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Remembrance Day at Waverly Park was a chilly, windy and rainy celebration, but hundreds still turned out to honour the sacrifices of soldiers, sailors and airmen in war. (Leith Dunick)

Military honoured for sacrifice in war

By Leith Dunick – TB Source

As the 11 o'clock hour struck on Thursday morning in Thunder Bay, the already strong winds picked up in force.

Those gathered for the traditional Remembrance Day ceremony at Waverly Park dug in, clasped their hands over their hoods, struggling to hear the tribute to Canada's fallen, the wind driving a biting rain into their mask-covered faces.

It was almost fitting, said George Romick, master of ceremonies for the event, on behalf of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch No. 5.

"It was tough, but it was worthwhile because we're remembering all the soldiers, male and female, that paid the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom," Romick said.

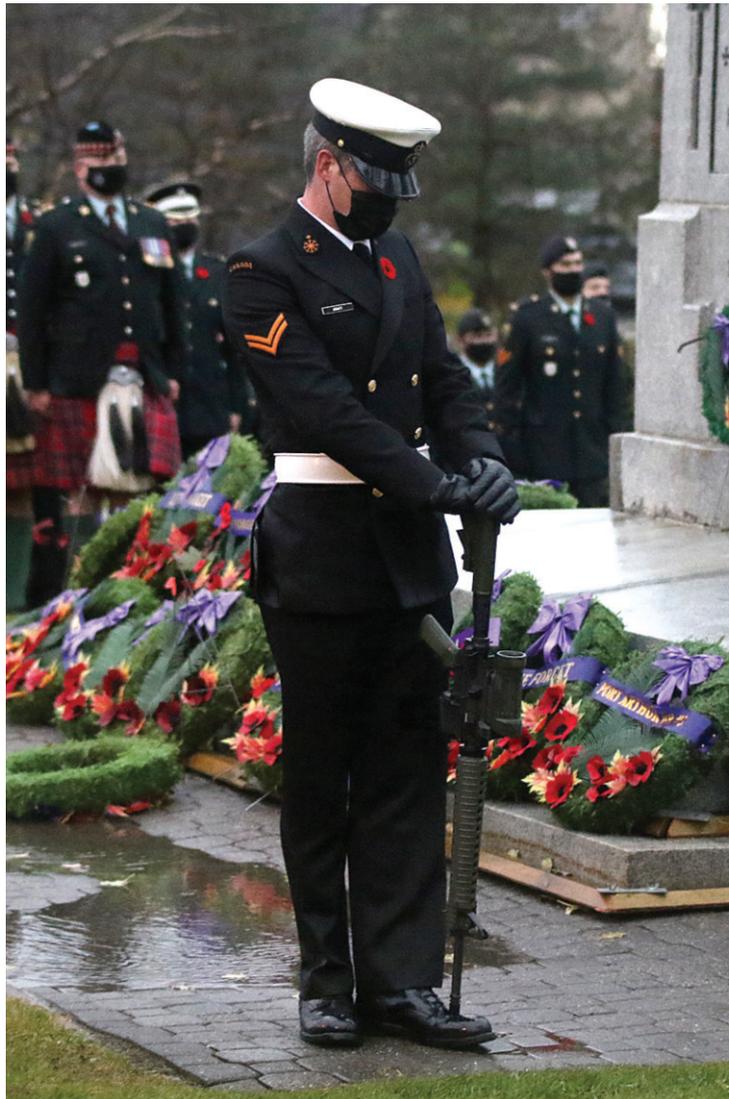
"For what the soldiers, the sailors and the airmen had to go through, this was almost like North Atlantic weather. It was brutal, but it was great to see the number of the public out here today in these very trying conditions."

Rob Cutbush, the Royal Canadian Legion Port Arthur Branch No. 5 president, said the weather was just another obstacle to overcome, in 20 months filled with them.

"With everything that's been going on for the last year-and-a-half, what else could they throw at us but a gale-forced wind," Cutbush said. "But I was very impressed to see all the people.

It caused a bit of havoc with our live feeds with all the high winds, but it was really great."

About 200 or so people showed up and braved the weather, the arrival of a storm that is expected to bring up to 70 millimetres of rain to Thunder Bay, while thundering snow throughout much of the rest of



Wind and rain weren't enough to stop the Remembrance Day ceremony. (Leith Dunick)

the region.

Romick said for the second straight year they were unable to hold the full ceremony, due mainly to COVID-19 regulations and precautions.

The traditional flyover was cancelled because of the wind and rain, while many of the wreaths were already laid by the time the ceremony began, as a way to keep the crowd size

down.

"We had to lay a lot of the wreaths in advance and a lot of them are laid up because when we put them on the stands they were blowing all over the park. But hopefully next year it will be much better weather and we'll have everybody be able to lay their wreaths in honour of their loved ones or all the soldiers killed in action."

As many as 66,000 Canadians and Newfoundlanders have died in Canada's war efforts.

"It was tough, but it was worthwhile..."
GEORGE ROMICK

THIS WEEK'S WEATHER FORECAST

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Warm Coats programs seeking \$25K

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

In the North, education takes on a much more land-based approach.

Hunting and fishing become part of the curriculum, teaching Indigenous students how to live off the land and be at one with Mother Nature.

Winter weather oftentimes gets in the way.

It's why the Mikinakoos Children's Fund has paired with Keewaytinook Internet High School to help raise \$25,000 to outfit hundreds of students attending online classes with proper winter clothing, kicked earlier this year with the Coats for Coffee fundraising event, put on by the Sweet North Bakery.

They've already raised a quarter of their goal, and hope to collect the rest by Giving Tuesday on Nov. 30.

Emily Shandruk, executive director of the Mikinakoos Children's Fund, said last year they outfitted about 200 youth in North Spirit Lake and were looking to do something similar in 2021.

They connected with Angela Batsford-Mermans, principal at KIHS, who told them about the outdoor aspect of the school's curriculum and the need for proper outdoor coats, boots, mitts and hats.

"It was kind of a no-brainer connection. The Coffee for Coats fundraiser has helped us meet a quarter of our goal, so now, for Giving Tuesday, which is the Tuesday that follows Black Friday

and Cyber Monday, our goal is to reach \$25,000 so we can fully outfit the students at KIHS," Shandruk said.

Jenna Williamson, a graduate of the program who now works as a KIHS classroom assistant, said seeing the Thunder Bay community coming together to ensure students in northern communities stay warm in winter while learning their traditional practices, is amazing.

"I feel like it's definitely needed for the community to be interactive, with not only one organization that's helping Indigenous people, but multiple organizations," Williamson said. "It's really good to see. For myself, I just remember thinking, who do I really go to here. I'm from Treaty 3, I'm from Shoal

Lake 39. So where do I go, where do I fit here?"

"I didn't really fit anywhere, so it's really good to see that other organizations and businesses are helping schools."

Erinn DeLorenzi, said she's challenging other businesses to step up and recognize the challenges students in remote communities might face.

"It also, and maybe most importantly, sends a message to these young people that their neighbours care about them and their education. We just want to encourage other businesses and individuals to do what you can to support initiatives such as this."

For more information, visit www.mikinakoos.com.



KIHS principal Angela Batsford-Mermans and former student Jenna Williamson.



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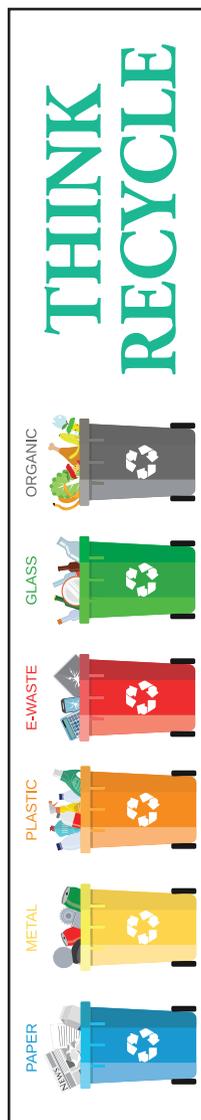
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Blues Fest on hold

Organizers of summer staple event say there's too much uncertainty

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

The Thunder Bay Blues Festival remains in a holding pattern for 2022.

The event, cancelled the past two summers, sold out in 2018 and 2019, bringing the likes of Bryan Adams, Sarah MacLachlan and Melissa Etheridge to the city's waterfront.

Bob Halvorsen, general manager at the Thunder Bay Community Auditorium, said normally they'd start booking the following year's show immediately after the current year's ended.

But because of the uncertainty still surrounding COVID-19 and the reluctance of ticket buyers to commit this far in advance, Halvorsen said the event has been put on the back burner once again.

"Much like this building, artists are reluctant to commit and we're reluctant to commit because of the ongoing pandemic and social distancing protocols and other COVID-19 protocols that may be in place, or may not be in place. We just don't know," Halvorsen said.

"We're kind of sitting back and just waiting to see, but the longer we go into the new year, the less chance that Blues Fest is going to happen for 2022."

As for 2023, Halvorsen said it's too far out to say.

He does want the annual festival to return, when the time is right.



Amanda Marshall performs at the sold-out 2019 Thunder Bay Blues Festival on the waterfront. (FILE)

"The Blues Fest has, and will continue to be, a signature event for the Auditorium," he said. "It brought a tremendous amount of talent to Thunder Bay in a very short period of time. It's one event that we loved putting on and I know people in Thunder Bay really liked it. It's something we want to bring back. It's

something that needs to come back. We just don't know if it's the right time or if it's going to happen for next year."

The 2020 event was cancelled prior to the pandemic landing Ontario, organizers citing the lack of availability of headline-worthy acts during the festival's early July window.

City being sued for \$31 million

By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

The company that owns the former Great West Lumber sawmill site that has seen two major fires in the last six years, has launched a \$31 million civil action against the city of Thunder Bay.

Great West Lumber Inc. says the city cut off the water supply to the site, leaving the structures vulnerable to fire, but the city says the water infrastructure on the property was too damaged and dysfunctional to allow for the water supply to be reactivated.

There have been two major fires at the Clavet Street site, with one occurring in June 2015 and most recently on the night of Nov. 8, 2021, which is still under inves-

tigation.

The sawmill was idled in 2007, but several pieces of machinery, chattels, and buildings remained on the site, which Great West Lumber, the plaintiff, gave an approximate value of \$25 million according to its statement of claim filed in February 2017.

While the buildings on the site did have an indoor sprinkler system, the company stopped the continuous flow of water to the sawmill in order to reduce costs, however, the on-site fire hydrants and sprinklers remained functional.

In 2010, the city became concerned that the decision to terminate the water service could result in backflow issues and compromise the city's water quality,

so a contingency plan was developed between Great West Lumber, the city, and Thunder Bay Fire Rescue.

The plan would see continuous access of the water supply to the on-site hydrants ceasing but valves on Clavet Street would allow for the immediate resumption of water flow.

"Sometime after the parties established this plan, the city unilaterally blocked water access to the above-mentioned valves, entirely unbeknownst to the plaintiff and the TBFR," the statement of claim reads. "This decision left the sawmill extremely vulnerable to fire damage."

A fire broke out at the site on the evening of June 17, 2015. The cause remains unknown.



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EDITORIAL

Clean it up

The city could find itself in hot water, facing a \$31-million lawsuit from the owner of the former Great West Timber property on the Thunder Bay waterfront.

The suit accuses the city of shutting off emergency water supply to the property, which has experienced two major fires in the past six years.

Regardless of what happens with the lawsuit, it's time to clean the property up.

The owners must be held to task. It's not only an eyesore on what could be a very valuable price of property, but it's also proving dangerous and costly for the City of Thunder Bay.

Let's face it, the property will never be a working mill again.

It's time for senior levels of government to come in and help cover the costs of cleaning up the site, if the owner refused to do so.

Give them a deadline, and if they don't act, seize the property.

It could then be rezoned, if needed, and parcelled out to help cover the city's share, redeveloped and used to generate more tax revenue and a better quality of life for those who live here and visit here. If not, it will remain an eyesore for all time.



The Odyssey Homer's classic ancient tale

The Odyssey by Homer is a double treat. First it is an epic story beautifully told. And second we have one of the best translations of this classic work by T.E. Lawrence, who was himself a gifted author.

Homer's *Odyssey* is the ancient Greek tale of Odysseus and his eventful voyage home after the Trojan War.

The hero and his crew escape a man eating Cyclops and, having angered the sea god Poseidon, are then beset by storms and blown to an island where a witch transforms the sailors into pigs.

With his fleet destroyed, Odysseus is held captive for seven years by the nymph Calypso, who offers him

immortality if he will stay with her. But the desire to return to his loving wife, Penelope, is too strong and Odysseus determines to reach his home oat Ithaca.

While he is away his home has been besieged by challengers to his throne. They hope that he is dead so that they can marry Penelope and take on his wealth and power.

They eat their way through his sheep and cattle and drink his fine wines while wooing the beautiful Penelope. She stalls them by saying that she is weaving a shroud for her

dead husband and will not accept proposals until that task is complete. But each night she undoes her work so that she must start it again the next day.

Her son Telemachus goes in search of his father and some of the suitors plan to kill him on his return.

But he is under the protection of Athene, the daughter of Zeus, who guides Odysseus home so that he can enact his terrible

revenge. His many adventures are the subject of this famous prose trans-

lation by T.E. Lawrence (Lawrence of Arabia), which was the first to be aimed at a general leadership.

Lawrence rose to fame as the British leader of the Arab Revolt against the Turks in the Great War.

He pioneered guerilla warfare using small mobile groups of nomadic Bedouin to strike against the conventional Turkish forces. He wrote an account of his exploits in *Seven Pillars of Wisdom* which matches the beauty of Homer's poetry.

After the war he reduced himself to the ranks and served as a private in the tank corps and as an aircraftman in the fledgling Royal Air Force. It was while he was based

at RAF Cranwell, and serving as T.E. Shaw, that he translated *The Odyssey*.

He wanted it to be a translation that all could understand and so, in the evening, after he and his fellow hut mates had spent a day working on the aircraft, he would read his work to them.

Imagine that, an Oxford educated ex-major of the British Army sharing his translation with ordinary working class men, many of whom had never read a book before, let alone the works of Homer.

Lawrence described *The Odyssey* as 'nearly word perfect as midnight and pumice can effect. Crafty, exquisite, gay, fine and vivid.'



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Hall of fame inducts new toys

Playthings come and go, but some are transcendent

By JR Shermack -
For TB Source

The benefits of childhood play are well known and playing with toys is the domain of happy, well-adjusted children.

As a kid I often played with the contents of a toy box I shared with my brothers and sisters and neighborhood friends.

We didn't have the latest and fanciest toys but our eclectic collection included some famous classics such as wooden alphabet blocks, an etch-a-sketch and a slinky.

They were shared among siblings and played with until they were worn out, broken or until we got older and lost interest in our childhood treasures.

I had no idea we were playing

with some of the oldest, most universally beloved toys in the world, toys that have inspired creative play for generations.

Some are still widely recognized for their longevity and strong play value and a few have achieved legendary status for their sustained popularity.

In a special ceremony earlier this month three toys were inducted into the National Toy Hall of Fame in Rochester, N.Y.

The first classic plaything chosen for 2021 is American Girl Dolls, an educational and historical toy created to help girls express their individuality and build confidence.

The second selection is the game of Risk, a war and strategy board game of worldwide conquest that I often played with friends as a teenager and young adult.

We imagined ourselves as conquerors but the pursuit of world domination often led to arguments and hard feelings among playmates.

But the final inductee intrigues

me the most - this is the toy I played with the most and the Hall of Fame curator calls it, "a vehicle for play since pre-history".

I think the most impressive toy of the three is the timeless universal plaything for generations of kids everywhere - sand, the one substance every child can get their hands on.

Children recognize sand for what it is and use it accordingly to scoop, pour, sieve, rake, shovel and measure and when it is wet, they creatively engineer, construct, shape and sculpt.

The hours spent hanging out in the sandbox provides unique opportunities for tactical, physical, cooperative, creative and independent play.

I can proudly say that I have actively played with two of the three toy inductees, one as recently as last week with a toddler and their slightly older brother.

We were in the garden where they reminded me how to play in the sand - Maria Montessori calls

sand, "one substance that the modern child is allowed to handle quite freely".

The original list of Toy Hall of Fame inductees (1998-99) includes Crayola crayons, Frisbee, teddy bears, roller skates, View-master, Lego, Hula-hoop and yo-yo.

Once again I claim bragging rights - I played with these elite selections and I feel that in some way I may have contributed to their on-going success.

Kids playing in the sandbox discover things that only boundless play can reveal - I am one of many kids who played and still play in the sand since prehistoric times.

I am also one of the lucky kids who played with other influential toys like bubbles, Etch-a-Sketch and, believe it or not, the 2005 inductee, the cardboard box.

Our childhood was rich with simple hall-of-fame toys like the stick (2008), possibly the world's oldest toy, marbles (1998), dating back to ancient Egypt and paper airplanes (2017), origin unknown.



American Doll Girls have been inducted into the Toy Hall of Fame.

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November 20 One Stop and Shop

Find a little something for everyone at the Heritage Building. Rock It Chocolate will be featuring its holiday gift packages for delicious gift giving and parties this holiday season. Free entry, the door open at 8 a.m. and close at 1:30 p.m.

November 20 Flames of War Nationals

Gamers are descending on the GameShelf for the Thunder Bay Flames of War playgroup's participation in the Canadian National Flames of War Tournament. Entry is \$20, with Swiss pairing used. Rounds are 2.5 hours and only three rounds will be played on Day 1. It's a 105-point, Late War event using Version 4 of the rules.

November 20 Painting Mandala Stones

Anyone looking for a little more Zen in their lives may be interested in the meditative practice of painting mandala stones that can be used to decorate their home or garden. Drop by the North McIntyre Recreation Centre at 1 p.m. for a two-hour class in painting techniques. The cost is \$45 for members and \$50 for non-members. Proof of vaccination and ID is

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November 20 Anniversary Ceilidh

Morgan's School of Highland Dancing invites past and present dancers, families and friends to their 40th anniversary reunion Ceilidh at the Moose Hall from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

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A beginner bike mechanic work-shop is being put on by Community spokes to help riders learn how to keep their bikes operational and on the road. Learn how to replace a tire or a tube, clean your chain, fix squeaky brakes, adjust your seat height and angle and change your pedals. Bring your won bikes or work on topic issues, or stay afterward to work on other issues. Cost is \$20. Email kelsey@ecosuperior.org or phone 624-2144. Limited space

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Winter's arrived

I took the dogs for a walk along our trails. It was Friday evening. I figured that I had an hour before dark. I wanted to see how many trees the gale-force winds of the previous day had toppled.

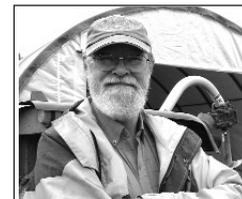
That was quite the storm that began Wednesday night and reached full throttle Thursday. In anticipation of the storm warnings, we had brought in the horses to their stalls Wednesday night.

Our horses are no longer young with the herd boss being almost thirty. They remained all the next day and night safe, dry, and warm.

I had quite the Augean job to do Friday morning after I kicked them back outside.

Friday was snowy off and on. It was early evening when I heaved my body out of my comfy chair and declared to the pooches that we had to go "walkies" and inspect the trails, or at least some of them, for any wind-toppled trees..

The first tree I saw to have succumbed to the winds was a large but very dead poplar that I had my eyes on to possibly become firewood. Now I didn't have to fell it; the wind had done it for me.



Fred Jones
RURAL ROOTS

All I had to do was buck it up, cart it back to casa Jones, and split. But that would be later on my 'to-do' list. Dogs and I continued on.

Because the sky was still cloudy and getting darker as the evening crept in, I didn't do an extensive trail inspection. Amazingly, I didn't find as many storm-tossed trees as I expected. Easy fix with chainsaw. Mostly I saw small bits of branches that had been whipped off larger ones. I would have to do a more thorough tromp to see how many 'victims' of the storm had to be removed by a chainsaw.

The walk was magic. Pooches and I threaded our way through a winter wonderland. All of the balsam and spruce trees, all of the tag alder and other branches were covered in fresh, heavy, wet snow. I had to stop to just look and listen although with my lousy hearing I didn't hear much. Saturday afternoon pooches and I trod the same path through the bush but this time there was sun peeking from behind clouds and in some spots streaming through the branches of the trees. The snow-laden spruce and balsam were beginning to shed their white coats. But where the sunlight shone directly on smaller branches of bushes, diamonds sparkled with the occasional rainbow-coloured prism.

Sunday was overcast again and after barn chores, I fired up the gas-powered splitter and split all of the wood I'd collected over the past week - more balsam, spruce, and poplar although in many of the poplar pieces the quality of the wood was very suspect, verging on rotten. Too bad.

Last week I ventured the question about the final weekend for gardening. Yup. Last weekend was it, thanks to Ol' Man Winter.

Guess it is time for the winter tires.

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Lappe opens up for skiing

Last Saturday morning, my children and I piled our Nordic gear in the back of the truck and headed out for a ski.

Admittedly, it felt odd as the temperature was above zero and there was not a single snowflake to be seen anywhere as we drove through Thunder Bay.

Turning off Hwy 102 and up Dog Lake Road, a small amount of the white stuff was suddenly visible along the sides of the road.

With each kilometre we travelled north, the amount of snow increased and by the time we reached the community of Lappe at Kam Current Road, we were excited to see the amount of snow that had accumulated.

Lappe is a tiny rural area in Gorham Township, northwest of Thunder Bay. With an adequate buffering distance from Lake Superior and an elevation 240 metres higher than Thunder Bay, it routinely

receives significant amounts of snow that provide good skiing for at least half the year, from November through April.

The Lappe Ski Centre has become synonymous with community, and its world-class trail system regularly hosts events like the Canadian National Championships and World Junior/U23 Trials, as well as an annual Ontario Cup race weekend. In 1975, Reijo Puiras started cutting the trail network that we now enjoy.

An Olympian who skied at the world championships and won nine Canadian nationals medals in his career, Puiras would be proud to see his "Lappe standard" of hospitality, trail maintenance and grooming live on.

Recent improvements at Lappe include well-marked beginner and intermediate loops, cut-offs to bypass the biggest hills, and an



Skiing conditions at Lappe Ski Centre this past weekend were fantastic for mid-November.

expanded 7-kilometre lit-loop for night skiing. The trails are groomed double-wide so beginners are not crowded by more experienced skiers and the Lappe Nordic Ski Club offers programming for everyone from three-year-old bunnies, to a race team, to adults just learning to ski. New is an ambassador program that will pair newcomers with experienced

skiers for guided tours of the trails.

As the pandemic drags on, Lappe Ski Centre continues to follow the guide-

lines set out by the Thunder Bay District Health Unit and Cross Country Ontario to ensure that all members, athletes and families stay safe while getting to enjoy fresh air and exercise in a beautiful outdoor landscape.

Wearing a mask will once again allow us access to the chalet's washrooms, lockers and wax rooms.

Proof of vaccination will give us further access to change rooms, saunas and showers, as well as the upstairs kitchen area where they serve up traditional Finnish pancakes and homemade soups.

After our first ski of the season, we got back in the truck and watched the beautiful white landscape turn brown as we travelled south.

Knowing we are always 20 minutes away from the winter wonderland kept us smiling all the way home, and we made plans to return the next day.



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cent certainty.For the family and friends of foodies,
home cooks and aspiring chefs it can be
doubly intense and costly to grab the
wrong gift. Here's a few ideas to possibly
help make it a little bit easier.Every person who fancies themselves a
cook, needs good knives. A well-
balanced knife makes the action of
cutting easier and prevents the knife
from slipping off your finger or hand.A stable knife will have equal weight
between the handle and the blade, this is
exceptionally significant with the knives
you use the most, your chef's
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balancing when creating a
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that have been around the
longest most popular of
which being Victorinox,
Henckles or Wustof.A lot of trendy brands and
styles have popped up in recent years,
Ceramic or Damascus steel blades being
the most prevalent.

A good set of knives is always a welcome present.

These types are not appropriate for
chefs outside of a professional setting.Moreover, these can be very
pricey in the long run, but if
you want to keep up with the
Joneses, you have at er.When it comes to grilling,
everyone wants to infuse
flavours and smoke into their
meats, but not everyone has
the time or money to invest
in a high end smoker or pellet
grill.The alternative more and
more people are finding is
adding a stainless steel smoker box with
wood chips or pellets in it, to help add
fruit wood or hickory accents to their

meats.

Many different companies are now
making such a box, including most gas
grill manufacturers like Weber or Broil
King. Available locally at reputable
dealers such as Mayer Hardware.Everyone has a memory of a parent in
the kitchen in an apron, some lucky
people may even have haunting child-
hood memories or their dad in an apron
with an objectionable phrase on it that
doesn't really fly in 2021.No one wants to be that dad with the
lame apron these days, many people are
switching to the stylish and trendy
heavier leather or canvas aprons.There are many local makers who are
working with leather, denim and canvas
these days, and proper measurements
you can get the full customized apron.Alternatively, if a clothing or an apron
isn't your jam, you can also explore
knife/tool rolls, these can be made from
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will last a lifetime. They can also be
stitched with a custom phrase or name
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TBCA signs on with Ticketmaster

By Gary Rinne - TB Source

For the first time in nearly two years, the Thunder Bay Community Auditorium will welcome performers to its stage starting in January 2022.

Tickets are on sale for about half a dozen events between January and May, using a new online-only ticketing service.

The Thunder Bay Symphony Orchestra gave the last live performance at the auditorium on Mar. 12, 2020, before COVID-19 shut things down everywhere.

In an interview Monday, general manager Bob Halvorsen recalled three sold-out shows were scheduled to follow the symphony.

"Simon and Garfunkel was on the Friday night. We were in the building here at 11 o'clock in the morning, thinking everything was

going to be fine. The health unit called, and everything went for a crap, to be blunt," he said.

Halvorsen said that judging from early ticket sales, it may take some time for attendance to ramp up when shows resume in the New Year.

"Tickets are slow ... I'm going to say in all honesty that things are not what they were pre-pandemic. It's a lot different, for the time being anyway."

He noted COVID-19 remains top of mind for many people not necessarily because of what's happening in Thunder Bay, but because of worries about what's going on elsewhere.

"This pandemic is still burning. It may not be in Thunder Bay, but it's in Sudbury. It may not be in Canada but it's coming back in Europe...The older you are, the more you might

be thinking about that." Halvorsen said there's also ongoing uncertainty over what COVID-19 protocols might still be required in 2022.

"Masking is still in place, but then you hear the premier saying that by March everything is going to be fine, and it's going to be out the window. Double-vaccination is another thing that's on us right now. We have to check for that. But then you hear the premier saying that by March, that's all gone too."

Ticket-purchasers will notice that the TBCA has a new ticketing partner - Ticketmaster.

Halvorsen said the five-year contract with the previous provider expired last year, coincidental with the onset of the pandemic.

"We decided in the course of the negotiations that we would try



Alice Cooper at the Auditorium in 2018 (FILE)

something new. So that's why we ended up with Ticketmaster." He said the former service provider

wanted to increase its prices substantially, and had been unable to offer ticketing directly to customers' smartphones.

Ironically, Halvorsen said, contactless tickets are now the way to go.

"It just turned out we were ahead of the curve on this a little bit."

He said the service charges customers pay through Ticketmaster are exactly the same as they paid through the previous provider.

"It's just a matter of the division of where the money goes. Some of it goes to Ticketmaster, and we get to keep some."

"So our revenue from handling charges has gone down a little bit, but to offset that our capital and operating costs have dramatically decreased."

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The French Dispatch is the latest Wes Anderson film, telling a number of disjointed tales from the fictional Ennui-sur-Blase, France.

Anderson's mixed bag

Spot-the-star novelty doesn't make up for The French Dispatch's flaws

The French Dispatch (SilverCity) is the latest entry by idiosyncratic director/writer Wes Anderson. Anderson's movies are fanciful, stylized Rube Goldberg contrivances populated by antic characters behaving in a clock-work wind-up-toy universe, conducting bits of business in service to absurdist plots.

Anderson mounts his stories within intricately composed tableaux crammed with little details and sight gags, presented in deadpan, rapid fire fashion punctuating the nonsensical tone.

Here, the *French Dispatch* in question is a supplement to the *Liberty Kansas Evening Sun*, oddly based in the fictional French town of Ennui-sur-Blasé, run by eccentric American editor-in-chief, Arthur Howitzer Jr. (Bill Murray) who has a quirky way of handling his writers.

The story begins with Howitzer's passing in 1975. His will stipulates that the publication be shut down with all employees getting properly compensated.

As the editorial team begins working on his obituary for a goodbye issue, a few select stories included in the tribute are

brought to life in flashback, representing thematic sections of the publication.

These include a cyclist reporter (Owen Wilson) who gives a knockabout cultural tour of the town, an imprisoned murderous artist (Benicio Del Turro) finds a bidder for his works in a fellow prisoner (Adrian Brody) under the gaze of his prison guard and model (Léa Seydoux); an impassioned student (Timothée Chalamet) gets involved with

a journalist (Frances McDormand) and real-life uprisings in the 1960s; and food columnist Roebuck Wright (Geoffrey Wright) recounts to a TV host (Liev Schreiber) a notorious French kidnapping case foiled by the police department's in-house chef (Stephen Park).

Other than Del Toro's comically unsavory character few others resonate in the subsequent tales, overshadowed by the antic action.

In making his film a tribute to *The New Yorker* magazine, Anderson seems to have overlooked vital character development.

Anderson's films (*The Grand Budapest Hotel* et al) generally involve a main story and character arc linked with

various subplots, all making sense and resonating in the director's goofily endearing universe.

Here, the tales are unrelated to each other, with no common thread save brief appearances by Howitzer. One looks to Murray's character to be our muse. Alas, there's no emotional centre, no connective tissue.

One admires Anderson's vision and stylistic virtuosity.

Sequences are staged meticulously, the camera sliding laterally from one adjoining scene to another, the characters intricately grouped together like a painting, embellished by camera zooms and animation.

Cameos include Edward Norton, Tilda Swinton, Bob Balaban, Henry Winkler, Christoph Waltz, Saoirse Ronan, and Willem Dafoe.

However, the "spot-the-star" novelty adds nothing to the proceedings.

Some get to shine while most are seen so briefly with little distinction that their presence is actually a distraction. Elizabeth Moss simply seems happy to be part of the in-crowd in an Anderson flick, while having little to do as a Dispatch staffer.

The French Dispatch dazzles stylistically but its heart and soul are sadly wanting.

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Marty Mascarín
MOVIE TALK

Westgate swimmer heads south

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Isabel Harri has her eyes set on the Olympic Games.

The Westgate Collegiate and Vocational Institute senior swimmer has already been to one Olympic trials, when she was in Grade 9, and is hoping to get the invite this time around too, with only a couple of years to go before the 2024 Games in Paris.

First she's got Eastern Michigan University in her sights.

The 17-year-old on Monday signed her letter of intent to join the Eagles program and is already noticing a difference in the way she's being asked to train.

"They have many different coaches and lifting programs, because we don't lift here, because we don't really have the facility for

that," Harri said. "They have a lifting program for me to start doing weights, gaining weight and muscle for the pool.

"They have a nutrition coach who helps with meal plans to keep yourself fit. They have a breast stroke specialist that we don't have here. We have one coach, but they have multiple coaches to help you with what you need now."

Monday was an exciting day, the start of the next chapter of her swimming career.

"It means a lot to me. It's been my dream, ever since I was younger, to go away for swimming, especially to the States. So getting this opportunity, with such a great team and coach, it's amazing for me to keep going forward with it and see what the next chapter brings me," Harri said.

The youngster, who swims the 100-metre and 200-metre breast stroke, as well as 200- and 400-metre individual medleys, said the Olympics would be her ultimate goal.

"My hopes are just to keep moving forward, keep improving and keep getting best times, winning some things at the conference," said Harri, a long-time member of the Thunderbolts program, who practices about 19 hours a week.

"I put a lot of effort into swimming. I'm very passionate about it. I've always been."

Harri is ranked No. 13 all-time in Ontario and No. 38 all-time in Canada for short-course 100-metre breaststroke. Eastern Michigan is located in Ypsilanti, Mich., just west of Detroit, and is a member of the Mid-American Conference.



Isabel Harri will swim for Eastern Michigan University next fall. (Leith Dunick/TB Source)

Locals sports are ramping up

It's so great to have local sports back going full throttle these days.

Last week I was at Major League of Curling on Wednesday night, Lakehead hockey on Thursday night and Thunderwolves basketball on Friday and Saturday night.

Until two weekends ago, there was also high school football to keep me occupied a couple of nights a week.

And of course, there's also the Superior International Junior Hockey League and the Kam River Fighting Walleye, on an eight-game winning streak, and the Thunder Bay North Stars to try to fit in.

Sadly, I won't be able to be at the high school girls basketball and boys volleyball final on Friday night. I'm also going to miss this weekend's Thunderwolves hockey games, the 2-4-0 club playing its final games before my birthday - in February.

Crowds have been sparse, no more than 1,500, a far cry from the 3,700 that would show up back in the team's heyday. Still a great atmosphere in the old barn.

Where will I be? I decided it was time to take the four-year-old to Halifax to see his grandmother, just Dad and Nolan heading off to the east coast.

Was kind of hoping the Halifax Mooseheads might be in action when I was home, but alas, they're on the road.

Peggys Cove and a trip to Citadel Hill will have to suffice. Oh, and Grandma too!



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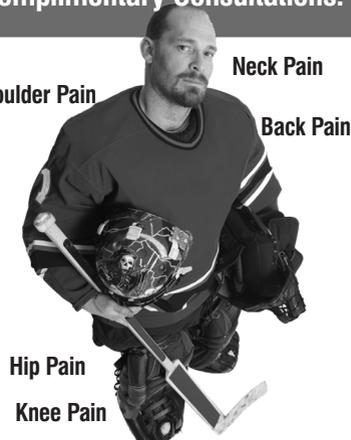
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Wolves fade after break

By Leith Dunick – TB Source

After one quarter, the Lakehead Thunderwolves found themselves in a 14-point hole on Saturday night.

They battled back to take the lead before halftime, but couldn't sustain the momentum following the break and dropped their third straight decision, falling 79-64 to the visiting Brock Badgers, the No. 5-ranked team in the nation.

"We just have to focus on being disciplined and playing good, high-level basketball for 40 minutes, instead of just little stretches," said third-year-guard Alston Harris, who wound up with 14 points in the game, second only to teammate Michael Okafor's 17 on the Lakehead scoring chart.

"We felt like we could have gotten both these games, if not at least one. So yeah, we've just got to raise our level of intensity."

Coach Ryan Thomson also talked to his troops about shot selection.

Lakehead fired up 69 shots in the game, but only managed to hit 24 of them, including just five of 26 from beyond the arch.

Harris said that's something they'll work on this week before the 1-3 Thunderwolves venture south to take on the Laurier Golden Hawks this weekend.

"It starts in practice. We're going to work on getting better shots and knowing where our shots are coming from. We'll get it together," Harris said.

It's a big thing, Thomson said.

"Just understanding kind of when and where we're trying to get our shots from. In transition, I think we missed the weak side a fair bit tonight. Some of our shooters that are out there to basically catch and shoot and make shots aren't getting the level of uncontested shot that they should, so we end up taking more difficult ones later in the shot clock," Thomson said.

The Badgers could do no wrong in the opening quarter, hitting 12 of 20 shots to take a 27-13 lead after 10 minutes.

It was the mirror opposite in the second quarter, Lakehead charging back from 16 points down to take a one-point lead at the half. Eric Gonzalez helped key the comeback, hitting a pair of big treys before Harris took over scoring seven quick points.

Okafor punctuated the rally with a thunderous two-handed dunk, but LU couldn't keep it going in the third.

Brock took the lead four different times in the period, jumping in front for good on a Daniel Cayer put-back, the Badgers controlling the glass all night long, out-rebounding Lakehead 48-34.

Thunderwolves guard Laoui Msambya cut the Brock lead to seven early in the fourth, a steal leading to a basket, but Cayer, who scored a game-high 19, completed a three-point play at the foul line and made another bucket in quick succession to stretch the Badgers lead to 11.



Michael Okafor found himself in foul trouble on both nights as the Thunderwolves were swept by Brock. (Leith Dunick)



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 61. Employment Wanted
 62. Students For Hire

ANNOUNCEMENTS
 63. Coming Events
 64. Craft & Flea Markets
 65. Happy Ads
 66. Cards of Thanks
 67. In Memoriam
 68. Death/Funerals

22. BARGAIN CORNER
 "No One Is Outside The Circle Of LOVE." -S.Frederick-Gray distribution card -10/\$5.00 +postage. Telephone 807-625-5355.

23. MISC. FOR SALE
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30. MISC. WANTED

WANTED
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31. CARS
 2005 Toyota Corolla S AS IS 224 000 km \$1000 Silver / Grey In good shape. One owner. Bought new in 2004 Needs Work To be Safetied Runs Well Good First Car Buyer assumes all needed to get car safetied Contact 807 621-0122 Text or Call Ask Any Question

53. GENERAL SERVICES
 #1 YARD CLEAN UP, LEAF RAKING, Dump runs. Snow blowing small drive-ways - Phone Brian 474-8870 or 767-9849

Lawn Cutting and Odd Jobs, with low rates! For more info call James 623-8829

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53. GENERAL SERVICES
 #1-A Junk pickup; Clean ups; inside outside; tear down sheds, fences, decks, also do repairs on them, cut remove small trees, hedge trimming, seasonal lawn cutting, handyman services. Frank 628-5919

54. HOME IMPROVEMENTS
 DRYWALL & PLASTER REPAIRS If you have walls or ceilings damaged by pin hole plumbing leaks, we are former housing authority contractors with many years of experience repairing plaster and drywall for very reasonable prices. Call or text Pensioned Painters 626-6926.

61. EMPLOYMENT WANTED
 PENSIONED PAINTERS looking to stay active. Very reasonable rates. Neat, fast working, former housing authority professional painters. Also drywall repairs & small renovations. Call or Text 626-6926

63. LEGAL SERVICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS

In the Estate of LEO LIDIO DE VUONO

All Persons having claims against the Estate of Leo Lidio DeVuono, late of Thunder Bay, ON, deceased, who died on or about January 17, 2021, are hereby notified to send particulars of the same to the undersigned on or before November 26, 2021, after which date the estate will be distributed, with regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice and the undersigned will not then be liable to any person of whose claims they shall not then have notice.

Dated at Thunder Bay, Ontario on the 25th day of October, 2021.

ERICKSONS LLP
ATTN RYAN VENN
 Barristers and Solicitors
 291 South Court Street
 Thunder Bay, ON P7B 2Y1



68. DEATH/FUNERALS



A Gift In Remembrance
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768-4411



ANSWERS TO THIS WEEK'S PUZZLES

F	B	I	P	A	C	A	A	A
T	A	L	C	O	K	A	A	N
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6	9	5	3	7	4	1	8	2
7	2	4	8	1	9	5	6	3
3	8	1	5	6	2	4	7	9
9	4	6	7	2	5	8	3	1
2	1	3	6	9	8	7	5	4
8	5	7	1	4	3	9	2	6
4	7	9	2	8	6	3	1	5
1	3	2	9	5	7	6	4	8
5	6	8	4	3	1	2	9	7

PREVIOUS SOLUTION:
 "Nothing astonishes men so much as common sense and plain dealing."
 — Ralph Waldo Emerson

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THINK RECYCLE

69. HERE'S MY CARD

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 Darryll won \$1,000

Nov. 12 Winner Moe Trystruha,
 Ticket number 1103.
 Moe Trystruha won \$1,000

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