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Tbaytel Knows Community Needs

Meet Content & Alliances Coordinator Dana

By Janine Chiasson

When Tbaytel launched TV in 2010, it was first in market to offer Whole Home PVR, web-based scheduling of recordings, and local content apps. "Creating tailored programming for local needs was, and still is, a high priority," emphasizes Dana, the Content and Alliances Coordinator for TV at Tbaytel. "We keep people connected to where we live by delivering local community content." Whether that's Thunder Bay Airport flight status, movie listings, City Council meetings, Border Cats Baseball or Thunderwolves Hockey games – Tbaytel has you covered.

During her 34 years with Tbaytel, Dana has worked in many areas including customer service, business sales and marketing, bringing a depth of experience to her position. "I want our customers to have a phenomenal TV service," says Dana. "Not just great features like exceptional picture quality, an easy to use interface, and TV Everywhere, but channels and programming that mean something to our local customers."

Although Tbaytel offers hundreds of channels, staff still love to hear feedback. "It's not uncommon to receive requests for brand new channels that aren't even available yet!" says Dana. "Just let us know what you're interested in and we'll look into it." From favourite movie channels to favourite multicultural channels such as Rai Italia or ATN – Tbaytel listens and responds.

To keep things fresh, Dana works with content providers, community members, and a dedicated



Tbaytel team to make sure that customers know about changes, improvements, and special offers through newsletters, the Tbaytel website, and, of course, the Tbaytel channel where viewers can always find something new. For instance, Dana loves to offer free channel previews and reveals, "last year I coordinated over 60 free channel previews for our customers to enjoy."

Tbaytel stays on top of industry developments and constantly evolves its TV service to meet the needs and expectations of its local market. "We have over 400 employees who live in the market we serve – so we get it," says Dana. "It helps that we already know what's popular with our customers but our neighbours and friends are a direct pipeline to the community, and to make sure we get the big picture, we survey regularly." The market surveys show Tbaytel is consistently ranked number one by residents for having a strong relationship with the community.

Dana doesn't hesitate when she says, "I'm really proud to work for a company that cares as much as we do – not only about our employees but about the community in which we all live, and about the products and services we offer to our customers that make life in Northern Ontario a little easier."



"Tbaytel is consistently ranked number one by residents for having a strong relationship with the community."

LOCAL NEWS

Memorial prayer walk about healing

THUNDER BAY
By Matt Vis - TB Source

Grace Matawapit knows too well the tragic consequences that have befallen Indigenous youth in Thunder Bay.

The band councillor from North Caribou Lake First Nation, which lost 17-year-old Tammy Keeash after her body was found in the Neebing-McIntyre Floodway last month, also lost her 20-year-old grandson Daniel Levac nearly three years ago when he was the victim of a homicide in 2014.

Leaders from North Caribou Lake First Nation organized a community prayer walk Thursday afternoon to honour the memory of Keeash as well as Josiah Begg, a fellow Indigenous teen whose body was found in a Thunder Bay waterway in May. The walk began at Thunder Bay city hall and proceeded to the Thunder Bay Police Service station on Balmoral Street, with a stop at the Floodway for a brief ceremony.

Addressing the crowd of nearly 200 people – including Nishnawbe Aski Nation Grand Chief Alvin Fiddler, Thunder Bay mayor Keith Hobbs and multiple members of the beleaguered

Thunder Bay Police Service – Matawapit said now is the time to come together rather than lay blame.

“We are here not to be confrontational. We are here to pray. We are here to look for healing,” she said.

“We are not here to hold up signs and protest. We’re not here to do that. We just want to heal from what we have lost. We have lost a lot of young people and we are here to heal from that. We need that and we have to believe things are going to change.”

The deaths of the two teens have sparked outrage from Indigenous leaders over the subsequent Thunder Bay police handling of the case, with Fiddler on Wednesday issuing a call for the RCMP to lead a new investigation.

Keeash was found in the Floodway on May 7, hours after she was reported missing. Police have said the coroner determined the cause of death to be consistent with drowning and there is no evidence of criminality.

Matawapit said the community has “a lot of questions” about what led to the teen’s death.

Pearl Slipperjack, the mother of Keeash, spoke briefly before the walk began.



WALKING TOGETHER: Thunder Bay aboriginal liaison Ann Magiskan, North Caribou Lake First Nation band councillor Adam Kanate and Fort William First Nation CEO Ken Ogima lead a community prayer walk in memory of Tammy Keeash and Josiah Begg last Thursday.

“Thank you for supporting our family. We’re going to work together to heal together,” Slipperjack said.

The two teens were reportedly last

seen the same evening, though investigators have previously said there is no evidence indicating their disappearances were connected.

Intensive search efforts to try to locate the 14-year-old from Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug First Nation were ongoing for more than a week before his body was found in the McIntyre River by a provincial police dive team on May 18.

Thunder Bay Police Service deputy chief Sylvie Hauth, who is filling in as the head of the force after police chief J.P. Levesque was placed on administrative suspension, described the walk as a “great opportunity” to come together.

“I think it’s important for them to see that we are here to work together,” Hauth said of those who have been critical of the investigations.

“We’re here to work with the city, we’re here to work with all of the organizations that are here. We’re here to work with all of the communities that are here represented and we want to be a partner at the table and work with them.”

The deaths of the two bring the number of Indigenous youth found in city waterways to seven since 2000.

Fort William First Nation Chief Peter Collins called for the memorial walk to spark a sense of unity and collaboration.

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LOCAL NEWS

Indigenous leaders seek RCMP's help

THUNDER BAY
By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

First Nation leaders are continuing to question the Thunder Bay Police Service's handling of the recent deaths of two Indigenous youth in the city and are now calling on the RCMP to take over the investigation.

In a media conference held in Toronto last Wednesday, Nishnawbe Aski Nation Grand Chief Alvin Fiddler, Grand Council Treaty #3 Ogichida Francis Kavanaugh, and Rainy River First Nations Chief Jim Leonard called on the RCMP to take over the investigation into the deaths of 17-year-old Tammy Keeash and 14-year-old Josiah Begg, who were found dead in area waterways last month, and the 2015 death of Stacy DeBungee.

"Today we are here to demand some action immediately," Leonard said. "The Thunder Bay Police I don't think is an option."

Leonard said First Nations leaders have encountered roadblock after roadblock when trying to get answers into the deaths of Indigenous youth in the city of Thunder Bay.

"It's our view that the Thunder Bay police cannot fix this," he said. "They have shown that they are not able to come to any conclusion other than the deaths are non-suspicious and non-criminal, which doesn't hold any water with us."

Need assistance

According to Kavanaugh, requests were made to Thunder Bay Police last year to have the case of Stacy DeBungee investigated by another police force after family members questioned Thunder Bay Police's determination that his death was not suspicious.

Indigenous leaders say the OPP refused to investigate DeBungee's death when asked, a contention denied this week by the force.

Still, Kavanaugh said bringing in the RCMP is the next logical step.

"The police force for Canada is currently free of any involvement in Northern Ontario," Kavanaugh said. "The RCMP is the best investigative agency to complete these investigations and provide a credible report. There is both precedent and legal



NOT SATISFIED: Nishnawbe Aski Nation Grand Chief Alvin Fiddler wants answers.

authority to bring the RCMP where local police service is unable or unwilling to provide unbiased services itself."

The chiefs are also calling on the Ontario Civilian Police Commission to launch an inquiry and appoint an administrator to investigate the Thunder Bay Police Services Board.

"There has been no leadership at all in our view from this police services board," Fiddler said. "Over these many years, over the many tragic events and the losses our communities have suffered, they have been silent."

"It just reinforced what we've been saying all along, that they do not represent us, even though Thunder Bay has a growing Indigenous population," Fiddler said. "Rather than acknowledging what is happening in our community, they continue to deny that there are issues that they need to resolve."

A statement from the Police

Services Board said the board is not permitted to take action or provide direct supervision with the day-to-day operation of the police service.

"This board accepts that systemic racism is a barrier to the Indigenous peoples," the statement continued. "Systemic racism is a much broader term than just the relationships between police and Indigenous communities. A police service cannot cure systemic racism. We accept that our service has a role to play."

Investigation has started

In a letter from the Ontario Civilian Police Commission, executive chair Linda Lamoureux said an investigation has been launched into the manner in which the Police Services Board provides oversight to the Thunder Bay Police Service.

"At this time, the commission requires evidence from its investigation before considering the appointment of an administrator," the letter stated. "Should our investigation provide such evidence, the commission will not hesitate to act accordingly."

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LOCAL NEWS

Politics a threat: Page

THUNDER BAY
By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Kevin Page says the biggest threat to the global economy isn't oil prices.

"It's politics," the former Parliamentary budget officer told a crowd of about 60 people on Thursday at a Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce-sponsored luncheon.

An economist at the University of Ottawa, Page said it's undeniable the world is concerned about the results of the most recent United States election and the impact on the economy going forward. And with good reason, he added.

But there's no need to panic, Page said.

"We've also seen there are a lot of checks and balances in the United States, so there's been a lot of pushback. President (Donald) Trump hasn't been able to push through changes on health care and (other) issues," Page said.

"And we're going to wait and see where they will go on climate change and other trade issues."

Page, who in 2013 drew the ire of former prime minister Stephen Harper when he took the Conservative government to court for not releasing details about planned austerity, said he's confident Canada is strong enough to get beyond the Trump rhetoric, especially when it comes to issues like the president's decision to rewrite the North American Free Trade Act.

"In the U.S. system they still need to pass laws. NAFTA will have to be passed by Congress. And I think Congress has a strong understanding



LEITH DUNICK

CONCERNED: Former Parliamentary budget officer Kevin Page speaks last week.

of the trade relationships with Canada."

It's not just Canada that has Page concerned. There's uncertainty throughout the world, from strongmen like Vladimir Putin's interference holding Russia's reins to the authoritarian measures in places like the Philippines, Turkey and North Korea.

The possible collapse of the European Union and Great Britain's decision to opt out of the EU is also troubling to investors, who seek certainty when risking their money.

"This hurts investment. And we need investment. If you look at investment numbers in Canada over the past five or six years, we're pretty much flat," said Page, who this weekend will receive an honorary degree from his alma mater, Lakehead University.

"We're going to need to deal with

the politics. It's not going to happen quickly. We're stuck with what we're stuck with. Then the question becomes how do we support our political parties in Canada to provide a different political direction?"

Should Trump's isolationism increase, Thunder Bay's resource-based economy could struggle further. The task of government will be to help find a new strategy and forge growth elsewhere.

"We still have strong trading relationships with the United States, but where are the opportunities we can exploit with these emerging economies, be it India or China or Brazil? It's a difficult period, but it creates opportunities in that sense, for us to find those new relationships," Page said.

"It's not easy, but Thunder Bay has lived through difficult times in the past, as well."

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Editorial

EDITORIAL

Trust, unity are musts

The tragic loss of two teens has reignited tension between the Indigenous community and the Thunder Bay Police Service.

Weeks after the deaths of Tammy Keesh and Josiah Begg, Nishnawbe Aski Nation Grand Chief Alvin Fiddler has declared no trust in the city police force and has called for the RCMP to intervene and conduct their own investigation on how they ended up in city waterways.

Thunder Bay Police is already under the microscope of an independent review following allegations of systemic racism over their handling of similar cases in recent history.

But hostility won't lead to solutions. Now is the time for understanding.

Officers go to work every day to serve the community in which they live. They are people. They are sons and daughters and in many cases husbands and wives and mothers and fathers.

At the same time, there have now been seven Indigenous youth found in waterways over the past 17 years. Are they all accidental drownings, as police insist? Fears of criminal activity contributing to the deaths need to be taken seriously. Ignoring these concerns is disrespectful and potentially enabling foul play.

Unity, not division, is needed now more than ever. That's how we'll achieve what we all want – no more lives to be lost too soon in the rivers.

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Re-open budget

To the editor:

At the eleventh hour, I again write to ask council to re-open the 2017 city budget before they ratify the 2017 tax policy that they passed Monday night.

How could city administration not foresee a \$2.7 million budget surplus for 2016 while budget deliberations were taking place in February of this year.

City administration projected an unfavourable year end variance of \$3.2 million on July 25, 2016, but could not see that it was to turn out to be a \$2.7 favourable variance during 2017 budget deliberations instead.

There is no reason for city council and administration to tax residents this year an extra \$2.7 million so they can put it into a reserve fund as they are doing in this year's budget.

The surplus of \$2.7 million from last year's budget can easily replace the \$2.7 million city administration and council want to tax residents.

Before city council ratifies the 2017 tax policy it should reopen the 2017 city budget and decrease the tax increase by using the surplus instead of taxing residents.

This would reduce the additional 10,000 number of residential properties who will be seeing a property tax increase in the \$101 to \$150 range.

Henry Wojak,
Thunder Bay

Support our police

To the editor:

I am saddened by the large increase in crime in our city in the past few years.

I have lived here for 70 years. Our city has changed.

I don't believe the police deserve the bad press they are getting. Their job has become very difficult and in large part they are probably doing their best with the resources they have.

If you don't have the manpower, how can you investigate every crime to the fullest?

At one point, do you throw up your hands at the scope of it all or do you try your best, only to get criticized or even get charged with a crime?

Perhaps blame is misdirected. Perhaps introspection is needed. I am hoping for a better future for our beautiful city.

K. Kangas,
Thunder Bay

Cameras soft solution

To the editor:

Installing cameras along the McIntyre River seems like a band-aid solution to a much larger problem.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



What happens when they move from this river to the Kaministiquia or any other waterway, will we then put cameras up there also?

Why not go one step further and forbid access to the rivers by putting up fencing along the length of the floodway?

Shaun Ellithorpe,
Thunder Bay
Via Facebook

Closures inevitable, sad

To the editor:

You cannot keep schools open when the enrollment drops below a certain amount.

Unfortunately, we aren't having as many children as we used to. This is sadly a consequence. It's sad that we lose other things from these sites as well.

Rob Rea,
Via Facebook

Karnival sounds tacky

To the editor:

Is Carnival on the Kam a joke? How does firing humans out of a cannonball equate to celebrating Canada's or

Ontario's 150th? Sounds like an expensive version of the CLE at taxpayers expense. Fort William Historical Park, you can do better than this. This is tacky.

Jim French,
Thunder Bay
Via Facebook

RCMP welcome to help

To the editor:

I do believe the RCMP should be involved in the recent deaths of two teens.

They have way more resources to look at things with fresh eyes, and the Thunder Bay Police Service had so many huge things happening in the month of May – murder and attempted abductions. I just don't want these lives falling through the cracks.

Tracey Crosson,
Thunder Bay
Via Facebook

Stop opposing farm

To the editor:

Do you opponents of the urban farm have any idea how stupid

your arguments are?

Every area that has urban farms has risen in value.

If you have people opposing them who were real estate agents, then they weren't very good ones.

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You are confusing rats and mice, which isn't surprising. Your quote from the Health Unit is silly. The health unit supports urban farming.

The rats are already there and it isn't an epidemic. Quit exaggerating.

You are just a group of old people who don't like change, have nothing but time on your hands to grumble and resist progression.

Michael Poling,
Thunder Bay
Via Facebook

Perspective

Mongolia's in flux

Bankhar Dog Project attempting to save breed and culture

OPINION

By J.R. Shermack
Special to TB Source

Life in Mongolia is changing fast. Central Asia isn't normally my beat but I was captivated by a human interest story from this country.

It shows what can be achieved using human compassion and understanding to rescue the wisdom of ancient cultures.

Nomadic herding people have tended their flocks on the Mongolian steppe for over 10,000 years but now, everything has changed.

The native gazelle (food for large predators) are disappearing due to depleted grasslands and habitat destruction.

Hungry wolves and snow leopards now attack local livestock, routinely taking 40 per cent of the nomads' herds and their livelihood.

To protect their animals, the herders shoot and poison large predators which now are also endangered species, also disappearing fast.

The nomad's life of constant struggle offers two unpleasant choices – continue struggling or abandon traditional ways altogether.

Caught in the downward spiral of global environmental degradation, their circle of life has become unbalanced.

Traditional lifestyles may vanish forever but suddenly there is renewed hope that at least some of the old culture can be salvaged.

And in the process maybe a long-time, loyal friend can be saved too.

Life wasn't always this hard – not long ago Mongolian herders had help maintaining the balance between predator and prey.

In those days no wolf or leopard would dare attack a flock being watched by an alert, athletic partner – the Mongolian Bankhar Dog.

This ancient breed of dog, native to the Mongolian steppe, has been living and evolving along with its human masters, also for 10,000 years.

In all that time the harsh environment created a large dog with long hair for protection, the speed to run with wolves and a single purpose – protecting livestock.

Bankhar dogs are well-equipped for the work they do, they have the physical attributes and also the temperament for the job.

These laid-back protectors serve faithfully and tirelessly in return for a few scraps of meat – they are not vicious but respond quickly to threats.

This working partnership between man and dog was cultivated for millennia until the early 20th century when Mongolia fell under Soviet influence.

After a prolonged period of urbanization and neglect the Mongolian Bankhar dog disappeared from the steppe – the herders were on their own.

This was the situation encountered by biologist Bruce Elfstrom and the motivation behind the Mongolian Bankhar Dog Project.

This non-profit organization is

trying to save the Mongolian steppe and Mongolian culture by rescuing this guardian dog.

Mr. Elfstrom witnessed some herds completely destroyed overnight and with that, any chance of making a living was lost for that family.

His team searched for any remaining Bankhar dogs, hoping to restore their role as protectors of the flocks and guardians of an ancient lifestyle.

Compassionate sponsors stepped forward, funding was secured and the search was on for any surviving dogs.

Small populations were located and a breeding program began with DNA testing to ensure the purity of the breed.

The Bankhar is a "landrace" breed – its characteristics were formed by interaction with the harsh environment for hundreds of generations.

This dog has one of the most diverse genetic pools on the planet, some genes dating back thousands of years.

Now those genes are jumping again and several Mongolian families already have Bankhar dogs guarding their livestock and livelihood.

These large, athletic animals have been granted a reprieve – they will once again assume their ancient role as faithful guardians of the flock.

I feel gratified that this magnificent gentle giant (the size of a small bear) and its ancient DNA have been rescued from extinction and will continue to live and evolve.

FOGGY MORNING PADDLE



A GREY MORNING A paddle boarder cruises along Lake Superior at Prince Arthur's Landing on a foggy Sunday morning.

DOUG DIMAZIUK

This week in history:

Town hall

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LOCAL NEWS



SPACE PIONEER: Roberta Bondar in 1992 became Canada's first female astronaut in space.

Mars matters

Astronaut Roberta Bondar likes the idea of sending people to the Red Planet, but only after more research

SCIENCE

By Leith Dunick – TB Source

Roberta Bondar is 100 per cent behind the push to put men and women on Mars. But it doesn't have to happen overnight, said Canada's first female astronaut, 25 years after she launched into space aboard the Space Shuttle *Discovery* in 1992.

"I think it's important, eventually, but I think it's important to take the proper steps to go to the moon first and try out technologies," said the 71-year-old Bondar, after speaking to students at Westgate Collegiate and Vocational Institute for about an hour on Tuesday morning.

"We really do need to understand communications systems that are required and the medical systems that are required. It's a long leap to Mars and I think ethically those of us who are in the space program try to make people as safe as possible."

There's plenty of value in trying to reach the Red Planet, she said.

Not everyone agrees.

This past April comedian Bill Maher devoted his New Rules segment of his HBO show *Real Time with Bill Maher* to bashing the idea of trying to put people on Mars.

"Stop fantasizing that Mars is Earth's back-up planet," Maher said of the recent push to colonize Earth's sometimes closest cousin, while people continue to trash Earth thinking there's a back-up planet in play.

Bondar, who did not see Maher's rant, said Mars exploration has a lot to offer humanity.

"Mars is important," she said. "It will teach us about our own planet. Of course there's not really much to bring back from Mars except soil samples, so it's very much about research."

She's less inclined to think humans will one day populate other planets, whether Mars or elsewhere in the universe, a goal of SpaceX founder Elon Musk, who figures people will be able to travel to a human-populated Mars in the near future – and plans to do it with private funds.

But she also doesn't rule out the possibility.

"I suppose there's always an interest in doing that, but I'm not sure in the long-term what technologies are needed to do that," said Bondar, who told the gathering of high school students the sun is about halfway through its 10 billion-year life cycle.

"One thing's for sure, human beings have always tried to step up to the plate with a huge challenge and a huge question; and by doing that we actually develop things for a better Earth living here, for those of us who are not going to be going to Mars."

The Sault Ste. Marie-born scientist likes what the likes of Musk and other entrepreneurs are bringing to space exploration.

Their model could be the future, said Bondar, whose trip to space lasted eight days.

"I'm glad a lot of it's going to the private sector, because the private sector is able to pinpoint specific things it wants to do and drive for that, whereas the government has to really use taxpayer's money really efficiently, and to be able to include a lot of different facilities in it," she said.

"A lot of the money is spent spread around the country, just in terms of logistics and administration, whereas industry is not hobbled by that as much."

The former astronaut concluded her talk issuing the Bondar Challenge to students, encouraging them to take a photo of something that inspires them in the natural world, describe it and submit it to the contest.

LOCAL NEWS

Salvation Army rolls out new soup van

THUNDER BAY
By Leith Dunick – TB Source

Soup's on for dozens of the city's homeless and low-income residents.

On Monday the local chapter of the Salvation Army unveiled a new \$120,000 retrofitted soup van that will travel both sides of Thunder Bay each night, serving up soup and sandwiches to the hungry.

The \$120,000 retrofitted van is a lifeline for many, said Major Lori Mitchell, the executive director of the Salvation Army.

"This is to replace our 17-year-old existing van, which has seen better days and is starting to cost more than it's worth," Mitchell said at a ceremony held at Pinewood Ford, the dealership having helped the organization source the vehicle.

The van will serve a couple of purposes, Mitchell added.

"It's a fully functioning kitchen and has a very powerful grill. We can cook just about anything on it. The ventilation system is really over the top and it allows us to do what we need to be able to do," she said.

"It's got a two-burner stove and a full fridge and running water.

"It means we can go out on the street and feed people every day of the year, as we've been doing, so we're going to be able to continue doing that."

The van will also be able to be mobilized should the city experience any major disaster, like the 2012 flood.

Its impact is huge, she said.

"We feed anywhere from 60 to 100

people a day. We will have two stops, one in the north end and one in the south end. I think there are a lot of people who rely on us not only to have the food, but to have the contact," Mitchell said.

"For some people it's the only human contact they have all day."

Acting mayor Paul Pugh said the van has an important role to play in the day-to-day life of the city and in the case of an emergency like the flood.

"Hopefully we don't have another (flood) like that, but whatever does happen, with this vehicle the Salvation Army is going to be in a much bigger position to play an even greater role than it traditionally does in emergency response functions," Pugh said.

"It's a fully functioning kitchen and has a very powerful grill."

LORI MITCHELL



ON THE ROAD: The Salvation Army's Lori Mitchell shows off a new mobile kitchen unit.

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LOCAL NEWS

City looks at options to control rat infestation

THUNDER BAY
By Matt Vls - TB Source

A rat infestation throughout the city has council trying to exterminate the spread of vermin.

Council on Monday night directed city administration to prepare a report on what can be done to control the rodent population, which has been reported to be skyrocketing over the past few years.

Coun. Joe Virdiramo brought forward the resolution and said it is an issue throughout the city.

"It is here and people are experiencing the population of those rodents increasing at a great rate," Virdiramo said.

The resolution, which was passed unanimously, calls for administration to outline options to address the rat population while looking at examples from other municipalities that have been in a similar situation. It also includes exploring partnerships with organizations such as the Thunder Bay District Health Unit to educate the public on preventing increases in the rat population.

A map on the health unit's Facebook page shows reported rat sightings in the city from last September to this past April. Hot spot areas appear to be Westfort, Northwood and throughout the McKellar ward, particularly along Memorial Avenue and in the downtown areas between John Street and Red River Road.

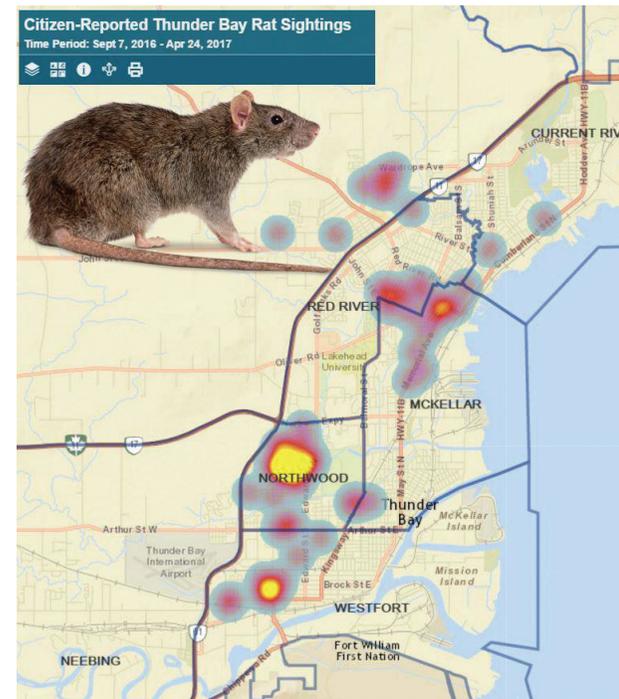
Virdiramo, who represents the Westfort ward, said many residents living along rail routes have reported rats in the tall grass between the tracks and their property.

Coun. Frank Pullia said recently there was a social media post showing a rat bigger than a size 11 shoe in the area of the Canada Games Complex.

Doug Rondeau, owner and operator of Canadian Pest Control, said there have been signs of an infestation going back more than two years.

There would be calls of rats just a few times a week or a month but that is now a daily occurrence, he added.

"Really, nobody understands why," Rondeau said. "Even the



GROWING PROBLEM: Reported rat sightings from Sept. 7, 2016 to April 24, 2017.

Thunder Bay Health Unit can't explain why there's an outbreak that there is, but there sure is."

Rondeau said keeping a well-maintained yard can help keep rats away. Loose garbage, birdseed, compost piles and animal feces can all serve as food sources to attract vermin.

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Zone Watch Volunteers Create Safer Neighbourhoods

Meet Zone Watch Volunteer Jodi



By Janine Chiasson

Jodi was born with a caring gene. After studying social work, she spent a decade working at Shelter House Thunder Bay that she calls an “eye-opening experience” where she saw dramatic increases in poverty, homelessness, and substance abuse. Jodi recognizes that left unsolved, these social issues have a direct influence on crime rates and call volumes for police. “As a member of the community and as a taxpayer, I see things going on and I want to affect change,” says Jodi. “Sitting around doing nothing is not affecting change. Reading people’s social network feeds is not affecting change, so what can I do?”

Jodi met Constable Julie Tilbury and asked about opportunities for citizens to work with the police. Constable Tilbury suggested the Thunder Bay Police Service Zone Watch program. In fall of 2015 Jodi completed her Zone Watch training – aka “the Academy” – and became a citizen Zone Watch member with access to the Zone Watch website where she can share her concerns, offer constructive input, and find out about opportunities. Jodi got involved right away in the TBPS Halloween Safety and Winter Coat drive, followed by participation in a multi-service food drive for the Regional Food Distribution Association.

Once a year, zone policing officers and Zone Watch members gather to prioritize issues for the coming year. “Perhaps because I came within inches of losing my life in an accident where the driver was speeding, hit a concrete median, became airborne, and landed on my vehicle,” Jodi says, “my biggest issue in Thunder Bay is aggressive drivers.” In May, Jodi joined police for a traffic-education blitz to educate drivers about the perils of aggressive driving. Campaign stickers sum up the message all drivers need to hear: Keep Calm and Drive On.

The aggressive driving initiative is an example of the authentic partnership between police and the community that is developing right here in Thunder Bay. “Zone Watch is the public and police service working together – digitally and in person – to solve issues in the community,” Jodi says. “Zone Watch members are respected and we help police think differently about neighbourhood concerns. We’re learning from each other.”

A long-time believer in the power of neighbourhoods to build safer communities, Tbaytel’s partnership with the Thunder Bay Police Service makes it possible for the Zone Watch

program to bring police and residents together to identify crime and disorder issues and to work together to promote safety where citizens live, work, and play. And, as Jodi points out, “I like being involved with our local police service. It’s fulfilling.”

ZONE WATCH IS RECRUITING

The Zone Watch program is open to all citizens over 18, free of charge.

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“I like being involved with our local police service. It’s fulfilling”

LOCAL NEWS



TOUGH CHOICES: Education Minister Mitzie Hunter says school closures are usually a last resort.

Hunter defends school closures

Education minister admits it's a tough topic

POLITICS

By Matt Vis - TB Source

The province's education minister says school closures are "taken very seriously," as three Thunder Bay schools could be among more than 100 on the chopping block across Ontario.

The elimination of top-up funding and other financial support for under capacity schools has put pressure on school boards across Ontario, with many contemplating shuttering schools.

In Thunder Bay, Lakehead Public School Board trustees voted to close Sir Winston Churchill Collegiate and Vocational Institute and consolidate Edgewater Park and Agnew H. Johnston public schools into a new elementary school on the Churchill site.

In Thunder Bay earlier this week, Education Minister Mitzie Hunter acknowledged closing schools is a "very difficult conversation to have."

"I want to ensure all Ontario students are receiving the best education possible and I know school boards are thinking about that when they look at school closures," Hunter said.

"It's really one of the last resort decisions that a school board will have to make. They only make those decisions if they feel it will improve student learning and student outcome."

Board administration had also recommended converting Superior Collegiate and Vocational Institute into an elementary school, allowing for the closure of three existing schools. However, trustees voted against that plan.

The south side renewal plans were originally supposed to begin at the end of this school year with the closure of Churchill, but the timelines have been delayed a year after the province moved their capital consolidation deadline from October 2016 to January.

The revised timelines call for Churchill to close in June 2018, with those students attending Westgate Collegiate and Vocational Institute. The new elementary school would be built over the following year, scheduled to open its doors in September 2019.

A board spokesperson confirmed the results of the consolidation plan's funding application have not yet been received.

"I know the ministry is reviewing the applications and are in touch directly with the boards," Hunter said.

"We want to make sure this information is done in a timely way. We do have regular capital programs so boards can do longer range planning for their school needs so I'm very confident this school board, being in touch with the ministry, will have the information they need with regards to their application."

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LOCAL NEWS

House lottery hot ticket

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THUNDER BAY
By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Anyone who wants in on this year's Fort William Rotary House Lottery better grab their tickets soon.

Gordie Garriock, marketing co-ordinator for the lottery, on Monday said they have fewer than 80 tickets left from the original stock of 12,000 for the July 1 draw.

"What we're doing is distributing them to the RBC branches so there will be no confusion there," Garriock said.

"If we're not sold out by the weekend we will have another open house up on Silverstone Place from noon to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. But I really suspect we'll be sold out."

The home, valued at more than \$535,000, the 1,870 sq.-ft. home features three bedrooms, two four-piece bathrooms, granite countertops and four Energy Star appliances.

Garriock said they weren't sure how ticket sales were going to go this time around, adding 2,000 to last year's sold-out total.

"We had 12,000 tickets this year, so that was a big jump for us, so we were very nervous about that. We're thrilled. We sold out three weeks early last year with 10,000 tickets. It's the three tickets for \$250 that is making the huge difference," Garriock said.

The lottery is in its 31st year and raises money for a variety of different charities, including the Thunder Bay Regional Health Foundation.

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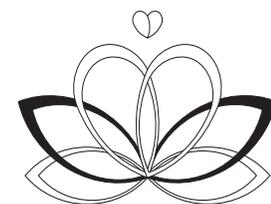
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LOCAL NEWS

IN BRIEF

Senior snow relief in sight

Low-income seniors and persons with disabilities could get a financial boost next year to help cover the costs of removing snow from the ends of their driveways.

About 400 residents could be eligible to receive a \$200 tax credit to pay for the snow removal, after city council on Monday night voted in favour of the \$80,000 expansion to the existing Tax Credit Program for Low-Income Seniors and Low-Income Persons with Disabilities. The initiative would have to be approved during next year's budget deliberation process before it would take effect.

Administration had been directed in February to explore ways to assist seniors and persons with a disability in clearing the ends of driveways from snow buildup left by plows.

Alternatives considered included partnering with an existing program previously run by the Red Cross that is being taken over by the Victorian Order of Nurses, but that was estimated to cost \$180,000. Another option would have been adding a snow clearing attachment to roads crews, but that was pegged at initial capital costs of \$4.7 million and annual operating costs of \$1 million.

City roads manager Brad Adams said the initiative is a rebate program that provides flexibility.

"It provides the resident with available funds to contact a service provider and schedule for that snow removal," Adams said. "It will be up to them to determine when they want the service and how much service they want."

The tax credit would be available to seniors over 65 and persons with disability receiving money either through the Ontario Disability Support Program or Canada Pension Plan, each with a total income less than \$37,000 per year.

Coun. Rebecca Johnson, who was the lone dissenting vote, said she supports providing assistance but was critical of how the program will operate and the limited number of people that would benefit.

But Coun. Iain Angus said that's exactly the point.

"Any senior who makes more than \$37,000 a year in income will not be covered," Angus said. "But one will assume that they could afford to hire the kid next door to shovel the windrow in front of them." — Matt Vis

Police identify drowning victim

Police have identified the man who drowned while camping at Sparkling Lake on Friday.

Officials, in a release issued Monday, said two men were camping and fishing on Breeze Point Island when they observed their boat floating away.

Daniel Hesselberg, 57, from Onalaska, Wisc., attempted to retrieve the boat but suffered a medical event while in the water and died at the scene.

This investigation is ongoing.

Hauth named acting police chief

Sylvie Hauth has been officially appointed to lead the city police force with J.P. Levesque on administrative suspension while facing criminal charges.

Hauth, who in January was sworn in as the first female deputy police chief in the history of the Thunder Bay Police Service, last Friday was announced as the acting chief by the Thunder Bay Police Services Board.

The need to appoint an acting chief comes after Levesque was charged by the OPP on May 23 with obstructing justice and breach of trust for allegedly disclosing confidential information related to Thunder Bay Mayor Keith Hobbs. Levesque, who was on medical leave, was officially suspended days later.

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LOCAL NEWS



BIG GIFT: Shelter House's SOS program is trying to raise \$200,000.

SOS client gives \$10K

THUNDER BAY
By Doug Dlaczuk - TB Source

A man who has next to nothing has given away nearly everything to help some of the most vulnerable people in the community.

A client of the Thunder Bay Shelter House recently donated \$10,000 to Street Outreach Services program.

"He wanted to help out in any way he can to make sure his friends were safe and he was just incredibly proud that he is in a position that he can help, too," said Alexandra Calderon, development officer with the Thunder Bay Shelter House.

The man received the money as part of his residential school settlement and would like to remain anonymous.

According to Calderon, the man heard of Matawa's First Nations Tribal Council donating \$10,000 toward the program and Matawa CEO David Paul Achneepineskum's call on the community to step up and help save the program.

Calderon said staff at Shelter House tried to return the cheque, knowing how much the man needed the money, but he insisted, wanting to ensure his friends would be kept safe with the help of the SOS program.

"We were floored," Calderon said. "Everyone had tears in their eyes, we were all crying, he was crying. He was so moved by how grateful we were and he was just so happy to be able to help his people and match David Paul's donation. It was incredibly moving and incredibly inspiring."

The SOS program helps take Shelter House Services into the community by providing food, blankets, transportation, and harm reduction tools to people living on the streets. Last year it provided 4,923 rides and gave out 21,696 amenities.

However, the program was suspended after running into a \$200,000 shortfall earlier this year. Shortly after, a fundraising campaign was launched to raise the money to get the program up and running again. There is enough funding to offer the program during the winter and it is expected to return in November, but the goal is to offer the service all year round.

"Everyone from the EMS to the police, everyone just loves the program and knows how important it is but unfortunately we just haven't gotten the momentum that we need to restart this program as quickly as possible," Calderon said.

So far, nearly \$75,000 has been raised and another \$25,000 is expected from the Mayor's Mulligan Golf Tournament in August. But Calderon said every donation goes a long way to getting this vital program up and running again, and she is very thankful for everyone's support, especially those with so little who give so much.

"I think when you see someone who has nothing giving everything they have for the program, I think that is going to move and inspire a lot of people," she said. "Even those \$5 or \$10 donations, kids who donate their birthday money instead of asking for gifts, all of that makes an incredible difference."

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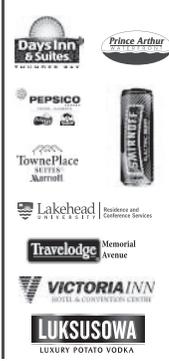
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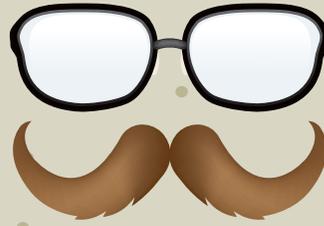
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SEEING RED: Children from the Grace Remus Day Care help residents at Pioneer Ridge retirement home celebrate their Canadian-themed tulip garden.

Tulip garden blooms for Canada's 150th birthday

THUNDER BAY
By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Residents at Pioneer Ridge have been waiting and watching with anticipation for the red and white tulip blooms to burst forth.

It's finally starting to happen.

On Wednesday, several seniors walked or wheeled their way into the courtyard, where a celebration took place in honour of the Canada 150 tulip garden, planted in the shape of the country's flag.

It's been pretty cool to watch, said 97-

year-old Dorothy Love, who with the help of her walker spent part of the celebration dancing throughout the garden.

"I think everything is great," Love said, having sat through the half-hour ceremony.

She wasn't alone.

"I think they're lovely and beautiful," said fellow resident Jean Chase.

The Pioneer Ridge tulip bed is one of two in Thunder Bay, the other located at the Centennial Botanical Conservatory.

Across the country about 400 locations were chosen, with about 1,000 flowers - 500 red and 500 white - donated to cele-

brate Canada's sesquicentennial anniversary.

It's a pretty special feeling seeing them start to bloom, said Judy Walters, the facility's therapeutic recreationist.

"It's been a real good energy in the building and in the community. Lots of people have been helping us with this garden," Walter said. "The residents have so enjoyed watching out the window. Every week they like to watch the progress of the tulips and there's been so much talk about when are the tulips going to be blooming?"

Canada will celebrate its 150th on July 1.

Jones family spends quality time at cottage



FRED JONES
RURAL ROOTS

We were away. We journeyed to southern Ontario for a family reunion that was wonderful, meeting American cousins my wife, Laura, had never before met. I played my first-ever game of golf; but that is another tale.

After visiting my two sisters in Toronto, we drove to Baptiste Lake just outside Bancroft to the cottage of my in-laws, Don and Stephanie.

We visited there once before two summers ago in mid-July when the boat traffic on this lake was, to put it mildly, insane.

Baptiste Lake is big with bays and extensions that seem to go on and on. Just as the Nipigon Bridge is the only link by road between east and west Canada, so too the channel between two islands that happens to be right in front of Don's cottage is the main thoroughfare through which all boats heading from one end of the lake to the other must pass.

At this time of year the number of boats was relatively few, all travelling at a reasonable speed, that is until

Saturday when the occasional speed-demon in a racing craft or those "personal water crafts" emerged to race around doing spins and make a lot of noise. But in July the boats of all shapes and sizes are on the water from dawn to dark.

I must say Laura and I do like watching the boats go by. As Laura mentioned: "Boat traffic? Like it. Vehicle traffic? Yuck!"

However, this was early June and the season of lake madness had not yet begun.

We went fishing. Don is an avid angler. He has all of the equipment including a beautiful boat especially outfitted for said sport.

We trooped down from the cottage to

the dock while Don and his son, Devon, prepared the boat for our adventure.

As Don was making ready the rods et al, Laura decided to make a few casts off the end of the dock just to get the feel of the thing and just maybe, perhaps, to get a bite. She did. On her third cast. It was a large pike.

Boat-prep was interrupted so Don could get the net and scoop the fish from the water that he then put into his live-well in the boat.

"We will deal with the fish later and have it for supper," he said.

Laura was surprised and thrilled; the rest of us were surprised and thrilled not least of which because if someone could catch a good-sized fish off the end of the dock that is not really an official spot for successful angling, then what could we expect once we arrived at the known pike hangouts?

Don had told us that at this time of year pike is the fish to catch.

They've come off their spawning and should be close to the surface along the weedy shoreline. Bass season was a way off in the future.

So away we sped and soon after weaving our way through a channel and a couple of bays, past cottages that had denizens on docks and in paddle boats, we arrived to begin the slow process along the shore, casting to the likely areas where the pike might be lurking.

Result? Don caught one but through a miscommunication, instead of netting it, the assistant (who shall go nameless) grabbed it with some special "grabbing" tool about which I knew nothing about, but fishy got loose and voila! — gone.

Ah well, there was always another chance what with four folk on board attempting their luck and/or skill. I had a nibble but not being experienced, I didn't keep reeling in which is the correct method of maintaining the pike on line.

The sight-seeing was gorgeous. What Laura and I miss, having grown up in southern Ontario, are the maples, the oak, the beech, and other hard-woods that only grow in tiny micro climates around Thunder Bay and which give off that brilliant display of colour come autumn.

I took in all of the different shades of the green canopy of these soaring trees.

The elements we do share with "cottage country" are the black flies and mosquitoes that had appeared with a vengeance just prior to our arrival.

Don said that they were late arriving at the cottage just as they were late up north.

We headed back to the cottage for lunch and a rest as Don filleted the pike we had freshly fried.

In the early evening the wind dropped and I went out for my second canoe paddle of the season along with nephew Devon. We explored shorelines and counted cottages that I wouldn't mind owning if I had won the Big One. Dream on, Fred.

We returned later in the evening to the same fishing spot but with no success.

When we finally docked back at the cottage, Don commented on the irony that despite using thousands of dollars' worth of top-notch fishing equipment, it was Laura, just trying a couple of practice casts, that nailed the prize-winning fish. Ah Well.



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Stop smoking plea is turning personal

Campaign focuses on individual stories of quitting habit

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 By Leith Dunlick - TB Source

A year ago, Jessica Jurcik was given a choice – quit smoking or her doctor was going to have to cut out part of her stomach.

Just 26 at the time and a smoker for 10 years, it was an easy decision to make said Jurcik, who plans to get married this summer.

"It was time to quit and I feel great, so much better," she said on World No Tobacco Day on Wednesday at Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre, where together with officials from the Thunder Bay District Health Unit a new smoking cessation online tool was launched.

Jurcik lent her face to the campaign, appearing in one of a series of posters depicting every day people sharing their quitting stories.

There are plenty of reasons to want to stop smoking, she added.

Costly habit

"You're just wasting money. You really have no quality of life. It's not something that is socially acceptable, really, anymore. People are putting a taboo on smoking and it makes you feel bad about yourself," Jurcik said.

Forty-eight-year-old John Susin, who appears in one of the videos, said the toll smoking took on his father, combined with his own health issues, convinced him it was time to give up smoking.

"I would have major coughing fits until I felt I would pass out, which motivated me to quit," Susin said. "About six months after smoking, my dad was outside puffing on a cigarette when he collapsed. We watched him suffer for five years before we sadly watched my dad leave this world."

The website, www.nwquit.com, contains a number of testimonial videos of former smokers sharing their tales of quitting the habit, along with information, separated by community, to help those who want to stop smoking find the proper help.

"You're wasting your money. You really have no quality of life."
 JESSICA JURCIK

Should help

Dan DePeuter, the health unit's tobacco control area network co-ordinator said the site is invaluable in a region as large as Northwestern Ontario.

"People don't always know where they can access services, especially in some of these smaller communities. They don't know where they can get one-to-one services," DePeuter said. "What we have on the site is a searchable database by community where you can find out where you can help where you live."

The videos and posters were created to show the human side of smoking cessation, to create a connection.

"It's really important for people to hear that it's something they can do too," he said. "We have people from our region and some of them have gone through some really difficult struggles. It's a matter of keep trying until you find out what works for you, because everyone's quit journey is different."

LU grads depart

THUNDER BAY
By Matt Vis – TB Source

It's not just the newly minted graduates celebrating the end of one chapter and beginning of another during Lakehead University's convocation ceremonies.

For outgoing university president Brian Stevenson, the series of ceremonies that began at the Thunder Bay Community Auditorium on Friday will mark his last opportunity to preside over the newest members of Lakehead's alumni.

"It's definitely a bittersweet time," Stevenson said. "On the one hand, you're here seeing all of these wonderful kids graduating and their parents but on the other hand it's going to be the last series of graduations you're going to do."

As well, former Ontario Liberal leader and longtime Fort William and Thunder Bay-Atikokan MPP Lyn McLeod was officially installed as the university's chancellor.

The Friday afternoon ceremony awarded degrees to students from the Faculty of Engineering as well as graduates from the Bora Laskin Faculty of Law and the Northern Ontario School of Medicine.

Those two professional programs are an important part of Lakehead serving the region, Stevenson said.



FIRST GRAD: Lakehead chancellor Lyn McLeod last Friday.

Local connection

"Our social commitment is to Northwestern Ontario and it's to be able to provide all of the professional degrees that we can to serve the communities and the economy," Stevenson said.

Frank Nelli, a civil engineering graduate with first class standing, was among the hundreds of students enjoying their day.

"I'm just glad to be done. It's been a long road and I'm really glad to get out there into the working world and put an engineering degree to use," Nelli said.

Allyson Paris, a chemical engineering graduate, said she was happy to celebrate the day and her achievement with her parents.

"They helped me a lot through this four years so they're probably really proud," Paris said.

Paris, who will be returning to Lakehead in the fall to pursue a master's degree, said the small class sizes and familiarity with the professors made a big difference in her learning.

"They all know us by name," Paris said. "I was struggling with one class and my professor let me sit in his office for four hours to go over stuff. It was really helpful."

The university recognized former Parliamentary budget officer Kevin Page, a graduate of Lakehead's

class of 1980, with an honorary doctorate of laws.

Page said these new graduates will become difference makers in the world.

"The world is changing so quickly," Page said. "Globalization, technology, security issues are moving so quickly. We so badly need this generation to be engaged. Here today, there are medical students, engineering students, these are the people that are building Canada of the future."

Properly prepared

Stevenson said their education will set students up to succeed in the changing world.

"A university degree is a very valuable degree to have," Stevenson said. "Not only because of the practical side, but also the transformational nature of the degree gives you a greater sense of understanding of the world and your community. It teaches you how to learn and students learn how to learn. That's one of the biggest skills we teach."

Two ceremonies were scheduled for Saturday, where Mainstreet Equity CEO Bob Dhillon and Rudolf Wahl were awarded honorary degrees.

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Injured workers raise awareness flag

THUNDER BAY
By Michael Charlebols - TB Source

City hall's most recent flag raising ceremony has uncovered a harsh reality that one group believes is a systemic issue.

On Thursday, the city of Thunder Bay recognized June 1 as Injured Workers Day.

The event marked the 34th anniversary of a rally at Queen's Park in Toronto when 3,000 injured workers protested for worker compensation.

In 2017, injured workers are facing a newer set of challenges. A new report conducted by Industrial Accident Victims Group of Ontario, a legal clinic based in Toronto, has outlined these challenges.

The report indicates drastic increases in poor health outcomes for injured workers according to Steve Mantis, the treasurer of Thunder Bay's injured workers' support group.

Mantis, who was on hand to speak about the report, said that the Ministry of Labour has constantly overlooked the systemic issues that exists with injured workers compensation.

"There's a 42 per cent rate of unem-



SYSTEM NEEDS HELP: Steve Mantis says systemic issues are being overlooked when it comes to workers' compensation.

ployment for workers with permanent impairment four years after their injury," Mantis explained.

"Also, in terms of mental health, 45 per

cent of workers are facing mental health challenges. Of that group, 38 per cent is suffering from depression."

Mantis believes these figures are due in

large part to the cost-cutting that has taken place in the last few years.

The Workplace Safety and Insurance Board is an agency that pays for injured

workers' health care. In 2010, the agency made efforts to reduce its unfunded liability. According to Steve Mantis, this transformation has had a largely negative impact on injured workers.

"The [WSIB] has hired spin doctors and they're really good at spinning things," Mantis said. "They say we're saving all kinds of money on health care, and as a result, injured workers are getting better faster."

Yet Mantis believes this is not the case. He alleges the WSIB is restricting access to health care for injured workers, and routinely disregarding medical advice.

"WSIB is supposed to provide fair compensation for injured workers," said Greg Snider, the president of Thunder Bay's injured workers' support group. "Right now, they're very concerned with containing the cost, which is not the intent whatsoever of the WSIB."

Snider says the report also provides evidence that the WSIB is paying doctors to send workers' back to their jobs, even if they are not healthy enough.

Both Mantis and Snider hope the day will bring awareness to the extreme difficulties injured workers are facing here in the community.

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Karnival on the Kam coming

THUNDER BAY
By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Sergio Buonocore says it's always a good idea to shake things up from time to time.

After hosting a pair of successful rock concerts the past two summers, the general manager at Fort William Historical Park says the provincially-funded facility is heading in a new direction in 2017, introducing a new four-day event called Karnival on the Kam.

Boasting what Buonocore says will be the biggest fireworks display the country's ever seen, the July 20 to July 23 Karnival on the Kam will also feature a skydiving show, a big-top circus, water stunts, a human cannonball, acrobats, musicians and gaming stations.

"It's really about celebrating the role of the Fort in the development of our great community - how the Indigenous people came together, the francophones came together and English Canadians, and as time went by, immigrants from all over the world," Buonocore said.

He added they're not ruling out returning to music festivals down the road, acknowledging they were popular events that drew out thousands to the Fort. The event two years ago included

the likes of Loverboy and Poison's Bret Michaels, while last year's lineup was topped by The Cult, Platinum Blonde and Sass Jordan.

It was simply time for a change, Buonocore said.

"We wanted to have an event that was very much geared to families as this event will be. It's going to be at an international-class level. So this is going to be something we've never seen before," he said.

"As I mentioned, the fireworks will be larger than the Olympics, bigger than what you see in Ottawa, Toronto or Montreal. It's the biggest fireworks ever in Canada and that's going to happen right here at the Fort."

It'll be an army of skydivers jumping out of a plane, with a special prop to guide them to the ground.

"They're going to unveil a 1,000-foot Canadian flag as they come down and land on the Fort property," Buonocore said.

Events will take place from noon until midnight each day.

Tickets are \$10 for students, seniors and children aged 6 to 12 and \$15 for adults, per day. Four-day event passes are \$30 for students, seniors and children. Anyone five and under is admitted free of charge.

"We wanted to have an event that was very much geared to families..."
SERGIO BUONOCORE



NEW EVENT: Fort William Historical Park general manager Sergio Buonocore says the fireworks will be the largest yet in Canada.

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IN THE bay

Make way for some high school art

ART

By Linda Maehans - TB Source

With a few hundred pieces of art from no less than seven secondary schools throughout our city and region up at Thunder Bay Art Gallery right now, visitors have plenty to admire.

This large annual exhibit by talented youth in high school art classes never fails to impress. Always it has me thinking or in some instances feeling certain I am gazing at the seed of some young person's successful professional career as a renowned visual artist down the road.

The artworks, rendered in every imaginable genre, are grouped according to the materials used; arranged in an uncluttered way between two galleries. Easy to look at, but take your time because you'll want to cast your People's Choice ballot before leaving. My prediction is you'll return with a couple of friends for another look-see before you vote.

Sure, we encounter "young" subject matter: cyber heroes; monsters; princesses; pets; that's to be expected. Whimsical and fun are how I'd describe (compliment) many of the mixed media pieces: a reflection of the artists' ages and some of their worlds.

Yet, good to see the intricate craft of traditional native beadwork; note the cultural resilience of young aboriginal artists who are following in the footsteps of their Woodland mentors. "How Rabbit Deceived Fox" is a crisp, brightly energetic portrayal of a fable I recognise from my own culture.

Intricate and clever would have to be the words for "Forest Decomposition". Six circular slices: (estimating) 1-inch horizontal cuts along a 4-inch-diameter trunk, placed vertically on the wall.

Look closely. The left half of each disc is a realistic sketch in fine pen or ink. The right half, completing the sketch, is geometric. Miniature cubism at its best.

A grouping of "portraits" is shaped

from metal and wire we can see through. Are these the future professionals of caricature and graphic art? Facial construction work?

Back to vibrant colour, and two beautiful acrylics, placed side by side. "This Sky Looks Like My Hair" is an evening of magenta-blue-and-black with ghostly branches that pull our eyes into a new perspective. Then regard a most brilliant sunset within "Days End". There is such motion in those multi-hued waves, rolling ever into the shoreline of a big lake, or an ocean.

One grade 12 artist presents us with two versions of the same scene. Travel into a slick urban night titled "The Old and the New"; feel the vibe. Are we somewhere in Europe? Could we be right here in Thunder Bay? And, which rendition do you prefer: the oil-and-pastel, or her acrylics-on-board?

On a different note, how do you feel as you gaze at a darkly lurid watercolour portrait one young artist has called "The



HIGH ART: Rose Skead the Old and the New on display at the Thunder Bay Art Gallery.

Unicorn". Is this a sinister person? Is he regretful? Lonely? We think the latter. Is this someone the young artist knows, or knew? A lasting impact on this viewer, that's for sure.

Visit Secondary School Art 2017 between now and June 18.

While there, also step into the community gallery (off the main foyer) where art students of Kingsway Public School present "Our Voice"; together with a student photo project from École Gron Morgan titled "Every Picture Tells a Story".

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IN THE bay



MICHAEL CHARLEBOIS

BIRDS OF A FEATHER: A St. Elizabeth student stands in front of the school's latest artistic creation, a giant loon.

Students create loon to learn about culture

THUNDER BAY
By Michael Charlebois – TB Source

There's an eight-foot tall loon in the lobby of St. Elizabeth School.

The giant bird, an unofficial symbol of Canada, was created as part of the school's efforts to recognize Indigenous culture through art projects, part of the First Nations, Metis, and Inuit inquiry.

Their most recent piece of artwork – a two and a half metre tall loon displayed in the school's front lobby.

"Can you imagine the tiniest ones made the biggest project?" asked Lila Cano, who said the loon was made by kindergarten students.

Cano is an artistic director for Just Us and has been working on various art projects with St. Elizabeth students this year.

"It's taken from the work of an Inuk artist, Ningeokuluk Teevee," Cano said. "We cut the pieces out, we painted it, and printed each side of it."

The loon is part of the Ministry of Education's First Nations, Metis, and Inuit project which helps students engage with Indigenous artwork, according to principal Don Grant.

"We have a school population of approximately 30 per cent who self-identify as Aboriginal. It certainly helps to make it more of an inclusive environment," Grant said.

Grant added that the effort to incorporate Indigenous culture has been present for the last three years.

"We're honoured to have former artist Roy Thomson's work displayed in our hallways," Grant said.

Alongside the artistic aspect, students have engaged in other mediums such as theatre, and literary works.

"I think the strongest thing, is that it bridges gaps," Cano said. "You're not just sharing that information or knowledge with Indigenous children, but also with non-Indigenous children. It connects both of those cultures."

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World of Dance just doesn't cut it

Every summer, I look forward to the return of *So You Think You Can Dance*. I love to see the different styles and the choreography that comes out of the show. Not to mention the talent.

So I was thrilled when NBC announced its *World of Dance* with Jennifer Lopez, singer Ne-Yo, and Emmy-winning choreographer and dancer Derek Hough on the judging panel.

Promoted as the biggest in the world, it's been called the "Olympics of dance."

After all, they are going to name the world's greatest dancer.

But will they? Dance is subjective. No single "world's greatest" title can cover every type of dance.

That's like comparing a marathon



runner and a sprinter. We're talking very different skill sets.

Regardless, I was intrigued. There are three categories: juniors, adults, and teams. And the performers who have made it this far are the best of the best.

Now, they must be the best of the best of the best.

Viewers are treated with jaw-dropping performances on a circular stage.

However, for all its noise and flash, producers should have talked to the crew at *SYTYCD* dance first.

There's a reason Nigel Lithgow's show has been nominated for 55 Emmys including for directing and lighting.

WOD's busy, colourful backdrop above what seems a rather small audience distracts from the performances. But at least we can see the dancers at home.

The live audience is forced to stand below the stage.

Unfortunately for home viewers, the editor kept cutting away from the dancers to the judges throughout the routines – as though we need to see Ne-Yo's reaction to decide if we

like it.

Ironically, Lopez's first critique of the night was that she didn't want to take her eyes off the dancers for fear she'd miss something. Apparently, the editor didn't get that note.

But this is Lopez's production and she (and her fellow judges) are as much the stars of the show as the dancers themselves. And while *SYTYCD* judges give critiques on form and technique, thus far, *WOD* judges are just cheerleaders.

Supposedly, any kind of dance is welcome.

However, hip-hop and contemporary dance appear to dominate.

A group of cloggers (who already have their own popular full-length live show) had their routine brutally chopped in editing before getting the boot.

Their performance was fabulous.

However, the judges, in their so-enlightened wisdom, felt clogging would get repetitive in future shows. Apparently, they're not only ignorant of tap, but also clairvoyant.

WOD should be a source of happiness and light this summer.

But with all the glitz and flash, it's hard to connect with the dance or the dancers.

Even the eleven-year-old who wowed everyone before getting a hug from Lopez left me a little flat. I'd much rather watch last season's *SYTYCD* little girl who was so overcome that she threw up on Paula Abdul.

That's what I want from *WOD* next week: performances so overwhelming that I could puke. After all, happiness comes from the inside.



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Wolves land pair of recruits

Cooper Leitch, Joseph Leonidas arrive in Thunder Bay from Junior A ranks

BASEBALL

By Matt Vis & Leith Dunick - TB Source

The Lakehead Thunderwolves continue to expand their roster for the upcoming campaign.

The team last Friday announced forward Cooper Leitch, a three-year veteran of the B.C. Junior Hockey League, is the newest member of the OUA hockey squad.

Earlier in the week the OUA squad added offensive-minded blue-liner Joseph Leonidas.

The 6-foot-3, 220-pound Leitch completed his junior career last season with 37 points in 52 games for the Langley Rivermen, where he served as the team captain.

Lakehead bench boss Bill McDonald said Leitch is a versatile forward who can play both centre and wing and brings size and grit to the program.

"The BCHL coaches I contacted tell me he's a respected player. He wore the C on his jersey which speaks to his character and leadership," McDonald said in a program issued statement.

Leitch, a native of London, Ont., also spent time with the Prince George Spruce Kings and Trail Smoke Eaters.

"I feel that the coaching staff is top-notch, and the tour of the campus and city exceeded my expectations," Leitch said. "I'll be proud to wear the Thunderwolves jersey. Lakehead has everything I'm looking for to enable me to progress as both a hockey player and a student."

Lakehead finished seventh in the OUA West last season before being swept by the eventual Queen's Cup champion York Lions in the first round of the playoffs.

The 20-year-old Leonidas has collected a lot of mileage in his career, which includes six different stops in six Junior A seasons.

Leonidas spent parts of three seasons with the Calgary Mustangs of the Alberta Junior Hockey League, before capping off the 2013-14 campaign with the Whitecourt Wolverines.

He spent half a season with the Drayton Valley Thunder in 2014-15, then landed with the Amarillo Bulls of the North American Hockey League.

Leonidas then spent a season-and-a-half with the Flin Flon Bombers of the Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League, finishing his junior career with Manitoba's Steinback Pistons.

Leonidas scored 24 goals and added 71 assists in 231 Junior A games.

"It's great to have Joseph commit to Lakehead. We wanted another defenceman with a left-handed shot, and were impressed with how he handled himself on his recruiting visit. He's a smooth-skating, highly-skilled player that will give us some more offense from the back end," said Wolves coach Bill McDonald in a release issued by the team.

The six-foot Leonidas is excited at the opportunity to jump to the next level.

"After my visit, I knew this was the place for me. The community support that the team has is unmatched in Canadian university hockey."

"(Leitch) wore the C on his jersey, which speaks to his character and leadership."
BILL McDONALD



WELL TRAVELLED: Joseph Leonidas has played for six teams in the past six seasons.

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HOT START: Abraham Villon scored in both weekend games for the Chill.

Chill sweep Winnipeg

WINNIPEG

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

The Thunder Bay Chill have swept their way through their opening weekend.

Abraham Villon, Guillaume Kremer and German Alfaro each found the back of the net on Sunday afternoon, leading the Chill to a 3-0 win over host WSA Winnipeg and a 2-0-0 record to start the 2017 Premier Development League campaign.

On Saturday, Villon scored midway through the first half and his goal stood up as the only tally of the contest, giving the Premier Development League squad a 1-0 road win over host WSA Winnipeg on Saturday night.

Thunder Bay will face its first real test on Friday and Saturday night at Fort William Stadium, when they take on the powerhouse Des Moines Menace (1-1-1).

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ESTATE SALE EVERYDAY! House sold, everything else MUST GO! Furniture, antiques, novelties, music, tools, and dishes! Snooze you Lose! 623-7249

MOVING BIG YARDSALE! 227 Hinton Ave (off Whalen) SATURDAY and SUNDAY June 10th 9am-3pm and 11th, 9am-1pm! Lots of household items, including furniture!

42. YARD SALES - SOUTHWARD

YARD SALE! Many household items! Saturday June 10th 9am! 339 Bolton Cr (between Edward and Ford)

44. YARD SALES - RURAL

Friday and Saturday June 9th & 10th, 376 Baccus Dr, 10am-4pm. Milk cans, Kitchen ware, tools, books, plants, and craft items.

46. HEALTH

LUCIE'S MOBILE FOOTCARE! Certified Basic, Advanced and Diabetic Foot Care Nurse Specialist. Clean and assess feet. Trim and file toenails. Reduce thickened nails, callus, corn/wart removal, and Ingrown nails. Phone: 807-622-8219 Text: 8 0 7 - 6 3 0 - 5 5 1 1, luciesmobilefootcare@gmail.com <http://luciesmobilefootcare.com>. 9am-7pm daily

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50. PERSONAL

Female would like to meet Male 60+ for conversation, friendship, travel, outdoors. Phone 622-8997. Please leave message if not home.

53. GENERAL SERVICES

#1 AFFORDABLE TREE REMOVAL, CEDARS, SHRUBS, etc. Dump runs. Low rates. Senior discounts. Call Brian at 622-7888.

#1 Grass cutting, yard clean-ups, Dump runs, leaves raked. Call Brian 768-9849 or 474-8870

#1-A Dump runs! Clean ups, yards, houses, sheds. Fence/Shed Tear-down, or repairs. Cuts small trees, trim removal, eaves troughs cleaning, lawn cutting, general services. Frank 628-5919

A1 TREE REMOVAL SERVICE, from take down to clean-up. In town rural or at the cottage. ++experience very reasonable rates, free estimates, and seniors discounts. Call 345-4363

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50. PERSONAL

JUNE 2017 SPECIALS
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HUNDREDS OF BRAND NEW CHILLUMS STARTING AT \$14.95 EACH
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07. Commercial for Sale
08. Investment Property
09. Out of Town
10. Real Estate Wanted

FOR RENT
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12. Apartments
13. Rooms
14. Room & Board
15. Shared Accommodations
16. Cottages
17. Commercial
18. Storage/Space
19. Wanted
20. Condos
21. Miscellaneous

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22. Bargain corner
23. Misc. For Sale
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25. Music
26. Office Equip.
27. Machinery
28. Pets & Livestock
29. Food
30. Misc. Wanted

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43. Westfort
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53. GENERAL SERVICES

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53. GENERAL SERVICES

PENSIONED PAINTERS looking to stay active. Very reasonable rates. Neat, fast working, former housing authority professional painters. Also drywall repairs & small renovations. Call or Text 626-6926

PHIL'S YARD CLEAN doggy clean-up, and garbage dump-runs! 683-0486.

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AFFORDABLE and QUALITY RENOVATIONS! Kitchens, bathrooms, painting decks, windows, doors, and drywall! Insurance compensation. FREE ESTIMATES! 35yrs exp. Call Ron 632-6671

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Flooring: laminate, ceramic, hardwood, competitively priced and installed by Octagon Contracting. Call 633-4488 for your free quote.

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Renovations: bathroom, kitchen, basement or any part of your home or cottage, drywall and tile installation. Call Octagon Contracting at 633-4488 for your free quote.

63. COMING EVENTS

Documentary Screening - THE EUTHANASIA DECEPTION. Wednesday June 14th @ 7pm. Fort William Baptist Church, 1800 Moodie Street East. Admission is Free. RSVP to scot-beange@shaw.ca. This is a one-hour documentary featuring powerful testimonies from Belgium and beyond, of those devastated by the false ideology of "mercy killing." With expert analysis from both the medical and legal professions, the film reveals the serious, long-term implications of assisted dying laws, and proves that all of us become vulnerable when end-of-life care is handed over to law-makers. All are encouraged to attend.

64. CRAFT & FLEA MARKETS

June One Stop n' Shop Saturday June 17 from 8-1:30pm at Heritage Building (CLE grounds). Something for everyone! Free Admission. Draw prizes valued over \$600! Variety of local vendors for all ages and non profit organizations needing your support. Visit www.facebook.com/groups/OneStopandShop

65. HAPPY ADS



Iolanda & Raffaele D'Angelo Having parents like you is the greatest gift of all. May God bless you on this special day and fill your life with love like you filled ours. Congratulations on your 55th Wedding Anniversary. We love you always. Your Family

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73. INFORMATION

ANSWERS TO THIS WEEK'S PUZZLES

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PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "Order without liberty and liberty without order are equally destructive." — Theodore Roosevelt

53. GENERAL SERVICES

Christina's Home And Garden, Grass cutting, spring clean-up, landscaping, flowerbeds, hedges, tree trimming, Etc. Reno's, handyman, plumbing, siding, drywall, flooring, painting. For great service & quality work, call us 621-1505

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M.D. LANDSCAPE CONCEPTS. With computer technology we can show you the full potential of your landscape. Before and after photos give you a visual of the design before it's implemented. A full planting plan, measurements, and a plant list is included. You can install the design yourself or have our professional installers do it for you. We also do yard consultations to give your existing garden a face lift! Call Marilyn Dorota at 577-7962.

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CASH PURCHASE PRICE \$41,306

LEASE FROM			FINANCE FROM		
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\$2473 DOWN INCLUDES \$1,000 BONUS*			\$0 DOWN INCLUDES \$1,000 BONUS*		

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2017 SORENTO LX V6 Dynamax ALL WHEEL DRIVE CASH PURCHASE PRICE \$33,506

LEASE FROM			FINANCE FROM		
\$88 WEEKLY	0% INTEREST	39 MONTHS*	\$99 WEEKLY	0% INTEREST	84 MONTHS*
\$2473 DOWN INCLUDES \$1,000 BONUS*			\$0 DOWN INCLUDES \$1,000 BONUS*		



2017 SORENTO EX Turbo Dynamax ALL WHEEL DRIVE CASH PURCHASE PRICE \$35,006

LEASE FROM			FINANCE FROM		
\$98 WEEKLY	0% INTEREST	39 MONTHS*	\$103 WEEKLY	0% INTEREST	84 MONTHS*
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