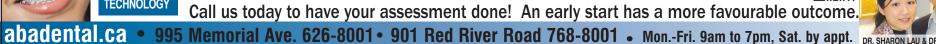
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Job website launches

By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

Several community organizations are hoping to make finding a job in Northwestern Ontario less of a job.

On Monday, the Local Employment Planning Council launched a new website that will serve as a job search engine for the districts of Thunder Bay, Kenora, and Rainy River.

"I think primarily it's a one stop shop," said Madge Richardson, executive director of the Local Employment Planning Council. "If someone is interested in Northwestern Ontario, the lifestyle, the quality of life, and also some of the jobs like resource sector jobs or right down to sales and service. There is a full variety and a diverse spectrum of jobs.'

The website, jobsearch. nswpb.ca, was a collaborative effort between the Local Employment Planning Council, the Thunder Bay Community Economic Development Commission, the Thunder Bay Multicultural Association, MovetoNWOntario.ca and funded by

The website works by pulling job postings from all across the internet, including online job websites and company pages.

"It is a compilation of all those other job sites," Richardson said. "If you want to live in Northwestern Ontario, you only have to visit this one site instead of vesting all the others to find

"It's so much easier for a job seeker to be able to go onto one site and be able to see all the job opportunities," Richardson continued. "Presently there are just over 1,100 of them."

Cathy Woodbeck, executive director of the Thunder Bay Multicultural Association, said the new job search engine will be a great tool for newcomers arriving in the region.

Woodbeck added that while most people relocating to the region already have employment, the site will serve spouses, family members, and others who may not yet have a job.

"For refugees who land here without the planning ahead of time, it's a great thing for them to use to find what is available in a field they may have worked in already," Woodbeck said.

But the website will also offer something that other job sites do not, which Woodbeck said is a vital feature for those searching for a job, especially

when something like language can be a barrier.

'We wanted a search engine where you could put in a word or two or past experience that would do some aggregating and grab all those jobs with those key words," she said. "Newcomers may call their position something a little bit different, but if they put in their experience, some of the things they have done in the job, it will pull the job even if the job title is not something they would have thought it was.'

According to Richardson, Northwestern Ontario needs more skilled workers to fight back against a declining population and she hopes this new tool will make it easier for people to search for a job here, find a job here, and relocate here.

"Based on the population and the dynamics and demographics within, we will require people to move here and that is on top of everyone here actively working and participating in the workforce, it's not to replace people from here, it's actually to add to the workforce and to allow us to grow our economy and especially sustain it," she said.



WORK SEARCH: Madge Richardson checks out job listings the old-fashioned way.

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ON TRACK: Ontario's Independent Police Review Director says he doesn't anticipate delays in his review of local police.

Systemic review of police will continue

THUNDER BAY By TB Source Staff

ntario's Independent Police Review Director says there will not be any delays with his systemic review of the Thunder Bay Police Service, despite the charges against Chief Levesque and the two new drowning cases for his office to look

OIPRD Director Gerry McNeilly launched his probe in the fall, due to complaints from First Nation leaders about the police force's handling of the 2015 drowning death of 41-yearold Stacey Debungee.

McNeilly says he'll be including the police files for the recent deaths of 17-year-old Tammy Keeash, and 14year-old Josiah Begg, into his overall review. But he says that won't push back the completion date for his report, which is expected to be submitted in the fall.

McNeilly said he also hopes to continue his dealings with Levesque, despite the chief's suspension and court proceedings.

"It might be difficult for me to have an interview with the chief now, but it will not preclude me from interviewing and meeting with the rest of the executives," McNeilly said.

"In regards to the chief, I am going to reach out to Chief Levesque to see if he will continue to volunteer to talk to me. He indicated he was going to talk to me before this incident occurred and I'm going to reach out to see if he will still do that."

Meanwhile, McNeilly also has a pair of police conduct investigations that are nearing completion.

He says his final report into some controversial Facebook posts by several city police officers should be submitted sometime in June.

His probe into how the Debungee investigation was handled should be complete soon after that.

Police Chief Levesque suspended

THUNDER BAY By Matt Vis - TB Source

City police Chief J.P. Levesque has been officially suspended after being charged with a pair of criminal offences last week.

The Thunder Bay Police Services Board met on Thursday and placed the city's top cop on administrative suspension pending the conclusion of his criminal charges.

Levesque, 53, last Tuesday was charged by the OPP with obstructing

justice and breach of trust for allegedly disclosing confidential information about Thunder Bay mayor Keith Hobbs between Dec. 14 and Dec. 22 of last year. The release conditions also bar Levesque from having any contact with Hobbs or his wife Marisa, Deputy Police Chief Sylvie Hauth and any members of the police services board.

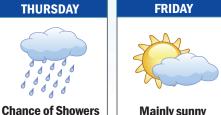
The suspension will not allow Levesque to exercise any of the powers vested in him as chief of police, reads a statement from the board released following the meeting.

The OPP began investigating in January after receiving a request from the RCMP to conduct an external, independent and thorough investigation as a result of allegations of criminal wrongdoing, culminating in a five-month investi-

Levesque was on medical leave at the time the charges were laid.

The charges have not been proven in court.

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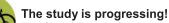
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TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN



Notice of Public Open House



The City of Thunder Bay is developing its Transportation Master Plan (TMP) study which will guide the City's transportation infrastructure investments for the next 20 years and beyond. The study is developing a practical, long-term plan for the City's transportation system to meet the needs of pedestrians, cyclists, transit riders, and motorists. The study is being conducted in accordance with the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process.

Since the first Open House, the project team has progressed on defining the vision and objectives of the TMP, active transportation analysis, traffic modelling, signal system review, intersection reviews, and more.



Have your say!

Public input is essential to the success of the TMP. For updates, to review the study progress, or to submit your ideas and feedback, visit: ThunderBayTMP.ca

Come out and meet us!



The second of three formal Public Open Houses is being held on June 6, with study team members available to discuss your ideas and answer your questions. You can also find us at the Bike Summit at Confederation College on June 3, and the Kite Festival at Chippewa Park on June 4.

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Driver faces charges

December crash killed Gary Maki

POLICEBy Leith Dunick – TB Source

A46-year-old man has been charged in conjunction with a fatal collision last December on the Thunder Bay Expressway.

Ontario Provincial Police on Monday said Thunder Bay's Leonard Dick faces one count of dangerous operation of a motor vehicle causing death.

Gary Maki, 50, was killed in the collision, which police say occurred when the driver of a northbound SUV crossed the centre line and collided with a southbound pick-up truck. A third vehicle was also struck.

Maki was ejected from his vehicle, taken to hospital and



DEADLY DAY: Leonard Dick, 46 has been charged in this December 2016 crash.

pronounced dead. The driver of the SUV suffered serious injuries and had to be extricated from his vehicle using the jaws of life, while

the driver of the third vehicle suffered only minor injuries.

The suspect will appear in court on July 11.

Read us online

Police seek suspects in Sequoia abduction case

In at least two instances two men have tried to grab women off street

POLICEBy Gary Rinne – TB Source

On the heels of two recent incidents in which women reported attempted abductions, Thunder Bay Police are investigating a third case involving suspects driving a similar vehicle.

On Sunday evening, a female complainant reported that she had been approached by another female on Arthur Street, who told her she was being followed by two men in an SUV. The victim also pointed out the suspect vehicle, which matched the description of a greenish/blue Toyota Sequoia occupied by two males with dark complexions that was provided to police after incidents last week.

The complainant gave the frightened

woman a ride to the Simpson Street/McKenzie Street area, but when officers arrived, the victim was gone.

Detectives are appealing to the victim of the Sunday night incident to contact them to confirm more details.

They are also trying to get in touch with the two males who came to the aid of a woman who was the victim of an attempted abduction while she was pushing her infant in a stroller on Beverly Street on May 22.

The other incident occurred in the Syndicate Avenue/Isabella Street area on May 24.

In a news release on Monday, police spokesperson Constable Julie Tilbury said social media is a good tool to help get information out to the community in a timely fashion. But she said any criminal or suspicious incident should be reported to police instead of merely posting it online.

Tilbury said that's "so details can be confirmed and misinformation does not cause undue public concern."





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Council for pipeline

City hall gives its backing to Energy East project

CITY HALL By Matt Vis - TB Source

City council is adding its voice of support to the controversial Energy East project, settling a nearly two-year debate over the city's official position on the divisive proposed pipeline conversion.

After three hours of debate Monday night council voted in favour of a motion calling on the National Energy Board to green light the TransCanada Pipelines project, with many expressing significant concern about the alternative of transporting oil on rail cars.

The motion, introduced by Coun. Iain Angus, noted there were 28 communities with a total population of more than 165,000 people living immediately adjacent to or divided

by either CN or CP rail lines in Northwestern Ontario.

Angus asked council to consider a scenario where an incident - potentially in the CP yard in close proximity to the East End neighbourhood - such as the deadly derailment and subsequent explosions in Lac Megantic, Que. in 2013 were to happen within the city.

"My prime purpose in wanting to see this pipeline converted is for the safety of our residents," Angus said.



CONTROVERSIAL: The Energy East pipeline runs 60 kilometres north of the city.

Gary Houston, the vice president of the Energy East project, told council it is projected the pipeline will move more than one million barrels of oil per day, the equivalent of nearly

1,600 rail cars.

He argued the trains are a higher risk mode of transportation, with the potential for coming off the track or being involved in a collision at a number of intersections and crossings compared to an underground pipeline.

"It's easy to see why it's better to have the oil travel in a pipeline than on a train," Houston said.

The pipeline, which currently carries natural gas, does not run through Thunder Bay city limits, instead passing 60 kilometres to the

north.

The approval was met with opposition by councillors Paul Pugh, Shelby Ch'ng and mayor Keith Hobbs.

In August 2015, Pugh had brought forward a motion calling on his council colleagues to "communicate its opposition to the development of the proposed Energy East pipeline."

Pugh said, as the ward councillor for McKellar, the flooding of 2012 and last year was "precisely" why he opposes the pipeline.

"I can't prove that flood was caused by climate change. It's possible it wasn't but the evidence is overwhelming that these kinds of events that used to be 100-year events now occur on four or five year intervals. There is a connection to climate change," Pugh said.

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Wynne to hike wages

t's not hard to tell a provincial election is coming.

On Tuesday, Premier Kathleen Wynne made a series of labour-related announcements designed to make life easier for the working class.

First and foremost, the Liberal leader has promised to introduce a \$15-anhour minimum wage, starting in 2019.

Wynne's announcement, coming about a year before voters are expected to hit the polls, also included provisions for equal pay for part-time workers doing the same work as fulltime employees. Also, full-time employees who stick with a company for five or more years will automatically receive three weeks of paid vacation, up from two.

Ontario workers were initially going to see the minimum wage grow from \$11.40 to \$11.60 in October. It will jump to \$14 on Jan. 1.

The impact of the minimum-wage hike on businesses and employees has yet to be published.

One thing's for certain, the new legislation will be somewhat at odds with the business-friendly Conservatives, while removing potential votegrabbing planks from the NDP's platform.

It's a move that will likely earn Wynne votes, but will it also cost some of those same voters, the 30 per cent of workers who make less than \$15 an hour, their jobs?

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Rats to harvest

To the editor:

Wally Presenger sums it up best when he states, "We are concerned about the long-term effect this Urban Training Farm will have on our neighborhood.'

Wally a long-time homeowner in the area has spent much time and resources improving his own home. His concerns are echoed by over 100 residents who have also signed the petition who are opposed to this Urban Training farm.

Several neighbours who worked in the real estate business for a combined 75 years are also opposed to this proposed urban farm and believe it will have a negative effect on property values.

This proposed urban farm should not be confused with smaller community gardens that are less visible in some parts of the city.

This urban farm is to have small animals, a bee hive and a rabbit hutch along with many sheds and other less aesthetically pleasing buildings including several compost bins in the middle of this open green space.

Ian. McRae Director Of Education for the Public Schools states that the entire area will be available for this urban

Does this mean the proposed 2.25 acres the Roots to Harvest are using this year will increase to about four acres next year?

Residents are also very concerned about the rat epidemic within the city. The Roots to Harvest organization is currently bringing in a load of triple mix soil and compost.

They also use home made wooden compost bins presently at their Volunteer Pool location and previously at their Cornwall Street location.

These bins are open at the top and have openings on the side. They are a haven for rats.

Here's what the Canadian Pest Control Services has to say about Rat Prevention

"Cease outdoor composting and turn over any existing compost adding soil. Do not add any more compost materials as this is another huge draw for rats."

Lee Sieswerda, manager of environment health programs at the Thunder Bay District Health Unit stated "rats like compost piles"

"It's warm because it generates heat from the decomposition. It's protected and people dump food waste in there. It's a warm little smorgasbord for them"

This past long-weekend one of our neighbours got rid of his compost bins as it was attracting rats.

The Roots to Harvest organization also plans to have a rabbit hutch. With no fencing and security is this a wise thing to do?

At their Cornwall and Algoma streets. location six bicycles were stolen twice from their storage shed and greenhouse in 2013 and again in 2015.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



There will be no fencing or security at this proposed urban farm. Perhaps they plan to bring the rabbits home each

As Marlene Scobak stated "An Urban Training Farm does not belong in any urban residential neighborhood." She also states " Ian MacRae, Director of Education for the Public School Board and the school trustees should have consulted with the neighbors before any decision to place an Urban Training Farm on this green space was agreed

Wally Presenger, Terry and Carol Margarit, Sean Rea, Donna and Cosmo Costa, Wilma Bruno, Raymond A. Smith, Marlene Scobak, Thunder Bay

Reopen city budget

To the editor:

nteresting to read the news release from city hall stating that the city will be enjoying a favourable budget variance of \$2.7 million for year end 2016.

On Oct.31, 2016 city administration undertook cost-cutting measures to reduce the projected year-end unfavourable variance which should have basically brought in a balanced budget but turns out to be \$2.7 million in our favour instead.

One of those cost-cutting measures involved using cost carry forwards of about \$1 million that could have been used to reduce the cost of future capital projects. The other big-ticket item was

to defer some \$1 million worth of capital projects from 2016 to lower the projected unfavourable variance. These cost-saving measures amount to nothing more than future costs to residents, but look good on the balance sheet.

I suggest city council re-open the 2017 city budget -- and yes it can be done -and use the favourable variance to reduce the tax-levy increase and cover the \$2.7 million that they are taxing residents to be put into operating reserve funds for 2017.

> Henry Wojak, Thunder Bay

Citizen survey flawed

Once again, we have been served a survey that appears to be designed more for returning the answer city administration wants rather than gauging our true feelings.

Not only do we have to choose "Very Satisfied, Somewhat Satisfied, Not Very Satisfied or Not at All Satisfied" instead of choosing on a 1 to 10 numerical scale, but we are presented with several questions of what we value more, where the choices are akin to children asking a parent what child they like more.

Do I value "Drinking water quality" more than "Fire?" Maybe, but if my house is on fire I'd be more inclined to favour quantity of water over

As for satisfaction with services, if I

am dissatisfied with bike lanes because I don't want them, should I say I am dissatisfied, which implies a need for more bike lanes, or should I say I am very satisfied with them and hope that reduces the bike lane budget?

My true feeling is somewhere in the middle but I have no way of expressing that there is a need for some additional bike lanes and that some of the current network is dangerous.

A more useful survey would ask citizens to rank services in order of their importance on a 1 to 5 scale, indicate a level of satisfaction with that service and a level of need for that service, both on a 1 to 10 scale. It could even allow for up to 3 items to be scored equal in importance for each level of importance.

Thus, drinking water quality might score a 1-10-10, Fire a 1-9-10, Police a 1-8-10, road maintenance a 2-2-6, Bylaw 2-1-10, etcetera. An option of explaining a ranking would be useful.

This may seem more complicated, but in practice is relatively easy to explain and would more accurately reflect what citizens really think about our fair city, services and value for tax dollar.

Either you want a true reflection or you are merely saying. "Mirror, mirror, on the wall...." looking for the answer that makes you feel good.

> Doug Meyers, Thunder Bay

Perspective

PM's got fancy feet

Justin Trudeau is making statements with his socks

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

don't think any of my family or friends would call me fashion conscious and nobody ever asks me who I am wearing.

Most of the time I bum around in old sweat pants and paint-stained tshirts of unknown origin, comfortable and non-flattering.

But when I go out I take advantage of my public appearances and sometimes add a little flair to my

I am aware of the "dandy" fashion trends that are becoming very popular among the fashionista crowd and I do dabble, just a little.

As a shy, unassuming guy I am uncomfortable parading around in anything stylish or attractive and my wardrobe hasn't changed much over the decades.

I even have a few of my dad's old fashions which, as dads everywhere know, never go out of style.

Sock it to me

However, when I choose my socks I often use that small area between the tops of my shoes and the bottom of my pants to make a statement.

I'm not a flashy guy but when I'm schmoozing with my buds or socializing in a casual dining atmosphere, I enjoy a splash of ankle flair.

If I look up between bites of ribeye and catch a glint of colour from across the restaurant it always makes me smile.

I like to provide that same colorful experience to anyone who might be looking my way.

I have a pair of deep maroon socks with a vertical pattern (another pair in a striking mustard shade) that scream for attention.

Sometimes even basic argyle makes people treat me with more respect - if I catch their eye, many will nod and smile.

But this isn't about me – I just want to clarify that I have been socking with eye-catching colours and patterns for years.

And now, somebody is stealing my thunder.

"And now,

somebody is

stealing my

thunder."

At the NATO summit. Angela Merkel was seen staring (or was she gushing?) as Justin Trudeau raised his pant leg and exposed his fully-clothed ankle.

She wasn't the only one checking out Justin's NATO pair - one pink and one blue sock, each with a radiating NATO compass star.

It seemed very cute and innocent but the PM knows, as I do, about the power of tastefully outrageous socks.

Sure, he has tons of charisma and his hair has more waves than a Saskatchewan wheat field but it's those subliminal socks that make a lasting impression.

The Prime Minister has known about sock power for some time and he shows his true colors every time he crosses his legs and exposes ankle fabric.

For his first, first ministers meeting the PM created a stir by wearing colorful red socks with a white maple leaf motif.

Last year on a trip to Switzerland he featured purple socks with a green skull and crossbones design.

At a town hall meeting in Ottawa he showed another fancy pair with bold, colourful stripes, "professional without giving uptight vibes."

Show of Force

Earlier this month he paid respects

to Irish Prime Minister Enda Kenny wearing a mismatched pair of Star Wars socks.

One was blue/gray stamped with R2D2's and the other was gold/black with C3P0's - and yes, it was May the fourth.

Whatever message Mr. Trudeau is sending via his socks, it is part of a winning profile and people seem to respond positively.

Perhaps MPs Patti Hajdu and Don Rusnak should start making their own statements with their own stylish socks.

Nothing fancy – start with some horizontal tonal stripes and then gradually transition to checks, argyles, herringbone and then bold patterns and colours.

You guys can be as likeable as the prime minister - admired from his locks to his socks.

WINDSOR SALTS AWAY TITLE

HOSTS WITH THE MOST: Former NHLer Trevor Letowski holds the Memorial Cup high after the Windsor Spitfires took home the junior championship. Letowski is the team's associate coach.

Rex Theatre

he Rex Theatre on Simpson Street was one of our city's most decorative theatres. Built in 1909 as the Palace Theatre it was one of two theatres in Fort William that specialized in silent films. The Rex (as it was named in 1911) seated 500 to 600 and was usually packed for such films as Shorty Makes a Bet or Home Sweet Home. Shows ran continuously for 12

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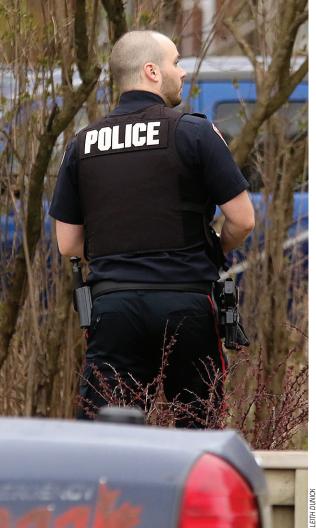
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LOCALNEWS



SEEKING INFORMATION: A Thunder Bay Police Service officer investigates a murder on South Marks Street that took place on Monday, May 22.

Murdered man ID'd by police

Toronto's Edmond Clovis, 21, was killed in violent Victoria Day incident

By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

The victim of a homicide on the city's south side has been positively identified by police.

According to a Thunder Bay Police Service media release, the victim who was found with severe injuries on South Marks Street and later died in hospital has been identified as 21-year-old Edmond Clovis of Toronto.

On May 22, officers responded to the 300 block of South Marks Streets just before 5 p.m. for reports of a severely injured man. The man was taken to hospital, but soon died of his injuries.

It was later determined that the man's injuries were the result of a physical altercation.

Police reported on May 26 that witnesses saw a dark coloured SUV fleeing the scene and believe it was involved in the attack. The vehicle is described as a newer model Mazda CX 5 and either dark charcoal or black in colour.

The investigation is ongoing and police continue to receive information from the public. Anyone with information about the incident is asked to contact the police tip line at 684-5000 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 or visit www.tipsubmit.com.

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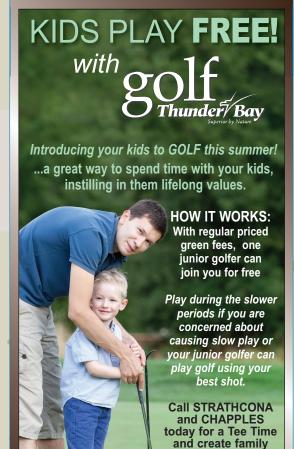




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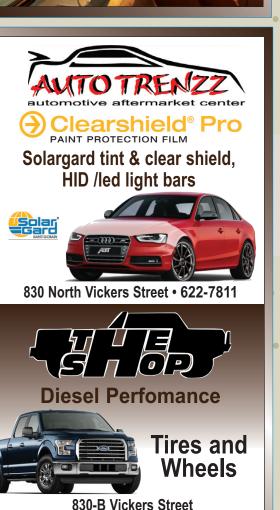
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AWARENESS: Dozens of people marched on Saturday in the annual walk in support of Alzheimer's disease research.

Walking for Alzheimer's

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GREG MALO

THUNDER BAY By Michael Charlebois - TB Source

he positive side of one of the world's most challenging diseases was on full display Saturday morning at Marina Park.

Sporting bright, white t-shirts, a large crowd walked in support of Alzheimer's disease and all those affected by

"There's over 2,800 people in the community of Thunder Bay that have dementia or

alzheimer's," said Randy Moore, executive director of The Alzheimer's Society of Thunder Bay.

"They say for every person that has it, 12 are affected. So it's rare that someone in this community isn't touched somehow."

Moore says the walk is the biggest fundraiser of the year, and says all donations will stay in Thunder Bay to support funding for Alzheimer's education and support.

"I think because of that, a lot of people know we provide good services, and they come out to support us because they know it's a good

With one cause in mind, walkers shared their unique stories with people of different ages, races, and classes.

"It's an incredibly tough, and emotional disease,"

Of the many who know the challenges of the disease,

Greg Malo was willing to share his families story.

Malo walked on behalf of his mother-in-law, Colleen Alkenbrack, a teacher who was "very meticulous and organized."

"To watch her slide with this debilitating disease was just heartbreaking," Malo said. "She went from independent and strong... to a child."

Alongside the horrible reality of the disease, Malo says these events are needed to bring light to the lack of

> "We were lucky, we had a very strong family support. But there's other people who don't have this support because of cutbacks. I don't think they see Alzheimer's as a sickness."

Malo believes as a whole, the disease is grossly underfunded.

'We don't have room for long-term care, and it's just horrifying seeing some of the conditions these people are in because there is no funding available for it."

Despite the drawbacks, Malo says it can only be improved through events such as the walk.

"It's nice to know you're not alone," Malo said. "There's a support network in this city that is phenomenal.'

For those families still facing the battle, Malo shared his perspective to the entire crowd.

"As caregivers, we have to learn how to be patient, how to stay calm... Seeing this, it's amazing to get my message across."

Bambi being bothersome



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RURAL ROOTS

o we have deer grazing in our back-So we have deer grazing in the yard. Well, to be precise, we have deer munching the new grasses in the southern horse paddocks that we plainly see from our living room windows.

There they are, mother, and two youngsters, teenagers really, slowly moving about nibbling at what is just coming up. They may only show once during the day or they may make return visits in the after-

They share the paddocks with a pair of geese that we're convinced have decided to nest on our beaver pond. They also share this area with the Sandhill cranes who are nesting I'm not sure where but who daily visit our property to scrounge for whatever they can.

So far, so good.

Until one morning about a week ago, I saw one of the teens running up and down a large mound of dirt we call Destiny's Mountain after a wonderful mare who was boarded here and who loved to run up onto this mound and stand with her mane and tail flowing in the wind.

This young deer would leap about, run up

and down, then dash over to the edge of the paddock and then back again bucking in the air as it ran.

Wow. What a show.

I had not yet spotted the doe ("A deer, a female deer...") until she raised her head.

She was obviously grazing on the other side of Destiny's Mtn. that hid her until she

I sat back in my chair, slurped some more morning coffee. But wait, I thought, aren't there three deer in this family?

Where is the other teen?

So I craned my neck and looked outside only to see teen number two munching long the edge of Laura's new flower garden.

What?!! Outrage! I jumped up and opened the window and shouted "Shoo, go

The teen looked up wondering from whence came the shouting. I shouted again and this time it took off towards Mom and other teen. Good.

About this time my wife, Laura, appeared dressed to go to work.

"What were you shouting about?" she asked. "Bambi has been eating your flower bulbs," I retorted. "Yes," she sighed, "I've seen evidence of the deer nosing in all of the flower gardens. They are a nuisance.'

These flower gardens are brand new, created by Laura late last summer.

A neighbour offered the plants to Laura and two other gardening enthusiasts since she said that she couldn't do all of the weeding required.

The garden was huge, a demonstration garden of various flowers back when it was a commercial operation.

So Laura and friends slogged away digging the precious plants and transferring them by the truckload to the various gardening locations.

We were anxiously waiting to see what would come up, to learn if the transplanting had been successful.

Now this: A bulb-binging Bambi.

So we have one dog now – Baxter.

He looks tough; he is a softy. He roams the horse paddock where the geese and cranes are feeding and pays them no atten-

"Fear not, o' winged ones," I shout as he and I pass them at a distance on one of our walks, "this predator will not predate upon your person.'

Still, the birds slowly move away.

But Baxter has not been roaming when the doe and the Bambis are dining in the paddocks.

What would happen?

Certainly when he senses some creature wandering through the bush, say, a bear, we hear his deep, basso-profundo bark and see his ruff rise. (Thank the stars he doesn't go after it).

I don't hunt but perhaps I can encourage Baxter to frighten off the petunia predators.

We'd like to see a blooming garden, not a bloomin' mess.



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HELPING THE HUNT: Richard Togman founded Rent Panda when he couldn't find a place to live.

Rental site helps tenants find home

BUSINESS
By Leith Dunick – TB Source

When Richard Togman followed his partner to Thunder Bay, he said he had a heck of a time finding a place to live.

The entrepreneur said he'd spend an hour or more each night poring through Kijiji accommodation ads, while struggling with limited visuals of the property and, in a number of cases, a gross exaggeration of its actual quality.

It was a lot of work, Togman said.

So he decided to do something about it, so others wouldn't have to suffer the same fate.

It led to the creation of Rent Panda, a website that connects landlords and tenants, providing pictures of each unit and the ability to do a 360-degree walk-through of the property before signing on the dotted line.

The made-in-Thunder Bay solution also removes much of the inconsistencies of current apartment and rental-unit shopping.

"It's really unique and groundbreaking in terms of both the technology we use and the services we provide," said Togman, who is listed as the company's founder and Panda boss.

"Right now, if you're looking for a house, you're using something like Kijiji or maybe a Facebook page. None of those are actually set up for rental housing. They're basically a blank piece of paper, where you can kind of throw up what you want, with no quality control or aesthetic value. It's just a poorquality service."

Enter Rent Panda.

"We've made something that's designed for renters and for landlords. We've talked to hundreds of tenants, dozens of landlords and built something for them," Togman said.

The interface was made as simple as possible and added up to 12 difference search criteria to help potential tenants locate as close a match to what they're looking for as possible.

For example, someone might seek out a petfriendly apartment in Current River or a home with a garage in Westfort. Searches can also be defined by rental price, for those with strict budget limits.

Togman said in a city where more than 30 per cent of its residents are living in rental accommodations, it's important.

"That one of the things, when we were talking with tenants, that they really wanted to know," he said. "If you have a pet, it doesn't help you to visit 15 different units and then find out at the interview that the landlord really isn't too keen on cats," said Togman, one of five companies selected to take part in the third installment of the Northwestern Ontario Innovation Centre's Co-Starter program, which provides seed money and mentorship to accelerate small business entrepreneurship.

The service is free to tenants and basic service is offered at no charge to landlords. Charging for extras, like the videos and page prominence, are how Togman plans to make his money.

For now the site will focus on Thunder Bay, but if it proves successful, Togman said he'd consider introducing it in larger centres.

Auditorium fund gets a little help

THUNDER BAY
By Leith Dunick - TB Source

The Thunder Bay Community Auditorium Foundation has a new home.

Concerned the facility's 30-year-old fundraising arm might be losing some steam and in search of stability to keep up the good work it's done over the years, board members this year decided to join forces

with the \$10-million Thunder Bay Community Foundation.

It's a win-win situation, said TBCAF president Susan Lester.

"As a small volunteer arts organization, we are struggling with donation dollars because we are up against large, professionally staffed health and education foundations," Lester said.

"We decided we had to take a SUSAN LESTER look at our future."

Lester noted there is a lot of transient movement on their board, members trying to fit in time to help raise money while also working full time at their own jobs.

"We thought, what can we do to secure our future, both financially and personnel-wise. We looked at many options and we met with Bonnie Moore, the executive officer of the Thunder Bay Community Foundation and what they had to offer just delighted us and fit perfectly with our mandate," Lester said.

The Auditorium foundation over the years has helped supplement the municipally funded facility, helping to upgrade a new sound board and pay for other capital requirements not fully paid for from city coffers.

Lester said the new partnership gives the Auditorium foundation a day-to-day finan-

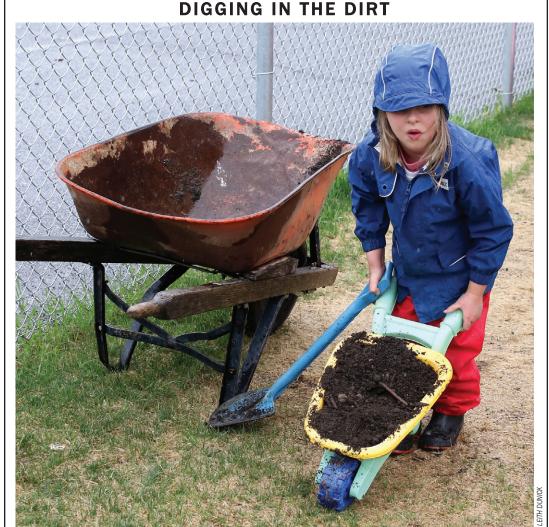
cial management of their portfolio.

"And now being under the umbrella of a \$10-million portfolio with the Community Foundation, it's going to secure our finances," she said. "And we know that if for some reason our board no longer exists, that your Community Auditorium Foundation, which fundraises for this arts facility, will always be watched over

financially and with marketing and promotion."

George Badanai, the past president of the Thunder Bay Community Foundation, said the addition of the 12th charity to the fold adds to their ability to give back to the city in perpetuity.

"It makes a great milestone and a great partnership," Badanai said.



LITTLE HELPER: Five Mile Public School's Ella Challen, 6, helps students from Superior Collegiate build flower boxes.

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A GROWING AUDIENCE: From left to right: Theresa Thibert, Mark Gough, Luke Donnelly, Kai Leinonen, John Welyki of Opera Northwest. The local company will be performing Mozart's Cosi Fan Tutte June 1, 2, and 3 at the Selkirk Auditorium at St. Patrick High School.

An enthusiastic operatic return

Opera Northwest is set to stage its second full-length opera, Mozart's Cosi Fan Tutte

MUSIC

By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

Distrust, disguises, deception, and a devious maid named Despina – what could possible go wrong? So sets the stage for the latest opera to arrive on the local stage, as interest continues to grow for the age old musical theatre.

Opera Northwest is presenting Mozart's *Cosi Fan Tutte*, the 16th century Italian opera on June 1, 2, and 3, and artistic director and producer, Theresa Thibert, said the comedy revolves around an act of distrust and deception.

"It's a comedy about two guys who get lured into a bet that if they dress up in disguise and trick their girl-friends, then their girlfriends won't be faithful," she said. "The girls end up falling for these new guys that show up."

The full-length production in two acts has six principal characters, all of whom are local performers, who are accompanied by members of the Thunder Bay Symphony Orchestra and a full chorus.

Cosi Fan Tutte was first performed in 1790 in Vienna, Austria. Since its debut, it has become one of the most frequently performed operas in the world

Thibert said audiences shouldn't worry about following along with the story of twists and turns, even if it is being performed in a different language.

"We are going to have subtitles," she said. "The English is going to be projected above, but it's going to be pretty obvious what is going on through the acting."

Opera Northwest has been operating for two years and staged its first full-length opera last year with a presentation of Mozart's *The Marriage of Figaro*.

"We received a really enthusiastic and supportive response from the community," Thibert said. "Last year was the first year doing it and as a new company we are growing and learning doing this. The support that we receive is very positive and people are really excited because it is something different."

Thibert is a classically trained

opera singer who has studied music in Italy. The creation of Opera Northwest has allowed her to share her passion with audiences in her hometown.

"There wasn't really anywhere for me to sing opera at home," she said. "We have a lot of theatre in Thunder Bay, music theatre, we have a big music scene, but there were no staged operas. And we have a very supportive arts scene in Thunder Bay so it was something different for us to bring to Thunder Bay."

Thibert will be performing in *Cosi* Fan Tutte in addition to producing and being able to perform at home, sharing her passion with local audiences, is a very special experience for the singer.

"I have performed out of town and abroad, for me to have my home audience of family and friends, it makes it more meaningful for me to show my community my passion and share that with them and hopefully have them get as excited about it or at least be exposed and educated about what opera is," she said.

And Thibert believes there is a

strong audience in Thunder Bay for operas. She said Metropolitan Opera performances screened at the local theatre are always well attended, as well as opera concerts staged by the Thunder Bay Symphony Orchestra.

"I think opera is often given a little bit of an intimidating persona or character," she said. "Operas are really just musicals to classical music. If you think about musical theatre and Broadway, operas were around a long time before then telling stories and being comical and it's just to a different kind of music."

The productions also provide local singers and performers an opportunity to step into what Thibert calls very demanding roles and like her, share their passion with audiences across the city.

Cosi Fan Tutte will be performed on June 1, 2, and 3 at the Selkirk Auditorium at St. Patrick High School. All performances begin at 7 p.m. and tickets are \$35 and \$20 for children and students and are available at the door or in advance at Calico Coffeehouse, Fireweed Crafts, or by calling 629-6457.

The resounding thud of the reboot



Recently, I was clearing out an old cabinet full of audio cassettes and CD's. It's was like a time capsule of my past, each song bringing back a memory.

Television networks love our sense of nostalgia. In an ultra-competitive entertainment industry, bringing back the old for one or two memory-filled nights is usually ratings gold.

So it's no surprise that the studios are reviving shows to which we long thought we'd bid a fond farewell. This past season, MacGyver returned after 24 years sans Richard Dean Anderson and his mullet. Lethal Weapon was a surprise hit thanks to newcomer Clayne Crawford's take on Mel Gibson's crazed character. And after nearly a decade, obsessed Gilmore Girls fans got a four-episode revival on Netflix.

However, one reboot barely waited for the body to get cold. Just 13 months after Fox memorialized American Idol's "Finale Year." ABC won a minor bidding war to purchase the show and install Katy Perry at the

Reboots can certainly bring fresh

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

ideas to an old story. Yet, some still call this lazy. Stagnation instead of inspiration.

Meanwhile others figure, "Why fix what ain't broke?" and look to former stars to reprise their roles. Twin Peaks recently returned with Kyle MacLachlan still enjoying his coffee amid many of the original quirky characters.

Roseanne will also resume with its original cast. However, since the last season was revealed as the imaginative writings of a widow dealing with the sudden death of Dan, I'm not sure how John Goodman is involved. And audiences have shown little interest in Roseanne Barr's recent projects. So will anyone show up for this reunion?

Will & Grace's mini-episode during the recent election morphed into a half-season order from NBC. This ground-breaking comedy ended a decade ago while still a hit. But I see a couple of potential

First, Leslie Jordan's delightful Beverly was blown off a balcony and died in the finale. Yet, he was the first to announce his return.

Furthermore, the series ended with our heroes living separate lives married and settled with kids. The original magic came from their perpetually immature misfit-ness. Their humour was somewhat juvenile but the in-your-face stereotype LGBT jokes were necessary at a time when homosexuality was mostly whispered on TV.

Will fans allow for changes to their beloved characters? Or will we discover they haven't changed at all ... and time (and society) has passed them by?

It's like looking up your old flame on Facebook. Even if you're not horrified by what you see, how many of us would really want to hook up with that again?

According to Jennifer Aniston, a Friends revival will never happen because it thrived in a time when people weren't absorbed by their phones and instead, enjoyed hanging out in a room together just talking to one other. Today's audience wouldn't relate.

So will these reboots find the magic is still there? Or is it only magical because it lives in the soft-focus of our memory?

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Cats set for 17-day trip

Players say lengthy banishment on road could be a bonding experience for team

BASEBALL By Leith Dunick -TB Source

eventeen days away from home doesn't Shave to be a bad thing, say a pair of Border Cats faced with the prospects of a lengthy road trip to start the 2017 Northwoods League season.

It's a great chance to bond, said shortstop Colin Rosenbaum, a junior at North Carolina's Belmont Abbey College, not worried about the team's Port Arthur Stadium woes, with renovations to the aging park not finished on time, forcing them to the road for two weeks longer than originally scheduled.

"I think it's pretty cool, honestly," said the power-hitting Rosenbaum, who had nine home runs and 50 RBI, while hitting .286 with a .447 on base percentage for the

"I've never had a 17-game road trip ever. I'm looking forward to it. It's going to be definitely a lot different, so you're going to have to be mentally strong and just take each game one game at a time.

College teammate Brady Hill, a southpaw reliever looking to help the Border Cats bullpen close out contests in their 15th season, said the road trip will teach the team a lot about themselves and should be a great bonding experience for a group of players who for the most part had never met before joining the Border Cats.

'They say separate the men from the boys



MEET AND GREET: Border Cats fans Gary and Evelyn Bakich and mascot Boomer, greet first-year players Brady Hill and Colin Rosenbaum on Sunday at Fan Fest, held at Intercity Shopping Centre.

and I think this 17-day road trip will definitely do that. It's going to be a challenge, but I think it will be a great opportunity for us to bond on the road and become a better team as we go through this," said Hill, who posted a 2-1 record for the Crusaders with a 6.53 earned run average and five saves in 15 appearances.

"Hopefully we pick up some wins."

It certainly can't be any worse than the start the Border Cats got off to last year, setting a new mark for futility with 15 straight losses to open the 2016 season.

New pitching coach Matt Cartwright sees positives and negatives to their banishment to the road for the first half of June.

On the one hand, the players will get to

know each other really well. On the other, they may start to get on each other's nerves a bit spending so much time together.

"But that will help us really gel together and grind together, the first two weeks when you're on the road together. We're just going to be on the bus and in the hotel together and on the field together. That's it," said Cartwright.

It could set the tone for the rest of the summer, he added.

"Baseball is a game of momentum. It truly is. We want to get off to a hot start to really propel us for the rest of the season because it's 74 games. Every game matters, even the ones early," Cartwright said.

Falcons take high school girls title

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

rica Vidotto was determined to help her team win the 2017 high school girls soccer champi-

But when the game started on Thursday afternoon, the St. Ignatius Falcons star midfielder wasn't sure she'd get the chance.

The 16-year-old was somewhere over Lake Superior, on her way back to Thunder Bay from a family visit to Toronto. It took a OLIVIA WALSH mad dash through the airport shoving her brother politely aside

along the way – and some timely green lights, but Vidotto managed to get to the field minutes into the second half.

Her impact was almost immediate.

With the Falcons up 1-0 after Saige Niemi had found the back of the net in the 38th minute, a dozen minutes later Vidotto took control of the ball in the midfield area and fired a pinpoint pass to Olivia Walsh up the middle. Walsh, a member of Ontario's under-16 team, blasted a shot at Westgate Tigers keeper Alexis Anderson, who couldn't

Julianna Servello was ready to

pounce, punching it home for a 2-0 St. Ignatius lead. Then, with about three minutes to go, Vidotto curled a high, hard shot from about 21 yards out, the ball sailing just under the crossbar.

The goal sealed a 3-0 win and gave the Falcons a second straight championship, the school's 12th girls soccer title in 19

"By the second half we got that first goal and things just changed from there. We had a lot of energy and then we got two more and here we are. We're going to OFSAA,"

Walsh, just 14 and in her first year with the team, said it's been the goal all year long.



Vikings upset Falcons in soccer final

SOCCER **By Leith Dunick - TB Source**

Goals were scarce in the opening half, but the Hammarskjold Vikings found their touch when it mattered most and scored an upset win for their second high school boys soccer championship in three seasons.

Devon Hoier, Devan Jorgenson and Niko Dowhos all found the back of the net on Thursday evening, leading the Vikings to a 3-0 title-game win over the powerhouse St. Ignatius Falcons and earned a berth at this month's provincial championship in Hamilton.

Hoier was just following in his brother's footsteps.

"I played in Grade 10 and went to OFSAA and my brother scored the game-winning goal. For me to score it too, I can't imagine how he felt, but it's the best thing that's ever happened to

me," said Hoier, who fired a crossing pass to Jorgenson in the 60th minute that led to Hammarskjold's second goal.

Hoier's marker came off a corner

Jorgenson teed it up and Hoier, who plays for the Thunder Bay Chill's under-18 squad and plans next season to play with the Premier Development League club, said he managed to execute his plan to perfection.

"I knew Devan would always get it on net. I trust him because we've played together forever. I thought I'd just go to the net and Alex (Pike) won the second ball. I had a wide open net and there's nothing better than seeing my foot hit the ball and go in the net," Hoier said. "It was the greatest feeling."

The goal, which came in the 48th minute, opened the floodgates.

Jorgenson doubled the lead 11 minutes later and Dowhos finished it off

in the 69th minute, the Falcons by then playing a man short after the Falcons Anthony Tassone was tossed for picking up his second yellow card of the contest.

It was an amazing accomplishment, Jorgnson said.

"It's a great feeling to be able to do this with my team another time," said Jorgenson, one of the final cuts from this year's Ontario Cup squad.

"This is my second time going to OFSAA and it's just an awesome feeling."

His goal was textbook soccer.

Hoier took a lead pass and streaked down the right side of the Fort William Stadium field before spying his open teammate running a parallel course down the turf.

Falcons goalie Nick D'Angelo dove for the ball, but it eluded him along the ground and the Falcons led 2-0..



BACK ON TOP: The Hammarskjold Vikings won their second boys title in three seasons.



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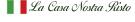
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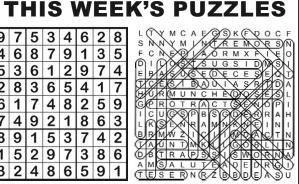
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