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LOCALNEWS



THIRD BABY: Darian and Joiene Almgren planned to give birth at home, but had daughter Brielle at Thunder Bay Regional.

Almgren family has first baby of 2019

Brielle Rose Almgren born early on New Year's Day

THUNDER BAY By Leith Dunick - TB Source

he city's first baby of 2019 will have plenty of company when she arrives home from the hospi-

Brielle Rose Almgren, the daughter of Jolene and Darian Almgren, is eagerly awaited by three-and-a-half-year-old sister Payton and older brother Carson, who turns two in February.

Jolene Almgren said the original plan was to have Brielle at home, but Mother Nature altered those

plans, and instead the infant was

delivered at 2:41 a.m. at the

Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre.

"It's really special to us. We kind of had a feeling she might be a new year's baby. It wasn't real until 12 o'clock passed, since I'd been in labour since 5 p.m. on Dec. 31. She was my longest labour," Jolene said. "It's an honour, exciting."

The third-time mother said New Year's Day is going to be that much more special going forward in their household.

"She has a special birthday

party," Jolene said. It's a great start to 2019, father Darian said.

"It's very exciting. It's nice to have a new member to the family that you get to spend time with each day and watch them grow older," he said.

Adding a third youngster under the age of four will definitely present its challenges, Jolene added, but they're challenges the couple is ready to take on.

The more the merrier, she said. "It's going to be crazy," Jolene

"It'll be pretty hectic," her husband added.

"But we're excited to see (our son's and daughter's) faces when they meet her," Jolene said.

LOCALNEWS

Budget talks to begin

CITY HALL By Matt Vis - TB Source

Two veteran city councillors are ready to start the upcoming month-long process to comb through the city's proposed budget.

The new term of Thunder Bay city council will begin their first budget review process on Tuesday night when they meet to go over the city's long-term financial overview.

The draft budget, which will serve as the starting point for the review, calls for a municipal tax levy increase

of \$6.2 million over 2018, which amounts to a gross increase of 3.25 per cent.

After factoring in growth, the levy increase is calculated to amount to 2.95 per cent for existing taxpayers.

The preliminary \$195.9 million levy is the total amount of money the city would need to collect from the municipal tax base. The levy increase does not reflect the rate of property tax increases.

Heading into the review process, the council includes six returning members, along with five brand-new councillors that will be working on their first budget and two others that are back with

previous experience.

Longtime Current River ward Coun. Andrew Foulds, who has served on council since 2006, is no stranger to the budget review process.

"I think it's going to be very interesting," Foulds said. "I think with a large number of new councillors there will be lots of questions and I think that's totally fair. This is the most important thing we do. It sets the strategic direction for the year."

Coun. Shelby Ch'ng, who was the newcomer to council four years ago,

remembers the challenges of a new councillor working for their first budget.

"Before you get on, you don't know what it's going to be like on the inside," Ch'ng said. "You can read every book, you can talk to any person but once you're there around the table, you have a much better appreciation for your limitations as a councillor."

For Ch'ng, she focuses more on whether the budget meets service demands rather than just on the number of the levy increase.

"As much as it's important to keep the levy at a rate that's acceptable to people, what I'm looking for is to provide service to people and what does that

service look like," Ch'ng said. "People want service and they want the best bang for their buck.

The budget also outlines the city's priority capital infrastructure projects for the coming year. Highlighting the capital agenda is a nearly \$7 million allocation to fix the Boulevard Lake Dam and \$5 million to continue pursuing an indoor turf facility.

It also addresses basic infrastructure priorities, which this year proposed to include several road repaying projects.

One of those, in Ch'ng's Northwood ward, could include the installation of Thunder Bay's first roundabout at the intersection of Victoria Avenue and Lillie Street.

"It's new for Thunder Bay but not necessarily new infrastructure in terms of how it functions," Ch'ng said. "I'm looking forward to hearing what people have to say about that and just trying to help administration stickhandle this so people feel safe and they understand what it does."

The second meeting of the budget review process, scheduled for Thursday, will allow the public an opportunity to come forward and provide their opinions to council. Councillors can propose amendments to the budget at meetings later in the month, with final approval expected on Feb. 4.



MONEY TALKS: Coun. Shelby Ch'ng says the budget must meet people's service needs.

Weather Forecast

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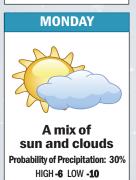
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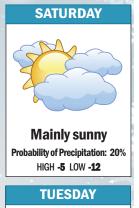


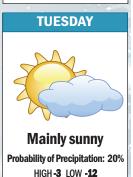
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LOCALNEWS



DISAPPOINTING NUMBERS: Thunder Bay Police Service Const. Mark Cattani speaks with a driver during the Festive RIDE campaign launch on Thursday, November 22, 2018.

Impaired driving arrests at all time high in 2018

THUNDER BAY By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

he number of drivers operating a motor vehicle on city streets while under the influence of drugs or alcohol was at an all-time high in 2018, say Thunder Bay Police, with drug-related impairment significantly up from previous years.

"It's certainly concerning in the sense that we know the majority of the population doesn't do it," said Thunder Bay Police Service Const. Mark Cattani. "We know that most people are not drinking and driving or doing drugs and driving to begin with. We are trying to find a way to speak and address those people who do

According to the Thunder Bay Police Service, 178 people were arrested for impaired driving in 2018, up from 175 in 2017.

During the Festive Ride campaign alone, police arrested 12 motorists for operating a vehicle while under the influence.

The Thunder Bay Police Service said the increasing number of impaired drivers arrested in 2018 was consistent with increases seen in the past few years. A decade ago, the average number of motorists arrested for impaired driving was 120 per year.

Drug-related impairment was a major contributing factor in the growing number of drivers arrested in

In the first half of 2018, four people were arrested for drug-impairment while behind the wheel, accounting for approximately four per cent of those stopped.

In the second half of 2018, the number of drugrelated impairment increased to 23, accounting for approximately 23 per cent of all drivers stopped.

Cattani said if drug-impaired drivers were removed from the equation, the number of impaired driving incidents in 2018 would actually be down.

"If we look at the big picture over the whole calendar year, the drug-impaired drivers and our ability to detect them actually helps fill in the complement and get up to that record number," he said. "If you took out that

drug-impaired driving component, then our numbers are actually down, which is a good thing."

Cattani does not believe the legalization of cannabis on Oct. 17 played a significant role in the increased number of drug-impaired drivers on city roads.

Officers are trained to identify seven categories of drugs and there was a wide range of impairment across

"I don't think the legalization contributed all that much," Cattani said. "I think at the end of the day, the service's investment in more drug impairment detection tools and training is really what paid off in our ability to get those drivers off the road.'

Officers have undergone Standardized Field Sobriety Testing and Drug Recognition Expert training in the last year and Cattani said the Police Service has doubled its compliment of drug recognition experts.

"I think just putting our resources into the training of officers has really helped identify what we may have missed in the past," Cattani added. "We are going to be refreshing some officers who already have the training and get them back up to speed and we are rolling out a couple more training courses for officers who don't yet have it to fill in the blanks across the board.'

KEY FIGURES FROM 2018

- The average age of an impaired driver was 35-years-old.
- The youngest driver arrested was 16-yearsold; the oldest was 77-years-old.
- 72 per cent of impaired drivers were male.
- The highest blood alcohol concentration recorded was 397mg of alcohol per 100mL of blood -nearly 5 times the legal limit.
- 41per cent of impaired drivers were involved in a collision.
- The 2:00 a.m. hour saw the greatest frequency of impaired drivers (15 per cent).
- Nearly 40 per cent of impaired drivers were caught between midnight and 4:00 a.m.
- Almost half of impaired drivers were arrested on the weekend.

LOCALNEWS



NO SUSPECTS: Police continue to investigate a shooting that took place at a Brodie Street residence in November that claimed the life of Geoffrey Corbell.

Still under investigation

Thunder Bay Police are still investigating three homicides that occurred in 2018

THUNDER BAY By Gary Rinne - TB Source

The Thunder Bay Police Service brought charges in five of the city's eight homicides in 2018, and is still actively investigating the remaining three cases.

As police continue to seek out suspects, Detective Inspector Ryan Hughes says they have identified "people of interest" in two of those ongoing investigations

In an interview Thursday, Hughes did not disclose further details about the status of any of the three outstanding cases:

On Aug. 22, 31-year-old Amelia Corrie Sainnawap was found dead in a laneway in the 100 block of Cumming Street.

On Aug. 31, 59-year-old David Hugh Sweeney was found dead at a residence in the 100 block of North Algoma Street where an assault had been reported

On Nov. 11, 35-year-old Geoffrey Christopher Corbeil was fatally shot at a residence in the 300 block of South Brodie Street. The city's eight homicides last year may



ONGOING INVESTIGATIONS: Thunder Bay Police Service Det. Insp. Ryan Hughes.

once again have left Thunder Bay with the highest per capita homicide rate among Canada's 34 major population centres.

Thunder Bay topped the list in 2016 as well as in 2017, when the city had seven homicides

In 2018, Hughes said, police also investigated six cases involving attempted homicide.

He reiterated what police have said previously about the challenges posed by such a high rate of violent crime, a rate fuelled in part, he said, by alcohol and drug abuse, gang

activity and the number of marginalized and vulnerable people in the community.

Hughes said homicide investigations are very time-consuming for the Criminal Investigation Branch and its four detectives and 10 constables. They investigate not just murders but other serious crimes including attempted murder, aggravated assault and sexual assault.

Eight homicide investigations in one year plus all the other cases "really spreads our staffing thin, and it takes us a longer time to complete the investigations. And the officers and the support staff are tired out at the end," he said.

Hughes suggested that more resources, not only for the police service but for community agencies the police work with in dealing with the city's social issues, would lead to better outcomes for all.

"There's a lack of money and a lack of staffing. Everyone would like to have more to get rid of these issues that we have in Thunder Bay."

Land petition

Petition launched to give the Northwest Angle in northern Minnesota to Canada

NORTHWEST ANGLE By TB Source Staff

or the second time in about 20 years, a movement is underway to transfer a tiny piece of the United States to Canada.

Northwest Angle, on Lake of the Woods, is part of Minnesota but is isolated from the rest of the state by water. The only access by land is through Manitoba,

The geographic peculiarity was created by an error on a survey map which U.S. and British negotiators used in 1783 when they drew the international boundary following the American Revolution.

A petition submitted to a section of the White House website seeks to "Make America great by correcting this critical survey error."

It wasn't immediately clear on Wednesday who started the petition for the U.S. to "Give Canada back the Northwest Angle located in Manitoba."

The We The People section of the website was created in 2011 under former President Barack Obama. It allows Americans to submit petitions that are reviewed and responded to by the administration if they meet a threshold of support.

The geographic peculiarity was created by an error on a survey map which U.S. and British negotiators used in 1783.

Achieving 100,000 signatures in 30 days will result in an official response within 60 days.

As of mid-morning Thursday, 2027 people had signed the petition since it went online on Sunday.

Only about 120 people live in Northwest Angle. The petitioners state that the residents "are native to Canadian soil."

In 1998, some Minnesota resort owners on Lake of the Woods backed a constitutional amendment that would allow Northwest Angle to secede in order to join Canada.

The Chicago Tribune noted, however, that it was a "largely bogus" effort.

The resort operators were trying to get the U.S. government's attention, and its support for their fight against Ontario fishing regulations which they felt discriminated against their businesses.





Editorial

EDITORIAL

A spending conundrum

he city's initial budget plan is out and the tax-levy increase is set at about \$6.2 million.

As a gross total, that's about 3.25 per cent more than the city spent a year

That's nearly a full percentage point above the projected inflation rate for 2019, which Statista pegs at 2.23 per

As budget deliberations begin this week, it's time for the newly elected mayor and council to take a hard look at what can be done to lower spending and keep the tax increase to as small an amount as possible.

Last year taxes went up by about 2.9

Continually raising taxes more than the rate of inflation, is not sustainable. Unfortunately, council is left with little choice each year.

Much of this isn't the present council's fault. Because of the actions of previous councils, more interested in getting re-elected than actually doing what needed to be done, the city faces a massive annual infrastructure deficit.

Simply put, we can't have our bridges and roads falling apart. Catching up costs money.

What council needs to do is take a long, hard look at the services being offered and see if there are any that can be done without.

It may sting for a while, but we have to get our bottom line in a better place.

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To the editor:

We at Santorelli's are writing about the city's efforts to put a weight restriction on Arthur Street from 25th side road to Highway 61.

The justification used is public safety. However, their own report indicates that there were four accidents involving transports between 2004 and 2014. There is no evidence that the drivers of the transport trucks were at fault. Recent data reports only one accident since 2012 involving a transport and in that accident, the other driver was at fault.

Everyone knows that there are a lot more than four accidents on Arthur Street in any given month let alone ten years. While no one wants to see any accidents, one accident every 2.5 years involving trucks on average does not create a safety concern. These trucks make up 3.6 per cent of the traffic on Arthur Street, not a large percentage. We all need to remember that these trucks deliver much needed products to local businesses.

Santorelli's employees 25 people at our business. The majority of our employees live in the City of Thunder Bay and all of them spend their paycheques within Thunder Bay.

On the Arthur street corridor between 25th Side Road and Highway 17 there are approximately 40 businesses employing over 700 employees with an annual payroll of over \$35 million.

These businesses all are involved in trucking in some way or fashion. Putting a weight restriction on Arthur Street will increase the cost of business for them.

We all realize as costs go up most business have to make cuts somewhere usually resulting in less employees. One other thing to consider is that these are all local people spending their money in the City of Thunder Bay making deliveries to local businesses.

Once again Administration is bringing their Designated Truck Route back to council.

They are trying to use the DTR to put a weight restriction on Arthur street and Dawson Road, without proper signage. Their designated truck route is the old hazardous goods route out to the Island.

Administration has found out the hard way that they have no jurisdiction over provincial highways. They cannot be used as part of their DTR. In 2014 senior administration recommended that things be left the way they are. The chief of police at the time told them that it would be unenforceable. Administration is aware that there will be an additional cost to the city for material delivered to the south side of the city. This means to have work done for half of the city LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



there will be an additional cost to be borne by the tax payers.

In conclusion do we want to put these jobs at risk?

We all realize that for every job lost it affects another seven people's employment at a minimum.

> Lorne Kellar Comptroller, Santorelli's Thunder Bay

Money there for pool

To the editor:

On behalf of the children who live in the Mckellar ward I would hope that council would reconsider its position on the Dease St. Pool. If council is committed to building a future for Thunder Bay I feel investing in this pool gives children the chance to learn basic life skills that hopefully will help them be better citizens in the future.

How can council feel good about spending hundreds of thousands of dollars on the previous proposed convention centre that the majority of citizens didn't want, to lose \$2 million a year on operating costs, versus a one-time, \$2 million cost to build a new modern facility with hot water? It doesn't make sense in my mind.

Obviously council had a plan to absorb the convention centre losses. Just apply that plan to build the new

> John Dolcetti, President, Dominion Motors

Save Dease Pool

To the editor:

Support to keep a rejuvenated Dease Pool open is growing and so are the locations where residents can sign the ongoing petition. The petition is available at the following locations: Superior Bowladrome, Petries Cycle and Sport, Sit'n, Pretty, Twice As Nice Thrift Store, Velvet Rope Floral (111 S. May St) Chapman's Gas Bar, K+A Variety and Restaurant, and The Hub Bazaar.

Residents around the city were shocked when administration announced just two weeks before Christmas that they were recommending the pool's closure.

When the public got wind of this there was a public outcry and as a result, there was a motion put forward at the council meeting to delay the ratification vote until the new year, until there was a public meeting.

The motion was defeated by a 6-5 vote. The Mayor and five on council voted against this motion. Their agenda appeared to be more important than a bunch of innocent kids. Why council had to rush this vote through one week prior to Christmas is very unsettling and has left a bad taste in our mouths.

This is not the type of change we were looking for at election time.

It appears to be just more of the same. The sad thing about all this is how these kids will be hurt by this Christmas decision.

I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, especially the kids who use Dease Pool.

We will continue to fight to keep your pool open and bring it up to modern day standards, even with hot running water.

If I could ask for your help I would suggest you write the mayor and council a letter stating just how much this pool means to you as they just don't get it.

I am sure your parents or teacher could help you with this.

> Ray Smith, Thunder Bay

Perspective

On the very far side

OPINIONBy J.R. Shermack
Special to TB Source

The Dark Side of the Moon by Pink Floyd was playing in my head when I heard the news that a spacecraft from Earth had landed there.

Just to clarify, that side isn't any darker than the one we see from Earth and scientists properly refer to it as the "far side".

Its dark reputation became firmly established when we wrongly assumed that if our side was light, the other one had to be dark.

Pink Floyd only made things worse but it's understandable – "The Equally Light Side of the Moon" is not as good a song title.

Anyway, the humans who piloted this mission were Chinese engineers using a spacecraft named "Chang'e 4".

Good luck with the pronunciation – journalists have struggled with it ever since the successful landing was confirmed.

But in spite of grammatical difficulties, it is comforting to know that science still exists and human endeavour has not been squelched.

As challenging and difficult as this accomplishment was, it is just the first step in a very ambitious and far-reaching vision.

China is a relative newcomer to space exploration but already has an impressive list of cosmic accomplishments.

Since 2003 they sent six crews into space, launched two space labs into Earth orbit and now have

successfully deployed a second moon rover.

A third landing in 2020 will collect samples and return to Earth and plans are underway for a manned lunar mission in the 2030's.

Beyond that, China is sending probes to Mars by the end of 2020, one of which will collect and bring back surface samples.

It will take engineering and technology to follow this vision but it's more than just a thirst for knowledge that drives Chinese ambitions.

There used to be a rumor going around that the moon was made of cheese but that has been largely disproven.

The Chinese aren't exploring for cheddar or Brie – they are looking for deposits of REM or Rare Earth Metals which the moon contains.

We all have a sprin-

kling of this pixie dust in our smartphones and other devices and that's the magic that makes them work

You carry REM with you wherever you go – they include yttrium, lanthanum, terbium and neodymium.

China has already cornered the global market and they intend to mine the lunar REM supply as well, with no competition.

The moon also has large amounts of the rare element Helium 3, which offers a safe, non-radioac-

tive route to nuclear fusion.

These economic motivations are worth considering but for me it doesn't detract from the scientific and engineering reality.

Chang'e 4 fired its thrusters at an altitude of 15 km to slow the spacecraft's velocity from 3800 mph (1.7 km/second) to near zero for touchdown.

The lander paused and hovered at 100 metres to look for objects and measure slopes, using hazard avoidance algorithms to find the safest site.

The lunar rover called "Yutu" (jade rabbit) was deployed -

named for the pet rabbit of the moon goddess Chang'e.

This mix of folklore and technology adds a refreshing human element, not quite as rare as REM but just as essential.

Chang'e 4 also carried a unique and interesting astro-biological experiment – a special pod containing potato seeds and silkworm

eggs.

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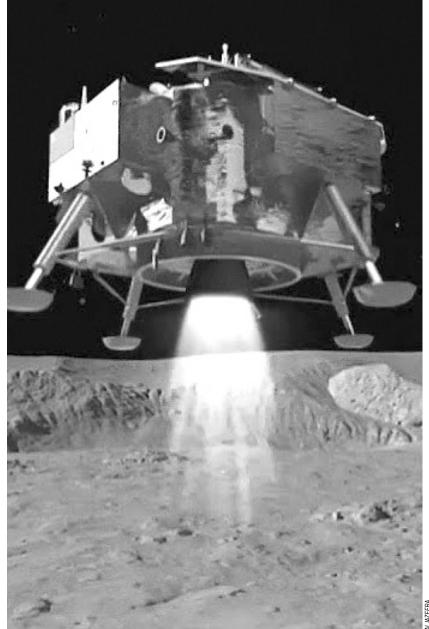
ambitions."

The pod will supply light and nutrients and the rest is up to the seeds and eggs – this garden has served to greatly increase public interest.

This moon landing, potatoes and silkworms included, has certainly caught my attention.

But even though it was China that pulled it off, it is more properly viewed as a human accomplishment.

One more giant step for humankind.



LUNAR LANDING: China's Chang'e 4 landed on the dark side of the moon earlier this month and has been busy snapping pictures of the rarely seen section of lunar terrain.

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NEW IDENTITY: The Shoreline Hotel is now renamed the Midtown Inn.

Shoreline to get facelift

BUSINESS By Gary Rinne - TB Source

he new operator of the former Shoreline Motor Hotel promises a new management style, a new look and a new direction for one of Thunder Bay's oldest hotel properties.

Kenneth Aylott signed a lease for the North Cumberland Street building recently, following its sale to a new, Toronto-based

Aylott, who operates another motel in the city as well, has already rebranded the Shoreline as the Midtown Inn.

"The reputation is one of the reasons we changed the name...to try and get rid of that stigma that came with the Shoreline," he

It was mostly connected, Aylott said, "to the way the hotel was being operated. The bar probably had something to do with it."

His plans for the 60-year-old, 70-room hotel extend well beyond a new name.

Extensive renovations will include new furnishings, fixtures, mattresses and windows as well as a paint job.

Guest rooms have already been refreshed, Aylott said. "Over two to three years it's going to be a complete renovation to the property."

He believes there's a niche in the Thunder Bay market for a hotel such as the Midtown.

Among the clientele he hopes to attract are "middle-class travelling folks going through town who don't want to spend too much money and want to be in a central location. Or people going to the hospital."

As for the bar, for which he also holds the licence, Aylott feels it previously took precedence over the rest of the property, an emphasis he intends to change.

"We're focusing on the hotel. The bar is going to be complementary to the hotel" from now on, he said.



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NOSM names Dr. Sarita Verma as its new dean

Takes over role from Roger Strasser in July

THUNDER BAY By Gary Rinne – TB Source

The Northern Ontario School of Medicine has found a successor to the school's founding dean, Dr. Roger Strasser.

NOSM's board of directors on Tuesday announced the appointment of Dr. Sarita Verma as dean and CEO, effective July 1.

Verma currently serves as a vicepresident at the Association of Faculties of Medicine of Canada.

Among other roles, she previously served as deputy dean of the Faculty of

Medicine at the University of Toronto.

Verma is a family physician who originally trained as a lawyer, before completing her medical degree at McMaster University in 1991.

"I'm grateful to the board for the opportunity to lead this incredible medical school, and honoured to continue with the momentum created in the past 15 years," Verma said.

"I am deeply committed to serving the people of Northern Ontario, to leading progress in Indigenous and Francophone health and cultivating innovation in clinical research."

Dr. Moira McPherson, four-week immersive NOSM vice-chair and the president of Lakehead University, said the board learning in Indigenous communities.

recognizes "the incredible impact Dr. Strasser has made over the past 17 years in establishing the school with the goal of making access to quality

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Under Strasser, who officially steps down on June 30, NOSM became the first medical school in the world in which all students spend their entire third year in a rural community.

It is also the first medical school in which all students undertake a four-week immersive experience, living and



NEW ROLE: Sarita Verma says she's committed to serving Northern Ontarians.



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SPECIAL DAY: Elodie Longpre (middle) celebrated her 100th birthday with family and friends including her daughter Denise (left) and daughter-in-law, Irene, and Thunder Bay mayor Bill Mauro.

Celebrating 100 years

Elodie Longpre celebrated her 100th birthday with family, friends, and mayor

THUNDER BAY
By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

Elodie Longpre wasn't spilling any secrets when it comes to living a long and happy life, but it certainly looks like she comes from a family with good genes.

Elodie celebrated her 100th birthday on Monday with family and friends at Superior Shoreline Bingo.

"She is feeling very good," said Elodie's daughter, Denise Longpre. "We are really excited. We love it. We love her shine."

Elodie was born in New Brunswick in 1919 and moved to Thunder Bay fifty years ago where she raised a family of four girls and one boy.

Denise said Elodie grew up on a farm when she was young and the healthy, natural food may have started her on a journey that would bring her to celebrating 100 years.

But Elodie is not the only Longpre to reach 100.

"Her sister is 102 right now," Denise said. "And we have one at 98 and 99.

Her brother died last year at 102. So we have some real hard blood in our system. I don't know how far I'm going to go but we have very good genes."

The staff at the Superior Shoreline Bingo were excited to celebrate the milestone with Elodie, who plays several times a month with her family and friends

"She loves it," Denise said.
"She is lovely and she is a beautiful mother."

During the celebration, Elodie was presented with a certificate by Thunder Bay Mayor, Bill Mauro, on behalf of the city and council.

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ly excited.

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shine."

DENISE

LONGPRE

Mauro said throughout his time in public office he has had the pleasure of celebrating quite a few 100th birthdays.

"It's amazing how many times now

over the years you are invited to be at a 100th," he said. "There are many of them. It's not as unusual anymore. I'm trying to figure out the secret, but she wouldn't tell me."

Perhaps aside from strong blood and good genes, the secret to a long and happy life is right out there for everyone to see.

"I think that has a lot to do with people still being healthy and happy and being able to

meet these significant milestones is being surrounded by their family," Mauro said.

Animals strike curious poses

Little Ray's Reptile Zoo stops in city

"I love the

reptile show.

The animals

were so

cool."

PAYTON TYANTE

THUNDER BAY By Matt Vis - TB Source

When it comes to snakes and spiders, many kids are braver than their parents.

Proof of that was quite apparent at the Little Ray's Reptile Zoo's stop in Thunder Bay, where children lined up to get a closer look at the exotic animals while the adults kept their distance.

For 10-year-old Payton Tyante, who was one of the youngsters eager to interact with the animals she was wowed by a tarantula.

"I think it's great," she said enthusiastically, adding it was her first time visiting a Little Ray's exhibit in Thunder Bay. "I love the reptile show. The

animals were so cool." Tyler Maybee, an animal handler and educator with Little Ray's, said the excitement people have when they get to interact with the animals is one of the best parts of what they do.

"It's really our passion. Without that, the job would lose something really special," Maybee said. "We absolutely love it and there are some magic moments, like people petting the snake for the first time. We had a woman for her 50th birthday come just to pet a snake and get over her own phobia. It's really special for us."

The three-day show began on Friday at the Victoriaville Centre, with people of all ages checking out different animals.

Maybee said there is a particular focus on introducing people to animals typically regarded as scary or creepy. Penelope, a five-metre reticulated python, is one of the featured attractions.

Knowledge and familiarity can break down some of the fear, he

"During one of our shows we talk

about how snakes are a big phobia. Arachnids are a big phobia," Maybee said. "The more you understand something, the less you're going to fear it. The more spiders we have in the wild, the fewer bugs we're going to get. The more snakes we have in the wild, the fewer vermin we're going to have.

"It's healthy and great for the ecosystem. We don't want people living in fear of

these animals so the more they understand, the more they can appreciate the natural world. It's better for everyone.'

Another popular animal was Chloe, a one-and-a-half-year-old sloth. The exhibit also includes other snakes, reptiles, arachnids, tortoises and small mammals like ferrets and



ANIMAL ATTRACTION: Chloe, a one-and-a-half-year-old sloth, was the hit of Little Ray's Reptile Zoo's Thunder Bay stop.

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Power outage causes wintertime chaos



Very occasionally, the power goes out: we lose electricity ("znits!" as the comic books describe it), and quiet descends upon Casa Jones. It happened Saturday night.

We had our friends, Ian and Shirley, join us for the afternoon and then supper. Ian, I have known since my days in university w-a-a-a-y back in the late '60s.

While the lassies were talking about gardening (I presume), Ian and I went for a walk to the "back 40" now overgrown with bush.

I wanted to show him the abandoned spring harrow that I had

discovered last year and that I mentioned in a previous column. At least, it was a destination. And then we trudged on to complete a circle route back to the house and a wonderful repast prepared by Laura.

By the time we finished eating, it was dark. And as we were sipping coffee and chatting, suddenly the lights went out. Darkness. Now what?

It had been a while since we experienced a power outage but we'd been through this before and immediately grabbed the flashlights, searched for the candles, set them aflame and the two oil lamps as well.

The glass bowls of lamps were covered in dust, an indication that I'm a lazy housekeeper and also just how long ago it was since last we needed to use them. I only dust what is plainly visible and the two lamps were tucked at the back of the mantlepiece of the fireplace.

Anyway, I set about to trim the wicks with Ian's help and his handy pocket knife since I couldn't immediately put my hands on a pair of needle-nose pliers.

We managed to light the wicks and voila! Light!

Since it was well on into the evening, Ian and Shirley decided to head back to town and home.

Laura and I decided that it was time to bring in the horses from their paddocks into their stalls in the barn for their evening grain and out of the cold.

Daughter Beth stayed inside the house as a precaution since we had several open flames on candles burning in the living/dining area. Don't want Casa Jones in flames because of negligence.

Last year we had a daytime power outage for several hours.

Reason? Hydro discovered that "Bucky the Beaver" had felled a

large tree across a main line in the village of Hymers.

A river flows through the village and the beaver must have had a lodge somewhere along its route and decided that the bark from the large poplar tree they felled would make a perfect meal. Thanks, "Bucky".

If you live in the country, you prepare for power outages whether caused by Hydro who usually let all their customers to be affected know about the event, or if caused by nature.

Winter is a time when lines will be brought down by ice or heavy, wet snow. Winds, of course, knock down rotted trees across power lines. And, very occasionally, beaver.

The power outage that occurred Saturday night was brief, only about three hours, as compared with some that have lasted up to 24 hours.

We hear and/or read about huge storms that rage across the Atlantic

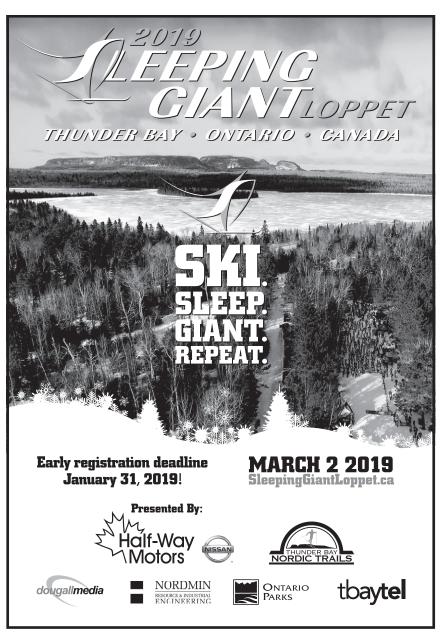
Provinces or eastern Quebec and thousands of householders trying to cope without electricity. Out here the occurrence is rare.

We have candles, oil lamps, flashlights, a fireplace, a propane cook stove that can be lit with a match; and for water, we have a well into which, arduous though it would be, we can toss a bucket on a rope, and lots of warm throw covers, socks, what-have-you until the hydro comes back on.

The silence is so sudden when the "znits" is cut off.

The background noise of refrigerator, the hum of the electric boiler in the basement that blends into a background thrum, goes unnoticed until it disappears. It is a shock.

Immediately after the lights went out there was silence. Then a voice belonging to daughter Beth spoke into the darkness: "S-o-o-o, how has everyone's day been so far?"







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CHALLENGING JOURNEY: International Baccalaureate Programme graduates celebrated their successes during a ceremony on Dec. 29. The IB Programme continues to thrive at Superior Collegiate and Vocational Institute.

Celebrating success

This year's graduating International Baccalaureate class is the last to graduate from Sir Winston Churchill High School

EDUCATION

By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

During her valedictorian address, International Baccalaureate Programme graduate, Brooklyn Ranta, shared her memories of late nights studying, early morning classes, and what seemed like an endless list of assignments. But she also shared all the moments of levity with her fellow classmates and teachers, which was one of the biggest motivators to keep going and succeed.

"It was only that we were able to come together and work as a team that we were able to achieve so much and come so far," Ranta said. "It's really the unity that we had."

This year, 20 students earned a diploma in the IB programme after completing their international exams in May 2018. A traditional graduation ceremony was held last June, however, because students do not receive their final grades until July, a separate ceremony is held for them in December.

"It's really exciting," Ranta said. "IB is such a journey so it's really good to look back and see us all here with the tools that we have. We have succeeded so well already in post-secondary, so it's really exciting to see everyone come together and celebrate this occasion that we were looking forward to for four years."

The IB Programme challenges students to achieve their full potential through the development of academic, community, and time management skills

The academic average for the students in this year's graduating class was 5.7 out of a possible seven points. The global average is 4.9.

"We are super proud of their results," said Clarke Loney, IB Programme coordinator. "They have knocked the international average out of the park as our graduating class has always done. And they are thriving now in the university and college programs that they are attending."

Loney said what really sets an IB student apart is his or her ability to manage time effectively and be motivated to succeed.

"You don't have to be a 95 plus student, though most of these kids are, to meet the expectations of this," Loney continued. "It is something students often grow into. As long as they are motivated and manage their time, they can be successful."

But the IB Programme is no walk through the park and students are challenged on every level. Caitlyn Slaubaugh, who finished the program with the highest grade, said the last few months before graduation were the most intense, but she knew she was never alone.

"But just having this group of people around me that knew what we were all going through and all going through it together," she said. "And it was having amazing teachers to help us get through and having that really great support system was really helpful."

"Without the teachers and the students, I don't think it would be possible," Ranta added. "The teachers are so immensely wonderful and they give their absolute all to help the students succeed."

And while all the students are now looking forward to future challenges in university and college programs, they can't help but look back and reflect, especially for this year's class, which is the last class to graduate from Sir Winston Churchill High School before its closure last spring.

"We were pretty disappointed when we thought it would be closing before we would get to graduate, so it was a roller coaster of emotions thinking we would not be able to graduate, and now we are so proud we are the last IB Churchill class," Ranta said.

Superior Collegiate and Vocational Institute is now hosting the program and currently has 128 students enrolled.

"The program is thriving at the new school and we are happy to be there," Loney said.

"I think everyone in our class had a really great experience doing this program and it is kind of sad to know that we are the last class that is going to get to have that in the same way," Slaubaugh added. "But the IB program is still continuing, so it's nice to see it growing in a different way now."



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Levee a yearly tradition

Annual New Year's Day celebration dates back to 17th century

MILITARY
By Leith Dunick - TBSOURCE

The Lake Superior Scottish Regiment welcomed the new year on Tuesday in traditional fashion, toasting the Queen at their annual levee.

It's a ceremony that dates back to the mid-17th century in New France, when the governor of the newly formed colony invited the public to learn a little about what had transpired over the course of the previous year and share in some of the plans for the coming one.

Things are a little less formal in modern times, but the levee is still an important way to kick off 2019, said Lt.-Col. David Ratz, the regiment's commanding officer.

"This is a tradition that's been here in Thunder Bay and been going on for quite some time," Ratz said, moments before raising a glass of scotch in honour of Queen Elizabeth II, who will celebrate her 67th year on the throne, this year.

"It's a tradition that goes back hundreds of years. Every year the governor of the colony would gather the important officers and officials and make plans and preparations for the new year. We're not going to be quite that formal this year. It's much more of a social occasion. We're going to toast the queen and the success of the units."

Ratz said it was a busy training year in 2018 for the LSSR.

"We've had the opportunity for all the soldiers to update their qualifica-

soldiers to update their qualifications, particularly their marksmanship. We've also had a number of Indigenous initiatives. We were one of the main organizers behind the Eagles Nest program that was run this summer for local and regional Indigenous youth," Ratz said.

"We look forward to continuing to build that relationship here in town."

Looking ahead, Ratz said the LSSR must always maintain its readiness, never knowing when the Canadian military might come calling.

"The armed forces doesn't know exactly what missions are going to happen in the future, but they're going to be looking for reservists to volunteer for some of these missions and some of the soldiers from Thunder Bay are eager to participate in



CHEERS: Lt.-Col. David Ratz of the Lake Superior Scottish Regiment (right) toasts the Queen.

whatever that mission may be," he said.

"We use it

here as a

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together..."

LT.-CMDR ROBERT

COOKE

"We could expect several dozen soldiers from Thunder Bay deploying overseas, potentially, with one of these missions."

The commander of *HMCS Griffon* says his goal for 2019 is to help grow the ship's numbers once again.

Two years ago the Griffon was down to fewer than 50 members, but that total climbed to 59 a year ago and now sits at 66.

The goal is to get back above 100.

Lt.-Cmdr. Robert Cooke on Tuesday said it's a tall task, but they're expanding their recruiting efforts at local schools.

"We're opening up our high-school co-op to both semesters, so we'll be doing the fall semester and the winter semester, starting this year," Cooke said, opening the Griffon's doors to the public on New Year's Day for the annual levee celebration, a tradition that dates back nearly 400 years.

"So we hope to get more exposure to the youth of Thunder Bay."

Several dozen showed up for Tuesday's levee, which traditionally was a time to provide an update on the events of the previous year and a chance to conduct planning for the coming year.

Begun in New France in the 17th century, levees have evolved somewhat over the years, but are still a chance to get together, reminisce and look ahead.

Cooke said it remains important to this day. "The military has always taken that on in Canada. It's done right across the country. The governor generals, the lieutenant governors also do levees. We use it here as a chance to get old friends together and also to give a little bit of a blurb with what's going on in the unit and what's going on with the

future of the unit," Cooke said.

Carol Burnett a comedy trailblazer

When it was announced in December that Carol Burnett would receive the inaugural (and forever to be named after her) Golden Globes lifetime achievement award for television, my mother excitedly started telling everybody she met about it. Shockingly to her and myself, many people didn't know who she is. (Carol Burnett, that is, not my mother. Everyone knows my mother.)

The idea that a media-savvy generation doesn't know the talents of one of the greatest ladies in television is both horrific and sad to me. The Carol Burnett Show was a sketch-comedy series that ran from 1967 to 1978 and won 25 Emmys and five Golden Globes. And I was dedicated.

There was no VCR or PVR to record an episode. No YouTube videos to watch. So each week, I'd wait patiently for the show to start in my parents'



room, fearing I'd miss the opening. And I wouldn't budge, even during commercials, until she sang her signature closing song and tugged on her ear.

It was her twisted take on Rhett and Scarlett that made me want to see Gone With the Wind. My friends and I would mimic her "old lady" and ditzy secretary, Mrs. Hah-Wiggins characters, not to mention her Tarzan yell.



AWARD MAGNET: Carol Burnett's show won 25 Emmys and five Golden Globes.

By today's standards, her skits and jokes would seem cheesy. After coming down the stairs wearing a dress

made from curtains (with the rod still intact across her shoulders), her Scarlett O'Hara claimed the outfit was something she "saw in the window and just had to have.'

No, Ms. Burnett's wry humour would have little place in today's sitcom punchlines that focus on insults, sex, and flatulence. And as she admitted in her acceptance speech at the Globes, television networks would never take a risk on a show like hers today. It was too expensive. On a weekly basis, her core cast of five performed with guest artists, a dozen dancers, a 28-piece orchestra, and 65 costumes - most of which were created by famed designer Bob Mackie.

Yet even as 30 million viewers per week lauded her (yes 30,000,000), Ms. Burnett was always accessible. She regularly put up the house lights and took questions from the live audience. And you never knew what would be asked or how she would answer.

She was a trailblazer and won more awards than any woman in television. She was the first female to host a variety sketch show and to win both the Mark Twain Prize for Humor and the Kennedy Center Honor.

But I was a young girl, ignorant of the norms and the politics of the day. And the world she created where both men and women were equally strong and funny became part of my everyday experience.

Of course, that show was the just the tip of the iceberg.

Carol Burnett's career has spanned 60 years, covering both drama and comedy on television and the big screen. However, to me, she'll always be Mrs. Hah-Wiggins.

And I'm so glad we had that time together.

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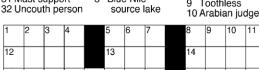
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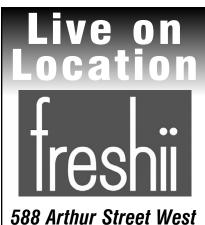
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STICKING AROUND: Border Cats co-owner Matt Pearson (left) and fan David George Noonan attend a fan meet-and-greet at Sleeping Glant Brewery last Saturday.

Fan experience key for Cats

BASEBALL

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Winning on the field may be priority No. 1 for the new Thunder Bay Border Cats ownership group.

But a close second is winning off the field.

Improving the fan experience is a top priority of the 22-member consortium, which late last year were handed the reins of the Northwoods League baseball team, the league having temporarily taken over the team from the previous U.S.-based ownership group.

Not only do spectators want a team that can compete on a nightly basis, they want to know they're going to have a fun time at the ballpark, win or lose.

It's time to change the culture, said newly installed team president David Valente, a fixture of the Border Cats front office for the club's entire 16-year run.

"There have been so many years of negativity, and people saying this isn't going to make it and it's failing, but that's not the case. It's just been a lot of failed attempts," Valente said on Saturday, during a fan meet-and-greet that introduced the ownership group, a collection that includes former Arizona Coyote owner Anthony LeBlanc, realtor Jack Mallon and his son Kelly, former Thunderwolves Hockey president Rory Cava, and Persian king Danny Nucci.

Valente said it's the work being done now, with

snow on the ground and baseball the furthest thing from most people's minds, that will ensure the team has a successful 2019 campaign.

"It's the sponsorships, it's everything else. The saying they use throughout the league is you win or lose your season before you play your first game. That means you need to be in a position, before the first game starts, financially that you're not cringing from game to game," Valente said.

"If it's raining, it's not the end of the world. You can move on."

With new manager Eric Vasquez, a veteran coach with Northwoods League experience guiding the Willmar Stingers in 2017, Valente said they plan to leave the baseball operations to him. They'll focus on making improvements to the city owned Port Arthur Stadium and finding ways to entertain fans beyond the game going on in front of them.

"It's all about the fan experience for us," Valente said. "We want to get those people out to a game who have maybe been to a game five, six, eight years ago, when we were winning, back into the stadium and say, 'You know, this is a great thing.'

"A lot of people over the years, we've heard, say baseball is boring, it's like watching paint dry, things like that. It's the experience, it's being at the game, it's the atmosphere. Music, the experience, it drives the fans' experience." Sleeping Giant Brewery co-owner Matt Pearson is one of the ownership group and said having local investors is key to making it work.

These are people who care about their community and have the desire to make it work and keep the Cats in town for the long run.

"There is a feeling, if the team goes, we might be without a team forever," Pearson said, calling the Border Cats a local institution.

"Involving local content as much as possible, whether it's on the field, in the concession stand or who we hire is very important to the entire group. I've even heard talk around the table about having open tryouts for locals to actually come to do so," Pearson said.

Fans David George Noonan and his wife Shannon Costigan have been long-time supporters even acting as host family, inviting players into their home, and said they're glad to see new owners step up to save the franchise.

"The Thunder Bay Border Cats have been a huge part of our summer for quite a few years now," Costigan said.

"It's really important to us to be able to continue to do that"

"It's a wonderful atmosphere. It's a lot of fun and we make a lot of friends this way. It's just being part of the community, part of Thunder Bay," Noonan said.

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Skiers set for worlds

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Sadie White's season is rounding into form at just the right time.

The Thunder Bay skier earlier this season earned a spot on Team Canada and will compete later this month at the FIS Nordic Junior and Under 23 championships in Lahti, Finland, which get under way on Jan. 20.

A fourth-year member of the National Training and Development Centre-Thunder Bay squad, White on Friday took second place behind teammate Heidi Stewart in the Ontario Cup senior women's sprint race, an event she's using as a tune-up before heading overseas next

White said she's about as prepared as she can get for the championships, with a week in Norway to make final preparations for the event.

"At this point, we've put all the work in, so what I think it is, is all the little things heading into it, so getting enough sleep, staying healthy, eating really well, stuff like that," White said.

Having the chance to represent her country again, three years after winning a spot on the Canadian junior team in Romania, is a fantastic feeling, she added.

"It's exciting," White said. "We've put in so much hard work to be able to do this, so for it to have paid off, to be able to do this, on the right day, it's awesome."

White won't be heading over the pond alone.

She'll be joined by NTDC teammates Julian Smith and

Smith, a native of Oxenden, Ont., was a member of the U23 team in 2017 and he cruised to a first-place finish on

Friday in the open men's sprint competition at the Ontario Cup, held at Lappe Nordic Ski

A chance to train on familiar territory is a great way to get ready for Finland, Smith said.

"Today is good to get a couple good hard efforts, get the body jump-started and to get some speed in the legs," he said.

His expectations in Finland are to finish strong and hopefully land a spot on the podium.

It's all about pride, Smith said.

"It's a great opportunity and so exciting and so humbling," he said. "But for personal goals, my goal is to compete for the podium. The goal is to start the



RARING TO GO: Thunder Bay's Sadie White will represent Canada at the Under 23 Nordic World Championships later this month in Lahti. Finland.

"The chances are hard to put in a numerical value, but I think everyone who starts the race has an opportunity. The

goal is to go there and execute my goals, my process goals, and I think I have the ability to obtain that."

Wearing the Canadian colours is what it's all

"I feel that when you have the red on your back, when you're wearing the race suit, you know that not only your parents and your friends, but everyone in the country that skis is going to be watching those results coming in,"

Ritchie, who hails from Parry Sound, Ont., is a first-year member of the NDTC-Thunder Bay

team and has a 12th-place finish at the world junior skate



"It's a great opportunity and so exciting and so humbling."

JULIAN SMITH

Thunderwolves settle for split

UNIVERSITY HOCKEY By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Thirteen seconds into their rematch with the visiting Waterloo Warriors, the Lakehead

Thunderwolves already in trouble.

That's how long it took Nick Halagian to teammate Andrew Cardssen-David's cross-crease pass behind LU goaltender Nic Renyard. The Warriors held the

lead the rest of the way, hanging on to edge the Thunderwolves 5-3 in

JOSH LAFRAMBOISE

It wasn't the start the Wolves were looking for, said forward Josh Laframboise, who scored for the third straight contest, but was disappointed Lakehead (9-8-1)

was unable to complete the weekend sweep and give themselves some breathing room in a tightly packed OUA West.

"You don't want to start a game like that, 13 seconds in you're already down 1-0. It's obviously not the start we envisioned. At the end of the day we know

front of 2,008 fans at Fort William we've got to play a full 60 in this

"If you take even one shift off. look what happens, they score 13 seconds in ... We've got to be ready to go from the moment the puck drops and be ready to play a full 60," Laframboise said.

Caleb Boman, who leads all Wolves blue-liners with six goals - second to Daniel Del Paggio for the team lead - said the Warriors caught them off guard, coming off Friday's 5-2 triumph.

"They came out flying," said Boman, who ripped a shot from the point that fooled rookie Waterloo goaltender Julian Sime, cutting the Warriors to 2-1 on the power play with five minutes to go in the second.



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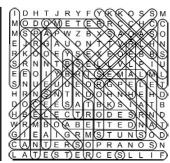
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