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LOCAL NEWS

School-bus changes could save \$500K

THUNDER BAY
By Gary Rinne - TB Source

Lakehead-area school boards will save as much as half-a-million dollars in transportation costs in the coming school year by using fewer buses and making other adjustments in the busing system.

The changes follow a review prompted by increasing transportation costs in the face of budgetary constraints, and the realization that many students who were eligible for busing were getting to school in other ways.

Student Transportation Services of Thunder Bay, the consortium that oversees busing for the three boards, has determined it can serve the needs of students with seven fewer buses than the 186 vehicles it used last year.

"We're estimating the savings to come in somewhere between \$400,000 and \$500,000," said STSTB manager Craig Murphy in an interview Monday.

With only one-third of the seats being occupied on some buses last year, officials decided they could

remove an average of three buses from service to each of the six Thunder Bay high schools.

Some of these buses, Murphy told Thunder Bay Source, are being redeployed to elementary schools that require additional service.

"We looked at areas that were underserved that could use additional buses in order to hopefully have some shorter ride times as well as alleviate some buses that were particularly full," he said.

Other changes include the addition of more group bus stops, greater use of school loading zones as pickup and drop-off locations, and restricting dead-end streets on bus routes.

Murphy said parents and students of the Lakehead District Public School Board, the Thunder Bay Catholic District School Board, and Conseil scolaire de district catholique des Aurores boreales have been notified about the changes.

Details can be found online via the Parent Portal link on the STSTB website.

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TURFED: Field issues at Chapples Park forced the Thunder Bay Chill to play at Fort William Stadium for several seasons.

Chapples plan OKed

CITY HALL
By Matt Vis - TB Source

The former home pitch of the Thunder Bay Chill will be reconstructed this fall, though the field won't be ready for use until 2020.

Thunder Bay city council on Monday night approved going forward with the Chapples Park stadium field renewal, voting to award the \$1.1 million contract for the project.

The scope of the project starts with the stripping and removing the existing playing surface and soil. Below ground, it then includes the installation of a granular base and drainage system and a sand-based soil mixture with a high percolation rate, with an automated irrigation system connected to the Chapples Golf Course system.

The field itself would feature a new natural grass surface.

Cory Halvorsen, the city's manager of parks and open spaces, said the construction of the pitch is expected to be completed this fall, which would be followed by seeding of the field. The grass would be grown during the 2019 season, meaning the surface would not be playable until 2020.

The project is meant to solve longstanding issues that have hindered the site's playability, Halvorsen said.

"The project substantially improves the drainage in the

area and it does include the associated amenities required for the field," Halvorsen said.

City administration had originally been planning to build two new artificial turf fields in the Chapples Park area but their initial requests for proposals came back over budget.

After the installation of new artificial turf surfaces at St. Patrick and St. Ignatius high schools, the local soccer community instead pushed for a premier natural grass field.

The Thunder Bay Chill's Premier Development League squad had played home games out of Chapples Park for nearly a decade, but recurring drainage issues in 2013 and 2014 forced the team to split its schedule between Chapples and Fort William Stadium. To end the uncertainty of whether their field would be playable, the team has made Fort William Stadium its home base since 2015.

Coun. Paul Pugh, a noted soccer fan who is a regular attendee at Chill matches, was in favour of the sport getting support from city council.

"It's been one of my frustrations that the largest participation sport in Thunder Bay, in Canada or in the world has so been so woefully provided for in Thunder Bay so I look forward to this going forward," Pugh said.

Halvorsen said city administration has consulted with the sport's stakeholders, who are in favour of how the project will be completed and did not express opposition to the timelines.

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TASTY TREAT: Graham Renner (left) of Dawson Trail Craft Brewery, hands out samples last week.

Cheers for beers

Annual BrewHa Festival a resounding success

THUNDER BAY
By Michael Charlebois - TB Source

The weather co-operated and brought wonderful conditions to an enhanced beer experience at the fourth annual Brew Ha festival.

Fifteen breweries, more than 100 types of beer and ciders, and over 5,000 people. That's the recipe for what organizer Jon Hendel considers a marquee beer event. "There's no better setting for a festival," Hendel said during the afternoon session at Marina Park.

The breweries - who range in headquarters from Kenora to Ottawa - seem to agree.

"There's always a great crowd here and a lot of beer lovers, that's why it's always a permanent fixture," Kevin Oliver who represented the Ottawa-based Beau's.

"We only go two of these festivals a year, and BrewHa! is one of them," North Bay's New Ontario brewmaster Mike Harrison said last Friday. "Thunder Bay is a great city, and much like North Bay it's built around its waterfront. We plan on putting BrewHa! For our permanent calendar."

booth called the BrewHa select reserve - a curated selection of beers that are special seasonal one-offs, and are very hard to find here.

"It's very fancy," Hendel said. Timmy Tennant and his nephew Daniel Pedulla were first-timers at BrewHa in 2018. Tennant praised the practicality of the festival.

"It gives you the opportunity to try different beer that you'd never buy at the store because you'd have to get a full one," he said. "This way you can sample and pick the ones you like the best."

The event gives Thunder Bay - and specifically the downtown core - a good name.

"We plan on putting BrewHa! on our permanent calendar."
MIKE MORRISON

Draws traffic

"I think it makes the downtown core more vibrant. Anything we bring down here is a benefit to the city, and shows how we can make use of our venues."

"We partner with a whole bunch of people in the waterfront district, so you find samples and head up the street to find those beers on tap at local restaurants," Hendel explained, saying that

BrewHa's impact goes further than the event itself.

Gettnig bigger

The 15 breweries at the festival all offered unique ales, stouts, lagers, sours, and ciders for any consumer. This year organizers made an effort to encompass more drinks.

"We have lots of different opportunities here," Hendel said. We have a craft vodka mixed with grape soda. We have real flavours like grapefruit or mint... we have a coffee beverage for non-alcoholic people, there's a lot of choices all throughout the BrewHa layout.

Also new to this year's event was a new

"We've been told by so many people in the Waterfront district that say it's their biggest weekend of the year."

Ottawa's Beau's Lager has been making a name for its brewery at BrewHa for a number of years.

"A lot of people don't know about Beau's here, so they're definitely surprised by some of our beers."

Beau's offers a blonde ale named Tom Green's Summer Stout which offers all the flavour of a stout beer in a blonde ale.

"A lot of 'Wow's' or 'What is this?,' the best part is to see the reaction," Oliver said.

MICHAEL CHARLEBOIS

LOCAL NEWS

Council moves to collect hotel tax

First step is turning tourism department over to the CEDC

CITY HALL
By Matt Vis - TB Source

City council has started to build the foundation for how funds collected through the new hotel tax will be distributed.

Thunder Bay city council on Monday night approved designating Tourism Thunder Bay as the designated entity that will receive 50 per cent of the municipal accommodation tax revenue. Provincial legislation that granted municipalities the ability to charge the tax required half of the amount collected to go to a tourism-related non-profit organization.

In order for city tourism to be eligible to receive the funds, council had to sign

off on transferring responsibility for the department to the Thunder Bay Community Economic Development Commission.

"The CEDC and the industry would work together to establish the governance structure and the rules in which the funding is used," said Karen Lewis, the city's director of corporate strategic services. "That funding would go to the entity and they would determine the use of those funds."

Plenty of possibilities

The report to council identified sport and corporate event bid support and hosting, financial capital investments in large-scale community tourism infrastructure, cultural event development and financial support for new product development as examples of possible ways that money could be allocated.

Coun. Rebecca Johnson was concerned that money could replace the tourism department's annual budget.

"I don't want to see the tourism budget decrease because they have another source of income," Johnson said.

City manager Norm Gale responded that administration does not intend for that to happen, explaining the tax revenue should not negatively impact tourism's operating funding.

Doug Murray, the chief executive officer of the CEDC, said there is a fit for the tourism department within his organization.

"There's a whole pile of tourist related businesses that we've started up in the last six to eight months," Murray said.

"How many more could we start up, working with (tourism manager Paul Pepe) and that group? What other opportunities, what are the things that are missing as we go forward and looking at our portfolio of destination product marketing?"

The remaining 50 per cent of the revenue collected would be directed to a

new reserve fund, which will be created with the mandate of financing city infrastructure projects that promote tourism and provide benefit to residents and visitors.

Starts in September

The four per cent tax, which was approved by council earlier this year, will come into effect at the beginning of September for all short-term accommodation stays of under 30 days. Lakehead University, which rents out its dormitories during the summer months, is exempt, though administration said they are engaged in discussion about the university voluntarily collecting the tax for those stays.

The municipal accommodation tax is projected to generate \$2 million annually.

The city last year had a hotel occupancy rate of 73.2 per cent, with a 90 per cent rate in July and August that was the third-highest in the country.



A FIT: CEDC CEO Doug Murray sees ties with the city's tourism department.

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EDITORIAL

Ford's weed plan works

Cannabis is headed to the private sector.

It was inevitable, really.

Premier Doug Ford made it clear during the election campaign that he wasn't really in favour of legalized pot being sold through government stores.

However, it's not a move that should be made overnight.

Under the previous rules, legal marijuana was going to be available in one location in Thunder Bay, which was well and good for those living within easy access of the Ontario Cannabis Store.

The plan did little to make the drug more accessible (legally) to those living outside the city limits, or those who might not easily be able to travel to the store.

It was a flawed system to begin with.

Allowing more locations to sell legal weed, as is expected, simply makes it more available to those who want to legally have a toke.

Ford should strongly consider doing the same in the alcohol sector. Walk into just about any Wal-Mart south of the border and you'll find an aisle full of vodka, whiskey and rum, alongside a large selection of beer.

Beer in grocery stores in Ontario has clearly been a success.

As long as age-restriction rules are fully enforced, and the province does routine inspections to ensure they are, selling cannabis and alcohol in the private sector is win-win for all.

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Buses are important

To the editor:

There are a lot of other ways to save money.

Eliminate early returns for Catholic high school exams.

Eliminate early dismissal for community service hours for the Catholic side.

There's a lot of wasted money.

You may be eliminating a few buses, but more students will have longer rides, because a parent or caregiver isn't at the group stop, and will have to either wait for someone to come or return to the school.

Sarah Potter,
Thunder Bay
Via Facebook

Limit school bus use

To the editor:

I think the only ones that need a school bus are country kids or the little ones, until Grade 3.

If you are in walking distance get those feet moving. If you are on transit route, teach them to use the bus – even if they have to walk a block after the bus ride.

As to monitors on the bus, report these mischief-makers to the principal and to parents. Parents need to discipline as well as the school.

When I grew up, unless your legs were broken, you walked and if you got in trouble at school you were in trouble at home.

I often think we need to back the train up at rearing our children. Kids need to know the consequence and the parents need to be on same page.

Brenda Hodgins,
Thunder Bay
Via Facebook

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Accessibility fund has impact

Accessibility means a number of things, depending on how you look at it: on a large scale it means ensuring safe transportation and reliable Internet service, and on another scale it means making sure that our buildings and services are accessible to everyone, including seniors and those with disabilities and mobility needs. Removing these types of barriers will help Northerners to fully participate in our communities throughout the region.

Having the necessary tools to succeed is paramount to finding meaningful, quality employment. In order to help those looking for work, the government created a new Accessible Technology Development program. The program is part of the Government of Canada's Innovation and Skills Plan, which

encourages participation in the digital economy, and will provide the necessary tools, access and skills to participate such as screen readers, alternative keyboards, and braille displays.

The Enabling Accessibility Fund (EAF) helps communities and workplaces with construction and renovation costs to improve physical accessibility and safety of Canadians with disabilities. Locally, since 2015, we have had more than \$415,000 in investments for 11 EAF projects here in the riding. Red Lake, Dryden, Vermilion Bay, Pickle Lake, Kenora, Wabauskang First Nation and Naotkamegwaning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation have all received grants for projects to improve accessibility in their communities through the program.

To help with day to day tasks, we've ensured

that those who receive door-to-door home delivery from Canada Post continue to receive their mail at the door as well as providing accessibility services for those who have difficulty with community mailboxes. We have also improved the Canadian Revenue Agency's (CRA) online services to speed up the sign-up process, and restored the Disability Advisory Committee to ensure that everyone receives the benefits they are entitled to.

We've made significant progress, but we know there is more work to be done. Federal Accessibility Legislation will help eliminate barriers and deliver quality opportunities to all Canadians and Northerners living with disabilities. Continuing to focus on how to make Canada more accessible will open new doors for those living with disabilities. Great things happen when all Canadians can participate in their communities and it's the right thing to do.

Bob Nault is the Liberal MP for Kenora.



BOB NAULT
FROM THE HILL

Perspective

Kids giving haircuts

Pop-up salon has been a hit around the world for 12 years

OPINION

By J.R. Shermack
Special to TB Source

I've been getting my hair cut by the same stylist for years now and I always get it done exactly the same way.

It sounds boring, but it works for me – I'm scruffy going in, but I look and feel pretty good when I walk out.

I have resisted all suggestions that I change my hair style, even those by my stylist, preferring instead to rely on my classic good looks.

However, I recently heard of a new type of hair salon with a young, innovative staff and if they ever set up shop here, I would be very tempted.

For all clients of this salon, haircuts are free and the styles reflect the skill, imagination and whimsy of the staff.

This is the brain child of Darren O'Donnell, a performance director and founder of his own theatre company, Mammalian Diving Reflex.

One of his most successful creations, Haircuts by Children, has been performed internationally in 41 cities over the past 12 years.

Here's how his performance piece works.

In selected cities (Copenhagen, Tokyo, Calgary, for example) the producers create a pop-up Haircuts by Children salon for a couple days.

It is often performed at festivals and local arts celebrations.

The salon invites willing clients to book an appointment for a free cut or a dye job or anything they feel daring enough to try.

The fully functioning, full-service facility offers all the services you would expect when you drop in for a new do or a make-over.

This is when the performance artists takes charge – the salon is completely staffed by 10-year-old children who run the business and style your hair.

The young stylists each receive six hours of basic haircut training which makes them quite self-confident although not particularly skilled.

Any willing adult can take a seat and get a free hair styling – all that's needed is a little courage and a good self-image.

Colored sprays are available for clients or young stylists who are reluctant to chop hair, but still want creative and fashionable results.

Over its 12-year run Haircuts by Children has created styles that range from amazing to ridiculous to professional salon quality.

The performance is whimsical and somewhat daring for those involved but Mr. O'Donnell is motivated by more than just artistic goals.

He describes Haircuts by Children as "a performance about imaginative haircuts, power and trust".

His vision involves working with children in performance art as a step

towards a very different relationship with young people in our world.

Kids engage with their surroundings in a fresh, unhindered way - there are things they know about the world that adults have long forgotten.

Young children are driven by playful impulses and unlimited possibilities and have very little capacity for boredom or inactivity.

This performance is viewed from different perspectives - by the young stylists, those getting the haircuts and those seeing it as performance art.

The experience gives stylists and clients a chance to cross the inter-generational divide and explore the relationship between kids and adults.

They are put in an awkward situation to explore an already interesting relationship (stylist and client) in an unpredictable setting.

Those many performances are the inspiration for Mr. O'Donnell's latest book, *Haircuts by Children and Other Evidence for a New Social Contract*.

Would you let a 10-year-old cut your hair?

I wouldn't let some kids near me with a wax crayon, let alone sharp barber scissors around my ear lobes.

Others I've met, I would trust with my life (my lobes too) - I guess I could say the same thing about most of the adults I know too.

"Any willing adult can take a seat and get a free hair styling..."

COMICS AT COUNCIL



SEEKING HELP: Representatives of ThunderCon, including a Porg, BB-8 and Spiderman, asked city council on Monday for financial assistance to help out the annual pop-culture event.

A look back in history:

PA Customs

Seen in this picture the customs building is decorated for the arrival of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth in 1939. Constructed in 1915 as the Customs House and Examining Warehouse, this building provided new quarters for the customs department. In 1955 the Port Arthur Customs building became the *News Chronicle* and was eventually demolished in 1983.



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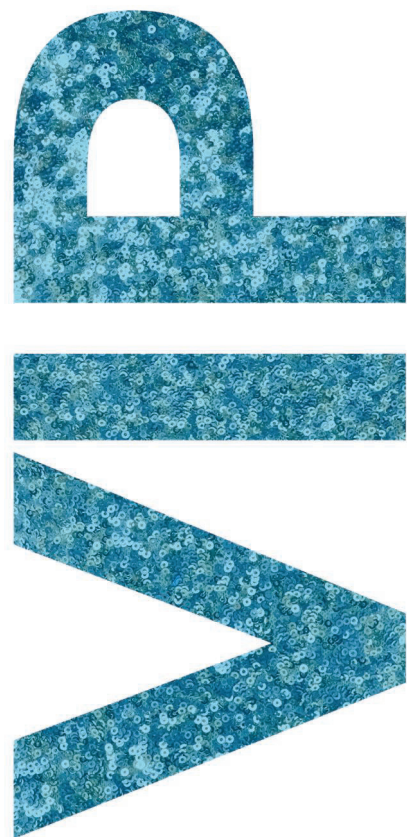
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LOCAL NEWS

IN BRIEF

Bargaining back in PAHC dispute

Unifor, the union representing approximately 60 striking employees of the Port Arthur Health Centre, says it has received confirmation that the two parties will return to the bargaining table.

According to a statement issued by the union Monday afternoon, the board of directors at the clinic has agreed to resume negotiations on Tuesday.

"We are looking forward to sitting down to engage in a constructive dialogue and hope to reach an agreement that meets the needs of both parties and puts an end to a labour dispute that is entering its 19th week," said Jerry Dias, national president of Unifor.

The workers, who include medical secretaries, aides, billing clerks and administrative staff, went on strike on April 9, and subsequently voted down the clinic's final offer.

The last negotiations were conducted in March.

After a court injunction established limits on picketing, Unifor scaled back its presence at the clinic entrances and exits on Monday, allowing doctors and patients access to the premises.

Ramped-up picketing, the installation of a fence, and a power outage caused by vandalism had led to the closure of the clinic for three days last week.

Suspect charged

A third person has been arrested in conjunction with an armed robbery last month at a south-side convenience store.

Police, in a release issued on Monday, say a 24-year-old male was taken into custody just before 11 p.m. on Saturday. He was charged with robbery using a firearm and remanded into custody.

A 22-year-old man and a 23-year-old woman were previously arrested and charged with robbery using a firearm following the July 14 incident

Shots investigated

Thunder Bay Police are holding the scene at a Windsor Street housing complex after reports of shots fired early Monday morning.

In a release, police say the incident was alleged to have occurred just after 1 a.m., adding no injuries occurred.

Police said the suspects were believed to be three black males wearing hoodies and said their remains the possibility the incident is tied to crime involved with drug trafficking.

The scene is presently being held by police, who were spotted using metal detec-

tors to sweep the property in search of evidence.

"The motive for this incident is unclear at this time" said police spokeswoman Julie Tilbury.

Assault leads to arrest

A 22-year-old woman is in custody after a man was stabbed early Sunday morning.

Thunder Bay Police Service officers were dispatched to a Picton Avenue residence on Sunday just before 2 a.m. responding to a weapons call.

Police say officers arrived to find an 18-year-old male inside the residence who had been stabbed.

The suspect was arrested at the scene and escorted to the police station.

She was charged with assault with a weapon and was remanded into custody.

Two in custody

An 18-year-old woman was taken to hospital after an alleged assault Sunday night at the Canadian Lakehead Exhibition.

City police, in a release issued on Monday morning, say a 21-year-old female and an 18-year-old female, both of whom knew the victim, were arrested and taken into custody.

The two women face charges of assault causing bodily harm, while the 21-year-old faces an additional charge of breach of probation.

The suspects appeared in court on Monday.

Tractor catches fire

Thunder Bay Fire Rescue crews were quick to respond Sunday to reports of a tractor on fire inside a rural garage.

Firefighters arrived on scene at a Hazelwood Drive residence just after 11 a.m. to find smoke pouring from the garage and quickly doused the small blaze.

There is no word on any injuries from or the cause of the incident.

Mischief alleged

City police have launched an investigation into a mischief incident at the Port Arthur Clinic.

According to police, officers located an insecure door Friday morning around 5:40 a.m. and notice that the electrical box had been tampered with causing a loss of power to the clinic.

Damage was located to the exterior of the building.

LOCAL NEWS

Overdose-prevention clinic paused by PC government

THUNDER BAY
By Gary Rinne - TB Source

The Ontario government has put a hold on its endorsement of a temporary overdose-prevention site proposed for the Norwest Community Health Centre.

As recently as July 27, officials at Norwest had said the facility would open "sometime soon," since it had already received provincial approval.

However, Health Minister Christine Elliott says the Thunder Bay location, as well as sites proposed for Toronto and St. Catharines, are being frozen while the government conducts a review of harm-reduction practices and determines if

overdose-prevention sites "have merit."

In response to Ontario's province-wide emergency response to the opioid crisis, Health Canada had announced last December that it would allow temporary sites to run for six months in areas where there was an urgent public health need.

The facility at Norwest Community Health Centre's location on Simpson Street was to be designed to service 50 clients each day.

Norwest had indicated that it also intended to apply for federal permission to operate a full-time supervised injection site.

In an interview Monday afternoon, CEO Juanita Lawson called Elliott's announcement "disheartening."

Lawson said "we know many individuals in the community need this service."

She said she hopes the pause ordered by the government will be short, and that it gets the information it needs from experts in order to allow the overdose-prevention site to open.

Cynthia Olsen, the City of Thunder Bay's drug strategy co-ordinator, echoed Lawson's reaction, saying she was saddened.

Olsen said there is strong and robust evidence supporting the need for supervised injection sites.

Noting that three people die from overdoses every day in Ontario, she said she hopes the government's review is done expeditiously.

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FLAMING HOT LESSON: Samantha Bradley (left) and Patty Hajdu light a flame at Science North summer camp at Vance Chapman Public School.

MICHAEL CHARLEBOIS

MPs visit science camp

Patty Hajdu and Don Rusnak spend day at Vance Chapman School

EDUCATION

By Michael Charlebois - TB Source

Local politicians got a glimpse of a special type of science camp on Thursday. Liberal MPs Patty Hajdu of Thunder Bay-Superior North and Don Rusnak of Thunder Bay-Rainy River visited with youth at Vance Chapman School to see how kids were enjoying summer camp.

"We are not school. Science has to be fun. Science has to be engaging," said staff scientist Sean Murray.

Science North is an educational resource that has spent eight years in Thunder Bay. This summer it hosted 340 children during nine weeks of camp, an all-time high according to Murray.

"Yes!" a group of four children exclaimed when asked if they preferred the learning experience at Science North

compared to regular camp.

"It's fun because we get to eat what we learn," said Samantha Bradley who attended the "seed to feed" section which teaches students about the science of food.

"Over the last few years in partnership with the federal government, they've been able to expand their reach and their footprint," Hajdu said.

"We're really grateful to the work that Science North is doing, to make sure that young people across the region have access to, and exposure to science."

The camps don't just reach the children of Thunder Bay. Thirty-six Northern communities encompassing roughly 3,200 children have taken part in a Science

North camp this year.

"What community wouldn't want these programs?" Rusnak asked. We've been working with staff to fund the programs into the communities and I think that's great."

Children from ages 4-13 got the chance to take on various tasks on Tuesday, such as building a dirt diagram with Oreos, dissecting owl pellets, and making their own layers of the ocean.

"We do things in an informal way," Murray said.

"It's curriculum-relevant, it's anything they'd learn in school, but we make it fun to do so. We get hands-on, we get their hands dirty. Kids have fun, and if they learn some science too, that's a bonus."

"We are not school. Science has to be fun. Science has to be engaging."

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Bees, toads and mowing the grass



FRED JONES
RURAL ROOTS

jungle, a cornucopia of lush vegetation. We've also had a lot of heat. It seems to me that Ma Nature has served up a sauna of wet heat this year, all of which has created excellent conditions for intense growth. The lawns are no exception.

So, if I leave off cutting the grass for more than four days, the flowering plants like clover, trefoil, and dandelions creep back and the pollinators return.

I was comparing notes with my son, Doug, who has a summer job wherein he spends a lot of time cutting grass either with a riding lawn mower or weed whacking. He told me that he, too, tries to avoid slicing bees. But since he has many lawns to mow in the large, rural township in which he works, sometimes time is of the essence and he hasn't the luxury of pausing each time he spots a bee on a dandelion in the path of his mower. He says that he tries to 'shoo' them away.

Then there are the toads.

We have, again, compared notes and observed that there are three sizes of the hopping things. Occasionally Doug has seen a large toad lurking in the grass as he passes by with the

mower. The medium-sized hoppers are more frequently seen though not as much as with the pollinators when Doug does his mowing rounds.

But lately both he and I have discovered a tiny species of toad – little orange-brown critters that can move very fast in their darting. Each night when we turf the horses from their stalls after the temperature has cooled sufficiently and the light has diminished for the worst of the biting bugs to disappear, we have discovered one of two of these tiny toads in the barn.

And each time either daughter Beth or Doug find them, they carefully carry them outside into the grass that has enough dew for the toads to remain hydrated. At least, that is the theory they have told me as to why they are doing this deed.

After we have mucked the horse stalls, one of us (me or Doug) must then take the heaping cart out to Mt. Crummet to dump the stall leavings. I usually wait until the next morning when there is sufficient daylight to see what the heck I'm doing.

For the past couple of days, I've seen several of these tiny toads hopping over the surface of the

wood-shavings-manure surface trying to avoid me and my boots.

Now, in addition to the bees, I must watch out for toads when mowing the lawns. The little guys are even harder to see than the bees. They are very fast and seem to blend in. The last time I mowed, I saw several sudden flashes of orange-brown leaping out of the way. Whew!

The mowing of the lawns has, for me, become a bit of a meditation on patience, a

commodity I often lack. Hopefully, Casa Jones can be a toad and pollinator sanctuary rather than a bee-toad killing zone. After all, the bees help pollinate the flowers; the toads do their part in staying the supply of nasty mosquitoes.

Perhaps I should take along a book while mowing for all those times I decide to wait for the bees to move off the cluster of dandelions and/or trefoil and/or clover. No hurrray and I can catch up on my reading.

It took longer than usual to mow the lawns. Every time I spotted a bee on the trefoil or clover in the path of the mower, I stopped. And waited until the pollinator buzzed to a neighbouring bud no longer in the way of the mower; then I could continue.

In the past, I have not paid attention to what was on the ground; I just continued along the rows of uncut grass until the job was completed. How many bees had I sent to bee heaven? No idea. Perhaps in previous summers I was more vigilant in keeping the grass down; perhaps there is something different about conditions for the growing of grass and all of the assorted plants that grow with it.

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Woman drops 155 pounds

HEALTH
By Michael Charlebois – TB Source

Three years ago, when Joyce Webb stepped on the scale, she was well over 300 pounds. Her weight had become such an issue that her doctor suggested surgery. Now, Webb is weighing in at roughly 170 pounds, and is among weight-loss royalty thanks to a program that has acknowledged her as the weight loss queen of Ontario.

Webb gained the majority of her weight in her late 20s and struggled with it for decades. She fluctuated between programs, continuously losing and gaining back weight.

“I wasn’t feeling good. I couldn’t walk very far. Pains in my legs, and always out of breath.”

Once her doctor told her weight loss surgery may be required to help her health, she said, “something had to be done.”

That’s when Webb decided to join TOPS, which is a non-profit organization that helps people lose weight over a long



WEIGHT SHED: Joyce Webb has a new look.

term.

Webb began journaling, exercising, and eating healthier as a part of the program.

She went for short walks, used a stepper, and a recumbent bike as a means of exercise.

“At first it was difficult,” she said. “I’d been heavy for so long and I didn’t know how much my body was going to react to losing steadily.”

In three years, she lost 155 pounds. “I still have my treats,” she continued. “My pizza, my burgers. But they’re not for a snack. That’s a meal. I had to stick to that.”

Eventually, the benefits to her health made the choice to lose weight an easy one.

“Going to a regular clothing store and going to the smaller sizes, it’s just awesome. Being able to walk without stopping... my legs aren’t sore, I’m breathing well. I can do anything.”

She’s also been acknowledged as the female runner-up of the international competition, signifying that she’s lost the second-most weight among TOPS members in the United States and Canada. “I really amazed myself.”

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GIVING BACK: Derval Clarke, a local dentist and owner of Sovereign Dental, recently visited Wunnumin Lake First Nation to provide free dental care for the people in the community.

Dentist heads to Ontario's North

THUNDER BAY
By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

Derval Clarke has been practicing dentistry for more than five years, and while he prides himself on helping make people smile a little brighter, he can't help but smile himself when he is helping those who may not have regular access to dental care.

"Man, it's awesome," he said. "It's almost selfish. It's the best dentistry I ever performed, period. I have been doing humanitarian trips every year for the last five years. It's awesome work. I provide the services I am able to provide at no charge. We don't ask for anything in return. It's an opportunity to show love and support to a community that may be in need."

Clarke recently returned from Wunnumin Lake First Nation, where he and Dr. Martesia Marshall spent four days providing free dental work to the people in the community.

The trip was a partnership between Wasaya Airways and Nipigon Rotary, who provided transportation and supplies.

During their four days in the community of approximately 500 people, Clarke said he and Marshall saw more than 30 children and adults and provided services including cleanings, fillings, extractions, and whatever else people required.

According to Clarke, remote communities do have access to dental care. Dentists often fly into these communities, but it is not as

consistent as the need may require.

"A dentist will fly into these communities every couple of months or so," Clarke said. "So between those visits, there may be people who have issues that need to be dealt with and may not be able to wait until the next dentist is available."

Which is why Clarke wants to visit these communities, because if someone is in pain or needs dental work, waiting that long can be very uncomfortable.

"It's not logistically possible to place a dentist in a community of 500 people," he said. "However, that doesn't mean there isn't a need. If I have a toothache, I don't care where I am, I need my toothache fixed. Living in a remote community doesn't allow that luxury."

This is not the first time Clarke has made trips to communities in need. He spent a year in Nunavut where he visited remote communities, and for the last five years, he has travelled to his homeland of Jamaica to provide dental services.

Clarke said he is planning to make future trips to remote northern communities to provide care. He added that when he arrived in Wunnumin Lake First Nation, there was a little confusion as to why he was there and why he was volunteering his time and expertise.

"That was particularly why I wanted to go," he said. "I don't necessarily need to be paid to provide help all the time. This was an opportunity just to show some love to a community in need and it felt good. It felt really good."

"It's not logistically possible to place dentists in a community of 500 people."
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HIGH-FLYING FUN: Lines were long for rides like the G-Force, during last week's Canadian Lakehead Exhibition, which celebrated its 128th year in 2018.

CLE a summer tradition

THUNDER BAY
By Leith Dunick – TB Source

Kyle Stewart says there was no way he was missing the Canadian Lakehead Exhibition's annual fair.

Not a chance, the 14-year-old said last Sunday, hours before the lights were set to dim on the midway for another year.

"It's just so fun. There are so many rides to go on and so many people here. I just have a good time coming here," he said, adding the high-flying zipper was his favourite attraction at the five-day event, which kicked off on Wednesday.

"You do so many back flips and it's one of the rides that I'm OK on."

His buddy, David Letourneau, said the CLE is an annual tradition.

"Me and my friends have been planning this for a good few months. It's like a yearly thing we do every year. It's just cool," the 14-

year-old said.

"The rides are just fun, the food's good, it's pretty cool for everyone."

Like Kyle, David's favourite ride is the Zipper.

"You spin like 20 times," he said, tossing in a shout-out to the hundreds of workers and volunteers who helped put on the 128th edition of the CLE fair.

Twelve-year-old Maddox Holmes agreed the rides were the best part of the fair, in particular the Pirate Ship.

"You're just swinging from one side to another," he said. "It just makes it more fun to go fast."

David Iwanyszyn said he wanted to come to the CLE to have some summer fun. While there were plenty of games and food to go around, the rides were what convinced him to join his friends this weekend on the CLE grounds.

His favourite was the G-Force, a ride that

sees users strapped and spun in vertical circles for several minutes.

"It's really fun. You stand up and it goes round and round," the youngster said.

This year's fair was once again the place to be for the past few days in Thunder Bay, with about 55,000 people expected to pass through the turnstiles by the time the event came to a close.

CLE chair Basil Lychowyd said the annual fair has long been an attraction that's drawn people in from around the region.

"We have people coming in from out of town – Atikokan, Nipigon, Marathon, Sioux Lookout. They come here as well. It's drawing toward the end of the year, the fall and the kids want to get their (fun in) before school and they come here and have a good time," Lychowyd told TBTV News.

This year's fair closed out with a performance by Canadian music legends Prism and a fireworks spectacular.

IN THE bay

Reboots rule TV's fall schedule lineup

Everything old is becoming new again. This fall, there will be more "reboots" of old shows for fans to enjoy. Reactions have ranged from excitement to horror, anger to mild dismay.

One of my personal favourites, *Murphy Brown*, is returning with a nearly completely original cast. Phil the bartender and Eldin the painter will be absent due to the actors' deaths. But everyone else is now 30 years older, making this *The Golden Girls* of CNN. And while a news staff of senior citizens may have some cheering, it could get "old" fast.

Buffy fans were momentarily elated at the thought of *The Vampire Slayer's* return until it was revealed that the original cast would not. Of course, you might remember there were slayers discovering their powers all around the world as the series ended. So why go back to the old crew?



Others in the works include *Magnum P.I.*, *Frasier*, and *Alf*. *Charlie's Angels* may return (yet again) with new angels since the originals are either dead or in their '70s. And *Party of Five* is coming to Freeform without Scott Wolf or Neve Campbell. But in the most truly political twist, instead of being dead, the parents have been deported to Mexico.

However, the re-boot that's caused the greatest upset is *Charmed* – a

drama about a trio of sisters who are witches fighting evil. And ironically, the ire is not from the fans, but from its former star.

Holly Marie Combs starred as the middle sister and was incensed that it was being re-written without the original cast. She claims that it implies they are too old to play the roles now.

Well, Holly, the show was about young women maturing and discovering who they are with these powers. You're nearly 45. Grow up already.

She also claims that the new writers are "capitalizing on (the previous team's) hard work." Yes, Holly, they are, as you capitalized on every female actress who came before you.

Combs was also offended that the marketing campaign calls the re-boot "fierce, funny, feminist" – as though the original series was not. That's like claiming that "Black Lives Matter" is suggesting that white lives don't.

Promoting the positive in one thing doesn't automatically imply the negative in another.

Most of all, while fans will always associate Combs with the show, *Charmed* does not actually belong to her. As she's admitted, she was just part of a team. Should the writers, editors, directors, costumers, lighting technicians, and make-up artists also be insulted that they weren't re-hired for the new version too?

The point of the re-boot is to approach a story or concept in a different way, at a different time, or in a different place. Some might even say that *Charmed* was a younger re-boot of *Bewitched*.

Hollywood loves re-interpreting something old. That's why there have been seven different 007's and dozens of adaptations of *Romeo and Juliet*.

And *Charmed* was good. But it was no Shakespeare.



OLD IS NEW: Candace Bergen is bringing back *Murphy Brown* this fall.

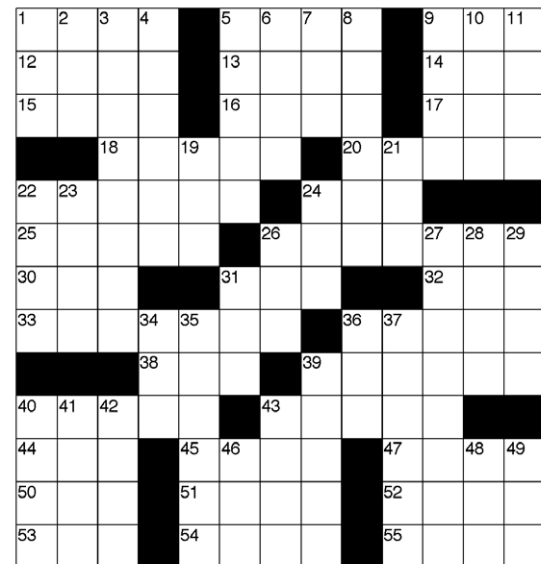
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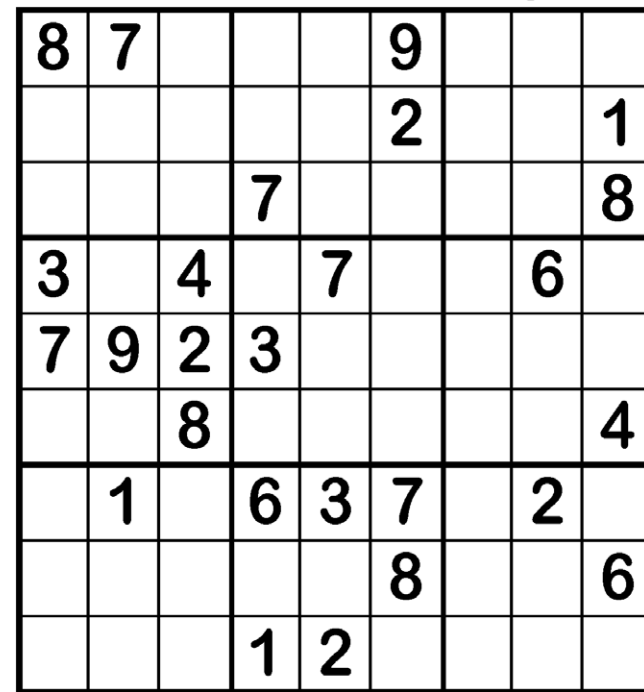
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Maldonado eyes pro future

BASEBALL

By Leith Dunick – TB Source

Judging the Thunder Bay Border Cats season on the numbers alone would be a major mistake.

They won just 22 times in 72 games and wound up last in the Northwoods League in attendance for a second straight season – despite enticing 68 more fans a night to Port Arthur Stadium in 2018 than they did a summer earlier.

But in a summer college league, oftentimes wins and losses are inconsequential.

It's a developmental circuit, and on that note, the Cats did a fantastic job.

The team sent four players to this month's Major League Dreams Showcase, and all four are expected to get a serious sniff at professional baseball.

The first to go could be starter-turned-reliever Omar Maldonado, who is being courted by three teams – the Philadelphia Phillies, the San Francisco Giants and the Cleveland Indians – and could sign as early as this week.

Changed positions

A former catcher who only took up pitching this past season, there's no question the Redondo Beach, Calif. right-hander struggled with his control, especially early in the season while in the Border Cats rotation.

The 23-year-old finished 0-4 with a team-low 11.73 earned run average, walking 43 batters in just 23 innings.

His control got better as the summer went on, however, which he says was the result of confidence.

"My ability to compete at this level, I've always



LEITH DUNICK

FOUND HIS GAME: The Border Cats Omar Maldonado's control got better as the 2018 campaign progressed.

wanted to play in the Northwoods League. I've always felt this was a dream place to play because it's so competitive day in and day out," he said on Sunday, after the Cats fell 7-1 to Willmar to round of their 16th campaign.

"I think it took me a while to realize that I do have the ability to play at this level and that not a lot of people are going to be better than me."

It was his fastball that drew the interest at the

recent showcase, Maldonado hitting 97 miles per hour on the radar gun.

In today's climate, with teams taking the ball from their starters after five innings, the ability to be a one-inning specialist with plenty of heat is more than enough to catch the attention of scouts.

Moving to the bullpen helped, he said.

"You can't start a game and continue to walk guys. Obviously that's not what you're supposed to do as a starter. You're supposed to go out there and attack. And I felt the bullpen helped me out because I can go out there for one or two innings and give it my all and not be worried about it," said Maldonado, who still has a year of eligibility left at Iowa's Graceland University should a pro deal fall through.

"When you start, you've got to pace yourself the whole game and I don't think I was prepared for that."

Urged to switch

Maldonado said it was his coaches who convinced him to stop donning the tools of ignorance and focus on his pitching.

"It wasn't my decision," he said, smiling. "I actually told my coaches I wanted to end my career as a catcher, but they said, 'We're not going to let you end it. We know you have potential to maybe pitch at the next level, so we're just going to put you out there. This last year I've fully committed myself to pitching and I'm just going to continue to develop and get better.'"

Manager Mitch Feller, who said the Phillies appear to be the front-runner, said after he signs, it'll be up to Maldonado to make his mark.

"You never know what's going to happen, once he gets there."

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Jacobs excited for Tour Challenge

CURLING
By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Brad Jacobs has had plenty of success in Thunder Bay.

Twice he's competed for the Northern Ontario men's curling championship in the city, and twice he and his team earned their way into the Brier.

The 2014 Olympic gold medallist intends to make it three-for-three in November, when the former Tim Hortons Brier champions compete for the Pinty's Grand Slam of Curling Tour Challenge, one of the more prestigious events on the sport's calendar.

Jacobs, who was in town promoting one of his sponsors, the Northern Credit Union, said he can't wait.

"It's going to be fantastic," said Jacobs, adding playing in Thunder Bay

almost feels like playing in his hometown of Sault Ste. Marie, a short eight-hour jaunt east down the Trans-Canada Highway.

"Thunder Bay is a rich curling community and I know that everybody in Thunder Bay – the volunteers and the fans – and it's going to be fantastic. We just hope we can put on a great show for everybody watching at home and in the arena."

The event is split into two tiers. The top tier features 15 each of the top men's and women's curling teams in the world, with several former world and Olympic champions expected to receive an invite to join the field.

The second tier will also feature plenty of curling talent, including local talent like Krista McCarville, a former runner-up at the Scotty's Tournament of

Hearts – should her team fail to crack the top 15 and earn an invite into the top tier to compete for the \$100,000 top prize.

Jacobs, whose team includes Ryan Fry and brothers E.J. and Ryan Harnden, said he hopes to use the hometown advantage to his team's benefit, knowing that many in the crowd will be solidly in Team Jacobs' corner.

"It's not too often we get the opportunity to play in front of those who truly love our team and love to watch us," the 33-year-old Jacobs said. "There aren't too many events that come to Northern Ontario. This one is quite special and we will definitely be doing everything we can to entertain and try to win the event.

"I think the more shots we make, the

more exciting it is and the better it will be all around."

The event quickly caught the attention of local curling fans.

John Cameron, its co-chair, said tickets for the final three days of the Tour Challenge's top tier have long since sold out, with tickets for the first three days expected to hit the market on Sept. 1. The public can watch the Tier 2 side for a \$10 donation to junior curling.

"People are really excited at the fact that we're going to get the top teams in the world to Thunder Bay to play in a televised event that's going to bring great national and international exposure to our city," Cameron said.

Winners of the Thunder Bay event will qualify for the season-finale Humpty's Champions Cup in Regina next April.



GOLDEN MOMENT: Joshua Harl, 7, poses with curling champion Brad Jacobs.

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