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Police identify suspect in Hilldale killing

COURT By TB Source staff

City police say they've arrested a 41year-old man in conjunction with Friday's Hilldale Road homicide.

Jeffrey D.R. Miller, 41, of Thunder Bay appeared in court on Saturday morning. He has been charged with second-degree murder in the death of Robenson Saint Jean.

The investigation is ongoing and a tip line, 684-1055, has been set up for the public to provide police information about the case.

Police on Friday said they were called to the area of Hilldale and Melbourne roads at about 12:45 p.m., after receiving reports of an injured male. He was rushed to hospital by paramedics, where he died from his injuries.

A public call for anyone who might have seen anything in the area between noon and 1:30 p.m. was issued, investigators particularly looking for



CHARGED: Jeffrey Miller was arrested and charged with second-degree murder.

dash-camera or other video they might have in their possession. Miller was remanded into custody and

made a video court appearance Monday.



GRISLY FIND: Police hold the scene on Hilldale Road where Robenson Saint Jean was found with injuries that proved to be fatal.

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Preliminary hearing begins for Casmey

Accused charged with seconddegreee murder in 2018 killing

COURT By Doug Diaczuk – TB Source

A judge will determine if there is enough evidence to commit a Thunder Bay man to stand trial for second-degree murder in connection to the 2018 death of 63-yearold Joseph Harry Pruys Sr.

A preliminary hearing opened in a Thunder Bay Courtroom on Monday for Charles Casmey.

Casmey is charged with seconddegree murder for his alleged role in the death of Pruys, who was found dead inside a McLaughlin Street home on the night of Feb. 26, 2018. A 25-year-old female was also found injured inside the home.

A Canada-wide warrant was issued for Casmey's arrest and he was taken into custody on March 1, 2018 after a brief standoff during which he barricaded himself inside a McTavish Street residence before turning himself over to police. He was charged with second-degree murder, assault causing bodily harm, and failure to comply with recognizance.

Crown prosecutor, Gordon Fillmore, said the preliminary hearing is expected to take place over the next five days and resume again in June. He informed Justice Chantal Brochu that the Crown expects to call 15 witnesses.

Casmey remains in custody and appeared in court in person with counsel Kathy Perchenok.

A publication ban is in place on all evidence presented during the preliminary hearing.



JAILED: Charles Casmey is accused of killing 63-year-old Harry Pruys Sr.

Fire closes Musselwhite mine

THUNDER BAY By Gary Rinne – TB Source

nvestigators are waiting for gases to be cleared from the mine shaft where a fire broke out Friday night at the Musselwhite gold mine, 480 kilometres north of Thunder Bay.

Goldcorp says it can't determine the cause of the fire, the long-term impact on operations, and the nature of required repairs until the area is safe to re-enter. For the time being, underground operations remain halted, but surface operations continue.

No one was injured in the fire, which was discovered during a shift change.

Goldcorp issued a statement saying it carries comprehensive insurance for property damage as well as business interruption insurance to cover costs and lost profits.

The mine employs about 700 people including contractors.





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Emergency services lead Sunshine List

Emergency service personnel accounted for 354 of 424 Thunder Bay municipal employees on 2018 sunshine list

THUNDER BAY By Matt Vis - TB Source

The position of city police chief cost municipal taxpayers nearly \$430,000 in 2018.

Last year, former Thunder Bay police chief J.P. Levesque made \$193,000 while successor Sylvie Hauth earned \$236,000 in her transition from deputy chief, to acting chief before finally being named the fulltime head of the police force.

The figures were included in the annual public sector salary disclosure, widely known as the sunshine list, which was released earlier this week and requires municipal and provincial government departments and agencies to disclose the earnings of those making more than \$100,000.

Levesque announced his retirement in April, three months after being



PAST CHIEF: Former Thunder Bay Police Service chief, J.P. Levesque.

reinstated from administrative leave after criminal charges of obstructing justice and breach of trust were dismissed.

Emergency services accounted for the bulk of Thunder Bay's 100K club, with Thunder Bay Police Service, Thunder Bay Fire Rescue and Superior North EMS employees accounting for 354 of the 424 municipal employees on the list.

City manager Norm Gale had the highest city hall salary at \$272,000. Hauth had the highest figure for the emergency service leaders, followed by Fire Chief John Hay at \$172,000 and Superior North EMS chief Wayne Gates at \$141,000. Acting deputy police chief Don Lewis made \$196,000.

The health-care sector had some of the highest earners, with Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre chief executive officer Jean Bartkowiak making \$371,000. Rhonda Crocker-Ellacott, who split last year as a hospital vice president and chief executive officer of the North West Local Health Integration Network, collected \$346,000. St. Joseph's Care Group chief executive



NEW CHIEF: Current Thunder Bay Police Service chief, Sylvie Hauth.

officer Tracy Buckler also made \$346,000, though the organization's senior medical director of addictions and mental, John Haggarty, brought home \$353,000. Thunder Bay District Health Unit medical officer of health Janet DeMille earned \$286,000.

Lakehead University president r

Moira McPherson topped the leaders of local educational institutions, making \$345,000. Former university president Brian Stevenson, who stepped down at the end of December 2017, was on the list with a salary of \$360,000 for 2018 with a note of administrative leave.

Former Confederation College president Jim Madder made \$226,000 while Thunder Bay Catholic District School Board director of education Pino Tassone collected \$207,000 and Lakehead Public Schools director of education Ian MacRae earned \$206,000.

Thunder Bay mayor Bill Mauro is on the list at \$165,000 in his former capacity as Thunder Bay-Atikokan MPP and municipal affairs minister. Michael Gravelle, who was elected as Thunder Bay-Superior North MPP, made \$140,000.



Court dismisses CN bridge case

Swing bridge should re-open sometime in 2019 COURT By Matt VIs - TB Source Following that June 2018 appeal court

The Supreme Court of Canada has dismissed CN Rail's James Street Swing Bridge appeal, maintaining the previous court order for the railway to reopen the span to vehicular traffic.

The country's highest court on Thursday rejected CN's leave to appeal application, which sought to have the court hear its case to overturn last year's Ontario Court of Appeal ruling that ordered it to reopen the span to vehicular traffic. The court dismissed the application with costs.

The CN-owned century-old –bridge, connecting Thunder Bay to Fort William First Nation across the Kaministiquia River, has been closed to vehicular traffic since a fire broke out on the northern approach spans on the evening of Oct. 29,

2013. While trains resumed crossing later that week, the ongoing closure has resulted in Highway 61 providing the only road access to Fort William First Nation.

The Ontario Court of Appeal last year overturned a previous decision by the Ontario Superior Court of Justice, ordering the railway to reopen the span. The three-judge panel found the ongoing closure of

the bridge breached the original 1906 agreement between the former Town of Fort William and Grand Trunk Pacific, a pact that was inherited by the City of Thunder Bay and CN. That agreement compelled the railway to provide citizens the perpetual right to cross the span.

Thunder Bay mayor Bill Mauro said while city and Fort William First Nation officials are very happy with the decision, he wanted to remain cautious about their messaging.

"Right now we have a decision from the Supreme Court that has very clearly said – in our minds and I think in everybody's minds – (CN) has exhausted the legal processes but we don't know if they have," Mauro said.

"I think many of us see this as the final step in the process. I don't know if legally this is the final step. I don't know what CN will do from here."

The railway initially won the first battle of the legal saga in June 2017, when Superior Court Justice Patrick Smith ruled that CN wasn't responsible for reopening the bridge and that the 1906 agreement did not clearly require the railway to make the repairs and upgrades to bring the structure to modern standards.

That decision was overruled one year

decision, CN returned to court four months later seeking a two-month stay while the case was in the hands of the Supreme Court. The railway estimated costs of between \$4 million and \$6 million for the bridge's reconstruction. The appeal court denied the request for the stay.

Mauro said questions about the timeline for the bridge to reopen should be addressed to CN.

"The Ontario Court (of Appeal) decision from June 2018 was very clear on what the expectations are," Mauro said.

"(The court) very clearly said (CN) was in breach of the 1906 agreement. They very clearly stated that bridge should be reopened in perpetuity, and it was very clearly their responsibility. The ball is

very clearly in CN's court now." Fort William First Nation chief Peter Collins said preliminary discussions with CN have indicated the railway could have the bridge reopened by Aug. 31.

"We get to have something that we utilized for some 100 years and then all of a sudden denied that access. It will be great for our side of the bridge in Fort William and also the Westfort area, which I know they've been waiting for quite some time," Collins said.

"It'll mean easier access, safer access for our elders, for our kids that go into the city for school. It will help grow our economy again and bring back some strength and opportunities. We have a lot of land that's identified as industrial land. Hopefully we can develop that with the

bridge access again." A CN statement said the company has sought proposals to reopen the bridge and the successful bidder will be confirmed in the coming days, with work expected to begin in the spring.

"While CN continues to consider options to get further clarity on its longterm obligations, none of these options will impact CN's decision to proceed with that work," the statement reads.

The various legal avenues pursued by the city have cost more than \$1 million, which Dougall Media learned last year through a Freedom of Information request and was confirmed by city manager Norm Gale on Thursday.

"City council from the start has been resolute and determined in their course of action in this issue with CN and the bridge," Gale said. "Council has been unwavering in pursuit of the resolution that we reached (Thursday)."



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City needs gang help

Thunder Bay has a real gang problem, one that doesn't appear to be solving itself.

Mayor Bill Mauro earlier this week repeated that he's asked both the provincial and federal governments for help.

The province, under the leadership of Premier Doug Ford, has already committed \$25 million to the City of Toronto to help to it deal with its gang problems.

They have yet to commit any money to Thunder Bay, though it's unclear how much, if any of last week's \$16.4-million announcement of money to combat guns and gangs will filter into Thunder Bay.

Mauro said he asked for help in the immediate aftermath of winning the mayor's seat.

To date, not one dime has been committed to Thunder Bay's growing problem.

Gang-related deaths are becoming almost routine in the city.

There have been five killings in the city this year, and most have been linked to drug activity.

Out-of-town gangs are becoming more and more ruthless. Gun deaths, which were a rarity a decade ago, are happening more and more.

Thunder Bay Police need more resources to tackle the problem on the ground. They need to ability to be more proactive than simply reactive, covering bodies with tarps rather than preventing the problem that led to the killing.

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Needles a huge problem

To the editor:

have spent 28 years growing, loving and defending our city. Last month is the first time I can honestly say I have been ashamed and mortified of our city and the infrastructure we have put in place to ensure that it remains a clean safe community.

Currently, I am working as an educator within the McKellar ward. This area of town is profoundly affected by the addiction crisis that is plaguing our city.

If you dare to roam around the downtown hub, it will become evident the type of dysfunction that is happening here.

While taking our 12 pre-schoolers for a walk downtown to go see the dinosaur at the museum, we expected to encounter some less than graceful activities.

Children are beautifully naive to the chaos that occurs at the intersection of Brodie and Victoria. As we passed by this area relatively unscathed my coworker and myself allowed ourselves to breathe a sigh of relief.

As we rounded the corner of Donald Street the Thunder Bay Museum was in our sights and you could feel the children hovering out of their rain boots as they anticipated the magnificent dinosaur.

To put this in perspective my children are two and a half to four years of age. They are full of organic wonder, curiosity and, determination which is delightfully unique to this age grouping.

It was barely possible to keep them grounded as they entered "the dinosaurs house". After a wonderful afternoon of experimenting and exploring all the sights and sounds of the museum, it was time to head back. The stairs to the museum are not the most accessible so, with our 12 exhausted bodies in tow, we decided to take the ramp to avoid any unforeseen risks.

As we rounded the corner, behind one of the pillars laid a mountain of debris that posed health risks to the public.

We quickly redirected the children away from this area and in doing so one of them found something that they deemed unsafe.

"This is sharp" were the devastating words that keep ringing in my head as I type this message.

One of our curious little bodies found a used needle along the ramp and had picked it up pricking himself in the finger. Before judgement is passed on the reaction time of the educators, I want you to look at the pictures and get an idea of the mounds of uncontained trash that was laying around.

Then, bend over and touch your toes.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Accidents happen very quickly.

The part of this story that is the most disturbing is that we were not on the sidewalk or in a back lane. We were not in a wooded area or a park where supervision might be more difficult. We were on the ramp and, at the front door of a government-funded building where the main attraction is young children.

We were in a "safe" location that is promoted by our city. How can our city allow this destruction of property to happen and still expect people to go out and discover all that we have to offer?

Admission to the museum is free for children which would be an appealing factor to most. However, if we had known the disgusting condition the exterior of this building was in and the health threat it posed, we would have never brought our children there.

It is appalling to know that no matter what avenue you took to get to the museum (walk, bike, public transit, drive) the real threat laid right there on the property itself in plain sight, in the middle of the day. When doing my due diligence and reporting it to the proper authorities to prevent further harm, no one seemed to think this was an issue.

"The good thing is disease isn't commonly spread that way" were the words I heard over the phone from a trusted professional.

My heart sank. That is your first reaction? I thought to myself.

Why are we allowing safe injection sites all around the city if the professionals we have entrusted to clean them up don't foresee danger and urgency in this issue.

That is why I am reaching out to you and pleading that we ensure children designated areas in our city are a priority. I realize this is an issue all around our community and not allocated to one area however, it is unnerving to know that even designated safe places in our city are being overtaken by addiction.

It is hard to take pride in a city that doesn't show pride in itself.

Sloane Wallace, Thunder Bay

PM must stop digging

To the editor:

The only honourable thing for Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to do now is eat humble pie, to say he did not understand that justice must be free of politics, and to reappoint Jody Wilson-Raybould back to attorneygeneral,

Any lesser action taints him as a victim of SNC blackmail and a tool of business in general, and willing to manipulate the justice system to serve political ends, which is contrary to constitutional law and a horrible precedent to set for future governments.

When you realize you are in a hole, the first thing you should do is stop digging.

Trudeau is going in the wrong direction

Tom Trottier, Ottawa

Perspective

Alternate arrangements

Decision to reopen Swing Bridge benefits everyone

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

The name of Thunder Bay came up during recent discussions at the highest court in the land.

There must have been a few happy faces around the city last week thanks to some good news from the Supreme Court of Canada.

I don't normally pay attention to court proceedings but when I heard Mayor Mauro's reaction to the recent favorable ruling, I smiled too.

I was starting to think the James Street Swing Bridge over the Kam River would be lost and forgotten forever through attrition.

The bridge was closed to cars and pedestrians after a fire in October, 2013 and CN has been shirking its responsibilities for repairs ever since.

Their corporate lawyers have used delay tactics in the courts while CN's trains continued to cross the bridge, apparently without concern.

And that was the sticking point the original contract with the city bound the railway to maintain the bridge "in perpetuity".

CN appeared to be arguing that perpetuity has a time limit and the time has come for people and their cars to make "alternate arrangements".

As the legal process dragged on, the issue faded from public awareness and I expected it to just fizzle out altogether.

Future generations would listen to grandparents speculate about how that rusty, old swing bridge could support trains but not people.

And that would be that, unless the Supreme Court decided otherwise, which it just did.

This ruling instructs the railroad to make some alternate arrangements of its own by honoring the terms of a hundred-year-old agreement.

It looks like Thunder Bay is the winner but even though the Mayor may feel like smiling, he isn't overly

optimistic.

"This is a good example For its part, CN of how a sinintends to proceed with gle Supreme the work beginning this spring but is still seeking **Court deci**clarification on its long sion can term responsibilities. directly affect A re-opening date of average August 31st has been

Canadians." mentioned but don't hold your breath, there could be more delays.

Until now the railroad has displayed reluctant compliance and the bridge is only open to trains for the foreseeable future.

Nevertheless, this is a positive step and might even be viewed as a symbolic gesture and an opportunity for growth going forward.

The two communities at either end of the Swing Bridge are bound together by a common history and shared hopes for the future.

Thunder Bay and Fort William First Nation are vested in the free flow of people, vehicles and commerce across the bridge.

There is cheap gas on the other side and what's more, that bridge is the gateway to that old, dusty jewel, Chippewa Park.

I have selfish, nostalgic reasons for having it re-opened because of my many bus trips across the bridge to Chippewa as a boy.

I know I'm not the only one with fond, childish memories of long afternoons playing on that longneglected sandy beach.

> The Mayor's former colleague and long-time Chippewa champion, Iain Angus must also be pleased by this development.

> He, along with other friends of the park have a vision of restoring this tranquil Superior beach and playground to its former glory.

There will never be a better opportunity to bring that vision to life once the Swing Bridge is repaired and re-opened.

This is a good example of how a single Supreme Court decision can directly affect average Canadians.

It seems foolish to waste the court's time on contract disputes between Canadians and corporations but goodie for our side.

Our beleaguered community could use a victory right now there will be more opportunities at both ends of the bridge.

It's nice when somebody else has to make alternate arrangements for a change.

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Shipping season opens

SHIPPING **Bv Leith Dunick – TB Source**

The shipping season has begun. Capt. Scott Mogelin navigated *MV* Kaministiqua through some harrowing ice conditions on Lake Superior, arriving in Thunder Bay on Thursday, the first lake-bound vessel to arrive in the city this spring, berthing outside Richardson's Current River elevator, where it took on a load of Durum wheat.

"It's great to be first. It's good to see old friends," said Mogelin on Friday morning, during the traditional top hat ceremony, held on the bridge of the 36year-old vessel, that is expected to make as many as 19 trips across the Great Lakes this season.

"Loading the boat here is great, it's a great elevator and the Port of Thunder Bay is a nice spot to be."

It wasn't an easy voyage, Mogelin added.

"Whitefish Bay is pretty stick this

year," he said. "Over by the Welcome Islands I found five to six feet of ice too ... The icebreakers are very important to open up the shipping channels and the canal. We got stuck. We spent an extra day in Whitefish Bay waiting for the icebreakers to come get us out."

It's always good to get back to work, Mogelin said, the shipping season at the port closing in late January and not opening until this week.

"We bring a lot of infrastructure in and out of Thunder Bay. I don't know how many ships a year, but it's got to be a lot of tonnes moved in and out. It's good to be back."

According to Port of Thunder Bay CEO Tim Heney, it's about 400 ships and nine million metric tonnes of product that will be transported through the city this shipping season.

"Thunder Bay is the second-largest grain port in Canada. Of course it's history is the largest, but now most of the crops are out through Vancouver to Asia.

But we've increased about 25 per cent since the change of the Wheat Board and it's held to that level," Heney said.

"We're trying to diversify cargo with inbound steel and rail from Europe destined for Western Canada, wind turbines and power transformers. So it's been good."

Heney said the first ocean-going vessel, laden with steel, is expected to arrive in port some time next week.

He said the top-hat ceremony is a tradition that dates back decades in Thunder Bay, to before amalgamation.

"I think in today's world we don't have enough (traditions)," he said. "So we've got to keep the old ones and the top hat has gone on for many, many years, so it's partly tradition, partly celebration."

MV Kaministiqua arrived at 6 a.m. last Thursday to narrowly beat out MVAlgoma Sault, which arrived on Thursday evening.

The Kaministiqua left on Friday, destined for Port Cartier, Que.





SCHOOL CLOSED: Thunder Bay Police Service units were parked outside Hammarskjold High School on Tuesday for the third time in less than a week after receiving an anonymous threat against the school.

Students frustrated

Hammarskjold High School was closed again due to an anonymous threat and students say they want whomever is responsible to stop

THUNDER BAY By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

Frustration is mounting for students at Hammarskjold High School who say they just want to go to class but are greeted with the all too familiar sight of police cars parked outside the school.

"Seeing as how this is the fifth or sixth time, to be honest, it's nothing really new," said Grade 10 student, Michael Nagy. "I don't know who is doing this, but it's quite aggravating. I still have to get quite a lot of work caught up on. I wish whoever is doing this would just stop.'

On Tuesday, Hammarskiold was closed due to an anonymous threat against the school received by Thunder Bay Police Service, the third time in the past week. Several other public schools in the area were also placed under hold and secure.

The procedure has become all too familiar to students and staff. This is the sixth time this year the school has been forced to close due to an anonymous threat. One incident occurred last October, two in February, and three in the last week.

"This should be once in like 10 years max, but it is happening every other day," Nagy said. "I don't know who is doing this, but they have a real problem.'

Students at Hammarskjold say they are stressed and starting to worry about what all these closures will mean for their school year.

"It's messing up my school year," said Grade 11 student, Makayla Bearman. "We are all really far behind and we are not getting to learn about things that I want to get to learn about.'

"Everything is really squished together and we are

trying to fit a week's worth of topics into like three days. Everyone is super stressed."

Students have not been informed as to whether or not the school year will need to be extended to make up for the lost days, but if that is the case, it could be a challenge for international student like Sophie Bi.

"If it's just one week, it will cause a lot of things for me, so I don't want that to happen," she said. "I already booked the flight."

"The teachers are stressed about this," Bi continued. "I think it is one more day like this where you need to

expand the school days. It's not going to be a good thing for us."

Police continue to investigate the threats and have set up a special tip line at 684-1545 for any information that could assist in the investigation.

According to some students, there are rumours floating around the school about the situation, but no one seems to know who is responsible for these threats or why they

are happening. "There are people talking about it and

saying that it's dumb and whoever is doing it should just stop," said Grade 9 student, Austin Kuczynski.

Missed school days and catching up on work aside, students say the fact that Hammarskjold is receiving these threats is also scary and the decision to close the school is the right one.

"It's a little bit scary to come to school," Bi said. "I really appreciate that everyone is taking it seriously, but it's just too many times."

"I think they are doing the right thing," Nagy added. "If they were to let students in, it would be a major threat to everyone who goes here, which would be about 700 or 800 students here, which would be pretty horrible."

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"I wish whoever is doing this would just stop." MICHAEL NAGY

Overdose Prevention Site to remain open

Provincial government approved 15 sites in the province as part of its new consumption and treatment service model

THUNDER BAY By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

fter opening its doors more than four Amonths ago and operating under temporary status, the city's Overdose Prevention Site will now be a permanent service.

The Ontario government approved 15 consumption and treatment service sites in the province under its new model, which includes the Overdose Prevention Site at the NorWest Community Health

Centre in Thunder Bay.

Of the 15 sites, six are located in Toronto, three in Ottawa, as well as individual sites in London, Guelph, Hamilton, Kingston, St. Catharines, and Thunder Bay.

"Our government takes the opioids crisis very seriously," said Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, in a release. "That's why we've created a new Consumption and Treatment Services model that will continue to save lives by preventing overdoses and connecting people to primary care, treatment, rehabilitation, and other health and social services to ensure those struggling with drug addiction get the help they need."

Priority was given to communities with high need, as well as sites offering integrated wrap-around health services and



STAYING OPEN: The Overdose Prevention Site opened in the NorWest Community Health Centre last November.

providing community support and engagement.

The Overdose Prevention Site in Thunder Bay opened in late November last year and provides people with a safe place to consume illicit drugs under the supervision of health care professionals. It also links individuals to other mental health and addictions services, housing,

education, and other supports.

The Overdose Prevention Site on Simpson Street received several extensions to remain open while the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care reviewed its application.

After it opened, Juanita Lawson, CAO at the NorWest Community Health Centre, said usage was slower than expected. In January, more people began using the site and Jennifer Lawrance, director of health services, said it is being used on a daily basis.

Lawrance said in January that exact usage numbers will not be available until later this spring.

The Ontario government intially said it would approve 21 sites across the province. In a release issued on Friday, the government said it will continue to accept applications from interested organizations.



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READY TO RIDE: Tyson Orr (left) and Lucas Giardino alongside Diamond Daryl and Diamond Dave at the Dummy Downhill at Loch Lomond.

Dummies descend downhill

THUNDER BAY By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

Every spring, Tyson Orr starts work at putting his dummies back together again, tinkering with weight distribution and aerodynamics. It's tough work, but definitely worth it, even if the finished product just ends up scattered on a ski hill again.

"They kind of got destroyed last year, but I put them back together so we could do it again," Orr said. "We add a little bit every year and try to improve our chances of winning."

There are a lot of bragging rights on the line during the annual Dummy Downhill at Loch Lomond. More than a dozen dummies were shoved down the mountain on Sunday in the hopes of making it to the bottom in one piece.

"It looks like another good turnout, which is great," said Jason Gerry, general manager of Loch Lomond Ski Area. "We have a couple jumps built up on the run this year, a big berm, we should see some dummy carnage on the way down."

The Dummy Downhill has been a longstanding tradition at the local ski area and while it went on a hiatus in the late 90s, it returned to Loch Lomond five years ago.

"It was embraced with a lot of enthu-



READY TO DASH: Adelaigh Kempton wishes Mountain Meekeela luck before the trip downhill.

siasm," Gerry said. "It's a great way for us to wrap up a season at the hill. We've had a great year this year, so I think a lot of people have really enjoyed themselves so they want to come out and celebrate the ski season."

This year, Orr brought out Diamond Dale, Diamond Dave, and new to the challenge, Diamond Daryl, sitting atop his very own ski-doo.

"This year was a lot of reinforcement," said Lucas Giardino, who helped Orr on the trio. "The lawnmower took a bit of a beating last year and fell apart on us. The ski-doo is new this year and designed more for stability. It has the longer base on it and a little more weight, so hopefully gravity takes over and we go from there."

Most dummies tend to topple halfway down the hill or veer off into the trees and disappear. But making it to the bottom can be done; Orr and Diamond Dave did it two years ago.

"You got to have it wide enough so it's not too tippy, it's gotta be tall enough so it doesn't plow, and you gotta have a little bit of weight behind it," Orr said.

Whether or not a dummy makes it to the end doesn't really matter, at least not to those watching. Some people just want to watch the dummies get smashed to pieces.

"I like it because all of the creations look really cool," said 10-year-old Matthew Sacchetti. "I want them to take the giant jump."

"I want everybody else to crash except my two friends," added Chip White.

Unfortunately, neither Dave, Dale, nor Daryl did not make it to the bottom of the hill this year, but that's not a concern for Orr and Giardino. They'll be back next year, with some reinforced dummies and a few new friends.

"We already have a couple more ideas slated for next year," Giardino said.





TB Life

The slow melt and the slow reveal



SOne day it is warm, at least relative to what we experienced this past winter, the next, it is freezing usually thanks to the winds. But, slowly, the melt continues.

The melt is, of course, revealing what lies underneath. I have mentioned before about odd items uncovered as the snow disappears like a frozen sock that our pooch, Baxter, purloined sometime way-back-when since it was discovered on the ground where we park our vehicles. In fact, both my wife, Laura, and I are stymied as to how many single socks we are finding after every wash. "Perhaps," I offered," they are in with a different wash and when it is dried, we will be able to match them up." Hasn't happened yet and I sincerely doubt that Baxter is a chronic sock stealer. Unlike our daughter's cat.

A couple of years ago the missing single socks got so serious that we went on a house-wide search. Kids being kids, there were a few singles lying in bedrooms or downstairs in our "Family Room" where lurks the television. Then Laura had a brainwave and asked daughter Beth to look under her bed. Et Voila! There they were. Well, most of them. The problem of the cat-stashed-socks was solved when Beth up-graded the size of her bed and she slept on a mattress on a box spring but with no bed frame. Nowhere to hide socks. Besides, I think that her cat matured and sockstealing lost its appeal. So, if cat is no longer the culprit, the magician who can disappear socks right under our noses, then what is happening?

Outside, buried dog-chewies are being revealed. It is a bit like Schliemann uncovering Troy. Turns out that the famed city the Greeks sacked with their horsey subterfuge was only one level of nine. There had been cities on the same site before for a total of nine, at last count. There are not nine layers of snow out here but as it slowly melts new discoveries are made.

We are seeing bits of green as the snow retreats. Sunday morning, we let out the 'boy' horses who usually, on their own, head right into their paddock where there is hay and water. If they hang around the yard in front of the barn, we are not worried. There is nowhere for them to go except into their paddock. Not this morning. Sure, two of the three 'boys' went right into the paddock but the head honcho did not. Still, not to worry; he will eventually. Except that he didn't. What he did was locate a tiny edge of grass newly uncovered by the melting snow. Next time I looked, all three horses were nibbling along the thin line of grass.

Now, the grass has no nutrition in it at all. Not yet. But horses much prefer grass in whatever stage of growth over hay. Besides, at this point the amount they could nibble is only a treat. Next time I looked, all three were munching hay in the paddock.

I got brave several weeks ago and defying the Murphian Law that as soon as I remove the big snow blower from the rear of Big Red, my ancient tractor, a blizzard would blast as Ol' Man Winter reasserts his stranglehold on the land, I detached the blower. Nothing happened. No blizzard. Usually my next move upon removing the blower is to immediately attach the lighter blade that I can employ to scrape the driveway in the hopes of levelling the ruts, frost heaves, and fill in the pot holes that developed when the freeze departed from the ground. But where did I leave it?

As I gazed at the mountain of snow that I had made in the repeated attempts to keep the parking area in front of the barn clear, the depressing realization that I had deposited the blade right beside where I had stored the blower the previous summer, invaded my brain. The blade was buried beneath six feet of snow that extended out at least twenty feet. So much for memory.

Sticking with the Schliemann-levels of Troy theme, I observed Sunday that enough snow had melted to reveal the very top of the blade. Aha! So, now at least I know where it lieth. Do I forge ahead with Big Red and remove all that snow to get at the blade or do I allow Ma Nature to do it for me?

I can wait. Meanwhile, I can have another cup of coffee.



TBLife



HAPPY IN NEW HOME: Gem (left), a rescue from Sandy Lake First Nation and Crosby, a rescue from Fort Severn.

OSPCA hosts summit

The Northwestern Ontario Regional Animal Summit addresses challenges facing animal care and services in remote Northern Ontario communities

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DARYL VAILLANCOURT

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Pet owners in remote northern communities often live in fear of their dog or cat being injured or becoming ill because if something does happen, there is no way to get immediate care, leaving a member of the family suffering in pain.

"I have three dogs. It's very stressful," said Gabriella Williams of Cat Lake First Nation. "I'm always worried if my dog gets off the leash and another dog attacks it. You don't have to worry about that out here, you can just take it to the vet. I have to let my dog sit in pain for a long time and then take them out. It's very stressful and I worry about them all

the time." Access to proper animal care and services is one of the many challenges facing remote northern communities, which animal advo-

cates, Indigenous leaders, and community members want to see change. The Ontario Society for the Prevention of

Cruelty to Animals and Humane Society hosted the first Northwestern Ontario Regional Animal Summit in Thunder Bay. The two-day summit that opened on Friday is meant to develop action plans to address the many challenges involving animal care in remote communities.

"We want to make sure we tell our story, we want top tell our friends across the province and in Southern Ontario about the challenges for access for animals in the north," said Daryl Vaillancourt, who oversees humane programs and community outreach with the OSPCA.

"There are a lot of challenges. The more remote you get, the more exasperated they become."

One of the most pressing concerns for pet owners throughout the Northwest is access to veterinarian care.

"If you are a pet parent and you are in Big Trout Lake and suddenly your pet is having some health challenges and you are not sure what to do, you may not be able to call for a veterinarian and that stress level goes way up," Vaillancourt said. "For that family, we are trying to help them find solutions."

Williams, who runs the Cat Lake First Nation Dog Rescue, said the closest centre with veterinarian care is Dryden, which involves an hour-long flight to Sioux Lookout and then an hour-long drive.

She said some pet owners cannot afford the cost of a flight and a vet bill, but if services were available in the community, it would be much easier and more affordable.

"If they are really hurt, we have to send them out," she said. "It really hurts them to have to send your pet out. We have to surrender our animal if we cannot afford our vet bills."

A similar summit was held in Sudbury last fall that helped identify some of the challenges facing remote communities, which also includes a need for more food programs, animal overpopulation, wellness examinations, and spay-and-neuter clinics.

In 2018, more than 550 dogs and cats were relocated from Northern communities and several spay and neuter clinics were delivered in 30 communities.

ne." The summit in Thunder Bay is meant to develop action plans to start addressing these challenges, and Judy Decicco, a board member with the OSPCA, said the changes have to be community driven.

"We addressed challenges in Sudbury and what we want to do here is develop action plans to address the challenges we face and not just talk about them again, but actually do something about them," she said. "We are not here to direct them, we are here to support them and assist them. By working together is the only way we are going to move and get anything done."

Community organizations and volunteers will also play a pivotal role, Vaillancourt added, including animal rescues and dedicated and passionate people willing to help.

"It's critical. The Ontario SPCA is a robust organization but we can only do so much," he said. "Our donors are very supportive of the work we do, but we have to have partners, we have to have volunteers."



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Film Fest ready to roll

FILM By Leith Dunick – TB Source

n a one-cinema town, it's not always easy for non-mainstream films to squeeze their way onto the silver screen and compete with Hollywood blockbusters.

Critically acclaimed titles like *If Beale Street Could Talk, RGB, Free Solo, Stan and Ollie* and *Can You Ever Forgive Me* often pass Thunder Bay, depriving the city's thriving film-buff community of the chance to see them as they were meant to be shown, in the darkness of a movie theatre.

Thankfully, Thunder Bay is home to the North of Superior Film Association, a group of film-loving volunteers who work tirelessly to showcase the best that cinema from around the world has to offer, culminating with the annual Northwest Film Fest.

This year's event, scheduled for April 7 and April 14 at Silver City, offers up 28 titles.

In addition to the five mentioned above, the lineup includes blistering satire, The *Death of Stalin*, comedy *Juliet, Naked*, and the return of *Colette*, presented during NOSFA's bi-weekly film screenings earlier this year.

Foreign-language titles, including *Cold War*, from Poland, *Shopflifters*, from Japan, and Lebanese-produced *Capernaum* will also be on the bill. And locally produced *The Discarded* directed and produced by Piotr and Miolsz Skowonski, also gets a prime spot in Week 2.

Films often pass city by

Organizer Marty Mascarin said the festival is a chance for movie fans to see a wide variety of titles that normally never play in Thunder Bay.

"You have different themes, different time frames and you're dealing with different subject matter," Mascarin said. "It's the excitement of having this huge menu of cinema that wouldn't be available otherwise for the big screen.

"And that's really what we're all about. We're about the shared, big-screen experience."

It's not an easy event to curate.

It's one thing to pick a wish list of titles, but it's another thing for that list to be available to festival bookers.

Mascarin said it starts by scouting out the Toronto International Film Festival and Cinefest in Sudbury and other films seen by various board members over the course of the year.

"We look at what may be available and what's not available and then try to look at the kind of subject matter, the kind of titles that may have a certain buzz about them that our audience is going to be interested in



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MOVIE MAGIC: North of Superior Film Association executive members Catherine Powell and Marty Mascarin unveil this year's Northwest Film Fest lineup last Wednesday at Silver City.

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It's a lengthy process that relies on the whims of movie distributors.

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Colette......4:45 p.m.

What They Had.....7 p.m.

"Sometimes award-season plays into what becomes available and not available. We don't always get the titles we want, but that's kind of an age-old challenge."

This year's event will feature two doublebill preludes. The first, on Thursday, April 4, will showcase *Wild Rose* and *The Sisters Brother*. The second, on Wednesday, April 10 includes *Can You Ever Forgive Me*, starring Melissa McCarthy and Richard E. Grant, and *The Bookshop*, set in England in 1959.

Tickets on sale

Tickets for the festival, entering its 26th year, are available starting on Thursday to NOSFA members. Six-packs are \$40 and festival passes, good for 12 showings, are \$70.

They're available at Wojo's Mojo on South Algoma Street and Upshot at on South May Street. A \$15 membership is required in order to purchase passes in advance.

"We're really hoping to encourage people to get out early and make the most of our two festival Sundays. We have three theatres and there will be films playing opposite each other, so you have to map out what you want to see," said NOSFA's Catherine Powell.

Cash-only single tickets are also available immediately ahead of screenings at the theatre, the cost \$7 for members and \$10 for non-members.

This year's schedule will be unveiled on April 4 on the NOSFA website.

IN THE **bay**

Television's killing my self-control

hange is supposed to be good. It's how we grow. It's how we move on.

But more and more, I find myself wishing we could go back to the simpler times when the end of the world was going to come in a flash from a nuclear mushroom cloud. And not slowly and painfully because people refused to believe in global warming.

These days, humans prefer to mould the world around our needs regardless of the cost. We carry a phone on us so that we can always be in contact but still ignore the ringtone or text. We want to be able to work, shop, eat and travel from the comfort of our own home.

And then there's television. This industry has moved at an incomprehensible pace.

However, add in the use of PVRs and streaming services, and even the



way we watch TV has been changed. I used to rush home to watch The Hulk. Now, I PVR my shows and watch when I want. I used to schedule my bowel movements and trips to the refrigerator for the commercial breaks. Now, I eat and poop when I want to and my waistline shows it.

I can also do other things while I'm watching TV - talk on the phone, vacuum the carpet – and re-watch anything I missed. Consequently, I'm stopping and starting my shows several times in an hour and my attention span has shrivelled exponentially.

Furthermore, television used to serve as a great tool for procrastinators. I could put off annoying conversations or household chores for "after the show." Now I have no excuse. I can simply press "pause" and watch it afterward. And everyone knows it.

Streaming services are also destroying a skill that our parents worked so hard to instill in us so we could learn self-control: delayed gratification. I've always excelled at that. My sister, not so much.

She once gave me a Christmas gift that was supposed to be "Part 1" of two. The second part would be given for my birthday several months later. I thought it gave me something to look forward to. But within 10 minutes she was handing me "Part 2" because she said she couldn't wait.

Similarly, streaming services pump out an entire season of shows at once so there's no suspense. No anticipation. No waiting till next week for answers. Forget delayed gratification. You just move on to the next episode in the same sitting.

It's also damaging social circles. Because we're not all watching shows at the same time, we can't discuss them the next morning with friends or co-workers. I am literally being shut out of the social comradery by my PVR scheduled viewing practices.

Technology is supposed to save time and allow humans better opportunities to interact with each other. But instead, we're interacting with our phones, the remote, Siri, Alexa, Bixby, and Robin.

Fortunately, this shouldn't last much longer. According to global warming reports, we've only got a decade or so left on earth.



RECORD AND WATCH: Television viewers' habits have changed in the PVR era.

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HURRY HARD: Curling enthuslast John Cameron says an application to host the 2021 Scottles Tournament of Hearts would have to be completed by the end of June.

Scottie's bid a possibility

Local group looking at submitting an application to host 2021 event at Fort William Gardens

CURLING By Leith Dunick – TB Source

Fresh off a successful Pinty's Grand Slam of Curling Tour Challenge event last November, the city's curling community is now strongly considering a bid on the 2021 Scotties Tournament of Hearts. But one of the leading proponents of the potential

bid on Thursday cautioned it's in the very preliminary stages and far from a certainty.

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John Cameron, who chaired the Tour Challenge event, said it would cost \$400,000 to host to national women's curling championship, money that would have to come from the municipality as well as the provincial and federal governments. He's hoping city council would use some of the hotel accommodation tax to fund the city's share, money the mayor wants to use for a proposed indoor soccer facility.

The economic impact to Thunder Bay is an estimated \$6 million to \$10 million, including \$2.5 million to the local hotel industry alone.

Cameron said they have to send a letter of intent to Curling Canada by the end of April.

Then the real work would begin.

"Then we would have to have a full-blown bid

application in by June 30," Cameron said. "But in between that time we would have to run a pre-ticket sale campaign, to see what the interest in Thunder Bay would be for this event.

"That's pretty ambitious, because that doesn't give us very much time to get a marketing campaign up and running and sell tickets in May to the end of June."

The event, should the bid be successful, would be held at Fort William Gardens. It was last held in Thunder Bay in 1996.

Cameron said Thunder Bay is ideally located to host a national curling event, with 17 direct flights a day out of Toronto, unlike this year's host, Sydney, N.S., where Northern Ontario's entry was forced to take a four-and-a-half hour cab ride from Halifax because of a missed connector flight.

"So we think we can probably put more fans in the stands than Sydney, N.S. did. They were about 47,000 and they made a profit of over \$130,000, so we feel confident about that.

"Curling Canada wants the money, basically. If Thunder Bay can generate a bigger chunk of money, then they'll work with our aged Fort William Gardens to piece it together and make it work. We might need some extra meeting-room space for the TSN crew and hosting the teams."

Former world champion Rick Lang, who coaches Team McCarville, the reigning Northern Ontario women's champions, said he's a firm believer the city is ready to host the Scotties again, after a 25year absence.

"It's obviously in the preliminary stages. We've made some calls and talked to some people and Curling Canada would certainly be interested in coming here, we know that," Lang said. "We have to figure out a whole bunch of logistical issues, so we don't want to get too excited, but at the same time, we're very excited at the possibility.

"I think it's a perfect event for this city, that I think we could get very excited about."

Lang said a Scotties ticket was the hottest ticket in town in 1996.

"People still talk about it, because the arena was almost full for the entire week," he said.

In the house: Cameron also announced the recent Pinty's Grand Slam of Curling Tour Challenge event, held at the Thunder Bay Tournament Centre, raised \$60,000, to be split evenly between the Fort William Curling Club, the Port Arthur Curling Club and the Kakabeka Curling Club. The event generated \$200,000 in revenue for the local organizing committee, who paid out \$140,000 in expenses.

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Vikings track star chooses Lakehead

Amy Stieh earned spot on Canadian U18 team last year RUNNING

By Leith Dunick – TB Source

Any Stieh has her eyes on the Olympic Games.

A talented runner who has earned spots on both provincial and nationallevel teams, the Hammarskjold High School student's exploits on the track also drew the attention of university coaches across North America.

Instead, she plans to stick close to home next fall, agreeing to join the Lakehead University track and field team, where she plans to hone her skills and up her game as one of the top young 400-metre racers in the country. After weighing her options, the 17year-old said the hometown draw and the quality of the program at Lakehead pushed the Thunder Bay school over the top.

"It was actually a really tough decision, because obviously there are a lot of good schools in Canada and the States and just in the world in general. But it came down to a couple of things," Stieh recently said.

"First of all, I've been training here. I like what I see. The coaches are really good, super supportive and the team is always there taking care of you.

"And I like the fact that when I come to practice I am 100 per cent confident that I am going to get better that day because I can work as hard as I can and the coaches are going to make sure that I get there."

Ranked second in the country in the 400-metre and a winner of 2018 OFSAA bronze in her first year in the senior category, the Vikings star, who also played on the girls basketball

team, last year was chosen for Canada's under-18 squad that took part in the Jamaican Invitational, where she finished second in her section and fourth overall with a time of 56.13.

It's been a lifelong dream to compete, she said.

"I started running competitively really young, in Grade 3. I started going to track meets in Grade 4 and I just liked it because I liked winning – and I would always win," Stieh said. "But what I liked outside of that, as I got older and I continued doing the sport, I realized that running is an individual sport and as long as I push myself as hard as I can, I know that at the end of the day I'll be better.

"Other people impact me, but it basically comes down to how hard I want to work. And that's what I like about running."

Joe McDonough, the track-and-field sprint coach at Lakehead, called it a monumental signing, landing one of the country's top athletes.

"She finished the year ranked either first or second for her event, so to have an athlete of her calibre commit to Lakehead and stay here and to continue the success that she's had is beyond exciting," McDonough said, adding the sky is the limit for his star recruit.

While the Olympics is not on her immediate horizon, Stieh said that's the ultimate challenge as she prepares to take the next steps in her running career.

"Olympics is always a goal. That's an awesome goal and I'd really like to get there. I'm going push as hard as I can to get there. But until then, I'm just going to try to be at the top of my game for as long as I can.

"If that means doing really well at the OUA (championship) or making another Team Canada, then that's what I'm pushing too. And hopefully one day I'll get to the Olympics."



STAYING HOME: Hammarskjold's Amy Stieh signs a letter of intent at Lakehead.

Special Olympics venues chosen

THUNDER BAY By Leith Dunick – TB Source

There's less than a year to go until Special Olympics Canada Winter Games Thunder Bay 2020, and organizers have unveiled the host venues for each of the eight sports athletes will participate in when they arrive in Thunder Bay.

Lakehead University athletic director Tom Warden on Wednesday announced the school will host the floor hockey competition at the C.J. Sanders Fieldhouse, and said it was an easy decision to step up for the athletes taking part in the Games.

"It's such a wonderful initiative for our country, as well as our community, and it meets such a needed purpose," Warden said.

"The volunteers and just the energy behind this thing is just amazing. We're just glad we can be a small part and provide venues where we can. We're actually super honoured to be part of this and we know it's going to be wonderful."

Lakehead wasn't the only venue to step forward.

Loch Lomond Ski Area will host the alpine skiing events, while five-pin bowling will take place at Galaxy Lanes.

Kamview Nordic Centre will hold the cross-country ski races and curling will take place at Fort William Curling Club.

The Thunder Bay Tournament Centre will provide ice for the figure skating competition, while the City of Thunder Bay's Chapples Golf Course will open up its snow-covered fairways for snowshoeing. Finally, speed skating will be held at Delaney Arena.

Event chair Barry Streib said it's great to get the venues locked down as early as possible to allow the athletes to get ready for the Games.

"In every sporting event it's good to know where you're going to be and what you'll need to do to compete in a very promising way," Streib said. "And it just helps our organizing committee to get ahead of schedule, to make sure we know what we have to do in terms of organization."



ALL SET: Games co-char Julie Tilbury unveils the venues for the Special Olympics Winter Games Thunder Bay 2020.

Last Wednesday's announcement also included the reveal of the first five sport sponsors, who contributed \$5,000 apiece in support of the games. They include Keating Insulation (speed skating), Lennox/Enercare (figure skating), Robert's Plumbing and Sheet Metal Co. (snowshoeing), Taranis Contacting Group (alpine skiing) and TBT Engineering (curling).

Three other sports are still in search of sponsors, Streib said, adding he's not worried this far ahead of the Games opening.

"We're not expecting it to take too much longer," he said.



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