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LOCALNEWS

Refugees at home

A year after arriving in city, Syrian family loves living in Northern Ontario

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family who fled war-torn Syria Aand resettled in Thunder Bay said they are just as happy and excited to be in Canada a year later as they were the day they first arrived.

"We are so excited," said Zaher Toubaji.

Zaher, his wife Nisreen, and daughters Hadeel and Sama, arrived in Thunder Bay last February. The family was privately sponsored by Redwood Park Church for \$35,000.

After fleeing the civil war in their home country of Syria, the Toubaji's ended up in Beirut, Lebanon, where they would stay for the next four years. Zaher and Nisreen could not legally work in Lebanon and Hadeel and Sama were not permitted to attend school.

"We were not doing anything in Lebanon," Hadeel said. "We can't study, we can't work, we can't do anything. Everything here is good for us. We can study, we can live here, we can do anything. In Lebanon we can't."

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Hadeel, now 20-years-old, is studying English at Confederation College and working at her uncle's

restaurant, Kabab Village. "Here I am studying," Hadeel said of being in Canada. "I can do my dream. I can be with my family. Here everything is good for us."

Hadeel's 14-year-old sister, Sama, is a grade 9 student at Hammarskjold, where she is taking music, gym, technology, math, and science classes.

"My favourite subject is science," Sama said. "I want to be a doctor.



HOME SWEET HOME: Sama and Hadeel Toubaji have been in Thunder Bay for a year.

"I like school here," Sama continued. "It's so different from Lebanon and Syria. In Syria, we can't use our phone. The teachers are so nice here.'

When they touched down in Thunder Bay last year, the Toubaji's were greeted by relatives from the Hatoum family, who have lived in Thunder Bay for more than 10 years. Hadeel and Sama both said it was

exciting and scary arriving in Canada, but after nearly a year, they have both made a lot of friends, get to go to school, and be with their

family. "It's nice," Sama said. "I like the weather but it's too

cold.' "No, it's not too cold!" Hadeel said.

The sponsorship from the Redwork Park Church will be ending this February, but the Toubaji family are not worried. Zaher and Nisreen are planning on opening their own restaurant in Port Arthur later this month with the help of the Hatoum family.

The restaurant on St. Paul Street

will feature Middle Eastern and Lebanese cuisine including fattoush and shawarma.

While things are going well for the Toubaji's, they are still waiting for their eldest daughter, Ghina, and her husband and newborn son to join them in Canada. Ghina is still in Lebanon and the rest of the family speak with her every day but have not seen her in more than 10 months.

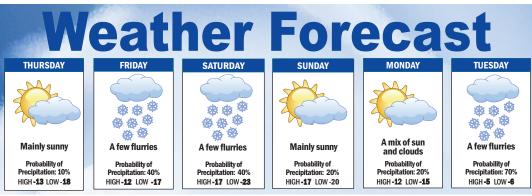
"She is there with her husband and son," Hadeel said. "We wish she could come. We don't know when that might happen."

For the Toubaji's, seeing the continuous violence still taking place in Syria is heart breaking.

"It's no good, it's no good," Zaher said. "We see it every day. Damascus is not good anymore."

The Toubaji's are among the 85 refugees settled in Thunder Bay. Zaher said being in Canada now is like a dream come true for the entire family and his gratitude can barely be contained.

"We want to say thank you everybody," Zaher said. "Thank you, thank you, thank you, all of Canada, everybody."



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Ship-shape waterfront

On Dec. 19, the city is going to be asked to commit to up to \$125,000 to cover about half the cost it will take to bring the Alexander Henry home.

The centrepiece of a proposed transportation museum, it's money well spent.

The former coast guard icebreaker, built in the 1950s at the Port Arthur Shipyards, would instantly become a waterfront magnet, the crown jewel of the lake-side devleopment that could also soon include a sparkling new art gallery location.

Museum spokesman Charlie Brown says the ship, which patrolled the Great Lakes for three decades, is revenue neutral. Tour admissions and a summertime bed and breakfast should create more than enough income to pay for the ship's upkeep.

It's a proven winner all over the world. Baltimore has the U.S.S. Constellation. Halifax has HMCS Sackville. Boston has Old Ironsides, better known as the U.S.S. Constitution.

None are going to draw hundreds of thousands of tourists to their respective cities.

But all are value-added attractions that may keep people around a little longer.

Longers visits mean more money being spent in the community, which is better for business and better for everyone's bottom line.

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Soccer fields deplorable

To the editor:

have been hesitant to say anything on the current status of soccer in our community.

It seems to be that in today's society, especially through social media, when something is said or done that it is immediately attacked.

What I am about to say is not intended be a shot at any other programming or group in Thunder Bay.

I want to portray the positive impact of soccer and how many lives it affects in our city and how although it has one of, if not the highest user rates, it has been given little to no attention from our city.

As a soccer community we have been trying to bring the issues we face to the city and as of today we are in worse shape than we may have ever been.

The few outdoor soccer fields we have are in complete disrepair. They are unsafe and unfit to play on.

The city hired an outside consulting company to analyze our fields and they laughed at them. When I walked in to meet with them I was greeted with "don't worry, we know how bad it is."

I believe this was four or five years ago. Yet here we are today and still nothing.

Our soccer community has grown so much that we cannot accommodate everyone that wants to play. We are at the point that even after we lengthen the seasons and shorten the amounts of games played we still have to turn entire teams down because we do not have the space or time.

Now with the collapse of the Sports Dome we have nowhere to play. The soccer clubs are scrambling figuring out how to get the programming in by using basketball courts, old tennis courts at the bubble, school gyms and what very little time is available at the LU hanger.

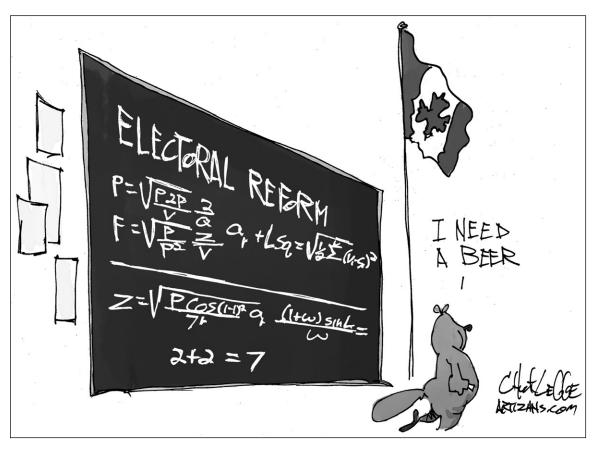
None of these are adequate or ideal. I do have to say that I am optimistic. I do believe the city is realizing how poor the conditions and availability for soccer is in Thunder Bay. Through the Fit Together recreation and facilities plan and the Chapples recreation area master plan our issues have been brought to light.

Where I am worried is timelines. These are 12- to 15-year plans. We needed proper facilities and fields 12 to 15 years ago. This needs to be a priority in our city.

Imagine telling the hockey community they had to go play on basketball courts, or telling the baseball groups they had to play in open fields with no fencing or dugouts. Imagine asking the football groups that had to play on pavement.

This would be unheard of.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Our soccer community is one of, if not, the largest groups in Thunder Bay. All of this does not only affect the participants.

What about the parents and grandparents who love to come watch their children play?

Or the friends, children, husbands and wives who come to support one another, the countless children who receive scholarships and bursaries?

This doesn't even take into account the many coaches, referees and volunteers who give their time to help provide a good environment for children to be active, develop a sense of team and community.

To the City of Thunder Bay, we need your help. We need the facilities and fields now.

Please show your support by letting the city know how this has and will affect you.

Let's be positive and supportive as if this work is done, it will eventually have a positive impact on everyone.

> Michael Veneziale, Thunder Bay

Political backlash

To the editor:

think many Canadians would agree that, regardless of party affiliation, remaining engaged with the political scene today is enough to make one's head explode. Whether it be at the federal, provincial or municipal level, it is difficult to stay connected when one feels largely ignored, patronized and dismissed.

From broken election promises to corrupt practices, outright lies and underhanded efforts to unduly influence voter opinion on whatever the issue of the day, how does one remain positive when our elected officials appear bent on insulting the integrity and intelligence of the voting public on a regular basis?

Clearly, many have simply abandoned, or are genuinely ignorant of their actual responsibility to Canadians once elected to public office.

Like prospective employers who find themselves faced with applicants lacking in basic literacy skills, a sound knowledge of English grammar and simple resume protocol, so too are voters faced with inept politicians who lack any real understanding of their respective roles as representatives of the people, and what that actually means.

While their initial intentions may be honourable, they are soon corrupted, it seems, by "insider" politics which require a certain loyalty to anything but the public "good".

It certainly doesn't appear to be about doing what's best for the overall electorate anymore, whose generosity handed them the reins of power, but what is most politically beneficial to themselves or the political party to which they belong.

The examples of arrogance now plaguing all three levels of government in Canada are truly jaw-dropping and, aided by a complicit and highly biased media, suggests that manipulation and deceit are the order of the day, with a strong emphasis on distorting the facts and selling the Canadian public on a false version of what's real as opposed to just doing what is right.

It brings to mind the story of *The Emperor's New Clothes*, and leaves me wondering what the true definition of democracy is in Canada now, because the antics we have witnessed of late, at the federal level anyway, certainly don't reflect mine.

And while we struggle to make sense of this phenomenon in Canadian politics, we are simultaneously and continuously assaulted with attempts to Americanize us, from the obsession of that same biased media with its over-indulgent concern with news and politics south of the border, and the resulting negative influence on Canadian values and culture, to the mimicking by Conservative leadership hopefuls of the sick rhetoric and ideals of a Trump-like psyche and the push for similar unrest here.

Subsequently, I do not recognize Canada anymore.

Canadian values are slowly being saturated and drowned out by the 'white noise' of dysfunctional American propaganda and I, for one, am truly outraged by it all.

What is happening to us and where is this leading Canada?

Louise Fisher, Thunder Bay

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Poutine and politics

Canada must look good to many post-election Americans

OPINION By J.R. Sherlock **Special to TB Source**

fter every American election Athere is a backlash of disgruntled citizens threatening to pull up stakes and move to Canada.

This year is no exception and on polling night an avalanche of inquiries crashed Canada's immigration website.

In most cases it was a knee-jerk reaction to some unpleasant circumstances, but I'm sure some Americans will head for the Great White North.

Those who arrive will receive a friendly welcome and a collective, heartfelt and sincerely Canadian, "I'm sorry".

They will discover a country with many differences from the USA, some good, some bad and others, just different.

Them. not us

As Canadians watched the drama unfold after the U.S. election there was a national sigh of relief that it was them and not us.

Our country is still gushing from the results of our own federal election where we clearly chose a different path.

Any of our American friends who would like to join us should prepare themselves for their transition to Canadian culture.

They already speak our language (sort of) but before their SU wagon train heads north there are a few

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things they should know.

In spite of our reputation as quaint, snow-covered wilderness, we are more than just pontine and pea meal bacon.

Those are important, uniquely Canadian things just like ketchup chips, milk in bags, Nanaimo bars and Kraft Dinner, but there's more.

We almost always share our snacks and when someone passes the bag it is expected that you help vourself to some all-dressed Ruffles.

If you decline the offer of chips, be prepared for at least one "I'm sorry" and another offer of Smarties or a piece of a Kit-Kat.

Being Canadian goes far beyond our cool snack foods - we are friendly, polite people who often engage strangers in casual conversation.

American immigrants will quickly notice that our money is not as valuable as theirs, but it is very colourful and it smells nice too.

Shortly after the Bank of Canada started making money out of polymer, some claimed that \$100 bills smelled like maple syrup.

The bank denied all scratch-andsniff allegations but it is possible that the manufacturing process produced a faint maple scent.

Sorry, but if you live here you have to get used to things like that. After the traumatic U.S. election

campaign how tempting it must be for Americans to embrace the land of sweet-smelling money.

And sorry to rub it in but the

entire global community is still gushing over our Prime Minister, the world's trendiest and hottest leader.

The American president-elect is just as well-known, but for different reasons entirely.

Of course, the thing about democracy is, you don't get to leave just because the election results are bizarre.

If something goes horribly wrong it is everybody's democratic right to stay and fix the problem.

Stayed home

Canadians didn't flock to the States to escape Stephen Harper and bask in the Obara afterglow.

We all just paused, reflected, accepted the results and used it as a learning experience for eight years. But let's not get too smug -American actions have inspired our home-grown lunatic fringe to express its own copycat rage.

Canadians are outraged by acts of violence and hate – our message is one of hope and kindness to strangers.

It's a compassionate commitment and it is not for everybody – that's why there are so few of us in such a vast land.

In fact, we should apologize.

Sorry for being so awesome also, sorry for having such good beer and especially, sorry for dominating ice hockey and curling.

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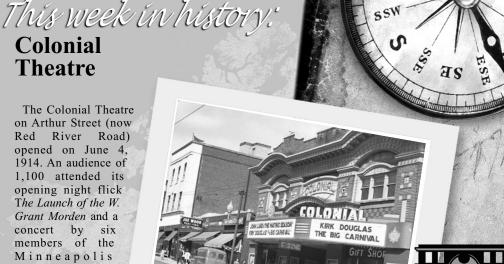
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LOCALNEWS

Firefighters moving to 24-hour shift

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ocal firefighters will work longer hours in the new year and union officials say the extended shifts bring many benefits.

Thunder Bay Fire Rescue is launching a three-year trial shift schedule that will see about 180 suppression firefighters working 24-hour shifts.

The new shift will be 24-hours on, followed by 24-hours off, 24-hours on, and then five days off. The trial schedule was the result of an interim award from arbitration that was held in June as part of ongoing collective bargaining between the city of Thunder Bay and the Professional Firefighter's Association.

"We've never been able to negotiate it but the arbitration process has been awarding them," said Denis Brescacin, president of the Thunder Bay Professional Firefighter's Association Local 193. "A lot of locals in Ontario have negotiated it. The results of their trials have seemed to put that in place permanently."

According to Brescacin, 85 per cent of firefighters in Ontario are already on a



MONEY-SAVING: A new 24-hour shift could help reduce firefighter overtime costs.

24-hour shift, with some departments, such as the Windsor department, using the shift for the past 40 years.

"There is scientific evidence that concludes fire personnel on a rotating schedule of days and nights exhibit a higher level of desynchronization of the body's natural circadian rhythms than fire personnel working 24-hours," he said.

Firefighters in Thunder Bay currently use a schedule that sees them work four 10-hour day shifts, followed by four days off, then four 14-hour night shifts. "When they are doing their four night

shifts, by night four it is pretty

exhausting," Brescacin said. "They are working 14-hours followed by 10-hours off, then another 14-hours. By night four it's exhausting. So this new shift pattern will allow them a 24-hour period of rest before they have to come in again."

Thunder Bay Fire Rescue chief, John Hay, said administration has had about a month to make the necessary adjustments to all the policies and terms and conditions that were part of the interim award.

"It should have no effect on our operation other than our firefighters will be working for 24-hours instead of 10 and 14 hours," Hay said. "We expect there to be no budget impact. We expect there should be no impact on service. We will certainly work to make sure that happens and of course no impact on firefighter health and safety."

Hay added that there is no budget impact because firefighters will be working the same number of hours as they did in 2016.

"Their work will be compressed and the time off will be expanded slightly," Hay said.

According to Hay, it's not a matter of

how long it took for Thunder Bay to implement a 24-hour shift that has been utilized for decades in other parts of the province, because Thunder Bay is in a unique position.

"We are farther away from Southern Ontario where commutes were part of the norm and part of the impetus for the 24-hour shifts," he said. "It was brought up in negotiations and was ruled on by the arbitrator."

For the next three years, indicators on efficiency will be monitored to see if moving to the 24-hour shift has any impacts on staff or service.

"We are committed to providing the same level of service or better," Hay said. "We are looking for efficiencies in overtime, maybe there will be less overtime and maybe there will be less sick time. We don't know, which is why we are measuring those parts of it."

Brescacin believes the fire service will benefit from the new shift, just as other departments across Ontario have demonstrated.

"It's healthier for them," he said of staff. "They feel more relieved, they have more time with their family and feel less stressed."



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LOCALNEWS Sousa hit

on cap and trade plans

THUNDER BAY By Jon Thompson - TB Source

unicipal and business leaders are both challenging Ontario Finance Minister Charles Sousa to ensure the north receives benefits from the province's pending cap and trade plan.

Sousa launched a pre-budget consultation tour on Friday at the Prince Arthur Hotel with a Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce luncheon that was dominated with questions over the province's plan to price and trade carbon, which will launch in only a few weeks.

The program that will raise \$1.9 billion annually by commodifying pollution aims to reduce carbon emissions to a rate 80 per cent below 1990 levels by 2020. By law, that money will be dedicated to further emissions reductions, energy innovation and programs that will be created to rebate businesses and residents.

Although Ontario prepares to enter a market including companies in Quebec and California in the spring of 2017, the program's critics argue it's still not clear how the money that's collected will be recommitted

"The cap-and-trade revenues are going into a lot of programs," said chamber president Charla Robinson.

"We need to make sure those programs, that the dollars reach communities like Thunder Bay so we're able to reap the benefits of these programs."

Thunder Bay city administration estimates the cap and trade policy will add \$350,000 to the municipality's energy costs in 2017.

Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association vice presdient and Shuniah Mayor Wendy Landry pointed out alternative CHARLES SOUSA transportation to oil-powered vehicles and alternative energy is frequently unavailable in

the north, where many people have to travel to receive goods and services in larger centres. The same is true, she argued, for the cost of development.

Higher costs

"People have to realize up here in Northwestern Ontario it costs more to do things with regard to construction and infrastructure investments," Landry said.

"The cap and trade tax is an added tax on every area of our lives. We don't have a choice. We have to drive in this area. We don't have transit and go buses and those kinds of things that take us between our municipalities."

Sousa argued the province has already "de-carbonized" its energy system by phasing out coal and being competitive in the economy of the future will demand a commitment to low-carbon energy development.

He said from remote First Nations using diesel to northern residents heating their homes with wood, the north will benefit from energy modernization from the investments the cap and trade program will allow.

"There are too many that are relying on traditional, antiquated systems that are expensive, that are hard to deliver and that's bad for their health," he said.

"What we're proposing is something more innovative, something that allows them to benefit from more directly and we have to foster ways to deliver this services a t a much reduced cost. Cap and trade proceeds are by law being re-directed for that purpose and that is a benefit to those communities that are the most isolated.

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NOTICE OF STEP DOWN

Highway 590 & 588 Reconstruction and Structural Rehabilitation and Replacement

THE STUDY

TBT Engineering Consulting Group (TBTE), on behalf of the Ministry of Transportation (MTO), is undertaking the design of improvements to Highway 590 and 588 described below.

Road improvements will be completed to address resurfacing, roadway distortions, and drainage improvements including ditching and replacement of selected culverts.

Hwy 590 - from Hwy 11/17 westerly for 23.5 km

- · Resurfacing and drainage improvements including replacement/repair of three (3) structural culverts (see map for locations)
- Replace Whitewood Creek Culvert
- Replace Pitch Creek Culvert
- Repair Cedar Creek Culvert

Hwy 588 - from Highway 11/17 Westerly for 1.8 km and from Highway 590 Westerly for 4.7 km

· Resurfacing and drainage improvements

Detours

The culvert replacements at Whitewood Creek and Pitch Creek are scheduled to take place during the summer of 2018, and are expected to require a temporary, full closure of the crossing locations. A detour route along highways 595 and 588 (see map) has been selected. Advance notice of the detour will be provided by road signs and a newspaper notice approximately 10 days prior to the temporary closure of Highway 590.

The culvert rehabilitation at Cedar Creek is scheduled to take place during the summer of 2017 and will not require a detour route. One lane of traffic will be maintained during construction.

THE PROCESS

The study followed the Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities (Class EA) for Group B projects. Based on information collected during the study process, it was determined that the project will not result in any significant adverse environmental effects. In accordance with the Class EA process, it is proposed that this project be stepped down from a Group 'B' to a Group 'C'. If this project is stepped down to a Group C project, a Transportation Environmental Study Report will not be prepared and no future public notices will be provided.

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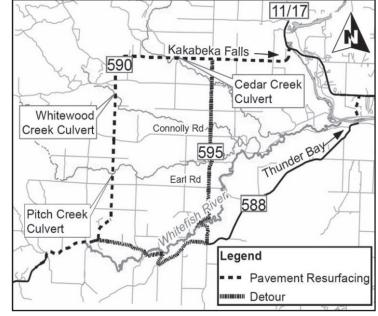
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LOCALNEWS

Wayfinding approved

CITY HALL By Jon Thompson – TB Source

City council has signed on to a five-year plan that will overhaul local signage to improve tourism.

The Thunder Bay Wayfinding Plan calls for the construction of an entire system of signs to usher tourists to attractions through the city. It will replace and enhance five different sign templates built over four decades, some of which point motorists to destinations that no longer exist.

Thunder Bay tourism manager Paul Pepe values the local urban economy at \$173 million a year. He said if increased and improved signage can help business attract just one more per cent, that equates to \$1.73 million in growth.

"When a visitor can find their way around a community easier, they see more, they do more, they spend more and they leave feeling happy," Pepe said. "They go away telling their friends, 'wow, it was very easy.""

The first phase will see a series of kiosks erected at gateway attractions like Historic Fort William, the Terry Fox Monument and Prince Arthur's Landing.

Signs will then trace vehicle paths through business districts between the highway bypass and the waterfront. Their template will be the pantone reflex blue and white like those the province uses, which also matches the city's corporate colour scheme.

Pepe said although the tourism department is committed to ensuring tourists can engage through apps,



OPTIMISTIC: Tourism manager Paul Pepe outlines the benefits of wayfinding.

social media and Google Maps, tourists are still equally engaged in hands-on directions.

"It's part of a suite of tools," Pepe said. "We do a print map in our visitor guides and people love them. people are ripping them out and carry them around with them and we hear really good feedback on them."

"Even in this digital age, there's still this tactile desire from consumers to have something in their hands or when they're driving, visually to see something. It's not one or the other. It's about having a broad mix of all those tools working together."

Council's approval commits the city to spending \$50,000 on the project in 2017 that will meet matching provincial funds. Annual requests of \$200,000 per year until 2021 will require further approval through the budget process.

While council unanimously approved the measure, Westfort Coun. Joe Virdiramo reminded Pepe the plan needs annual approval and he wasn't prepared to commit to it in the long term.

"Knowing that each year it will come I will support this in year one but when it comes on, we'll have an opportunity to vote for it again in the budget," Virdiramo said, pointing to growing needs over the quality of local soccer fields.

"Knowing we have other needs in the city money needs to be expended on, I will vote yes, knowing that maybe next year, depending on what the needs are, I'll have to rethink."





Santa Bus crushes goal

Transit workers collect 11,000 pounds of goods for food bank

THUNDER BAY By Leith Dunick – TB Source

Reino Pitkanen says he was blown away by the generosity of Thunder Bay residents this past weekend.

As the chair of the Thunder Bay Food Bank, he was hoping this year's Santa Bus campaign would match last year's total of 7,000 pounds.

Little did he know it would jump by 57 per cent – not to mention more than \$2,000 in cash collected that will be used by the emergency food outlet to help stock the shelves during the lull that usually arrives in the new year.

"They must know what we know. Our demand is going up so quickly. In two years we went from 900 to 1,400 users," Pitkanen said. "Every day we get five to six more clients. And the city of Thunder Bay is responding. It's incredible. Merry Christmas to everybody."

Ken Koza, president of the Amalgamated Transit Union Local 966, helped organize the Thunder Bay Transit drive and said they couldn't believe how much food they managed to collect.

"It was absolutely phenomenal. I cannot get over how generous everyone was this year," Koza said.

It says a lot about the people of Thunder Bay, that even with food bank on the rise, transit workers could still manage to set a new record food collection total.

"People are going through a lot of tough times right now, and the fact there are people who would just come out with a can of beans, they know there is a need out there and they're willing to do whatever they can to support this," Koza said. "It



BOXING DAY: Thunder Bay Food Bank chair Reino Pitkanen helps unload the 2016 Santa Bus.

was excellent."

The Thunder Bay Food Bank is only open six days a month.

Clients are allowed a single shopping trip

each month, the goal of the facility to provide emergency food and other household supplies, such as diapers, to tide them over for three days.

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Salvation Army campaign falling behind

THUNDER BAY By Leith Dunick – TB Source

The Salvation Army's annual Christmas kettle campaign is lagging behind last year's total.

Officials with the charity on Thursday announced they have raised about \$72,042 in 2016, about \$7,000 less than they had by this point in 2015, endangering their ability to hit their \$190,000 goal.

"The stormy weather early in the campaign has impacted the campaign with fewer shoppers in the stores and volunteers unable to get to their kettle. We are confident that we will be able to achieve our goal. We are asking the community continue supporting the campaign as these funds are needed to maintain our local programs," spokeswoman Gail Kromm said in a release.

Demand continues to grow with many people in the city struggling financially.

Money raised is used to fund a number of programs, including a food bank and soup van, which provides meals at two locations each night.

"Many volunteers have already been out but we still need volunteers. We are also looking for volunteers who would be available on-call to fill-in for last-minute cancellations. Full coverage would help ensure our goal is reached. Shifts are available mostly for weekdays between 10:00 a.m and 6:00 p.m.," Kromm said.

Donations will be accepted until noon on Christmas Eve at a number of locations around Thunder Bay, including Superstore, Intercity Shopping Centre, Grandview Mall, Wal-Mart, and all LCBO outlets.

They can also be collected in an online kettle at www.fillthekettle.com, while credit card donations can be made at the Salvation Army's local office at 345-8492. "The Solvation Army appreciates the

"The Salvation Army appreciates the support we receive from the community and is certain that our objective will be reached," Kromm said.



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Rats invade Jones' barn



Rats! We have them. In our barn. First time ever in the 16 years since we built the stable. But as I was to discover recent- traps and poison although be very careful ly ... we are not alone.

About a month or so ago I noticed wee it." Right. holes in the corners of the horse stalls. I knew that we have had mice. Every barn has mice if it has feed like

So I thought the barn cats would take care of that problem. But then a week ago I rat poison; but you have to rotate into observed that the holes were getting larger and that one or two were obviously freshly dug with a fair amount of earth having been excavated.

One of the barn cats had to be put down. ot or demanding food.

The vet informed us that the cat was

diabetes. When it couldn't keep down its food, we decided it was time.

Its brother, healthy and fat, moved into Casa Jones. Didn't think it fair to confine it to the barn all alone. But the mouse problem didn't re-occur so I thought that perhaps the digging denizen in the ban might be a weasel. That was until we were invited to a Christmas supper of rural neighbours several of whom have barns. I told them my tale.

"You've got rats," I was informed. "We've had them too. There's an invasion of them all over the place. You need to buy with the poison that your dogs don't get at

Blast and bother. One person told me to buy traps although she wished me good luck because many of the stores were sold

Another said that traps don't work: "Buy different places the rat enters. It will take you a week." Right.

When I got home I typed in "rats" in Google and one of the first sites that appeared was for Thunder Bay. It reported It was deathly thin, either drinking water a that there has been a rat infestation in the

I wondered if the city got 'nailed' first probably in very advanced stages of and the rats have been working their way out into the country. The site also said that while rats were the

purveyors of plague in the Middle Ages, yeah, now I'm frustrated: rats!

that threat is no longer a problem. Whew! No bubonic plague.

However, e-coli, and assorted other 'nasties' can come from rats as they defecate a lot. So we are advised to handle everything with gloves.

I drove to a local hardware store and bought a trap (the only one they had left) and a box of Rat Killer.

But the instructions talked about placing the pellets in a special container.

I didn't see any special containers for sale so now I would have to do more research.

We have had to keep one of our horses inside away from bright light due to an eye injury he got somewhere out in the paddock.

His stall is where the main rat entry point is located. Interestingly enough neither rat nor horse bother each other.

My guess is that "Raticus" comes out at night and seeks the bits of grain that have fallen out of the horse's mouth.

It/he/she has guite a network of tunnels running under the stalls.

I have yet to see the vermin and hope that my efforts to eliminate the scourge succeed. But at least I derive a small satisfaction that I'm not alone.

It is amazing that in all the years that we've had horses and grain, we've never had a problem with rats....until now. So,



THUNDER BAY By TB Source staff

With less than a month to go before the end of this year's campaign, the Thunder Bay United Way says it is only halfway towards meeting its fundraising target. In September the United Way set a campaign goal of \$2.6-million.

just shy of \$1.3-million so far. Despite the shortfall, campaign co-chair Michael Nitz said they are not worried about

raising the required \$1.3-million in the next couple of weeks. One of the reasons for their optimism lies in

events like a new fundraiser that was announced Tuesday. "It's an initiative that we've launched and

really it's to engage new potential members and donors." Nitz said.

pledge a dollar a day and that works out to 365 dollars a year and that will be matched." Nitz added many individuals have an employee campaign, so they can instruct their employer to take that straight off their paycheck.

The United Way funds more than thirty agencies including the Regional Food Distribution Association. The campaign will wrap up Dec. 31.



TBLife **United Way hits 50%**

Last Tuesday, they announced they've raised

"If you haven't donated before you can



HEADING TO HOMESTRETCH: United Way of Thunder Bay campaign co-chair says they've still got work to do in order to hit this year's \$2.6-million target, adding the charity is about halfway to the total.



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TIMELY: Charmaine Cades of the Children's Aid Society helps launch a food collection campaign

CAS food drive gets assistance THUNDER BAY tions of gifts," Bane said.

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

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The Children's Aid Society is teaming up with local, independent grocery stores and Tbaytel in an effort to ensure youngsters don't go hungry this Christmas.

The organization on Monday launched a food collection campaign at Renco Foods and Westfort Foods, encouraging shoppers to donate non-perishable items, which will be collected and then delivered to CAS clients over the holidays.

As part of its 12 Days of Christmas, Tbaytel is donating \$5,000 to the cause, some of which will be used to purchase gift certificates at the participating grocery stores and can be used to buy perishables like fruit and vegetables, bread, milk, meat and eggs.

Brad Bane, the executive director at the Children's Aid Society, said food is one of the keys to life and shouldn't be placed on an either/or list.

'Traditionally at Christmastime, people think of supporting children through dona-

"What we see in our service delivery is a real dependence on community support around ensuring families have adequate nutrition. All too often we see families struggling to make ends meet and providing a healthy meal to their children most days but particularly in the Christmas season."

Seeing an opportunity, the organization decided to see what they could do to close the gap.

Charmaine Cades, manager of volunteer services at the Children's Aid Society said food is often overlooked at Christmas, as parents struggle to pay for presents and school activities and cover monthly bills.

"One of the things we really like to do is try to address needs for our families," Cades said.

To take part in the campaign, shoppers can purchase non-perishable goods and donate them at each of the three participating grocery stores. The food will be donated to CAS families in Thunder Bay and to about 20 in the region.

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TBLife

Massive Cheer donation gets noticed

CHARITY By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

This holiday season, one local high school banded together and went above and beyond for its school-wide food drive, collecting more than 12,000 items for the Christmas Cheer Fund.

Students at St. Ignatius High School collected 12,855 items for the annual food drive, of which \$5,350 was a monetary donation.

"The school really came together," said grade 10 student, Alexandra Grillo. "Our goal was 10,000 but we went quite a lot past that." For the past two weeks, students from all grades came together to collect food items for the Christmas Cheer Fund, which will be used to fill more than 1,500 Holiday Hampers for people in need.

"Being able to donate and seeing how it can put a smile on someone's face for Christmas really means a lot," said grade 9 student, Lily Sutton. "And coming here and seeing how happy it makes everybody and how it makes a stronger community for us to come together really means a lot to be a part of that."

According to Grillo, the entire school came together to surpass the original goal because students in every grade wanted to help.



LENDING A HAND: Alexandra Grilio (left) and Lily Sutton (middle), along with fellow classmates from St. Ignatius High School collected more than 12,000 items for the Christmas Cheer Fund.

"It's funny how at the beginning of the year everyone is so different in different grades and at Christmas everyone comes together within the classes and the community and helps out," she said.

Grillo and Sutton, along with their fellow classmates, were among the many volunteers at the CLE on Monday helping sort and prepare donations for distribution this week.

"I think it's important to see where it's going," Grillo said of volunteering. "It's helping people in our community, but it's a whole other level to help along the way in the process."

"And seeing all the hard work that goes in to getting the food out to all the different families and all the people working so hard to make this happen," Sutton added.

Hampers will be available to registered families on Tuesday Dec. 13 in the south ward and on Wednesday Dec. 14 in the north ward. Donations are still being accepted for the Christmas Cheer Fund.

"We are really proud of our school for coming together," Grillo said. "This was a great year for Christmas Cheer."





IN THE bay arts entertainment culture

Serving up helping of Christmas cheer

Hundreds enjoyed the taste of the season at the Salvation Army 23rd Annual Christmas Dinner at the Valhalla Inn.

THUNDER BAY By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

The holiday season may seem grandiose, but it's the small things that make the biggest differences. Something as simple as gift, a song, or a fine linen table cloth can make everyone feel a little more joyful.

On Sunday, the Salvation Army hosted its 23rd Annual Christmas Dinner at the Valhalla Inn. More than 360 people attended the turkey dinner with all the trimmings.

The dinner is meant to provide a free meal to anyone who may be alone during the holidays or families who may be feeling the financial stress of the season.

"I think this kind of thing gives people hope, it lets people know that there are people that care about them and want them to have special things that many of us take for granted," said Major Lori Mitchell, executive director of the Salvation Army. "The whole atmosphere is just really special. People come in and immediately you can see their spirits lift, you see smiles on their faces and the interaction is really positive."

The Valhalla Inn has been sponsoring the Salvation Army Christmas Dinner for the past 23 years. This is only the second year the dinner has been held at the Valhalla Inn ballroom. In previous years, it was held at the Salvation Army headquarters, but due to increasing demand, the Valhalla offered up the ballroom for the dinner and the hotel staff jumped at the opportunity to volunteer.



SERVICE WITH A SMILE: Volunteers serve up Christmas dinner with a smile during the 23rd Annual Salvation Army Christmas Dinner at the Valhalia Inn last Sunday.

"They were growing so large," said Giuseppe Sirignano, director of food and beverage services and assistant general manager at the Valhalla Inn. "There are a lot of needy families in the city and it was just getting bigger and bigger and they were having difficulties finding a venue to accomplish this, so we said we would be happy to do this for you and bring them here and take care of them here in the hotel."

Mitchell said hosting the dinner at the hotel brings something special to an event that already includes a great meal, toys for kids, carolers, and of course, a visit from jolly ole Saint Nick. But for many, it's the little things that carry the most meaning.

"We had one gentleman last year

who commented that he had never been served dinner before," Mitchell said. "For many this is a really new experience and something really special. The Valhalla pulls out all the stops. They have the linen table clothes, the china, it makes it such a special event."

Sirignano added that hosting the event leaves everyone feeling satis-

fied, from the many with full stomachs, to the dozens of volunteers in the kitchen preparing the meal.

"We have about 30 volunteers back there, which is probably our biggest group of volunteers yet," he said. "It is something that is growing with the staff and bringing their families out. It's been really beneficial for everyone."

Jasman Guerard was one of the volunteers serving dinner on Sunday and she said she wanted to help out because she loves people and she wanted to do something good for the community.

"I think it is important when you are doing well to give back to the people who may not be so lucky," she said.

This is Guerard's first time volunteering at the Salvation Army Dinner and she said that everyone attending was so grateful.

Guerard added she wasn't sure how comfortable everyone would be, but she was confident that something small like a hot meal or a cup of coffee could make someone feel welcomed and at home because during this time of year, small gestures can make a huge difference, even when it involves something so invaluable.

"I think time is invaluable," Guerard said. "This time of year, it being so crazy and everyone so consumed with their own lives and their own social and work and everything, I think time is invaluable. If that's all you can give, some people may not be able to give money or clothes, but it's very important that you can give it to someone."



IN THE **bay**

Taxes force move for local distillery

FOOD By Jon Thompson - TB Source

Justin Frape wasn't bluffing when he said Ontario's high taxes on craft distillers were pushing his business out of the province.

By the time a bill that will make changes to distilling taxes was finalized for third reading on Wednesday, Frape & Sons Boutique Bitters had already courted the Cook County Chamber of Commerce and the mayor of Grand Marais, Minn.

"At this point, it's inevitable that we'll be moving to Grand Marais," Frape said, adding the distillery will employ six fulltime staff.

Frape claimed the tax burden his company would face in Ontario would cut 78 per cent into profits compared to a 14 per cent combined rate of federal and state taxes the company would face in Minnesota.

The bill navigating its way through the Legislature will replace a 140 per cent markup through the LCBO with a 61.5 per



Minnesota due to high Ontario taxes

cent tax on distilleries' direct sales. The difference will amount to distillers paying \$2.40 less in taxes per bottle.

Frape said craft distillers have been fighting for treatment similar to craft wine and beer producers.

"We're taxed at a rate based on sale price rather than on volume and we pay the same tax as distillers with a 100-gallon still or a 30-gallon still than the Diageos and Brown-Formans of the world pay with their million-gallon stills," he said.

The bill was struck in response to a constitutional challenge issued by the Toronto Distillery Company, whose owners claimed taxation without representation because the LCBO markup was never passed as a law. While they lost the case, Ontario conceded there should be legislation but craft distillers claim the scale is still tipped in favour of the larger players.

The company that launched the case will close for business in January 2017. The owner of Hearst-based Loon Vodka is looking to the Chinese market to supplement sales in order for him to have a salary. Frape claims there are only 15 total craft distillers in the province and under these conditions, his company won't be one of them.

"The province is not open for business as it relates to distilling and they're touting it as good social policy, which is insulting. They're touting two dollars a bottle as filet mignon when it's table scraps," he said.

"If they concentrate on volume rather than on selling price, I'd be able to reconsider."



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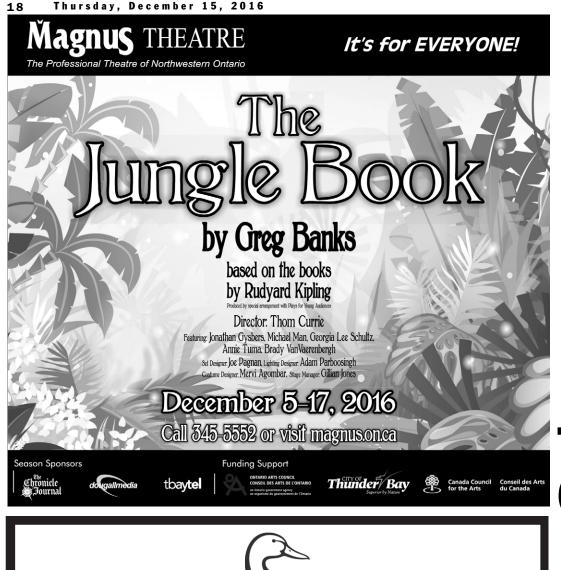




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STRONG AT 70: Is there another It's a Wonderful Life out there in modern Christmas fare?

Traditions continue Christmas evolution

've always been a traditionalist. I hold tightly and rather stubbornly to the past, especially at this time of year. After all, traditions are what hold us to our families and our memories.

My first Christmas without my Dad was particularly hard because he wasn't there, sitting in my over-sized armchair in my living room on Christmas morning. He always joked that he wanted it when I died. So one tradition was gone.

He wasn't calling me a couple weeks before Christmas to ask if I could

take care of Mom's stocking for him. He wasn't seated at the head of the table for dinner. And he wasn't calling me a week into the new year to ask if I would cook him another turkey in a couple of weeks.

So with a loss of so many traditions, I've been white-knuckling those that remain for the past few years. In December, I'd only watch the classics: *Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer* and Dr. Seuss' *The Grinch*. Christmas Eve, I settle into *It's a Wonderful Life* and the 1951 *A Christmas Carol*. I'd even turn down the colour if some philistine decided to forego the original black and white. To me, that was Christmas.

This year, made-for-TV holiday movies started popping up in early November. Week by week, the holiday spirit – and the movies – grew on every network. So now, they're pretty hard to avoid.

Most involve romance, a group uniting, and snow. Do they have the innocence of Clarence? The sweetness of Zuzu's petals? Or the message of the most famous Ebenezer?

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No. What they have is hope.

Hope is in limited supply these days. It's hammered out of us on a daily basis by current events worldwide. Then, television

brings us more horror for entertainment value, whether it's *The Walking Dead*, *Criminal Minds* or Donald Trump.

So is a low-budget madefor-TV Christmas movie with mediocre writing and second-rate acting going to bring hope to the masses? Is it going to start a meaningful Christmas tradition for someone?

Not likely. But then, there are Christmas miracles.

Last year, I accidentally watched *The Christmas Shoes*. (Not something I would do on purpose.) Based on a country song, it's about a boy who wants to buy his dying mother shoes so she can dance in heaven. I sobbed through the end of it. Mrs. Miracle, based on the Debbie Macomber character, is about finding joy after great loss. I was smiling when the credits rolled.

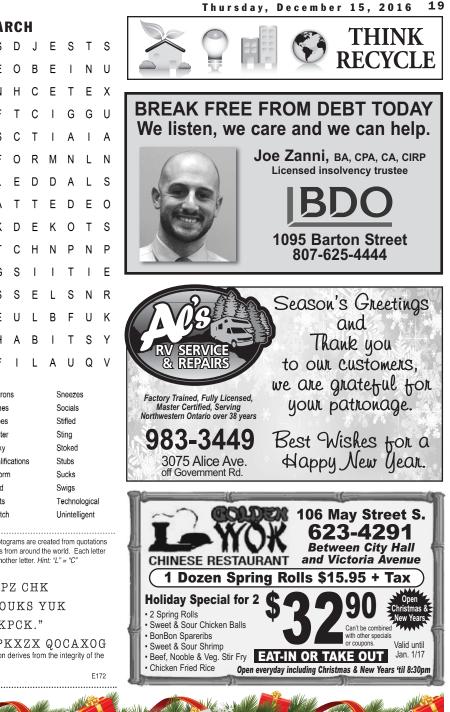
Maybe there isn't another *Wonderful Life* in the midst of our holiday TV-movies. But does there have to be? Traditions only endure if they're allowed to grow and change so that we can share them with others.

So in the off chance that I catch a little extra hope this year, I've been letting those silly holiday TV-movies roll while I decorate the house and wrap presents with my dogs' rather questionable help.

I'm pretty sure Dad's watching and laughing at the process – from my overstuffed chair.

Thursday, December 15, 2016

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DRIVING FORCE: August Ricketts has more than doubled her offensive production in 2016-17, averaging 10.7 points per game.

Ricketts finding her groove in third year

Thunderwolves pivot named team's athlete of the month BASKETBALL That's a pretty tall order for Ricketts and fellow pivots Daron

By Leith Dunick – TB Source

The talent has always been there. But for August Ricketts, the past two seasons have been about unlocking it.

She finally found the key this fall. Ricketts, named the Lakehead Thunderwolves women's basketball player of the month for November, has been tearing up the court in 2016-17, providing some muchneeded offence in the absence of the injured Katelyn Andrea.

In her third season, the Stouffville, Ont. native is averaging 10.7 points a night, more than double the 4.7 points per game she put up last season.

"I'm pretty happy, but I need to work on being more consistent," Ricketts said. "Whenever I get to that point, I'll be a lot happier than I am now." That's a pretty tall order for someone averaging 56.7 per cent from the field, fourth in the entire OUA.

But Ricketts pointed to games against Windsor and Western in the middle of November, when she combined to score just seven points, as examples of games when she didn't contribute the way she thinks she can each night.

"The first couple of games my shooting percentage was pretty high, so I guess that's why the number is so high. The last couple of games haven't been the greatest, so I just have to keep that consistency I had for the first couple of games in the season," Ricketts said.

Coming into the season, after Andrea went down, the LU coaching staff weren't sure exactly where the bulk of their points were going to come from.

But they had high hopes for

Ricketts and fellow pivots Daron Mainville and Gillian Lavoie.

All three have delivered at different times.

Assistant coach Lou Pero is impressed with Ricketts' development.

"She has a tremendous skill package," Pero said. "She's righthanded and uses her left hand most of the time and she's actually sometimes better than she is with the right.

"Inside she's got great lift, so she's really getting a feeling she can score at this level and be an impact at this level. And I think as she turns the corner into January ... she's able to be better because I think she can be one of top players in the OUA."

The Wolves finished the first half with a 2-5 record and return to the court on Jan. 6 against Ryerson on the road.

sports NEWS

Benny Woit dies

Former NHLer won three Stanley Cups in Detroit

OBITUARY By Leith Dunick - TB Source

ormer Detroit Red Wings defenceman Benny Woit has died.

He was 88.

Born in Fort William in 1928, Woit spent parts of seven seasons in the National Hockey League, winning Stanley Cups with the Wings in 1952, 1954 and 1955.

He also spent time with the Chicago Blackhawks.

In his career Woit appeared in 333 games, scoring seven goals and 26 assists. He also played in 41 playoff games, collecting two goals and six assists in 41 games.

Originally scouted by the Toronto Maple Leafs and recruited with their Ontario Hockey Association team, he wound up with the Red Wings organization instead. He won a Memorial Cup in 1947 with the St. Michael's Majors, then the following year led his hometown Port Arthur Bruins to a Memorial Cup win.

Woit made his Red Wings debut in 1950-51, playing two regular season games. He was a regular the following fall and scored a goal and an assist in the 1952 semifinal against the Toronto Maple Leafs, according to the Hockey Hall of Fame.

Woit spent 18 seasons playing professional hockey, retiring in 1966 after a season with the Jersey Devils of the now defunct Eastern Hockey League.

His final season in the NHL was 1956-57.

"I was fortunate," Woit told the Red Wings Legends blog. "I just happened to be with the right guys I guess. Guys like (Ted) Lindsay, (Gordie) Howe and (Terry) Sawchuck ... you couldn't go wrong with that bunch."

According to the blog, after retiring Woit returned home to Thunder Bay, where he worked as a longshoreman.

Woit, his wife Debbie and daughters Debbie and Denise moved to Thunder Bay several years ago.

He died last Wednesday in Richmond Hill.

FINAL FOUR FINISH



CAME UP SHORT: Krista McCarville reacts during the 2016 Boost National Pinty's Grand Slam of Curling semifinal held Dec. 10, 2016 at the Essar Centre in Sault Ste. Marie. McCarville fell 6-5 to Switzerland's Silvana Tirinzoni.



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