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Queen Elizabeth II was honoured on Monday at a ceremony held at Waverly Park. The Queen made multiple visits to Canada, including stops in Thunder Bay, during her reign. (Leith Dunick)

Police changes recommended

By Ian Kaufman - TB Source

The expert panel appointed to advise the Thunder Bay Police Services Board has tabled an interim report recommending sweeping changes that - if fully implemented - would dramatically reshape how the city's police force is governed.

It calls for more funding to strengthen civilian oversight, for an expanded police services board with significant First Nations representation, and for giving preference in the search for a new police chief to candidates who know Thunder Bay and who are Indigenous or racialized, as long as they meet other criteria.

And to shore up what some call a "toxic" work environment, the panel

proposes a new arms-length Human Rights/Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Unit within the force.

The report, entitled *Turning the Page: An Urgent Memo to the Thunder Bay Police Services Board from the Independent Expert Panel*, contains dozens of recommendations centred on three issues: selection of a new police chief, the makeup of the police services board, and labour relations.

The 20-page document is meant to address those time-sensitive topics ahead of a more comprehensive final report. It will be available at the board's website on Tuesday, and was provided in advance to media under embargo.

Released just weeks shy of a

municipal election, the report offers recommendations likely to prove not just controversial, but expensive. The panel argues they're also necessary.

"We share the view expressed by many that real change is urgently required in the policing of Thunder Bay so that the public receives the policing service it needs and expects while members of the service are treated in a manner that is compassionate, caring, and supportive," the report states.

To underline the need for change, the panel pointed to its own consultations and previous findings of systemic racism in the force that prompted the reinvestigation of the deaths of over a dozen Indigenous people.

The panel's findings were based on over 80 consultations, including with 26 current and former police officers and civilian staff, members of the senior command, board members, Indigenous leaders, city staff, union leaders, at least 25 community groups, and citizens at two town halls.

The panel also reviewed documents including the Sinclair Report, the OIPRD "Broken Trust" report, and human rights complaints filed against the service.

The recommendations will for now lie in the hands of administrator Malcolm Mercer, appointed to oversee the police services board amid internal dysfunction.

Mercer also recently suggested serious changes to TBPS gover-

nance could be needed

The panel's first recommendations address the search process for a successor to suspended chief Sylvie Hauth, who announced her retirement earlier this year and faces hearings over allegations under the Police Services Act.

"The health of the service, its future direction, and its relationship with the community, especially the First Nations, depend critically on who is placed at the helm," the report states.

The panel urges the board to take "key actions" in the recruitment process: apply an Equity, Diversity and Inclusion lens, consult with the community including staff and Indigenous groups, and conduct broader outreach.

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Tributes paid to Queen Elizabeth II

Ceremony held at Waverly Park to celebrate the late Queen's life

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Fran Yeo says Queen Elizabeth II has been a part of the fabric of her life since she was a little girl.

On Monday she joined about 80 others who gathered at the Waverly Park cenotaph for a ceremony honouring the life of the Queen, who died at 96 on Sept. 8.

Her funeral took place on Monday.

"We're not so much royalists, but certainly Queen Elizabeth and the family have been a part of our growing up and I respect what we have because we're in Canada and the relationship there," Yeo said. "I was very thankful that something was organized for her locally."

Like millions of other Canadians on Monday, Yeo spent the early part of her day watching television coverage of the Queen's funeral, recording much of the ceremony to be able to sit down and watch it in full later in the day.

"It's a good time to pause. There's a real change of an era, but I think too we know going forward there will be more change ... Truly that was an amazing gift to have her for that time."

Elizabeth II was born in 1926 and ascended to the throne in 1952, following the death of her father, King George VI.

Though the monarchy wasn't universally beloved during her reign, Elizabeth was, serving for more than 70 years, making her the longest reigning monarch in British history.

Among her admirers was Katriina Myllymaa, the president of Branch 5 of the Royal Canadian Legion in Thunder Bay.

Myllymaa spoke during the



Veteran Brian Boyer paid tribute to Queen Elizabeth II Monday at Waverly Park.

ceremony and had to fight back tears as she delivered a short speech honouring Queen Elizabeth's legacy.

"For many of us present here today, she's the only Queen we've ever known, so her loss is felt deeply," she said.

"Our deep feeling of respect for Her Majesty, and our memories, will remain firmly entrenched in our hearts and minds forever."

It's a big change, Myllymaa said, but that's to worry about for another day.

Looking back, Elizabeth II's reign gave a sense of stability to the world, the countries of the Commonwealth in particular.





"She was a very, very smart lady and she managed to keep everything rolling. Even when there was a lot of strife in the world, she

somehow managed to get around it and keep us all happy," Myllymaa said. "She was the Queen of Canada, so I think it was important to honour her. And also I think it's going to be a big change for the Commonwealth and for the people of the UK, with a new king coming in, so I think it was important to show our respect to the Queen and the people of the UK and the Commonwealth."

King Charles III will have big shoes to fill, with the passing of his mother, Myllymaa added.

"He's going to have his work cut out for him, but just in listening to some of the stuff he's talked about, he's got some good ideas about things that we have to look at doing, with the environment and people from different groups, bringing us all together.

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ThunderCon a success

By Justin Hardy – TB Source

Hundreds attended ThunderCon 2022 on Saturday to see what the annual convention had to offer this year.

This weekend's events featured various panels, a wide genre of vendors, a cosplay competition and board game demos and was the First ThunderCon since 2019 due to the COVID-19 pandemic and board chair Kevin Taylor says they're glad to be back.

"It's been a challenge for sure getting through this, but all of our vendors and sponsors have been really understanding and have been with us the whole time," he said. "And, of course, our volunteers, none of which are paid, including myself. We're an all volunteer organization, it really came together to get this going for 2022."

Taylor says he couldn't be happier with this year's turnout.

"We got people milling across both buildings," he said. "The pre-sale tickets were pretty decent so we're just hoping that the rain holds off, and that everybody has a chance to come down."



ThunderCon brought out people of all ages last weekend.

There were several special guests present at this year's convention, including nefarious villains, power rangers, and cosplayers.

Thunder Bay local actors Teddy Kellogg, who

is Lieutenant Duke in *Star Trek Strange New Worlds*, and Lisa Marie DiGiacinto, best known as Ali in *DC Legends of Tomorrow*, could also be seen on the CLE grounds.

"You know, you always hear about the big, huge ones in San Diego or fan expo in Toronto and stuff so sometimes for people in places a bit further away, it's harder to get to," said Kellogg.

"So, to have something more local here in Thunder Bay and to have people celebrate, and like I said people come from Sault St. Marie from Sudbury like they don't have to necessarily go to the big city to get a fan experience which is pretty awesome."

DiGiacinto agreed with Kellogg as the pair were wandering around the site meeting fans, that it's important for Northwest Ontario to have a local fan convention.

"People do come from all the small towns in like a seven- to eight-hour radius," she said "And then there's Winnipeg and you have to go to the states to get anywhere else that's kind of bigger so it's nice that we can have this here and have the opportunity for people to just drive here."

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The municipal election has voting options, including online and by phone.

Voter info on its way

By TB Source staff

Thunder Bay residents can expect information on how to vote in the upcoming municipal election to appear in their mailboxes over the coming days.

Voter Information Letters will begin arriving by mail next week to all eligible Thunder Bay electors currently on the voters' list, the City of Thunder Bay advised in a release Friday.

The letters contain a voter identification number and PIN for online voting, information on advance in-person voting, including drive-through options, voting locations on election day on Oct. 24.

They also contain information on accessible voting, a voter helpline, and a free transit pass that can be used for transportation to and from any poll on advance voting days or election day.

Voters will select among 59 candidates to fill 13 city council seats, as well as electing trustees to the school board for which they are registered.

Online voting will kick off on Oct. 5 at 10 a.m., and will remain open 24 hours a day until voting closes at 8 p.m. on Oct. 24.

Online voting will also be available at a kiosk in the lobby of city hall.

The city will offer in-person advance voting at the following times and locations:

- Oct. 5-6, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. – West Thunder Community Centre, 915 Edward Street South
- Oct. 12-13, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. – Thunder Bay 55 Plus Centre, 700 River Street

Residents whose name or address has changed, or who find errors on their Voter Information Letter, can bring it along with identification to the clerk's office at City Hall during regular office hours, Monday thru Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Those who do not receive a letter can also confirm eligibility and receive one by visiting the clerk's office with identification.

Residents can still vote in person by presenting at least one piece of identification with their name and qualifying address. More information is available at the city's [Tbayvotes](http://Tbayvotes.com) website.

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EDITORIAL

Death of a Queen

The death of Queen Elizabeth II marks the end of a remarkable era.

On the throne for more than 70 years, the Queen stood strong in a reign that rose out of the ashes of the Second World War and concluded in a post-Brexit time.

While her family endured plenty of tragedy and controversy, including the untimely death of Princess Diana, it was Elizabeth who held the family together, ensuring the monarchy remained relevant in many quarters of the world.

The second Elizabethan era will be remembered in Canada for the 1982 signing of the Canada Act, helping the country patriate its constitution, ending the British Parliament's role in Canadian law.

With the ascension of King Charles III to the British throne, a new era has dawned for the monarchy, and as such, it may be time for Canadians to take a long, hard look at what the role of the British Crown should be going forward.

The monarchy has a long history, and tradition in Canada, but it's also a country in change, with millions from backgrounds beyond the British Isles.

Those formal ties are at least worth a look.

Stop the insanity To the editor:

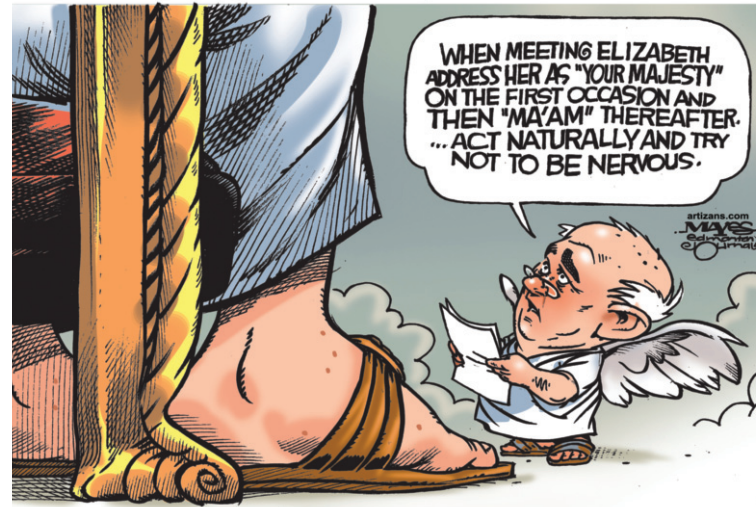
With a little more than a month to go before election day in Ontario municipalities, I want to provide some insights into the City of Thunder Bay mayoral race.

My first professional opportunity was in the Parliamentary office of Ken Boshcoff, when he served as the MP for Thunder Bay—Rainy River from 2004 to 2008. It was an experience that has shaped some of my own views of public life and for which I remain grateful.

Setting aside sloganeering and partisanship from all other considerations, what ought to distinguish Ken from all other candidates in the field is simple: his commitment to community and constituent service.

I emphasize the last part – constituent service. The golden rule in Ken's office was that every piece of correspondence received from a postal code in the riding deserved attention and got a response. Sometimes the response was to provide information, sometimes it was to share thoughts on an emerging political or legislative issue, and sometimes it was simply to forward the inquiry to appro-

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



priate official and monitor the reply.

Likewise, when Ken took action on a political issue, updates were sent to lists of service providers, industry participants, or community leaders in the riding to keep them informed and to continue a two-way dialogue between the riding and Ottawa.

This may all seem par for the course, and perhaps it was at one time. But many of today's politicians don't see it that way. Politics has become a one-way street,

where information from party bosses and bureaucrats is shovelled to the electorate, and not the other way around.

Too many of today's politicians are incentivized not by the rewards of individual service, but by social media impressions and their fluency selling talking points that keep them in good favour with the centre.

Their tightrope is not one of constituent satisfaction and service, but the whims of party leaders, institutions, and industry that might

serve to their own advantage in future. Sure, there's always been a whiff of that, but today it is far more pronounced.

More and more often I hear from citizens across the region that their MPs, MPPs, and even municipal representatives don't even bother to acknowledge their concerns or champion local issues. We need more politicians willing to get into the weeds and do the heavy lifting fixing programs and policies impacting people in their communities.

All this to say that Ken's political brand was forged in a time when that kind of service mattered. While I do not wish to cast aspersions on any other candidate, it is clear that this type of hard work is what most voters expect.

At a time when confidence in local governments and institutions across the region has been shaken, perhaps some renaissance for service in elected office can move all of our communities forward. To get there, voters need to cut through the noise and look for those who are doing that hard work already.

Douglas W. Judson (he/him/his)
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Conversations With Stalin provides insight into Soviet leader

Conversations With Stalin by Milovan Djilas provides important insights, not only into the character and personality of Joseph Stalin, but also into the relationships between Stalin and the leaders of post-war Eastern European Communist states.

Many books have been written about Stalin, but very few are based on personal experiences of actually meeting the man himself. Most are second hand, third hand or even more remote accounts, which creates room for distortion and misinterpretation.

Yugoslavia Vice-President and Communist Party favorite Milovan Djilas gives us an undiluted and unfiltered version of Stalin, based on

three meetings that he had with him.

Traveling to Moscow throughout the 1940s Djilas enjoyed all night dinners with Stalin and his comrades, where significant parts of Soviet policy were shaped.

At Djilas's first meeting he expected to pass through two or three offices before reaching Stalin, 'but as soon as I opened the door and stepped across the threshold, I saw him coming out of a small adjoining room.'

The room was not large and devoid of any opulence or decor. But the host was the plainest of all. Stalin

was in a marshal's uniform and soft boots, without any medals except a golden star - the Order of Hero of the Soviet Union. 'In his stance there was nothing artificial or posturing'.

Stalin had a sense of humor - a rough humor, self assured, but not entirely without finesse and depth. His reactions were quick and acute - and conclusive, which did not mean that he did not hear the speaker out, but it was evident that he was not a friend of long explanations.

Djilas's next meeting with Stalin was on the eve of the Allied landing in Normandy. Once again, Stalin

appeared from a side room - this time in shoes and dressed in his plain tunic, buttoned up to his chin.

'Like this he seemed even smaller, but also smaller and completely at home.'

He led us into a small and surprisingly empty study - no books, no pictures, just bare wooden walls.'

There were no signs of the megalomania that Stalin was accused of by his detractors and Djilas concluded that the so-called 'personality cult' was the work of his subordinates rather than Stalin himself.

Djilas was invited to one of Stalin's famous dinners that usually lasted six or more hours - from ten at night till four or five in the morning. 'One

ate and drank slowly, during a rambling conversation which ranged from stories and anecdotes to the most serious political and even philosophical subjects.'

Unofficially and in actual fact a significant part of Soviet policy was shaped at these dinners when the Soviet leaders were at their closest, most intimate with each other.

Djilas noted that 'an uninstructed visitor might hardly have detected any difference between Stalin and the rest. Yet it existed. His opinion was carefully noted. No one opposed him very hard'.

It all rather resembled a patriarchal family with a crotchety head whose foibles always caused the home folks to be apprehensive.



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Learning necessary skills

We made a few home improvements recently or more accurately, a group of workers representing several skilled trades did the work and we took the credit.

Anybody who owns a home will understand the importance of maintenance and repair when the infrastructure is damaged or shows signs of age.

For those responsible for the care and maintenance of an entire city it is even more crucial or how about the infrastructure for an entire country or the whole planet.

That's a lot of skilled work - if only there are enough skilled workers to do it.

In the case of your own home repairs, unless you are an avid do-it-yourselfer you need to find people with the necessary skills to do the job right.

Anybody with repairs or renovations to complete may find themselves facing long waiting lists and long waiting times if they are lucky enough to find someone at all.

If you have a business to run or a

city full of citizens to serve or ultimately if you want to keep the whole country running smoothly you rely on skilled tradespeople.

To support our quality of life and creature comforts we need an army of highly skilled workers to build what we need, fix what we break and keep us warm and comfortable.

But that army of skilled tradespeople is tired and the troops are restless and unless we can recruit enough apprentices to replace them, there could be trouble ahead.

If current demographic trends continue there will soon be a severe shortage of people with the skills necessary to keep the machinery of society operating smoothly.

Over the last decade we heard a lot about crumbling infrastructure but even if we had the money to pay for it where will we find the skilled workers we need?

According to a recent survey 96% of Canadians agree that our country needs more skilled trades

workers although 76 per cent would never consider that occupation for themselves.

One of the reasons for this attitude is the outdated and inappropriate stigma surrounding skilled trades and other 'blue collar' jobs.

Skilled trades workers are well-known for their high salaries, often topping \$100,000 for industrial millwrights and heavy-duty equipment technicians.

Tradespeople have the gratification of seeing the results of their work and experience high job satisfaction and security.

Canada will see a further deficit in 56 nationally recognized trades over the next five years - 700,000 skilled tradespeople are expected to retire by 2028.

That's a lot of mechanics, pipefitters, boilermakers and welders not to mention the other 200 recognized skilled trades in Canada.

The Canadian Apprenticeship Forum predicts that 75,000 new apprentices will be needed annually for the next five years to

meet the demand for skilled trades.

The trades most likely to experience shortages include welder, industrial mechanic (millwright), bricklayer, boilermaker, cook and hairstylist.

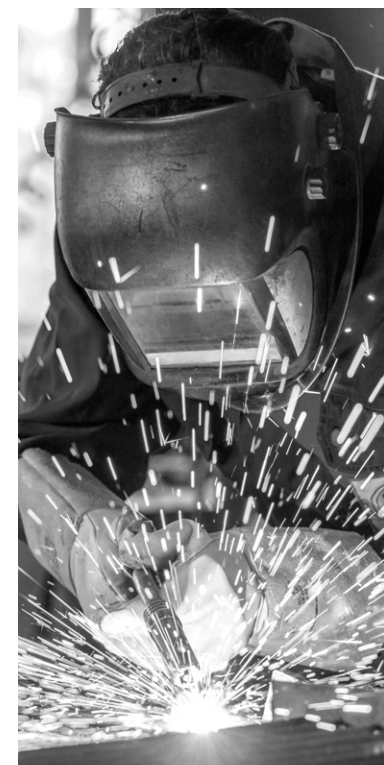
Demand for construction workers will also be high - over 300,000 new workers are needed in the next ten years to replace the 22% of the work force expected to retire.

As for me, I have dabbled in a few trades over the years but since I have no skills, no training, no knowledge, no experience and no tools, I often need help.

When the electricity goes out or the water stops running, or the trains stop running or your refrigerator stops working we all need help with that too.

I am a man of many talents but unfortunately most of them are useless when it comes to maintenance and repair.

I respect the talent and knowledge of those who have the necessary skills to do it for me.



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September 28

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Oct. 1-2

Autumn Psychic Fair

Psychic readings will be held on a

first-come, first-served basis at the Autumn Psychic Fair.

Readings are \$50 and take place in the Salon Room at the Ramada Airlines Hotel at 698 West Arthur Street from noon to 10 p.m. next Saturday and Sunday.

Admission to the fair is free to the event, presented by the Mystic Veil Psychics. There will be raffle prizes too.

September 24 Electric Vehicle Show

Interested in the future of automobiles and tired of high gasoline prices? The Electric Vehicle Show is a place to get some answers on how to put the pumps behind you forever.

The show, put on by the Electric Vehicle Association of Northern Ontario, will provide answers on electric cars and bicycles, vehicle charging, active transportation, safe cycling and more. Owners of EVs will be on hand to provide first-hand

experience.

The event takes place on Saturday, Sept. 24 at the Canadian Lakehead Exhibition grounds.

There will also be a family bike swap, hosted by Community Spokes.

September 23 Uncle Louie Variety Show

The Uncle Louie Variety Show is composed of two hilarious Italian American comedians, Carlo Russo and Lou Greco. For many years, they have been making people laugh through their unique brand of comedy that brings memories on how it was like to grow up as an Italian.

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Tickets are available by phoning the Da Vinci Centre at 623-2415. The show starts at 6:30 p.m. on Friday.

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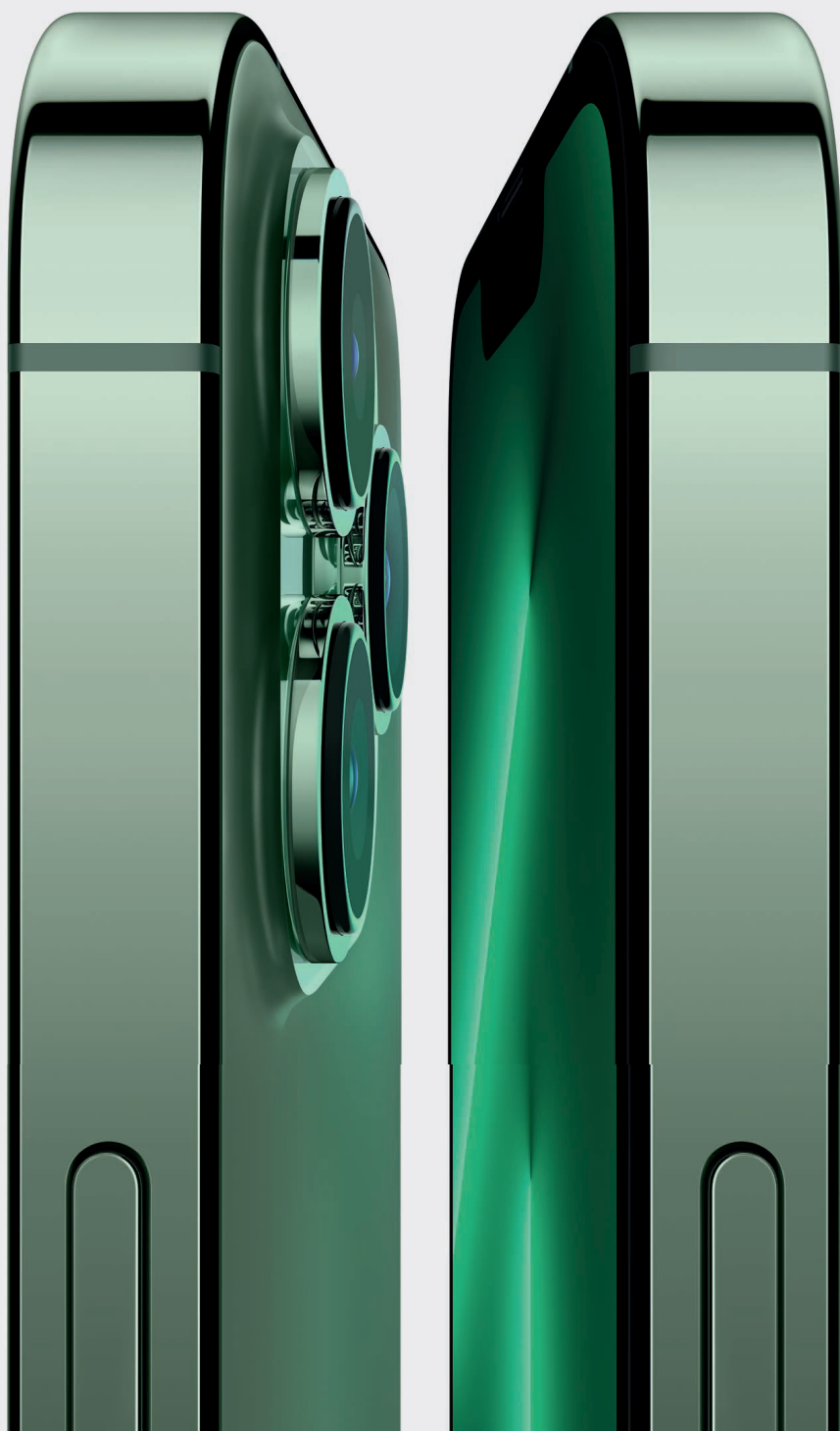
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Autumn aroma, autumn colours

It was my son, Douglas, who said it: "Can you smell that, Dad? That's the smell of Autumn!"

Doug lives in the city now but weekly he drives back out to Casa Jones to visit his parents, sister, and our pooches.

I was thrilled that he noticed how the smells had changed and now autumn was upon us. Living in town provides one's schnoz with completely different aromas, many of them industrial.

But out here it isn't paved roads or vehicle exhaust that fill the air; it is nature - the woods, the ground itself.

And again, the smells are different if you happen to be traveling on one of our Northwoods lakes like we did on Saturday.

Doug drove out and along with my wife, Laura (Doug's mum), and our water dog, Sophie (a pure black Lab retriever who revels in water), we drove out to Northern

Lights Lake boat in tow on what turned out to be a perfect boating day.

There was next to no wind that made moving across the lake a breeze (no pun intended). First stop was an island campsite we love where we parked for lunch.

Laura had brought a dog-training bumper to throw into the lake after which Sophie would dive into the water, swim out to the floating bumper, snatch it in her mouth, and swim back to Laura. Sophie could do this all day.

But we packed up and headed back out on the lake. Sophie lay down and slept.

The smells on the island, however, were still being stimulated by the warmth of the sun. Thus, I would be walking on up from the boat and catch a fragrant whiff of white pine needles that

covered the campsite - one of my favourites.

But another sign of the changing season: about now the water in the lakes turns upside down.

There is a shift and what was warm yesterday, is cold today. I'm told that the water "turns over". I recall one canoe trip in Quetico many years ago.

I was camped on Kashepiwi Lake on an island. I took a swim as soon as I arrived and had set up camp as the day had been one of hard and hot portage.

Ah, relief.

The next morning, I was going to take a dip - brrrr! Now the water was very cold. The late, great Park naturalist (and friend) Shan Walshe explained to me how the lakes "turn over" toward the end of August or into September.

There is one sugar maple tree growing across the road from the end of our driveway.

It isn't very tall but now its leaves are turning that brilliant orange red of autumn.

And the leaves on the poplar trees are beginning to catch up to the leaves on the ferny bushes growing beside the road, all of which have turned yellow.

Sunday afternoon I mustered some energy and grabbed that chainsaw to begin more trail clearing.

While away on our canoe trip, a fierce wind arose, and more trees were toppled.

The afternoon was sunny and warm. Now I was inhaling the rich aroma of sawn wood as I cut through the felled trees. Both spruce and balsam smells assailed my nostrils. I never tire of those aromas.

Another sign? Geese gathering to fly south.

Exiting the barn Saturday afternoon, I first heard then saw four geese not flying south but to our pond.

Perhaps they were waiting for the others to catch up?

And mornings are now cold enough to warrant a fire in the

fireplace.

By the time I get it going, the coffee is ready. For me, two unbeatable combinations: the rich fragrance of coffee and the pungent smell of wood smoke.

Oh yes - I am not good at remembering significant dates like upon what day the autumn equinox falls (Sept. 22).

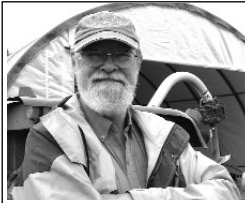
I looked it up in our local township newsletter. Thanks guys!) And with that, the fact that the Harvest Moon was this past Saturday.

The harvest moon is the full moon closest to the Equinox.

The letter goes on to say: "Unlike other full Moons, this full Moon rises at almost the same time for several evenings in a row, giving farmers extra evenings to finish their harvest before the frosts arrive")

Interesting because the frosts arrived before the Harvest Moon this year. Hah!

Maybe I'll remember it for next year.



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A mountain bike ride in September and October can be exhilarating and colourful. (Submitted photo)

Outside in fall

Autumn truly is an awesome time to be outside. Pleasant temperatures and the breathtaking beauty of the vibrant fall colours make just about every outdoor adventure better in the fall. With the long range forecast calling for above average temperatures to continue through the end of October, there is still plenty of time left to enjoy some outdoor activities before we switch gears and get ready to enjoy winter.

I say it almost every week in this column, but we are so fortunate to live where we do.

Even in the fall time, our proximity to parks and greenspace in Thunder Bay means we can always get outside for some activity after the workday and we can usually pack a ton of fun into the weekends. With that in mind, here is a bucket list of cool activities to try this autumn:

Disc golf: Very similarly to traditional golf, the objective of disc golf is to try to complete each hole with the fewest amount of throws. Instead of hitting a ball with clubs, a golf disc is thrown from a tee area towards an elevated metal basket which functions as the "hole".

In the city, there are 18-hole courses at Dragon Hills Golf Course and Birch Point Park at Boulevard Lake.

Fishing: A great place to take the kids to try some fishing is the Lorne Allard Fisherman's Park. It is at the mouth of the Current River and, in the fall, pink salmon can be found here.

There are also paved trails, picnic shelters and a great view of the lake and the nearby grain elevators.

Hiking: There are plenty of great spots in the city to hike, but the Cascades

Conservation Area might be the best because of the proximity to the cascading waterfalls that give this park its name. The falls are particularly breathtaking after a big rain event like the one we had last week.

Paddling: Whether you prefer a kayak, canoe or stand-up paddleboard, seeing the fall colours reflect off the water makes this a great time to get out for a paddle. Hazelwood Lake is a popular inland lake close to town and Silver Harbour, off Lakeshore Drive, is a great place to access the great Lake Superior.

Mountain biking. Judging by the number of new riders I am seeing on the trails every time I head out, there is no doubt that the trail building efforts of the Blacksheep Mountain Bike Club are paying off. Green level (beginner) trails like Conveyor Belt (from Kinsmen Park) and the Balsam Connector (from Balsam Street) mean riders of all ages and skill levels now have easy access to the Shuniah Mines system.

I highly recommend finding your way up to the new Mesa Trail in Centennial Park to get an unparalleled view of the Sleeping Giant.

When it comes to outdoor activities and adventures, Thunder Bay is unbeatable thanks to the variety of options and the accessibility to parkland and water that we often take for granted.

At this time of year, we are particularly blessed as the temperatures are perfect, the bugs are gone, and the changing leaves offer unrivaled beauty. There just isn't a better time or place to enjoy the outdoors than right here.



Keith Ailey
the GOOD LIFE

Market on move

By TB Source staff

The organizer of the Thunder Bay Farmers' Market hopes a fresh start in a new location will rejuvenate the market after a hiatus that's lasted almost three years.

The market is not affiliated with the Thunder Bay Country Market located in the Dove Building at the Canadian Lakehead Exhibition.

The Thunder Bay Farmers' Market operated in Victoriaville from 1989 until 2019.

COVID-19 arrived soon after, and since then the city has decided to demolish Victoriaville.

"Everything has changed in the mall. There's not many businesses left there...so we decided that we needed to move somewhere," says Thunder Bay Farmers' Market volunteer manager Esther Paasolainen.

"We had to find somewhere else to go or stop

completely."

The market will resume Friday, Sept. 23 at the North End Recreation Centre on Huron Avenue.

It will then operate every Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Paasolainen said that by 2018 there were only about nine participating vendors at Victoriaville.

Even though the new location is much smaller than the mall, she said there will be a greater variety of vendors, with each offering a different product.

"We've had to change our mode. What we're going to have is artisan vendors, so that there are not two people selling the same thing."

A dining hall has also been added.

"We have lots of awesomeness," Paasolainen said, adding she is still lining up other vendors, including those with produce or plants.

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Wagyu expensive, but worth it

Japanese cattle breeds have lots of tasty flavour

Last week we talked about the red headed stepchildren of the steak world. The sometimes less desirable cuts for the home cook. This week we are going so far in the other direction.

I am of course talking about Wagyu.

A lot of misinformation is out there so we are going to try and clear a few things up today.

Wagyu refers to the four different Japanese cattle breeds, the most common being the "Japanese Black" which makes up 90 per cent of the Wagyu

produced globally.

Wagyu were originally draft animals used in agriculture, and were selected for their physical endurance. This selection favored animals with more intra-muscular fat cells, what we know as "marbling".

Wagyu is a horned breed and the cattle are either black or red in color. Wagyu were originally imported into north America in the mid '70s but tariffs of the time made importing the sought after cattle very costly.

In the late 80's these tariffs began to soften and American producers used to breed their wagyu for export back to Japan.

Certified Wagyu (often confused with Kobe beef) is becoming harder and harder to come by in their native Japan, simply because of the lack of pastures to raise the animals.

Therein you get the American, Canadian and Australian producers making much of the wagyu you find on the global marketplace.

Ten-month old Wagyu steers typically are sold for \$30,000 each at auction.

After auction, the cows are taken to feeding farms where they're allowed to roam and graze in a stress-free environment.

Wagyu farmers take great

pride in providing a humane life for their cows, and they are given plenty of room in their pens and outside on the pasture to graze.

During this period, the cows mature for two or three years or until they reach about 1,500 pounds or gain around 50 percent fat.

The way Wagyu are fed and cared for is important to ensuring that they reach this milestone.

Wagyu are never given growth propanants, steroids, hormones or drugs to help them gain weight faster.

The process is natural, which means it takes more time than it does in the typical methods used in the more commercial farming markets, another factor

in the cost of the steaks.

All of this gives wagyu meat a much more buttery and densely marbled consistency.

The texture is firm and will have a deep red colour behind the fat.

This fat melts during the cooking (and eating) process meaning cooking wagyu is definitely something you don't want to screw up.

The flavour will consistently remind people of the similarly buttery umami but will denote connotations.

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The Woman King a rousing epic movie

Starring Viola Davis, the tale of female warriors has been well-received

The Woman King (SilverCity) arrives on the crest of rapturous reception from both critics and moviegoers alike at the Toronto International Film Festival. While perhaps a tad over-rated, *The Woman King* is a rousing action epic about female empowerment thanks largely to its convincing female cast, if not for its stalwart adherence to history.

The Woman King is actually a fictional tale inspired by historical facts. The story is set in 1823, focusing on one of the oldest kingdoms in West Africa, the Dahomey, under the reign of new King Ghezo (John Boyega). For centuries, the kingdom's strength has been buttressed by an elite all-female regiment called the Agojie or Mino (Our Mothers), currently led by General Nanisca (Viola Davis.)

The Dahomey are trying to free themselves from the oppressive Oyo Empire. This is illustrated by "tributes" the Dahomey must pay annually to the Oyos, usually in the form of slaves. Here's where the film takes one of many liberties with facts.

The movie has Nanisca lobbying King Ghezo to discontinue the prosperous 'selling of fellow Africans,' to concentrate instead on palm oil for the trans-Atlantic trade, a notion that seems a little too noble and progressive for its time. In reality, the Dahomey weren't kind and gentle.

Slave presence continues throughout the film, so it's not as if the Dahomey suddenly have a change of heart. Being a melodrama, it is the Oyo who are depicted as ruthless slaver villains with their sights set on crushing the Dahomey.

Director Gina Prince-Bythewood (*The Secret Life of Bees*) does an effective job of balancing the film's central elements—illustrating the rigorous training and culture of the Agojie, slowly unveiling Nanisca's haunted past and staging the adrenalin-fuelled fighting sequences, unblinkingly conveying the warriors' bloody ferocity, involving machetes, spears, knives, and ropes.

Viola Davis as Nanisca is terrific, her face radiating the gravitas of a fighting



Viola Davis puts on a tremendous performance in *The Woman King*, now playing at SilverCity.

commander, scarred both physically and emotionally. She is matched by Thuso Mbede as Nawi, a rebellious young warrior who defies male oppression and shares a connection with Nanisca bordering on soap opera which both women pull off with conviction.

Other strong female performances come from Lashana Lynch and Sheila Atim as Nanisca's lieutenants. On the male side, Boyega's King Ghezo gets to demonstrate some depth as ruler.

Prince-Bythewood dances nimbly around some of the script's (Dana Stevens, screenplay, Maria Bello, story)

softer spots, including a romance between Nawi and a conflicted part-Brazilian trader with Dahomey heritage. Some royal court intrigue involving Ghezo's wives goes nowhere.

But throughout the narrative, a showdown with Oyo leader Oba Ade (Jimmy Odukoya) looms. However seemingly predictable the climax may be, Prince-Bythewood stages it with galvanizing vigor.

There is backlash concerning the film's elevated depiction of the Dahomey. However, one can appreciate highlighting a powerful Black female warrior group otherwise unknown to current generations in a fictional context. Historical trespasses aside, *The Woman King* is an impressive epic.



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Race finale on horizon

By Johan Vass

Thunder City Speedway will host the ninth annual Thunder Bay Truck Centre Dirt Track Nationals. It will be the final three day event of the racing season Sept. 23 to Sept. 25.

Dave Mack of The Thunder Bay Truck Centre has supported racing for a long time and he has confirmed his company is on board for the 10th anniversary of the event. So he will be there next year as well. We can't thank sponsors like this enough for all they do for racing.

On Friday Sept. 23, grandstands open at 5 p.m. At 6 p.m. it will be hot laps and at 6:30 time trials will determine the heat race line ups for Saturday and Sunday. Racing will start at 7 p.m.

There are Three complete shows for the Wissota A-mods and Wissota Midwest B-Mods. and two complete shows for the Wissota Super Stocks, Street Stocks and Hornets.

On Saturday the grandstands open at noon. Racing will start at 3 p.m. and there will be fireworks after the races.

On Sunday, grandstands open at 12pm Racing starts at 2 p.m.

Admission for Friday is \$20, and it's \$25 on both Saturday and Sunday. You can purchase a weekend pass for \$65. It is all cash at the gate.

The official address for the track is 3250 Hwy 130 but I will tell you it is



Thunder City Speedway will be bustling once again this coming weekend. (Rick Baraniuk)

just out Arthur Street to Twin City Crossroads just across the street from the OPP station.

You can't miss it, there will be signs. This race program is a family-friendly event. The kids will have fun. Race car drivers will look forward to visitors after the races. Some drivers will have T-shirts for sale, some have race cards and decals for those looking to have something special. They are always willing to sign autographs.

Bring your favourite hat and they will

sign it or a T-shirt.

The Nadin family have been overwhelmed by the fan support and have made adjustments for the large crowd that is expected.

Championship race night had close to 4,000 fans so the track will be ready for everyone.

The first season of racing has been a success at Thunder City Speedway and it is going out with a bang. Remember, there will be fireworks on Saturday night.

Bring on baseball's new rules

Just got back from a whirlwind, 11-day trip to the southern U.S.

Managed to catch four ballgames at three different parks - Pittsburgh, Milwaukee and Cincinnati - not to mention the Cleveland Browns and Carolina Panthers opening Sunday match - and two music festivals.

I have to admit, I saw an awful lot of bad, boring baseball this time around.

I'm really hopeful the new rule changes help improve the product on the field.

I'm especially optimistic the new pitch count clocks, which also limit pick-off attempts and batters stepping out of the box, will help pick up the pace.

The first game I saw, a Corbin Burnes masterpiece in the first game of a double-

header between the San Francisco Giants and the Milwaukee Brewers, a game that took just 2:20 to complete, thanks in part to 14 Ks from Burnes.

The pitch clock helped reduce minor league games from 3:06 to 2:38, essentially what it was in 1989 before relief specialists took over the game.



Leith Dunick
SPORTS SHORTS

I also love the idea of bigger bases, starting next season. While the stolen base has fallen victim to analytics, those of you from my era can't help but remember the likes of Rickey Henderson, Tim Lincecum, Willie Wilson and

Omar Moreno (and don't forget Ron LeFlore), tearing up the early '80s basepaths.

Those guys were game-changers and

not surprisingly, all won World Series titles, with the exception of LeFlore, whose career was cut short by his off-the-field activities.

I would like to have seen the implementation of an automated strike zone, but I guess beggars can't be choosers. It's coming, it's just a matter of when.

Speaking of advanced stats, when I was at Great American Ballpark in Cincinnati, it was interesting to note the team's main stats on the big scoreboard were WOBAs (weighted on-base average) and barrel percentage.

Homeruns and RBIs were nowhere to be found.

In the smart-phone era, those stats are easily searchable on Baseball Reference and other sites, but still, they've been staples of the game for more than a century.

They at least deserve a mention.

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 36. Motor Homes

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53. GENERAL SERVICES
 #1 dump runs, trash/yard clean up: inside/outside. Tear down/remove sheds, decks, fences. Also repair sheds, fences, decks. Cut/remove small trees, trim hedges, lawn cutting + general odd jobs/services. Call Frank 628-5919.

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768-4411




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 Fax: 807-229-0879
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FREE APPETIZER
 1 FREE appetizer with the purchase of any entree

No substitute. 1 coupon per visit. Must present coupon before ordering.
 Not valid on Tuesday or Good Friday. Cannot be combined with any other offer.

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SAL	AGIB	LEAN	7	9	6	3	2	8	5	4	1
ENA	MALLE	ABLE	1	4	2	6	5	7	3	8	9
DARB	ROSET		9	8	5	1	4	2	7	3	6
	MIA	LEMEL	6	7	4	5	3	9	1	2	8
ROBOR	ANT	RACE	2	3	1	7	8	6	4	9	5
ADE	SPIORO	CICA	8	1	3	2	6	5	9	7	4
MILL	AMERICAN		4	2	7	8	9	1	6	5	3
POLAR	ADA		5	6	9	4	7	3	8	1	2
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