, Jiang Nan, (Michelle Yeoh) whose peaceful kingdom (and the world) is threatened by Wenwu's mad, destructive quest.

The film bogs down in flashbacks involving Shaun's training, his mother being victimized by some

blood feud and background about the rings' legacy. Then incoherent CGI takes over, replete with flying dragons and blazing pyrotechnics. Shaun's hero is lost in the vortex.

While certain Marvels managed to mix fantasy with the real world, (ie "Wonder Woman") the melding fails to take hold here.

"Shang-Chi" though gives the Marvel crowd exactly what they want, another handsome super-athletic hero, a comic sidekick, an origin story, much furious action with dollops of levity. They'll go home happy. Those demanding more gravitas in the plot, though, go wanting.

As the credits roll, stick around for not one but two teasers, one at the very, very end, hinting at Part II.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

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- 4 Bachelor of Engineering in Mines (abbr.)
- 7 Atl. Coast Conference (abbr.)
- 10 Agricultural establishment
- 11 Grape
- 12 Fahrenheit (abbr.)
- 14 Large number
- 16 Silly smile
- 17 Irregular moving part
- 18 SW Alaskan native
- 20 Old Provencal (abbr.)
- 21 Abatement
- 22 Legal
- 24 Destroyed
- 28 Loose
- 31 Few (pref.)
- 32 Wish undone
- 34 Broad structural basin
- 35 Clemenceau's nickname
- 37 Patient
- 39 Den
- 41 Spread to dry hay

DOWN

- 1 Byron poem
- 2 Prune
- 3 Doctor of Modern Languages (abbr.)
- 4 Constructor
- 5 Bacchanalian cry
- 6 Siberian wild cat
- 7 Afghanistan (abbr.)
- 8 Spree
- 9 Nick
- 10 Federal Trade Commission

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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- 13 Royal Naval Reserve (abbr.)
- 15 Language (abbr.)
- 19 Egyptian god of the sky
- 21 Tidal bore
- 23 Toward center
- 24 Lose freshness
- 25 Adopted son of Mohammed
- 26 Play
- 27 Driving under the influence (abbr.)
- 29 Hebrew judge
- 30 Youngster
- 33 Agreement
- 36 Comparative ending
- 38 Official negation
- 40 Suited to the occasion
- 42 Master of Hounds (abbr.)
- 43 Hades river
- 45 Cohere
- 46 19th Hebrew letter
- 47 Blue (Fr.)
- 48 Church box
- 50 Across (poet.)
- 52 Steps in ballet

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— O. Q. JIGHQ

PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "If you wouldn't write it and sign it, don't say it."
 — Earl Wilson

Sudoku

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IN THE BAY

Hymers Fall Fair is going virtual in 2021

HYMERS
By Justin Hardy - TB Source

The (in-person) version of the Hymers Fall Fair was cancelled this year and will be replaced by a mostly virtual version of the fair.

This year as well as last year, organizers have had to come

up with a way to hold the fair in a safe way during the pandemic.

The Hymers Fall Fair Virtual portion will feature an online concert, art/drawing exhibit competitions, a 50/50 draw, and a horse show that will be streamed live on the Hymers Fall Fair Facebook page.

The art/drawing exhibit competitions will be a colouring contest, photo contests, a scarecrow contest, the biggest pumpkin contest, a strangest gourd, pumpkin or zucchini contest, the best poem contest, a best short story, a best outdoor fall display contest and a pandemic pet

photo contest.

A horse show that was to be streamed on Facebook was cancelled.

There will still be an in-person market featuring many local vendors that will be held at the Da Vinci Centre, 340 Waterloo Street South, on Sept. 19 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.



PLAYING IT SAFE: Sean Spenrath (left) and A.J. Haapa on Thursday, June 24, 2021, unveil the lineup for the second Wake the Giant Music Festival, led by Jessie Reyez and Thrd Eye Blind.

COVID rules at Wake the Giant

The music festival will require proof of vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test

MUSIC
By Gary Rinne - TB Source

If you plan to attend the Wake the Giant music festival next month, you will need either proof of full vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test.

The policy applies to everyone, including those who have already purchased a ticket.

Festival organizer Greg Chomut made the announcement Tuesday.

The event, which was inaugurated in 2019 but cancelled last year due to the pandemic, is scheduled for Sept. 18 on the Thunder Bay waterfront.

Chomut said the new entry policy was developed with the well-being and safety of fans, performers, volunteers and vendors in mind.

"The decision comes as we learn more and more about the current landscape and what we can do for the betterment of our community," he said. "Wake the Giant remains committed to keeping recovery efforts moving forward. It's about taking care of all the people around us and getting back to live music safely."

In order to enter the festival grounds, patrons who have been vaccinated will be required to show their COVID vaccination card (either the paper card or a clear photo of it on a phone). Vaccination is defined as two doses, with the second dose having been administered at least 14 days prior.

Attendees unable to show proof of vaccination may provide proof of a negative test result as an alternative. The test must have been taken within the previous 72 hours.

Children between two and 11 years old are not required to show proof of either vaccination or a negative test.

All patrons must remain masked except when consuming food or drink in designated eating areas.

The festival has partnered with Oak Medical Pharmacy at 620 Arthur Street West to provide rapid testing on Sept. 17 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sept. 18 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for a discounted cost of \$20.

Chomut said all ticket-holders will be sent further details accompanied by a list of frequently asked questions.

This year's festival lineup includes headliners Jessie Reyez, Third Eye Blind, and Loud Luxury, joined by William Prince, iskwe, Tom Wilson, DJ Shub, Northern Cree, Thunder Bay local Nick Sherman, and Jingle Dress dancers.

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BEHIND THE BENCH: Lakehead guard Katie Ulakovic tries to outmuscle York's Taylor Ross during play at the Thunderdome.

Ulakovic now assistant coach

Thunderwolves hire former star Katie Ulakovic as assistant men's team coach

BASKETBALL

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Katie Ulakovic is headed back to campus.

The former Lakehead Thunderwolves women's basketball star has joined the men's team as an assistant coach. A go-to-defender and one of the best-conditioned athletes ever to step on the floor for LU, Ulakovic is hoping to impart some of her basketball wisdom to a men's team that finished inside the top 10 nationally in its most recent campaign in 2019-20.

"I've coached boys' basketball at the high school level for many years but have never had the opportunity to experience coaching at the next level," Ulakovic said in a release.

"I'm very thankful to coach (Ryan) Thomson and seasoned assistant Matt Erdman for believing in me. I look forward to returning to the Thunderwolf family and learning and developing

as a coach."

Thomson called Ulakovic a welcome addition to the program.

"I'm happy that Katie decided to join the staff this year," explains Head Coach Ryan Thomson. "She had a decorated career as a player at Lakehead U and has been coaching with the Hammarskjold boys' basketball program for several years. She's an excellent communicator and a bright basketball mind."

"We're excited to have her on board and help our guys continue to improve as people and as players."

Athletic director Tom Warden said he's glad to have Ulakovic, who once hit eight three-pointers in a game during her final season in 2015, back in the fold.

"Katie was a fierce competitor and a friendly face around the Fieldhouse during her time as a student-athlete," Warden said.

"We're glad to have Katie rejoin the Thunderwolf family in a program first for men's basketball



FIERCE COMPETITOR: Lakehead's Katie Ulakovic had seven points in the fourth quarter and 10 in the game, a 75-58 win over Brock at the Thunderdome.

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to the coaching roster, and will enrich the learning experience for the players."

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