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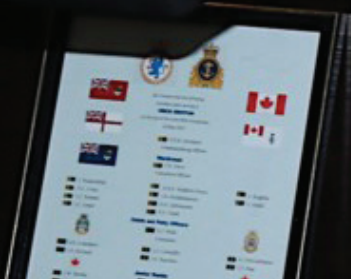
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HAPPY NEW YEAR

Local military units celebrate levee tradition on Jan. 1 /4



Cmdr. Nathaniel Moulson of HMCS Griffon raises a toast to the King on Monday, marking a return to in-person levees as Canada's reserves get set to celebrate their centennial year.



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Top 10 of 2022

The news stories that made headlines last year

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

It's been a tragic year, to say the least, in Thunder Bay.

Unfortunately, when telling the story of the city in 2022, the deadly record it set cannot be ignored, though in any other year, the situation at the Thunder Bay Police Service would have easily been our No. 1 story of the year.

Here are our top 10 story lines of 2022, as chosen by Dougall Media News Director Leith Dunick.

1 The city recorded 15 confirmed murders over the past 12 months, the highest number since the city was formed more than half-a-century ago. The ongoing scourge of drugs and gangs are at the heart of the problem, which will land Thunder Bay once again the title of Murder Capital of Canada. The previous high was 11 confirmed murders, in 2014.

2 The mess atop the Thunder Bay Police Service and the Thunder Bay Police Service Board led to human rights violation charges being filed against senior leadership of both entities. As the year progressed Chief Sylvie Hauth first announced her pending retirement, only to be suspended from her post. Deputy Chief Ryan Hughes was also suspended and once again an outside mediator was appointed to oversee the police services board, which led to a mass resignation from the board.

3 A familiar face returned to the mayor's chair after Bill Mauro decided he'd had enough of politics and took a job in the private sector. Ken Boshcoff fought off four other challengers, including Coun. Peng You, to become mayor for the first time in 19 years. Several long-term councillors, including Rebecca Johnson, Aldo Ruberto and Brian McKinnon, also called it a day, leading to five new faces around the council table.

4 For the first time in decades, a Conservative was elected provincially in Thunder Bay-Atikokan. Kevin Holland, the former Conmee Township mayor, in June defeated NDP incumbent Judith Monteith-Farrell and Liberal hopeful Rob Barrett to win the seat. In Thunder Bay-Superior North, a 27-year political dynasty ended when Michael Gravelle's health forced him to not run again. The seat went to the NDP's Lise Vaugeois.

5 The indoor turf facility dominated city council for much of the year, and ultimately a proposed \$44.8-million project planned for Chapples Park was shelved when senior levels of government rejected an application for \$22 million in funding. The project was resurrected late in the year when Soccer Northwest brought forward a \$25-million, Hangar-like proposal for lands near the Canada Games Complex, which the city will study.

6 COVID-19 continued to dominate the headlines early in the year, as restrictions put in place by the province forced the closures of many city-run facilities, movie theatres and put an end again to



A Dec. 24 murder was the city's 15th of 2022. (Ian Kaufman)

indoor dining. Eventually the province lifted all restrictions, allowing for a return to a more normal summer, which brought back the Canadian Lakehead Exhibition and allowed for more traditional celebrations like Canada Day and RibFest to operate without restrictions.





7 Local and regional politicians and First Nations leaders travelled to Edmonton to listen first-hand to Pope Francis apologize for the Roman Catholic Church's role in the residential school system and the decades of abuse suffered by students forced to attend the schools.

8 In May, the James Whalen Tug sank to the bottom of the Kaministiquia River, leading to a \$750,000 salvage job to lift it to dry land. It was the second time in a year the vessel had taken on water.

9 It was the winter that just never seemed to end. In March and April, weekly Wednesday snowstorms seemed to become the norm, frustrating golfers and gardeners eager to put winter behind them, but a boon for skiers and snowmobilers happy to extend the snow a little longer to continue their favourite activities.

10 Education workers with the Lakehead Public School Board walked off the job in protest of Bill-28, legislation imposed by the government forcing a settlement on CUPE members across the province. A deal was eventually worked out, but not before the board was forced to announce schools were set to return to virtual learning if custodial and cafeteria workers walked off the job again.

WEATHER FORECAST

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
			
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Kamal permitted to stay

By Ian Kaufman - TB Source

A migrant to Thunder Bay has won a temporary legal victory in his quest to gain permanent resident status and remain in the community.

Federal Court Justice Sébastien Grammond on Friday granted a stay on a removal order filed against Abu Hena Mostofa Kamal by the Canadian Border Services Agency (CBSA), in a decision that took into consideration chronic delays within Canada's immigration system.

Kamal came to the city four years ago from Bangladesh at the age of 19 to study at Lakehead University, but ran into problems financing his education during the pandemic, first switching to study at Confederation College then taking a break from his studies.

That led the CBSA to seek to deport him after his study permit expired in 2021, ordering him to present to Toronto

Pearson International Airport on Sunday. Kamal has argued in court that should wait until an application he filed for permanent residency is considered, which still hasn't been processed by Canada's Department of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship (IRCC) despite being filed a year and a half ago.

In legal filings, Kamal has stated he would face greater discrimination over his visual disability if he were to return to Bangladesh, and that he is concerned he could be targeted for violence due to a family land dispute.

In his decision, Grammond found Kamal had raised serious issues over the enforceability of the CBSA order and the agency's refusal of his deferral request.

Kamal filed an application around 18 months ago through a special program know as the temporary resident to permanent resident — or TR to PR — pathway, but it has not yet been processed.



ABU KAMAL



Col. David Rats of the Lake Superior Scottish Regiment raises a toast at Monday's New Year's Day levee. (Leith Dunick)

Levee returns

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

The tradition of the military's New Year's Day levee dates back to the early 17th century, but the commander of HMCS Griffon says more than 400 years later, it's evolved into something new.

First hosted by the governor of New France, in the early 1600s the levee was a chance to look back at the feats of the army in the year just gone by, while providing a hint at what might happen in the year ahead.

In those days, the military was central to New World communities, offering protection from enemy attackers in a new frontier.

Today, the Griffon and Lake Superior Scottish Regiment, who joined forces on Sunday to host an in-person New Year's Levee, still play an important role in Canada's defensive effort, but both are also a lot less central in the day-to-day lives of those who live in and around Thunder Bay.

Cmdr. Nathaniel Moulson, hosting his first levee at the Griffon, called the event a fresh start as his reserve unit gets set to celebrate a milestone in 2023, along with every other reserve unit in Canada.

"This is the first levee we've hosted in three or four years, now," Moulson said. "It's great to have people together. It's a full room, lots of smiling faces. I think it's a chance to reflect on the previous year and then look forward to see what's coming in 2023.

"Of course, it's a great way to rekindle old relationships and build new ones. The military community in Thunder Bay is small, but mighty, strong and we're connected, so it's great for us to interact right at the

beginning of the year."

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Canadian reserves, an event that will be celebrated throughout the year, Moulson said.

"Most notably I would say is we are doing a Freedom of the City parade in September, followed by a Navy Ball in October. It's going to be a very formal event and we're going to have a lot of people from the community there," he said.

Internally, the continuation of the success of the Griffon's co-op program is something he's looking forward to in 2023.

Local political leaders, including MP Patty Hajdu and MPPs Kevin Holland and Lise Vaugeois, were on hand to pay tribute to the military and its contributions to the community.

Holland, who has attended levees in the past, said it's a great tradition and a chance to say thanks to those who serve.

"Our military is typically a peaceful operation, but every developing country needs to have an active military to protect the interests of the country and democracy and the military is important to Canada," Holland said,

Hajdu, who serves in the Liberal government's cabinet, says since she's become a politician, she's learned a lot more about the special relationship between the military, the Crown and Parliament.

"It's a time to honour people that serve Canada here and across the world and a time to honour our connection to the king and it's also a time to recognize the importance of serving," Hajdu said.

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Pace family wins \$2.5 million

By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

Every holiday the Pace family has purchased tickets in the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Foundation monthly 50/50 draw, and now it has paid off in a big way, not only for them, but the entire community.

"Father's Day, Mother's Day, Valentine's Day, today, yesterday," said Nick Pace on buying tickets.

"Sometimes there was no reason," added Natalie Pace. "Just because we knew we were hopefully helping someone else at the hospital."

The Pace family are the latest winners of the Hospital's 50/50 draw, taking home a record setting \$2.5 million.

"It hasn't really sunk in yet, honestly," Natalie said. "I am standing here with my family and holding the cheque, but it hasn't sunk in yet."

The jackpot is the largest since last December, when it topped out at \$2.3 million.

Just yesterday, Natalie and her family were walking past the 50/50 ticket pop-up store at the Intercity



Hospital Foundation CEO Glenn Craig presents the Pace family with their 50/50 winnings.

Shopping Centre saying how nice it would be if they were able to return to collect the prize the next day.

Lo and behold, on Friday they were back to be presented with the

cheque. And while the money is a welcomed shock to the family, the Pace family participate every month in order to give back to the hospital.

"It's nice that the money is matched

and it goes to a good cause and we are happy to be a part of it," Nick said.

"I purchased the tickets just to give back to the hospital, they have been so wonderful to our family," Natalie added. "It was something I wanted to donate to. I never ever thought in a million years I would actually win the money. I was just trying to be a good person to give to the hospital."

Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Foundation president and CEO Glenn Craig said hearing the Pace family's story moved him to tears.

"Her genuine desire to give back to the hospital and not about winning, how her family has been impacted and used the facilities here, and a little bit of her intuition and walking by the pop-up store yesterday and just saying to themselves: wouldn't it be great if we are back her tomorrow winning the money and lo and behold, here they are winning \$2.5 million," he said.

According to Craig, the monthly

50/50 draw has generated more than \$15 million being invested into hospital facilities and services.

"When we started this we had no aspirations for that," he said. "We have invested millions extra into our hospital and we have been able to do things we would never have even dreamed about."

Money from the December draw will be invested into the hospital's emergency department and Craig said all the donations have had a tremendous impact.

And that is all thanks to the people who continually support the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Foundation and purchase tickets in the monthly 50/50 draw.

"It's really heartening to see this is a community that is pulling together to improve our health care and we've also changed one family's life," Craig said. "The success of the 50/50 has been entirely because of the community of Thunder Bay and Northwestern Ontario. There are real changes happening because of it."



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JANUARY

Year In Review

TBPS comes under fire

1 Thunder Bay Police Services Board member Georjann Morriseau called for more oversight and change within senior levels of the TBPS administration. Morriseau launched a complaint to the Ontario Human Rights Tribunal, alleging harassment and discrimination by senior police leadership. By month's end, Police Chief Sylvie Hauth was suspended.

2 Former cabinet minister Joe Comuzzi died at 88. The long-time Liberal MP made political waves in 2005 when he quit cabinet in opposition of his party's same-sex marriage bill. He eventually crossed the floor to sit as a Conservative.

3 The trucker convoy arrived in Thunder Bay, greeted by hundreds of supporters of the end of vaccine mandates at the border and the lifting of COVID-19 restrictions across the country. The truckers would later occupy downtown Ottawa for several weeks.

4 COVID-19 restrictions returned leading to the closure of city recreation facilities, including the Canada Games Complex and Fort William Gardens. The new restrictions, introduced on Jan. 3, included the closure of theatres and indoor dining, while schools returned to virtual learning.

5 Antoine Bouchard, 37, was named by police as the victim in Thunder Bay's first homicide of 2022. Joshua David LeBlanc

and Alan Post were later arrested in connection with the Bethune Street killing.

6 Thunder Bay construction magnate Tom Jones died at 80. Jones, whose name was synonymous with building in the city, his legacy including Intercity Shopping Centre and the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre.

7 The iconic Hoito scale was recovered, mostly intact, from the ruins of the Finnish Labour Temple, which two weeks earlier, on Dec. 22, 2021, went up in flames.

8 The City of Thunder Bay voted to move to an arm's length relationship with the Thunder Bay Community Auditorium. The city funds the facility with about \$741,000 a year and the move would provide more independent operations, according to then city councillor Cody Fraser.

9 A 17-year-old youth was arrested by Waterloo Regional Police in Cambridge, Ont. and charged with first-degree murder in the Nov. 4, 2021 death of Conrad Bannon at an Amelia Street apartment complex.

10 Popeyes Louisiana Kitchen opened its doors in Thunder Bay, leading to long lines of traffic, stretching from the Thunder Centre onto Fort William Road, as eager poultry lovers scrambled for a taste of the world-famous chicken.



Georjann Morriseau filed harassment and discrimination complaints.

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Year In Review

FEBRUARY

Deputy chief replaced

1 After deputy police chief Ryan Hughes was suspended the Thunder Bay Police Service Board appointed Supt. Dan Taddeo to be the acting deputy chief, the first of two promotions he'd receive in 2022.

2 Coun. Aldo Ruberto learned the city's integrity commissioner had ruled some of his Facebook comments related to a criminal investigation into a driver allegedly running over a tent at a homeless encampment were inappropriate. It was recommended Ruberto be docked pay as a result.

3 Patrick O'Keese was found not guilty of second-degree murder in the 2017 killing of Brayden Moonias, whose body was found in Marina Park. Justice Tracey Nieckarz said O'Keese's involvement was suspicious, but she could not conclude beyond a reasonable doubt that he had a role.

4 Walter Warywoda, a local Ukrainian man, spoke out against Russian president Vladimir Putin after the dictator launched an invasion of Ukraine, a move condemned by leaders around the world. Hundreds attended a city hall rally on Feb. 25.

5 Project Waffle netted investigators more than \$2.3 million in crack and powdered cocaine, along with \$470,000 in cash. Warrants were executed at locations around the city and three

people were arrested.

6 Mayor Bill Mauro expressed disappointment, but not surprise, upon learning up to 300 workers at Thunder Bay's Alstom plant were facing layoffs between four and 12 months. Mauro said city officials could see move coming.

7 A youth leader, who cannot be named under a publication ban, was found guilty of sexually assaulting a 12-year-old in the summer of 2019.

8 A Waverly Park rally was held calling for the end of COVID-19 restrictions, in support of protestors occupying downtown Ottawa. Protests were held later in the month at Marina Park. By month's end, the province had lifted most vaccine passport requirements and border rules loosened.

9 Coun. Brian McKinnon announced he be taking a leave of absence from council. He later became one of several sitting councillors not to run for re-election, a group that included Rebecca Johnson, Cody Fraser, Aldo Ruberto and Mayor Bill Mauro.

10 An extreme cold warning was issued mid-month, with temperatures expected to drop between -35 C and -40 C, a frosty sign of a lengthy winter still to come.



A rally for Ukraine was held on Feb. 25 at Thunder Bay's city hall.

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MARCH

Year In Review

Turf facility paused

1 City officials recommended pausing a proposed indoor turf facility project after announcing it was no closer to an answer on \$22 million in federal funding needed to help build the controversial \$44.8-million Chapples Park project.

2 The chair of the Thunder Bay Police Services Board expressed optimism after the Office of the Independent Review Director announced reviews into nine additional sudden deaths of Indigenous people in the city. Sixteen more have been earmarked for further review.

3 The price of gasoline hit \$2 in the Thunder Bay area for the first time, sparking concern for motorists. The hike, in part blamed on Russia's invasion of Ukraine, would see the price of regular unleaded reach as high as \$2.29 before dropping as low as \$1.12 in the fall.

4 Ontario Premier Doug Ford paid a visit to Alstom's Thunder Bay plant in a pre-election visit to the rail-car manufacturing plant.

5 Denis Terry Bernard pleaded guilty to manslaughter in the 2020 stabbing death of Paul Vivier at a Cumberland Street hotel. At the same time, a Toronto youth who had also pleaded guilty to manslaughter in the killing was sentenced to time

served.

6 The provincial Special Investigations Unit invoked its mandate after OPP officers shot at a 34-year-old suspect after an incident near Nipigon and an earlier shooting on Forest Street resulted in a seriously injured male being sent to hospital. Attempted murder charges were later laid against the shooting suspect.

7 Elective surgeries at Thunder Bay Regional Health Science Centre continued to face delays because of the ongoing pandemic. Up to 5,550 surgeries were still on the waitlist in early March.

8 The city sought federal recognition as an ideal location for displaced Ukrainians fleeing Russia's invasion of their country, while Mayor Bill Mauro looked into housing availability.

9 A homophobic letter led to an early-morning vigil outside Bay Village Coffee. The letter was thrown through a window at the coffee shop, owned by Alan Forbes and future mayoral candidate Gary Mack.

10 A late March snowstorm brought up to 50 centimetres of snow and began a spring trend of Wednesday weather that kept spring's arrival at bay through April.



A proposed indoor turf facility faced plenty of opposition at city council.



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APRIL

Police board in shambles

1The majority of the Thunder Bay Police Services Board resigned. With the board surrounded by controversy amid accusations of racism and harassment filed against senior police leadership, Kristen Oliver, Roydon Pelletier and Michael Power announced they were quitting.

2David Hui and Musab Saboon were found guilty of first-degree murder and kidnapping in the shooting death of Lee Chiodo. Justice Danial Newton said the killing was considered and that Hui volunteered to shoot the victim after acquiring the gun. Chiodo died in February 2019, near 108th Avenue.

3After years of delays, the East-West Tie Transmission Line was completed. The 450-kilometre line will provide 230 kilovolts of electricity between Wawa and Thunder Bay and cost more than \$700 million to complete.

4Long-time Liberal MPP and cabinet minister Michael Gravelle announced he was battling cancer for a second time. It would ultimately lead to his decision later in the month to announce he would not seek another term at Queen's Park. He was first elected in 1995.

5Cody Eachum pleaded guilty to manslaughter in the 2020 death of Austin Robinson, after initially being charged with

second-degree murder in the killing.

6A contractor was selected to build the city's new correctional complex, a project that could cost upward of \$1 billion to complete. Ellis Don was awarded the contract and work began later in the year.

7Avalon Advanced Materials said it found a global financing partner in Essar to build a \$500-million lithium refinery in the city, scheduled to open at a yet-to-be-determined site in Thunder Bay.

8Denis Bernard was sentenced to six years in prison after pleading guilty to manslaughter in the 2020 death of Paul Vivier.

9Thunder Bay was selected to host the 2024 Ontario Winter Games, an event that's expected to draw up to 3,500 participants. The city last hosted the prestigious event in 1974.

10A time capsule, buried in the cornerstone at the burned down Finnish Labour Temple, was unsealed. The small copper box, placed in 1909, contained a Finnish-language newspaper, Tyokansa, and a copy of a speech made by Moses Hahl, the paper's senior editor.



Coun. Kristen Oliver was one of three police services board members to quit.

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MAY

Year In Review

James Whalen tug sinks

1 The James Whalen Tug found its way to the bottom of the Kaministiquia River, the 117-year-old vessel having taken on water. Later in the year a crane was brought in to raise the tug, which was moored at the Kam River Heritage Park, at a cost of three-quarters of a million dollars.

2 It turned out to be one of the deadliest months in Thunder Bay history, with five confirmed homicides. Victims included Adrian Richardson, James Chapais, Cody Bullmer, Alan Esquega and an unnamed 91-year-old who died at a local nursing home. In total, 10 people were charged in the deaths.

3 Future Coun. Dominic Pasqualino and one of his Northwood rivals were the first candidates to sign up for the municipal election, filing their paperwork to run in the Oct. 24 election. When all was said and done, 59 candidates filed to run for council's 13 positions. Later in the month Neebing's Cody Fraser announced he would not seek a second term.

4 After a mass resignation in April, Northwood Coun. Shelby Ch'ng was appointed to the beleaguered Thunder Bay Police Services Board, a position she was reappointed to after winning an at-large seat on Oct. 24.

5 Premier Doug Ford made a campaign stop in Thunder Bay in support of local candidates Kevin Holland and Peng You, stopping by Heddle Marine to visit with employees and speak to media. NDP Leader Andrea Horwath's planned trip to the city was waylaid by COVID-19.

6 Gasoline finally hit the \$2 mark in Thunder Bay, a first for the city. Prices would jump to as high as \$2.299 before slowly returning to pre-pandemic levels later in the year.

7 The Thunder Bay International Airport was reduced to one runway as construction began on a \$20-million to upgrade the main runway and its supporting infrastructure.

8 Future Conservative Leader Pierre Poilievre paid a visit to Thunder Bay during his successful leadership bid, bringing his populist message to about 350 local supporters.

9 Four people were charged in the 2019 killing of Samatar Warsame, including a pair of suspects from Thunder Bay.

10 Rap star Polo G played to a packed Fort William Gardens, thrilling fans who waited through long security lines to get into the facility.



The James Whalen tug sank for the second time on May 1. (FILE)

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JUNE

Holland, Vaugeois win

1 Kevin Holland made political history, winning Thunder Bay-Atikokan for the Progressive Conservatives and knocking off incumbent Judith Monteith-Farrell of the NDP. Her party's fortunes were better in Thunder Bay-Superior North, where Lise Vaugeois edged Conservative Peng You to capture the seat held by former Liberal cabinet minister Michael Gravelle since 1995.

2 Thunder Bay Police Chief Sylvie Hauth announced her retirement, saying she'd step down the following June. However, later in the month she was suspended after hours later it was announced she'd be facing misconduct hearings.

3 Musab Saboon received two life sentences in the 2019 shooting death of Lee Chiodo.

4 Twenty-year-old Tyrese Belmore was killed at a Shipley Street residence, the seventh murder victim of 2022, the sixth since May 2. No arrests have yet been made in the death of the Saugeen First Nation man.

5 Homicide investigators were kept busy, with murders taking place on back-to-back days. John Mark Reuben, 28, died on June 24 and the following day 19-year-old Aiden Cunningham died.

6 Testimony at a Police Services Act hearing looking into the 2015 death of Indigenous man Stacey DeBungee concluded. Staff-Sgt. Shawn Harrison and Det. Shawn Whipple were facing charges of neglect of duty and discreditable conduct. Police are accused of coming to too quick of a conclusion about DeBungee's death.

7 The city learned its \$22 million federal funding application for a proposed indoor turf facility had been rejected, putting the controversial project in limbo.

8 An arrest was made in the disappearance of Alyssa Turnbull, who went missing in 2020. Nicholas Soos was charged with committing an indignity to human remains and obstruction of justice.

9 For the first time since 2019, a Thunder Bay Pride Festival was held. The festival featured many booths, including vendors from the 2SLGBTQIA community.

10 Fort William First Nation celebrated National Indigenous Peoples Day with a pow wow on Mount McKay. Outgoing Chief Peter Collins said it was a chance to renew relationships between communities.



Kevin Holland won a rare Thunder Bay seat for the Conservatives.

A graphic for MP Patty Hajdu's New Year greeting. It features a portrait of Patty Hajdu on the left. To the right, the text reads: 'MP Patty Hajdu Thunder Bay-Superior North Wishing you a happy New Year! PATTY.HAJDU@PARL.GC.CA (807) 766-2090'. A large red ribbon is at the bottom.

A graphic for Kevin Holland's New Year greeting. It features a portrait of Kevin Holland on the left. To the right, the text reads: 'Happy New Year KEVIN HOLLAND MPP - Thunder Bay-Atikokan'. The background shows fireworks.

Marcus Powlowski, MP Thunder Bay-Rainy River

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JULY

Year In Review



Pope Francis apologized to Indigenous Canadians for the Roman Catholic Church's role in the abusive ways of the residential school system.

Papal apology heard

1 Northwestern Ontario politicians Patty Hajdu, Sol Mamakwa and Anna Betty Achneepineskum were part of a delegation that travelled to Edmonton for Pope Francis' visit to Canada to apologize for the Roman Catholic Church's role in the country's residential school system.

2 Police said a violent incident in the 800 block of McMillan Street was a homicide, identifying Charlie Joseph Finlayson, 37, as the victim. Authorities would later arrest 32-year-old Justin Dave Coaster.

3 After two years of limited activities, Canada Day returned to the city's waterfront, with plenty to celebrate at Marina Park. However, in deference to the changing nature of the holiday, fireworks weren't held out of respect to Indigenous Canadians. The Festival of Colours and Festival of India also returned to the waterfront later in the month.

4 David Hui was sentenced to life in prison for the 2019 slaying of Lee Chiodo, plus an additional 15 years, to be served concurrently, on a kidnapping charge. Hui won't be eligible for parole for 25 years.

5 Peng You, a first-time city councillor, announced he was going to run for mayor, days after incumbent Bill Mauro

announced he would not be seeking a second term as the city's top elected official. Clint Harris, the former publisher of the Chronicle Journal, also announced his candidacy for mayor in July.

6 Paper Excellence Group announced it planned to purchase Rolute Forest Products, a deal which includes the Thunder Bay pulp and paper mill and the Thunder Bay sawmill.

7 Thousands turned out to Fort William Historical Park for the first annual Country on the Bay music festival, featuring Brett Kissel, Lee Brice, Teri Clark and Johnny Reid.

8 A Thunder Bay Police officer came under fire after letting a bridal party take a picture in and around a police car in Marina Park, at the scene of a recent sudden death.

9 Kiiwetinoong MPP Sol Mamakwa was named a deputy leader of the NDP, following the resignation of former leader Andrea Horwath.

10 A small sinkhole at the corner of High Street and Oliver Road caused a stir when a bus got stuck in the hole and had to be extricated with the help of a tow truck.

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Year In Review

AUGUST

Big crowds greet CLE

1 After two years of no fair, the Canadian Lakehead Exhibition returned in full force in August, with long lines and record-breaking crowds excited for the midway, the entertainment, the food and the games of chance.

2 Several months after the fact, a manslaughter charge was laid against an 84-year-old resident of a local senior-living facility. Police say the charge was the result of a physical altercation that left a 91-year-old resident dead.

3 The search for missing Indigenous man Kacey Yellowhead was conducted after the Indigenous man went missing on Aug. 2. His body was discovered late in the month.

4 As nomination closed, 59 candidates filed to run in October's municipal election, including five seeking the mayor's chair. The total was down slightly from the 2018 election. Ken Boshcoff, who would go on to win the mayor's race, was the highest-profile candidate to submit nomination papers.

5 Like the CLE, RibFest returned to normal with huge crowds flocking to the tasty event to sample the offerings of the ribbers brought in for the weekend. The pandemic reduced RibFest to a drive-through event in 2021.

6 A homicide suspect was arrested following a brief stand-off. The accused was wanted in connection with the murder of Charlie Joseph Finlayson on McMillan Street and led to the arrest of Justin Randy Dave Coaster.

7 Mayor Bill Mauro, who had already said he wouldn't seek a second term, announced he was going to step down from the job a few weeks earlier in order to take a job in the private sector.

8 Damage to the restored horses on the famed 107-year-old Chippewa Park carousel led to it being shut down a few weeks earlier than planned.

9 More than a century after it was sunk, divers discovered the wreckage of the James P. Donaldson near the Welcome Islands. In 1921 it became the second vessel acquired by Paterson Steamship Lines.

10 A federal riding boundary change that would merge the Kenora riding into Thunder Bay-Rainy River was announced, drawing criticism from those opposed to the idea. The plan would also create a massive northern riding, Kiiwetinoong-Muhkegowuk.



The CLE was a popular place to be early in August, after two years off.

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SEPTEMBER

Year In Review

City mourns Queen

1 Local community leaders reacted with sadness to the death of Queen Elizabeth II, who reigned over the Commonwealth for more than 70 years. The city opened a condolence book in her memory and a public memorial service was held at the Waverley Park cenotaph.

2 Courtney LaBelle was found guilty of stabbing her 11-year-old son to death on New Year's Day in 2019. LaBelle had pleaded not guilty to the charge of second-degree murder, arguing she didn't remember doing it because of drug-induced psychosis.

3 After months of being submerged under water, heavy equipment was brought in and the historic James Whalen tug was raised out of the Kaministiquia River. The salvage operation cost in the neighbourhood of \$750,000.

4 An expert panel recommended sweeping changes that, if implemented, would drastically reshape how the board was governed. More civilian oversight and more Indigenous representation on an expanded board were among the recommendations.

5 Police investigated a homicide that took place at Andras Court, the 11th confirmed murder of the year. Shawn

Marcus Newsome, 28, was later identified as the victim. Two people were arrested, one charged with second-degree murder, the other with accessory after the fact.

6 The third installment of the Wake the Giant Music Festival was another huge success, drawing thousands to the waterfront to hear the likes of Aqua, Steve Aoki and Our Lady Peace. The event helps welcome Indigenous students from remote communities to the city.

7 The city marked National Truth and Reconciliation Day on Sept. 30 with a number of events, including a reconciliation run, a survivor's flag-raising ceremony and a powwow hosted by Fort William First Nation.

8 Centennial Park's re-imagined playground reopened to plenty of applause, as families flocked to the park to try out the new zip-line and other play structures.

9 NorWest Community Health Centre launched a safer supply program, an effort to reduce the scourge of overdoses plaguing the city.

10 The Thunder Bay Airport was temporarily closed after a suspicious package was found, delaying arrivals and departures. It later reopened without incident.



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OCTOBER

Boshcoff elected mayor

1The municipal election brought plenty of change to city hall, including returning Ken Boshcoff to the mayor's chair for the third time – and first since 2003. Kasey Etreni, Greg Johnsen, Dominic Pasqualino, Rajni Ajarwal and Mike Zusino were all newly elected to the council table.

2The election wasn't without controversy, as results were delayed because a Thunder Bay Catholic District School Board trustee candidate was left off the ballot, forcing a re-vote for those voters affected.

3Michael Park, 24, was identified as the city's 12th homicide of 2022 after police investigated reports of a shooting at a Brodie Street residence. Greg Casamir Meshake was arrested and charged with first-degree murder.

4An inquest into the deaths of two Indigenous men, who died in custody, opened. Roland McKay and Donald Mamakwa died, in separate incidents while locked up in jail cells at the Thunder Bay Police Service headquarters. A medical expert said Mamakwa likely would have survived if given medical treatment.

5Cody Echum was sentenced to six years for his role in the 2020 killing of Austin Robinson. He pleaded guilty to

manslaughter last spring.

6Representatives of the Conseil scolaire public du Nord-Est de l'Ontario school board officially announced a new public French school would open in Thunder Bay at the former Edgewater Park Public School, a first for Thunder Bay. The school will open next fall.

7Thunder Bay Olympian Katie Weatherston was furious that Hockey Canada chose not to help with her medical expenses, related to injuries suffered playing for her country, while spending millions on confidential sexual assault payouts.

8Former Lakehead Public Schools director of education Ian MacRae will face a misconduct hearing after an investigation into his actions and allegations of inappropriate comments made to board employees and trustees over a period of several years.

9Vandals damaged wood carvings installed at the recently opened Centennial Park playground.

10The Port Arthur Branch No. 5 unveiled a plaque honouring troops who defended Hong Kong in the Second World War.



Ken Boshcoff celebrates his mayoral win with Shelby Ch'ng and Kristen Oliver.

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NOVEMBER

Year In Review



Hundreds of education workers walked off the job in protest of Bill 28.

City records more murders

1 The year's deadly trend continued in November, with the 13th and 14th confirmed homicides of 2022. Corey Glen Ashley Belesky died after an incident in the 100 block of Brent Street on Nov. 1, and Rusty James Rousseau was killed in the 200 block of Pearl Street on Nov. 17.

2 Local education workers walked off the job in protest of the province legislating them back-to-work from a legal strike position and imposing a contract. School services were interrupted by the job action, but a deal between CUPE workers and the province was eventually reached.

3 The jury examining the in-police-custody deaths of Indigenous men Roland McKay and Donald Mamakwa handed down 35 recommendations as a coroner's inquest wrapped up in early November. One of the key recommendations was the establishment of a sobering centre.

4 The province announced its contractor had broken ground on the city's new correctional facility, a \$1.2-billion project off Highway 61 that's expected to be completed by fall 2026. When completed, it will be a 345-bed facility.

5 Soccer Northwest put forward a proposal it hopes will revive the indoor turf facility debate, a scaled back fac-

ility they'd like to see built near the Canada Games Complex and say could be built for \$20 million.

6 Remembrance Day ceremonies were held in person at Waverly Park, Mount McKay, and for the first time since 2019, at Fort William Gardens.

7 Like hospitals across Canada, Thunder Bay Regional began to experience a surge in respiratory illness admissions, which officials warned could impact surgical scheduling and wait times. COVID-19, RSV and a higher-than-usual flu season were behind the surge.

8 It was the end of an era at city council, as long-time councillors Rebecca Johnson, Brian McKinnon and Aldo Ruberto gathered for their final meeting. All three decided not to re-offer in the 2022 municipal election.

9 Shane Muir was named Superior North EMS's new chief, following the retirement of long-time chief Wayne Gates. Muir took over the role in December.

10 The Santa Claus parade was back after taking 2020 and 2021 off due to pandemic restrictions. Not even chilly temperatures could keep thousands from lining the parade route.

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DECEMBER

City's fifteenth murder

1 Thunder Bay police investigated the city's 15th homicide case after the body of 21-year-old Ivan Achneepineskum was found in a room at a south-side motel on Christmas Eve.

2 The court system was busy throughout the month, with multiple homicide matters from the last several years. Jeffrey Miller, who had been charged with second degree murder in the 2019 death of Robenson Saint Jean, pleaded guilty to manslaughter and is set to be sentenced in the new year.

3 User groups in Thunder Bay continued their vocal push for a new indoor turf facility in Thunder Bay, presenting their vision for a new building near the Thunder Bay Community Auditorium and Canada Games Complex.

4 Thunder Bay city council voted in favour of a multi-million dollar assistance package for the Thunder Bay Community Auditorium, which included covering \$2 million of its debt and providing capital funding.

5 The city's annual Christmas Cheer Fund had a 20 per cent increase in the number of families applying for a holiday hamper. They brought in about \$250,000.

6 The public discourse around whether the city should implement a designated truck route heated up again after a transport went off Dawson Road and ended up in the backyard of a Pine Grove Place home.

7 A long-awaited indoor skate park opened. The Cinema 5 Skatepark is located in the former Cinema 5 building on Cumberland Street.

8 A well-known community volunteer and activist avoided deportation. Abu Hena Mostofa Kamal, who came to Thunder Bay as an international student in 2018, faced a deportation order on Jan. 1 after he ran into trouble financing his education during the pandemic.

9 Agencies resumed programs that have helped provide support and shelter for vulnerable populations during the coldest months. NorWest Community Health Centres relaunched their care bus and PACE was able to reopen its warming centre.

10 Natalie Pace was the big winner in the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Foundation's Thunder Bay 50/50 draw, learning on Dec. 30 she'd won the \$2.53-million top prize in the monthly lottery.



Police investigate the city's latest murder, at a south-side motel.

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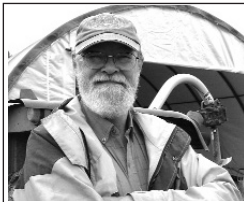
Happy New Year.

Yup, the 2022 number has been retired and 2023 has stepped up to the plate. I think that I can safely guess that we are all hoping it will be a better year as we are still dealing with COVID and numerous other annoying things like inflation.

I am very grateful that my wife, Laura, the Gardener, put so much effort and time into our vegetable garden these past two years.

We've learned to store root veggies like beets and carrots that are still sweet. We even have a couple of cabbages still in good shape. As I write, Laura is pouring over the seed catalogs, a big smile on her face.

Each year we've expanded the garden a bit, growing different varieties of edibles. She wants to continue



Fred Jones
RURAL ROOTS

this trend.

Big Red, my ancient tractor, needed repair.

A hydraulic hose broke leaking fluid badly which caused the raising and lowering of the bucket to take a darned long time.

That sometimes occurs when the thermometer reads negative 25 or colder.

But it was warm for this time of year. At the same time, a bolt securing the power take-off to the snow blower broke.

I managed to replace it but didn't know that I also needed a thin piece of metal to fit in a groove to secure the

bolt.

The amazing Ken who possesses unparalleled knowledge of all farm machinery, came to the rescue and

made everything work.

This past June I needed repair. Ruptured appendix ain't fun but the fantastic surgical team at our hospital made sure that I would live to breathe another day.

Many, many thanks to the doctors and nurses.

Then our truck needed repair. One day a couple of weeks ago Laura was driving home from her place of employment when the truck died. Lights flashed and she couldn't get it to start.

All hail Donny, our go-to mechanic "wot lives up road" who came to the rescue with his tow truck.

But the absence of the truck meant no trips to our local dump or to get hay for horses.

Fortunately, we could safely store the garbage (although why Laura and Doug both decided to do an early 'spring cleaning' of our stor-

age rooms throwing out a lot of no-longer-useful stuff while the truck was in for repairs, I don't know).

Once the truck was returned, I could attach the hay trailer and fetch hay from our supplier before the horses were completely out and then load up for a couple of trips to the city landfill.

After an initial snowshoe tromp back in the earlier part of December, we finally strapped them on and made forays across the south field and into the bush.

The snow is deep and in places soft so the going can be tough. We trudge and rest, trudge and rest.

But our new member of the canine family, Sophie, the Black Lab, just plunged into the snow over and over again having a ball.

But our 11-year-old big guy, Baxter, we discovered, was too heavy for walking the snowshoe trails until New Year's Eve day when son,

Doug, and Laura, went for a snowshoe walk with all three of our pooches and where we had walked before – three times – the trail was solid enough to support his weight.

So, Baxter got to join the family and get a good workout without suffering a heart attack.

A highlight for me was going on a five-day canoe trip in late August with Doug, into Quetico.

I had not been back for over 20 years and Doug had never been there.

Though we faced non-stop headwinds we had a great time and are planning one for this coming summer.

Amazing though how much one can forget.

So, when I read all those headlines and notes about how awful 2022 was for a lot of people and the 'hope' that 2023 will be better, include me in that 'hope'.



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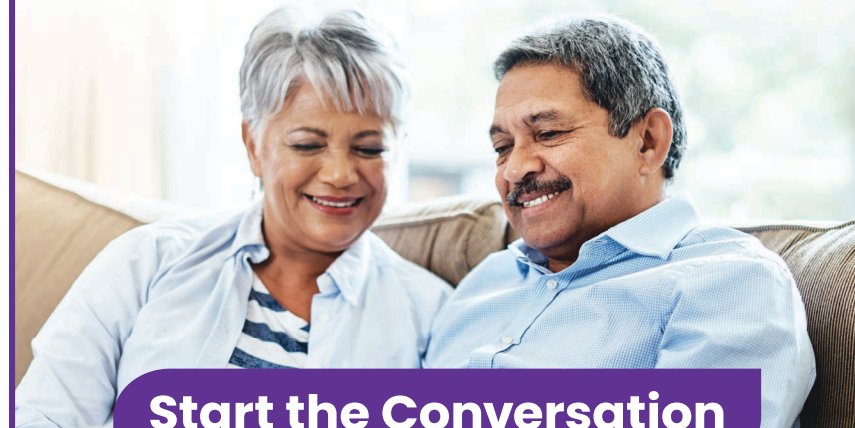
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Cost of living skyrocketing

Grocery prices are continuing to soar, leading to higher inflation rates

Inflation in the grocery market is an issue we all can sympathize with. It affects all of us without any prejudice. Grocery prices are increasing because of inflation. Currently, the inflation rate is around 4.7 percent.

This is the highest inflation rate Canada has seen in years. Normally, annual averages are around one per cent.

When inflation is high, the cost of goods becomes unstable. This includes necessities like groceries. In the market in 2022 we saw some rarely precedented growth in inflation. From January to September the average cost of groceries raised approximately 11 per cent in Canada.

The kicker? From September to December, the cost of groceries raised about another 11 per cent.

The same food product that cost you \$10 in January will cost you over \$12 in December. This issue is compounded in the food service world for obvious reasons.

Tough to buy

Inflation is the decrease in purchasing power of money. In other words, it's a general increase in the prices of goods and services in an economy. Food inflation is a measurement of inflation specifically on grocery products.

In October 2021, food inflation reached 3.8 percent, as measured by Statistics Canada. Everyone can obviously say "that's the cost of doing business" And a portion of that is true. However, the issue isn't as black and white as that.

In 2022, Loblaw's (parent company of The Superstore and The Wholesale Club, among others) profited \$1.5 billion (up \$180 million from last year).

Empire company (parent company of Sobeys, Safeway and others) profited a "meager" \$759 million, all while raising their prices for Canadian families. Now this seems egregious, and everyone will be quick to remember that inflation goes both ways.

There is something slimey about record profits while squeezing the Canadian consumer.

Grocery prices have raised at a higher average rate than the national average inflation rate for 12 months in a row.

They have been rising at the fastest rate seen since the mid 80s. Now, this is a complex issue that can't be simply explained here. There are a dozen or more factors affecting the rate of grocery inflation.

Many economists can point to one of the major factors being that Canada produces a lot of its own essentials, which in turn carries higher labour, production and packaging

costs.

Morning madness

Coffee and tea prices were up 16.8 percent in November while items such as edible fats and oils climbed 26 percent, eggs rose 16.7 per cent and bread, rolls, and buns were up 18.2 per cent.

Unfortunately, the trends do not seem to be waiving any time soon, however, these numbers have begun to get the attention of members of provincial and federal parliaments and strategies are being discussed.

The MRP, Maximum Retail Price system has been suggested in addition to certain luxury taxes on these record profits.

The solution isn't a simple one, but I would be keeping a close eye on where I choose to do my grocery shopping soon.

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CRT RACING TEAM Gears up for 2023

Although the green flag for racing is still around 5 months away, a local race team is busy preparing for the 2023 season at Thunder City Speedway.

Once again this year, CRT Racing will be fielding three race cars: Kolby Reed, B Mod Wissota and Thunder City Speedway Rookie of the Year will be racing a 2021 MARS B Mod this coming season. New to the CRT race team is Tanner Henderson who will be running a 2020 MARS B Mod. Tanner ran as a rookie last season and had a solid run over the summer.

Also, new to the team and local racing is the sister and brother team of Emelle and Nathan Henny. Both will be sharing driving duties in a 1990 Nissan Hornet Class car. CRT racing looks forward to grooming these rookie drivers on their way up by supporting Emelle who is 16 and Nathan who is 14 years of age. Once again this year, CRT Racing will be donating all of their race winnings to Our Kids Count.

CRT Racing recently presented a cheque to Jackie Knoch, Executive Director of Our Kids Count in the amount of \$5,000 at the Half-Way Motors Winederful Fundraising Event in support of the local charity.

Racing at Thunder City Speedway is scheduled to begin again in May.

Race Crew photo:

CRT Race Team and Crew
Front Row L to R: Tanner Henderson, B Mod Driver, Emelle Henny, Hornet Driver, Nathan Henny, Hornet Driver and Kolby Reed, B Mod Driver
Back Row L to R: Greg Reed, Crew Chief, Kevin Mandryk, Crew, Joe Fayrick and Crew, Nicholas Henny, Crew Chief, John Trevisanutto, Team Manager, Daniel Trevisanutto, Team Manager, Doug Baysarowich, Crew, Jeff Caldwell, Social Media Director and Brad Folino, Merchandise/Accounting Director.

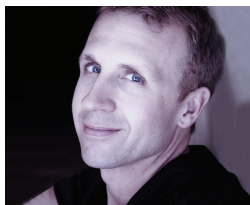
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(L to R) Kolby Reed, Colin Chaschuk and John Trevisanutto of CRT Racing present a cheque to Jackie Knoch (2nd from right), Executive Director of Our Kids Count.



Fifty years of conservation

When I started fishing as an adolescent, I spent my days dunking worms, chucking spinners and casting a fly on the urban rivers that flowed through Thunder Bay. I was after trout, both rainbow and brookies, which probably averaged six inches or so. One day I hooked into a huge fish that would be the catalyst for a life-long addiction to chasing a species called "steelhead". That first encounter is still etched in my memory. The mighty fish put up a fight like I never imagined possible.

The adult version of the tiny rainbow trout I was used to catching, it catapulted through the air and took several reel-sizzling runs before it showed any sign of submission. It



Keith Ailey
the GOOD LIFE

had migrated from Lake Superior to spawn and though I spent countless hours on the river, these encounters were rare where I was fishing. However, over the past forty years, I have witnessed first-hand how the quality of the steelhead fishing has improved, thanks in large part to the efforts of a group of conservation-minded anglers.

Fifty years ago, on January 13, 1973, the North Shore Steelhead Association (NSSA) was formed as a non-profit organization concerned with the conservation and preservation of fisheries in the rivers that feed Lake Superior.

The primary concern of the founding members was the protection and enhancement of the migratory rain-

bow trout (steelhead) fishery. Over the decades, their efforts have resulted in naturalized steelhead, as well as other species, like pacific salmon and native brook trout, benefiting from conservation-focused projects on the tributaries across the north shore of Superior.

Take the McIntyre River for example. The tributary flows right through Thunder Bay and has had a naturalized, self-sustaining population of steelhead since the early 1900s.

However, the river is full of barriers, both natural and man-made, and the old five-fish limit would keep the population from reaching its potential. By the 1980s however, the NSSA was already helping the fish in this river. First, a fish ladder was installed at Lakehead University to improve upstream migration to the spawning grounds. Later, habitat

improvement and bank stabilization would benefit the small resident trout that typically spend two years in the river before leaving for the big lake.

Finally, the club was able to gather scientific data to track population trends and spearhead changes to the fishing regulations. This final step was the missing puzzle piece that led to the remarkable improvement in fishing we see on this river today.

The McIntyre is not unique either. The NSSA's work has similarly improved habitat and migration routes as well as the regulations and the quality of fishing on just about every river and stream that flows in our region on the north shore of Superior.

How is the club able to do this? Vice president, Terry Kosolowski says "over the years we have continued to develop relationships with the scientific community as well as

federal, provincial and local government agencies. Along with the input from other user groups and the general public, we have been able to secure the necessary approval and provide the guidance, funds and even the labour to get vital conservation projects done."

The result of the NSSA's efforts are obvious to anyone fishing our rivers today.

As Kosolowski says, "we've definitely changed the fishing game. Our members, and the general public, have taken a harvest-based fishery and turned it into a primarily catch-and-release one. The result is that we now have one of the best self-sustaining rainbow trout fisheries on the great lakes."

You can learn all about the club's projects and lend support to their future efforts through their website, www.northshoresteelhead.com.

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Babylon a bloated view of Hollywood

Babylon (SilverCity) is director/writer Damian Chazelle's take on 1920s Hollywood during its bumpy transition from the silent era to the talkies.

Chazelle previously covered Hollywood in his contemporary valentine, "La La Land" but here he's more concerned with the dark underbelly of an older Hollywood, with hapless characters challenged by the onset of sound, caught in its vortex of vice and dashed aspirations.

From Chazelle's view, it was an era characterized by Bacchanalian excess and indulgence, with good doses of drugs, debauchery and depravity. The artistry of the silent era - Chaplin etc. - is overlooked.

Instead, Chazelle uses *Singin' in the Rain* - a far superior film - as his story template, illustrating how the talkies created new opportunities for some lucky souls while others were cruelly discarded.

We loosely follow the trajectory of a handful of characters over several years with attendant ups and downs.

There's Nellie LaRoy (Margot Robbie), a ballsy aspiring actress whose ticket to fame is her unerring ability to cry on cue, soon prone to star-crossed vices of cocaine and gambling. Nellie's new pal Manny Torres (Diego Culva) is a Mexican-American dreaming of achieving more than being just a gofer, almost meeting his end trying to save Nellie. Brad Pitt is megastar Jack Conrad, a dashing mustachioed golden boy, going through wives like a Rolodex, finding potholes in his transition to talkies.

On the narrative fringes are Jovan Adeppo, a talented Black jazz trumpeter/aspiring actor and Li Jung Li as a self-possessed Anna May Wong type who uses her bisexuality to advance her exotic appeal. Their sole function is to illustrate how non-whites are mistreated and marginalized in Hollywood.

Jean Smart is a Hedda Hopper-like gossip columnist who gives Pitt the real scoop on how Hollywood operates. Tobey Maguire, who's also exec producer, appears near the end as a creepy Mafioso.

Chazelle directs with his trademark panache, injecting many sequences with high octane energy, going from a Hollywood mansion party fraught with indulgences to an outdoor soundstage where several little movies are being shot all at once, characterized by chaos and frenzy.

Chazelle is on firmer ground when he downshifts, allowing his characters room to breathe

One highlight is a hilarious sequence illustrating the growing pains of sound. Robbie and her director (Mrs. Chazelle) are driven mad by the



Babylon is a great big, overwrought mess, at its worst.

fussy sound technician and aggravating interruptions, punctuated with "Cut! Cut! Cut!"

However, a movie documenting the excesses of a sordid chapter in Hollywood history doesn't have to be equally excessive, with a three-hour plus running time.

Chazelle heaps up gratuitous grossness with a close-up of elephant defecation, an obese man enjoying a golden shower, projectile vomiting, a snake fight, and a kinky freak show.

Overall, *Babylon* is a great big overwrought mess but we stick with following Pitt, Robbie and Culva throughout. Their on-screen appeal overcomes their one-dimensional characters, amped up by Chazelle's bravura filmmaking. *Babylon* is watchable, but it's way over the top.



Marty Mascarini

MOVIE TALK

Salvation Army's campaign short

Organization is still accepting donations

By TB Source staff

The Salvation Army is about \$14,000 shy of its Christmas Kettle Campaign goal.

The organization provided an update on Thursday, announcing they have raised nearly \$246,000 thus far, putting them narrowly short of their \$260,000 target.

"This has been a difficult year for everyone. We are so grateful for the support we have received at the Kettles - we recognize that especially this year, it is a sacrifice for many to give, both financially and of their time," said Gary Ferguson, the executive director of The Salvation

Army Community and Residential Services.

"We say thank you again, for helping us to continue our services in the community. Many people will benefit because of your selflessness."

Donations to the Kettle campaign can either be mailed or dropped off at their Cumberland Street building, or by calling (807) 345-6492. Donations must be received prior to midnight Saturday, or postmarked Dec. 31., to be receipted for 2022.

Funds collected through the Kettles supports the following year's services such as the mobile feeding program, food to meet the demands in the food bank distribution, providing 50 school breakfasts per day, emergency shelter for the homeless, transitional housing programming and many other programs.

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Krista McCarville had a magical, home-ice run to the Scotties Tournament of Hearts final at Fort William Gardens. (Curling Canada)

McCarville's run at Scotties No. 1

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Thunder Bay is known as a sports town and there was plenty to cheer about in 2022 — even if fans mostly weren't allowed at the biggest event of the year.

Here's Dougall Media director of news Leith Dunick's top 10 local sports stories of the year.

1 After years of waiting and losing the 2021 event to the Calgary bubble, the Scotties Tournament of Hearts finally arrived at Fort William Gardens. Local heroes Krista McCarville, Sarah Potts, Ashley Sippala and Kendra Lilly, who calls Sudbury home, made it all the way to the final, settling for silver against Team Canada's Kerri Einarson.

2 Eric Staal, who did not get a contract offer after going to the Stanley Cup final with Montreal in 2021, laced up his skates and captained Team Canada at the Olympic Games. His play earned him a professional tryout offer with the Florida Panthers, and he eventually signed a one-year deal to play with brother Marc, another free-agent signee.

3 The Thunder Bay Chill spent two seasons on the sidelines and finally got the go-ahead to return to action as restrictions at the border began to lift. The Chill were in the hunt for a playoff spot until the final weekend of the season.

4 Unfortunately the news was not as great for the Thunder Bay Border Cats, who spent yet another summer awaiting a return to Port Arthur Stadium. The news got better late in the year, when the Northwoods League announced the team would be back on the field in 2023, with manager J.K. Kelly at the helm.

5 The Thunder City Speedway was a runaway hit for thousands of fans who turned out weekly to

witness the return of stock car racing to the region.

6 Diver Molly Carlson, who spent her formative years in Thunder Bay, shot to the top of the sport as one of the breakout stars of the Red Bull Cliff Diving Series. Carlson, who boasts 3.5 million Tik Tok followers, returned to the Canada Games Complex in December to inspire the next generation of local divers.

7 The Thunderwolves men's basketball program continued building on its pre-pandemic success, soaring to No. 7 in the national rankings with wins over No. 2 Ottawa and No. 3 Brock. LU finished the calendar year at No. 9, thanks in part to CEBL veterans Michael Okafor and Laoui Msambya. The women's team faced turmoil, going winless in 10 games to start the season, which they embarked upon without long-time coach Jon Kreiner, who is no longer with the program.

8 It was a summer of movement for two-time Stanley Cup winner Matt Murray, who was traded by Ottawa to Toronto after a couple of injury-plagued seasons with the Senators. Murray has played well for the Leafs, boasting a 8-2-2 record at press time.

9 Thunder Bay welcomed the world — OK, the United States — for a five-game friendly series between the Canadian and U.S. national women's baseball teams. The Thunder Bay International Baseball Association also announced it is pursuing the 2024 women's world championship and a 2023 qualifier.

10 The Saint Patrick Fighting Saints ended a 21-year championship drought, capturing the SSSAA senior high school football championship, and followed it up with a 27-13 win over St. Roch in the Central Bowl.



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