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Health Minister Patty Hajdu coasted to victory again in Thunder Bay-Superior North, holding the seat for the second time since first being elected in 2015. (Leith Dunick/TB Source)

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Patty Hajdu, the current health minister, was first elected in 2015 and then earned the nod again in 2019. (Leith Dunick/TB Source)

Hajdu wins again

Liberal cabinet minister makes third trip to Ottawa

By Leith Dunick

Patty Hajdu, who served as health minister throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, is headed back to the House of Commons as part of a second straight minority Liberal government.

It's her third straight win in Thunder Bay-Superior North.

Hajdu easily defeated NDP rival Chantelle Bryson, leading her by 4,067 votes early Tuesday morning, though her 40.2 per cent vote share is slightly less than the 42.85 per cent she picked up just two years ago.

Bryson, a lawyer and activist, earned 27.3 per cent of the vote, while Conservative Joshua Taylor finished third at 24.5 per cent.

Happy to win again

Hajdu said she's grateful for the support of voters in her riding, trusting her to represent them in Ottawa and potentially at the cabinet table again.

"It's just a real sense of joy. We've had a really good campaign. We felt good out there and we had great conversations with people at the door, on the phone and this is just affirmation that the region wants me to continue to represent them," said Hajdu, who previously held both the status of women and labour portfolios **TB-Superior North results Patty Hajdu** (LIB): 15,817 Chantelle Bryson (NDP): 10,750 Joshua Taylor (CON): 9,629 Rick Daines (PPC): 2,363 Amanda Moddejonge (G): 695 Alexander Vodden (LBN): 107

under Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. Hajdu acknowledged the Liberal

government will have to work with the other parties, coming up about 13 seats shy of a second majority. The Conservatives finished second, leading or elected in 121 seats, while the Bloc Ouebecois took third, with 31 seats and the NDP were fourth, with 27. The under-performing Green Party took fifth, with two seats, while the surprising People's Party of Canada was fifth, despite out-polling the Greens 5.2 per cent to 2.2 per cent.

"I think it's always worth it to have an election and the question whether or not the direction we're going in the country is the right direction that Canadians feel is the right one they want to go," Hajdu said.

"I will just say this. The situation in the House of Commons, prior to the dissolution of the last Parliament, it wasn't very functional."

Hajdu said it remains to be seen if she'll return to cabinet, noting it will be up to Trudeau to make that decision in the days and weeks to come.

Liked where she stood

Bryson, who declined a concession interview, earlier in the night said she was happy with her initial results.

"We just climbed up to 29 per cent and the liberals are dropping, so we're encouraged by that and it's certainly an improvement from the last run, so we're going to wait and see but absolutely, to all our supporters, it's been amazing out on the campaign trail, thank you so much, it's been a lovely experience."

Taylor congratulated Hajdu and promised this won't be his only run at a political seat for the Conservative Party of Canada.

"We'll be back, stronger than ever. We'll regroup and do even better next time," Taylor said.

The PPC's Rick Daines took six per cent of the vote to finish fourth, while the Green Party's Amanda Moddejonge dropped to fifth, with just 1.8 per cent of the tally.

Libertarian Alexander Vodden was a distant sixth.

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THURSDAY

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Powlowski prevails in tight race

By Doug Diaczuk

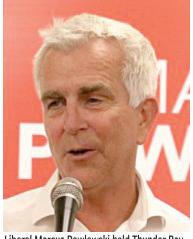
It was a tight race between three candidates in the Thunder Bay-Rainy River riding, but Liberal incumbent Marcus Powlowski will retain his seat.

With 197 of 198 polls reporting, Powlowski has 13,033 votes. Conservative Party of Canada candidate Adelina Peechia is in second with 11,266, while NDP's Yuk-Sem Won, who was leading for much of the evening and then dropped to second, ended up in third place with 10,885 votes.

People's Party of Canada candidate Alan Audut has 2,533 votes while Green Party candidate has 553 votes.

Back-and-forth

Throughout the night, the lead was held by all three major party candidates, but as more polls began to report votes, Powlowski widened his lead to more than



Liberal Marcus Powlowski held Thunder Bay-Rainy River for a second straight election. (Doug Diaczuk/TB Source)

1.200 votes.

"I think the final numbers weren't that different, a little closer than last time, but in the end

TB-Superior North results* Marcus Powloski (LIB): 13,033 Adelina Pecchia (CON): 11.266 Yuk-Sem Won (NDP): 10,885 Alan Aubut (PPC): 2.553 **Tracey MacKinnon** (GRN): 553 *197 of 198 polls reporting

I think we pulled off a fairly decent win." Powlowski said after he took a more than 1,200 vote lead late into the night and was declared the winner of the riding.

Powlowski added that it was a stressful night seeing the lead change so many times but having worked as a doctor for many years, he said he has been in similar stressful situations and has learned to try and relax and stay calm.

And while he will be returning to Ottawa to represent the people of Thunder Bay-Rainy River, Powlowski said the Liberal Party, which is projected to form another

minority government, will need to have some discussions on what it needs to change.

"I think there has to be a lot of discussions as to where we go from here," he said. "Twice in a row we came up with the same results. You would think we have to do something different to get a majority government. It's a little frustrating. I think I have done a pretty good job for my constituents."

Pecchia, a first-time candidate. had the second-most votes, and said the campaign has been a big learning curve, but a positive experience.

However, she criticized the timing of the election, saying it was opportunistic.

"People sometimes are very reluctant for change, and Trudeau is a strategist," she said. "I think he took a horrible opportunity in the middle of a pandemic and children

going back to school."

Pecchia also criticized the People's Party of Canada, which may have cost the Conservatives some votes across the country including in the Thunder Bay-Rainy River riding.

"They've run a campaign, I think, out of anger, rather than thinking things through," she said.

Tight race

NDP's Yuk-Sem Won, who also placed third in the final results during the 2019 federal election, said she received a lot of support again this time, making it a close

"The support I had across the region and in Thunder Bay this time, right from the beginning on day one, to get all the signs out and order more, speaks volumes to the amount of people who believed in me and the NDP," she



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News leadership team in place

By TB Source staff

The retirement of long-time anchor and director of news and public affairs Barry Third has led to changes inside the Dougall Media newsroom.

A trio of long-time employees are taking on new roles as a result, their goal to modernize and guide the collective television, radio, website and weekly newspaper newsrooms through the rapidly changing media landscape.

Leith Dunick, who has been with the company since 2002 as editor and publisher of Thunder Bay Source, has assumed the role of director of news, responsible for the television licences, news policy and the overall direction the company takes with its coverage.

Jonathan Wilson, formerly the assignment editor, is now the manager of Thunder Bay Television News. In his new role he will determine the day-to-day coverage for the flagship 6 p.m. TBT Newshour, the 11 p.m. show, the A.M. edition, Northwest Newsweek and all related local news content.

He'll also be instrumental in helping to develop any new television news programming.

On the anchor desk, Ryan Bonazzo steps into the shoes left behind by Third, who sat in the chair for 35 vears before retiring last month. Bonazzo has also been elevated to the management team, responsible for the oversight of the anchors on the weekday and weekend news-

"It's a big challenge, but one we've been preparing for since we first entered the world of journalism. Ionathan and I have been in the

news game for more than 25 years, while Ryan, one of the brightest minds in the business, has more than 12 years in television," Dunick said. "More importantly, we know this community and this region. We live here, we play here and we're raising families here. Bay Thunder and Northwestern Ontario matter deeply to us and we want it

the community and its people to

"Together, we plan to take a more

progressive and aggressive approach, holding the city and regional powers that be to task, while looking to be more inclusive

> and responsive to the area's rapidly changing demographics."

Wilson, a Thunder Bay native who started at TBT News in 1993 and also worked at news stations in Sault Ste. Marie and Timmins, later spent three years as a reporter at the Chronicle-Journal before returning to the TV station in 2008 when he was

named assignment editor. In that role he's maintained a keen

sense of the inner workings of Thunder Bay, which he plans to use to push the stations' coverage to new limits.

Bonazzo, familiar to Thunder Bay viewers from his half-decade of city council coverage and his role as a back-up news anchor, is ready to sink his teeth into his new role.

"It's an honour and a privilege to be invited into the homes of northwestern Ontario residents every day when they turn on TBT News. My team and I take that responsibility lightly," said Bonazzo, a Confederation College graduate.

"My goal is to continue to deliver the same high quality news coverage that our viewers have grown accustomed to over the years, while adopting new, exciting content delivery methods to appeal to an even wider audience."



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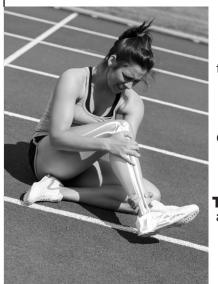
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Unecesssary election call

As much as Justin Trudeau will try to spin Monday's election as a chance to set a new mandate for the Liberal government, sending Canadians to the ballot box during a pandemic proved to be a colossal waste of time and money.

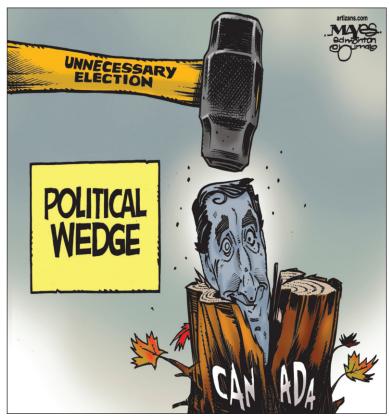
Nothing has changed.

It was little more than an exercise in ego for Trudeau, who believed the pre-election polls and decided it was time to pounce in his hunt for majority rule.

It didn't work out as planned. Parliament will look remarkably similar as it did when Trudeau asked the governor general to dissolve it, and the inability for the parties to truly work together likely won't get much better.

The good news is there is no appetite to head back to the polls anytime soon. Conservative Leader Erin O'Toole will be hard-pressed to try to force a new vote, having called out Trudeau for the \$600 million cost of the 2021 election. The NDP and Greens will need time to regroup and build up their war chests before heading into another campaign.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



who gather their troops

A lady in town has enticed neighbours at home her camp and many other groups

So a huge thank you to all and a reminder to keep contact details for me

'Cuz I'm heading to another finish line which will become vear three If you wish to be generous and

offer financial help to those in

Call 473-4882 and I will fulfil the pickup arrangements that we both agree

Roger and I began this bottle drive on May 13, 2019 and will present Volker Kromm with our second \$1,000.

Considering each beer can nets ten cents and bottles twenty we have handled approximately 13,000 items.

If you are willing to donate we will make every effort to schedule a pickup arrangement.

One small way we can make a difference for those in need.

Thanks to all past donators and any who will decide to join now.

> Barb Rickards, Thunder Bay

RFDA bottle drive To the editor:

We managed it once so I'm up again to deliver more loot

It's a monumental task but for the most part it's really a hoot

Driving miles in the city to recover large and small amounts

Then having a business or two show up just when it really

Our inaugural contributor came on right at the very start

Kris at the Neebing Roadhouse had agreed to play a huge part

So this bottle drive had begun back two full years ago

And I know if we're able we'll always continue to make it a go

Imagine our delight when a huge bounty of beer cans showed ир

The owner of a remote fishing camp donated bags from the back of his truck

It was his entire years' collection from those staying there to fish

And even though his year's vacancy rate had been down this was his wonderful wish

He saw the merit in helping us out and told us that he might even do it again

This is the mindset of many folks in this town who've donated and said they just won't be swain

We've driven to pick up small amounts but also to coordinators

Evenson channels inner Edgar Allan Poe

Brian Evenson is a 21st century Edgar Allan Poe. His short stories are very unsettling: a sentient, murderous prosthetic leg; shadowy creatures lurking behind a shimmering wall; brutal barrow men.

Of all the terrors that populate *The* Glassy Burning Floor of Hell, perhaps the most alarming are the beings who decimated the habitable Earth: humans.

Brian Evenson combines psychological and ecological horror in this new collection of tales, each thrumming with his award winning literary craftsmanship, dark humour, and thrilling suspense. Often it is not what he describes that is terrifying, but his mere suggestion of it.

Every story in this collection is of the highest quality and so it is difficult to pick some out for special attention. However, I have to mention 'The Devil's

Hand' because it starts off like a good old fashioned ghost story in the style of M.R. James or Algernon Blackwood.

'In late January Carlton received a letter from his friend Alton Smythe asking if he would care to visit. He was, Smythe wrote, away from London and alone at his estate'.

And so the scene is set – a lonely old house in the English countryside, miles from anywhere; a train journey in which Carlton meets a dark stranger; an invitation to the stranger's home; a game of cards

with terrifyingly high stakes; and an absent third player who eventually shows his hand.

Be sure to read these stories with the lights

The Bloody Chamber and Other Stories by Angela Carter should also be read with the doors locked. Carter

was a story telling sorceress, the literary godmother of many who were to follow in her footsteps,

bringing folklore to life and reimagining folk tales in innovative and disturbing new ways.

In The Bloody Chamber Carter spins subversively dark and sensual versions of familiar fairy tales and legends like Little Red Riding Hood, Bluebeard, Puss in Boots and Beauty and the Beast, giving them exhilarating new life in a style steeped in the romantic trappings of the gothic tradition. Fairy tales work on many different levels.

On the surface they can tell a simple story of a young girl's journey through the woods to visit her grandmother. On another level they can be about the submissive role of women in patriarchal societies and the predatory instincts of men.

The Bloody Chamber is a masterpiece. Even its title is ambiguous. An innocent young woman meets a dashing charmer who promises her everything she desires while concealing from her his own dark intentions.

They are soon married and he immediately departs leaving her alone in more ways than one. She has the free run of his many roomed castle and browses through the books in his library which seem to have a common morbid theme.

She can use his keys to explore any room, but one which he forbids her to enter. She does of course and her husband's terrible secret is revealed.

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TBay's a Tree City of the World

By J.R. Shermack

Special to Thunder Bay Source

The on-going care and maintenance of the urban forest of Thunder Bay is an expression of our city's vision of a green, ecofriendly environment that improves the quality of life for its citizens.

A healthy urban forest contributes to city life by providing outdoor recreational activities, promoting social interactions and generating a comfortable sense of well-being.

Better for everyone

The environmental benefits include cleaner air, reduced energy requirements for heating and cooling, improved storm water management and safe habitat for wildlife.

Urban forests raise property values and promote business and tourist opportunities - depending on the city, every dollar spent on the forest adds up to \$12.00 to the local economy.

Many communities worldwide

are actively developing their urban forests to reap the benefits and Thunder Bay is a proud member of

We were driving around town running a few errands last week when we noticed large numbers of new trees that were planted on boulevards and in city parks.

Those tell-tale water bags at the base of newly planted trees make them easy to spot among the older, long standing forest that surrounds

Avid gardeners in the city know how much planning and effort is needed to keep a few trees and shrubs in the back yard, let alone the care and maintenance of an entire urban forest.

Some of the old trees in Thunder Bay are aging and as they topple over or are blown down or become ravaged by disease, they all must be replaced.

The encouraging sight of our urban forest being renewed with young, healthy trees makes the entire community seem more vibrant, alive and growing.

The new trees are small right now

but they will soon grow into leafy canopies over city streets and provide shade along the walk ways in popular areas like Vickers Park.

This city has a well-deserved reputation for its green thumb print and its green, growing urban forest.

In 2020 Thunder Bay earned recognition and was given official designation as a Tree City of the World by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

We were one of 120 cities in 23 countries worldwide (15 in Canada) recognized for their commitment to a properly maintained and sustainably managed urban forest.

The goal of the program is to develop a network of cities around the world to share innovative and successful approaches to managing an urban forest.

Earth has been a forested planet and trees were swaying in the breeze for hundreds of millions of years before we came along.

In prehistoric times before humans took over the planet the forests of the world covered six billion hectares of land which nurtured about 6 trillion trees.



Thunder Bay met five core standards needed to be a Tree City of the World. (FILE)

Globally, in 2021, there is an estimated 3.04 trillion trees left growing on three billion hectares of

This averages out to 422 trees for

every person on the planet although 50% of the world's forests are found in the five largest countries including the second largest,

Our country is home to 30% of the world's forests - Canada grows 318 billion of the world's trees which amounts to a whopping 8,953 trees per person.

In desert countries like Egypt that number drops to one single tree per Egyptian - Canada is faced with effectively managing an embarrassing abundance of natural resources.

Have to live up to it

Thunder Bay met the five core standards for being recognized as a Tree City of the World and we have responsibilities as stewards of two forests, urban and boreal.

As for me, I am comfortable knowing that our community is nestled among the trees of the Boreal forest and inside the city a healthy urban forest is alive and

That is one of the things that makes us a Tree City of the World.

what's Happening The Bay

September 24/25

A two-day festival celebrating everything beer, there will be plenty of live music on hand too, including the likes of Cold Lake Sun, Edla, the James Velden Band The JB Band, Zack Bright and Spicy Jalapeno Boys, a Red Hot Chili Peppers tribute act. The event will be staged at Prince Arthur's Landing.

September 25

Focaccia Bread Art

Join Roots to Harvest and learn to bake focaccia bread in their new wood-fired oven, while working with natural food dyes. Organizers says they'll use the principles of design to create a balanced composition, transforming herbs and vegetables into floral elements. Advanced registration is required for the event, which starts at 11 a.m. in the Roots to Harvest Backyard Garden. A second sesson will be held on Wednesday at 1 p.m.

September 25

SIJHL hockey

Coming off a 4-2 win in their season opener against cross-town rival Thunder Bay North Stars, the Kam River Fighting Walleye will look to go 2-0 when former NHLer Dave Allison leads the Fort Frances Lakers into the NorWest Arena. Capacity at the rink is limited to 275 people. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

September 25-28

World Cultural Dance

A group of cultural dancers will lead you through the amazing music and dance of the Middle East and other countries from around the world. The event, which takes place at Marina Park, is free and takes place on Saturday through Tuesday from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. A pay-what-you-can donaton is appre-

September 26

Spaghetti supper

Dubbed pasta with a purpose, the fundraiser is being held to support the Victorian Order of Nurses Thunder Bay. Dinners are available for sit-down or take out. Sit-down tmes are 6 p.m to 8 p.m. and take out will be offered from 12 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. For tickets and reservations, phone 344-0012, ext. 240.

September 28

Becoming Canadian book

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The city's Waterfront Parkade could be on the auction block. (FILE)

Council punts parkade vote

By Ian Kaufman

A decision on whether to put Thunder Bay's two city-owned parkades has been pushed back to October, with city councillors saying they need more information to make the call.

Administration delivered a report on the feasibility of selling the parkades in July, but several councillors said Monday they were still missing crucial data.

A proposal from Coun. Aldo Ruberto to put the facilities on the market will now return to council on Oct. 18, along with supplementary information.

The parkades lost a combined \$281,500 in 2019, with the Victoriaville location accounting for more than 94 per cent of those losses, according to the July report.

The report indicated there would be little interest from the private sector, given the parkades' known history of operational deficits.

Coun. Shelby Ch'ng said she'd need far more wide-ranging information on the finances of the parkades, including how the pandemic would impact their value in the short-term.

Coun. Mark Bentz agreed.

"None of us have the information to support a divestiture tonight, let's just be honest," he said.

Senior city staff said selling the assets could raise a tangle of issues. Their presence has supported the lowering of minimum parking requirements for businesses in the downtown cores, said general manager Karen Lewis.

Manager of realty services Joel DePeuter called the parkades a "valued public asset" that justified their financial losses.

Staff have also warned selling the Victoriaville Parkade could be "complex" because the McKellar Mall is located beneath it, containing some city offices, and due to an agreement with Synergy North around rooftop solar panels.

The Thunder Bay Parking Authority formally opposed putting the parkades up for sale, with chair Chris Krumpholz telling councillors businesses in the north core in particular want to see the Waterfront Parkade stay under city ownership.

Autumn feeding frenzy

Anglers who continue fishing through the cooler days of late September and into October are often rewarded for investing the extra time on the water.

Like so many other creatures, certain fish species, like walleye, will go on a feeding frenzy before winter arrives. As water temperatures cool, these fish will feed ravenously at certain points throughout the fall season. For anglers, the ensuing action can be

some of the year's very best.

There is a popular theory that gamefish feed so aggressively in the fall to put on weight before winter begins. It makes good sense that fish would naturally want to eat more before the cold of winter slows their metabolism and decreases their activity. The ruthless aggression with which these predators attack their prey on a warm fall day is what makes autumn angling so fun.

Many anglers have found themselves, at some point or another, in the right place at the right time to

intercept gamefish gorging on minnows or some other food source on a warm autumn afternoon. These odd but exceptional days also

> happen in summer, but it is hard to deny how much more frequently the frenzy days seem to happen in the colder months of spring and fall. I have found that the "frenzy phenomenon" seems to occur most often on a warm afternoon after a spell of prolonged cold. Here a

slight warming trend, where the water temperature rises just a degree or two, seems to be a catalyst which causes fish to feed heavily for a small window of time. If you are lucky enough to be on the water when this occurs, the fishing can be incredible.

We were fortunate enough to be out last weekend when the barometer and the temperature were

rising, leading to an exceptionally warm afternoon following a nearlyfreezing cold night. The extreme change in temperatures clearly

signaled the walleye to stuff themselves and we were lucky to be there at the right time to experience some truly unbelievable fishing.

Unfortunately, a temperature swing in the other direction can throw a wet blanket on hot fishing even guicker.

So, when is the best time to go fishing? Well, if one has the flexibility to choose their day, a sudden increase in temperature during the autumn cooling trend can signal ravenous behavior in fish. However, the window of time to take advantage of this phenomenon can be short. Even if you time things right, you could have only a few epic hours of action, or perhaps half a day.

In essence, it may very well be worth paying attention to the Weather Network this autumn. Certainly, nobody would argue that the best time to go fishing is any time you can get out.

However, when conditions are most favourable, it could pay off big time if you are willing and able to drop everything and pick up a fishing rod.



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Fall colours, gathering of geese and more dirt

The fall season moves along with gathering geese, leafy colour changes, and Big Red earning more diesel fuel.

Over the past week each time I traverse our yard from Casa Jones to the barn or vice versa, I hear and then see flocks of geese getting ready for the big push south. Then, as I watch their honking progress, I observe the trees surrounding "hoosie" only to see the colours changing. "Tis the season.

The geese have been sporadically flying overhead, often not in the direction they should. I holler "Hey! You're going in the wrong direction! What's wrong with your compass?" We have a beaver pond out behind

the house and I can hear one of the geese giving a pep talk and then up they come. Usually, the lead goose is emitting short bursts probably as

e n c o u r a g e m e n t. Occasionally I hear one of the flocks following the leader respond. I never tire of seeing the geese assemble and head to their wintering ground or, for that matter, when they return in the spring.

The leaves on the trees are changing and quite rapidly. I have observed

that the black ash specimens have gone from green to yellow first as well as what few sugar maples growing in the area. In the village of South Gillies, there is one tree whose leaves have almost made the complete transition. Across from

Fred Jones

RURAL ROOTS

the end of our driveway in a lone sentinel, about twelve feet tall that is fully decked with a flaming orangeyred. I go and grab several leaves (only the best will do) to put in a wicker basket in the center of our dining table to say "See, autumn is really here!"

Next comes the poplar. Some of their leaves don orange colours while others are yellow. I've been told that there are different types of poplar that grow in this neck of the woods: quaking aspen and balsam poplar that is sometimes called 'cottonwood'. But, dang it all, my field guide didn't tell me the leaves of which tree turns which colour. Of course, the birch leaves go yellow but, as of writing, i haven't seen any birch doing a costume change as yet.

Sunday morning while seated in my chair in our living room enjoying my first mug of java, I chanced to look out the west window only to see a spectacular sight of a lone aspen, its leaves all golden and fluttering like mad due to the stiff morning wind.

The sun had just crested above the eastern horizon and bathed the western bush in a golden light. If that sight wasn't enough, the sky behind the trees was charcoal grey. What a contrast. Late August and September are the times when that sort of 'Group of Seven' picture appears. I love it.

But soon the rising sun's golden glow changed to a less intense yellow reflected off the leaves of the trees. Most of the poplar and birch still retain their green coats but I suspect that by the time you read this scribbling, a fair number of their leaves will have also undergone the colour transition.

The morning temperatures have

been doing a bit of a see-saw swing. Some mornings at 6:30 (when I get up) the thermometer reads plus 5 or 4. Goodie, I can justify lighting a fire in the fireplace. Then the cool temps give way to double digit ones. Sunday, I read plus 15 and climbing. By the afternoon the temperature at our farm read a balmy plus 26 and here we are sliding into October!

But while the season progresses, while the geese gather to head south, gardening continues with the harvesting of tomatoes, carrots, potatoes, et al. Garlic for next year is being planted.

And Big Red earning more diesel? My ancient tractor, and I have been busy fetching well-composted soil from Mt. Crumpet to pile in a huge mountain near the veggie garden much to my wife's delight.

But me and Red and soil-fetching is a tale for next time.



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Music for masses at Wake the Giant

By Leith Dunick

DJ Shub thinks music is meant to help heal the nation.

"I believe that music is medicine and this is truly what people need. They need to come together and enjoy themselves again," said Shub, a former member of A Tribe Called Red, who last Saturday afternoon found a way to jack up the tempo at the Wake the Giant Music Festival, setting the stage for a long overdue night of musical mayhem on the Thunder Bay waterfront.

More importantly, it once again showcased a culture of inclusivity slowly being fostered in the city, a welcoming event for dozens of students who have left their homes in remote, Northern communities to attend classes at Dennis Franklin Cromarty High School.



DJ SHUB

"There are not too many festivals out there that make space Indigenous people and create that space. I think what they have here is something special, creating that space

comfortable Indigenizing spaces. That's very important going forward, and in Canada especially," said Shub, a 2018 Juno nominee for Indigenous album of the year.

Growing fast

Born out of the Wake the Giant Movement, the festival first took



Wake the Giant headliner Jessie Reyez capped a (Leith Dunick, TB Source)

place two years ago, taking last year off because of restrictions put in place due to the COVID-19

The lineup featured a mix of musical genres, from the country crooning of William Prince, to the electronic beats of Loud Luxury and the semi-charmed kind of Big Shiny Tunes rock that only Third Eve Blind could provide.

The lineup, which also featured Nick Sherman, Northern Cree and Iskwe and Tom Wilson, was

topped by rising hip hop star Jessie Reyez, a regular collaborator with rapper Eminem and songwriter who has penned songs performed by Calvin Harris and Dua Lipa.

It's a new way of doing things in Thunder Bay, said festival co-organizer Sean Spenrath, the lineup clearly aimed at a youthful crowd.

"I was out there in the back of the festival grounds, setting up the glow-in-the-dark balloons and a guy approached me and said, 'Sean, you've set the precedent for what music festivals should be in Thunder Bay," Spenrath said.

"I totally believe that. I think we're throwing an absolute banger."

Welcoming

Norma Kejick, executive director of the Northern Nishnawbe Education Council, said the music festival and the workshops surrounding it go a long way to showing her students they not only belong in the Thunder Bay, but they're a part of the commu-

"They're leaving their families, their friends, their communities, for 10 months out of the year, sometimes to live with strangers, coming here to get an education. Sometimes they're in a strange place they've never been to before," Kejick told the crowd before introducing Reyez and reigniting the frenzy in the field.

"I really have to thank the staff at Dennis Franklin Cromarty. They go above and beyond for our students every day. These students here, they're like family to us. And I just want to keep encouraging the city of Thunder Bay to keep welcoming our students, look after one another and look after our students."

Organizers say they play to bring the festival back for a third year in

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As part of our ongoing efforts to regenerate and protect Ontario's forests, some recently harvested areas have been selected to be burned under the guidelines of the NDMNRF's Prescribed Burn Manual. The prescribed burn will reduce the area covered in slash piles while increasing the area available for regeneration and reducing the fire hazard. The burn is scheduled for ignition between October 20, 2021 and February 15, 2022.

The approved prescribed burn plan for slash pile burning, including specific locations and maps, is available electronically for public inspection by contacting Resolute FP Canada Inc., and on the Natural Resources Information Portal at https://nrip.mnr.gov.on.ca/s/fmponline until March 31, 2022, when the Annual Work Schedules expire.

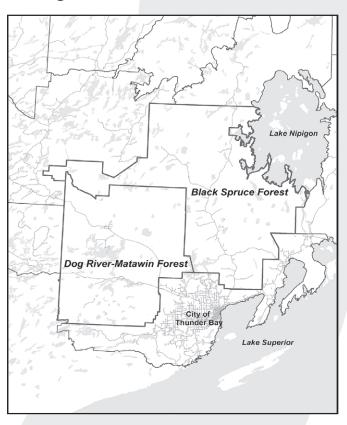
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Eight is enough

By Linda Maehans

The 2021 Group of Eight, as I've come to think of them, paint for us scenes of life-since-Covid with a gloriously bright and nuanced palette of bluegrass music. Harmonies beyond any words I could use to try describing that for you; your own ears, and your heart-strings, will tell you everything you've been waiting and longing for.

This Group of Eight lives in a blue-and-green landscape by a bay named for the strength and wonder of our storms in autumn skies. And, like storms, they create enough energy to sizzle and shine through near any setback or trouble.

They make it sound and look easy.

With Home: A Bluegrass Celebration, Magnus' first live production of their 2021-22 season, we get propelled straight into the colours of beautiful sunrises and sunsets. With this show, our days and nights certainly never seem drab or dull. And, after the bursts of excitement we are quieted as if by droplets of soft rain against a window pane, or the shimmer of moonlight-on-water. We're carried along, together, by an ebb and flow of emotions. Of memories. Private, personal; yet poignantly shared.

And, man-oh-man, some darn good chuckles. Downright belly-laughs. There's much sharp wit; even a few moments

> about which we can all grimace and groan. Yet, here's the thing. The energy of this show, its rhythms and tempos are real, genuinely honest and true.

> Guaranteed this Group of Eight will have your toes a'tappin' mere minutes after they've picked up their instruments, adjusted their microphones. Sit back, let the colour wash over you; then maybe in your imagination dance your way up to the stars and back. I promise you'll feel so inclined.



FAE ALEXANDER

Here's my Group of Eight: Jo-Ann Waytowich; Danny Johnson; Fae Alexander; Robert Balabuck; Susie Campbell; Olivia Korkola; Martin Blanchet; Dan Zadkovich.

You'll find a paintbox-of-details on each of them on Magnus' website; regretfully Covid restrictions don't allow for programs-in-hand.

Back to my Group of Eight and the instruments they so effortlessly play: mandolin; acoustic guitar; electric guitar and bass; banjo; dobro; fiddle; snare drum (with brushes); double-

Their voices, ranging some five-six octaves on a traditional upright piano belt out, or croon, soprano; first and second alto; first and second tenor; baritone; and bass. We even get an unexpected sample of falsetto, not sayin' when. By then your face will be set in a gleeful grin anyway.

Contact Magnus' box office for your seats, leave any worries you may have in the back-forty, and treat yourself to one honey-sweet hootenanny of an experience.

Directed by Thom Currie; conceived and created by Jo-Ann Waytowich; musical direction by Danny Johnson. The world premiere of Home: A Bluegrass Celebration plays from now until October 2. Yee-haw!

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I never thought I'd hear about a television show that highlighted activists who strive to make the world a better place and find myself totally disgusted.

As part of their fall TV line-up, CBS announced a new reality series called The Activist. Six people would work with famous people to "bring meaningful change to one of three vitally important world causes:

health, education, and environment." Those with the most successful campaigns would head to the G20 Summit where a winner would be named.

Is this modern-day activism?

Not so sure

It sounds like an OK idea

- in theory. However, given we're living in a time of a global pandemic, social injustice, political upheaval, and the repeal of women's rights both reproductively and in total, one has to wonder what CBS's suits were thinking.

Fiona Gardiner

Activism is not a competition. Activism is altruistic. It's about improving the world without remuneration or the need to take down others with the same goal.

Competition is the opposite. It's about

maximizing oneself such that everyone else is minimized.

Reality activist TV

Of course, money makes the world go round. Activism even requires it. But measuring and monetizing the efforts of those trying to improve that world, is degrading.

Certainly, CBS poured a lot of coin into the project with good intentions.

> However. even some Hollywood celebrities questioned spending that money on production instead of just donating it to the causes, themselves.

> The competition would then be judged by three celebrity hosts and social media. In a touch of irony, social media also blew up over CBS's choice of hosts.

Priyanka Chopra Jonas, Julianne Hough, and Usher: a Bollywood actress who has been very vocal in India's tumultuous politics (But what does politics have to do with activism, anyway?); a Dancing With the Stars judge who wore blackface for Halloween (So you know she'll be right in there judging education and social change!); and a singer.

OK, ves, Usher is hardly offensive. However, he does bring up the biggest issue: They may attach their names to various organizations, but what do the rich and famous in their rarified bubbles know about the boots-to-the-ground work of philanthropy and activism?

And then there's the social media aspect of the judging process. Where do I begin? Because if the last five years has taught us anything, it's how well social media spreads the truth and brings people together in a positive way.

Didn't make the grade

Lastly, some of the actual activists who were vetted by producers to "compete" on the show were left feeling like abject failures.

Sure, they dedicated their lives to social causes and world issues, not to mention inspiring millions and changing

But did they look pretty on camera? Did they have commercial appeal? (Apparently, CBS did not believe that the world was not ready for another Greta Thunberg character.)

Fortunately, in light of the backlash, CBS has "listened" and "re-tooled" The Activist.

It will now be one "very special night" focusing the campaigns of six individuals changing the world. Yet, I still fear for the future of tomorrow's activists.

Eastwood's Cry Macho a less-than-stellar effort

At 91 years of age, one marvels how veteran filmmaker Clint Eastwood still has the gumption to serve as star, director and producer in his movies. He just ain't slowin' down.

Lately, he's been hit-and-miss, the lustre of his Oscar wins for Million Dollar Baby and Unforgiven having faded slightly. With Cry Macho, where Mr. Eastwood is reliving vestiges of his cinematic self, one reluctantly wonders whether it's time for ol' Clint to hang up the cinematic spurs.

Set in 1980, Eastwood plays Mike Milo, a faded rodeo star and horse breeder who is enlisted by his ex-boss Howard (Dwight Yoakam) to go to Mexico and fetch back to Texas his 13-year-old son Rafael, (Eduardo Minett) whom Howard hasn't seen in years, from his estranged, unsavory-moneyed wife, Leta (Fernanda Urrejola) who is also an abusive, irresponsible mother.

Howard had helped Mike off the booze scrapheap when Milo was reeling from the death of his wife and son in a traffic accident years ago, giving him a job and financial support. Mike owes Howard.

No seniors' slight intended, couldn't Howard have found a more robust candidate than spindly, raspy-voiced Mike? (Apparently two other candidates inexplicably failed.)

Mike drives to Mexico. In no time, he's

rebuffing middle-aged Leta's inebriated advances at her mansion, conveniently finds Rafael at the neighbourhood cockfight.

Mike gets the initially reluctant Rafael on board along with Macho. The ensuing road trip enables them to bond like Krazy glue.

Dodging henchmen and cops, they hole up in a little village

where Mike promptly breaks a wild mustang, trains Rafael to ride, gives veterinary advice and wins the favour of the middle-aged, widowed restaurant owner, Marta (Natalia Traven) and her orphaned granddaughters.

How he accomplishes any of this is mystifying, especially romantically, as Mike exudes all the sex appeal of a withered

Cry Macho is cinematic folderol. The script by Nick Schenk and N. Richard Nash, offers a tenuous plot, little nuance, lame action sequences and threadbare characters.

> Inconsistencies abound. Some self-satirizing wit might've made it more palatable.

> The central issue is there are no emotional stakes for Rafael It's a mystery why he goes along with Mike, given the uncertain future posed by his parents. Mike offers only one life-lesson, that machismo is fallible, an interesting stance coming from a star who's built

a career on such a persona.

The film plays into Clint's image, where he successfully throws a punch, grabs a gun and still attracts ladies. The cinematography and soundtrack offer some compensation.

If Mr. Eastwood has one more film left in the tank, one hopes that it's far more memorable than Cry Macho.



Amazing races

By Leith Dunick

At six, Tanner Williamson hopped in a go-kart and with that, was hooked on racing.

By 13 he had graduated to stock cars and now, at 17, he's already got three feature wins under his young racing belt, including a first-place finish on Saturday in the modified stock car event at the Thunder Bay Truck Centre Dirt Track Nationals, the first official win at the newly opened Dairy Queen International Speedway.

The Fort Frances, Ont. native has been building his track credibility the past several years, and it's all coming together this summer he said, as he and his crew prepped for

Sunday's finale.

He's excited to have another speedway in the region, especially one that plans to offer racing weekly on Wednesday night next summer, up to 14 different race nights.

What a track, he said.

"It's a very beautiful track, I love every bit of it," the teenager said, admitting his racing dream would take him to the NASCAR circuit.

"The mod's been running excellent. We got third place in the heat race and went out and took the Afeature from third place. It's been a pretty successful weekend so far."

Williamson said racing's been a part of his life as long as he can remember.

"Ever since (I was a kid) I've been

coming out to the race track every weekend and feeling the engines, hearing the people around you cheering you on, the excitement, the atmosphere of the sport, it's amazing."

That's just how track co-founder Louis Nadin felt on Sunday, the roar of the race cars whipping around the speedway.

Nadin and his brother, Norm, are excited at the possibilities looming in front of them, next year and

"It's been an amazing weekend. The crowds are unbelievable, the weather's great, the pits are full of drivers - there are probably 100 drivers in the pits. It's just amazing, it's a great turnout," Nadin said.



Cole Chernosky (33) and Norm Staal take the third turn at the Thunder Bay Truck Centre Dirt Track Nationals last Sunday. (Leith Dunick, TB Source)

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