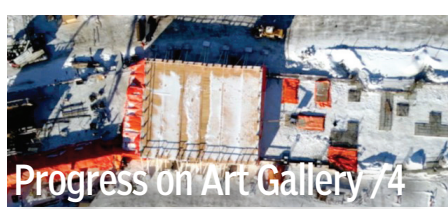




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Bradica to retire

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

The longtime head of the Thunder Bay District Social Services Administration Board is calling it a career.

Last Thursday, Bill Bradica announced his plans to retire at the end of 2024, saying it's time for a new vision at the top after 12 years at the helm, and 23 years with the organization.

There's been significant change in program delivery since he took over the role in 2012, and Bradica said there are more changes on the way.

That's going to be the biggest challenge facing his replacement, whomever that might be, he said.

"We have been sort of in the throes of what's called social assistance modernization. That's been discussed starting around 2016. What that looks like in the end is still not fully determined from the province," said Bradica, who is the chief administrative officer.

"Working through that is going to be

difficult, in terms of a new way of delivering services. Also there's the challenges we've had for a number of years with homelessness and the level of funding that is needed to build more housing, more community housing and more supportive housing."

Bradica said he's confident he and his staff, along with the TBDSSAB's board of directors, have helped make progress on a lot of fronts, adding he's proud of the work they've been able to accomplish since he first joined the organization in 2001.

"The board has done a really good job of advocating, especially to the provincial government over the last few years, and that did result in a significant increase in our homelessness prevention funding," Bradica said.

"It's triple what it was a few years ago. That was a direct result of the advocacy work done by the board and supported by good evidence from our people here who work on that."

Bradica may be leaving, but there are

still a few things he'd like to wrap up before taking a few months off to spend with family to start 2025. He plans to head overseas at some point later in the year if the timing works out and to spend time watching his grandchildren in all their extra-curricular activities.

The most recent strategic plan, which is still a work in progress, will include a request to the province to have an Indigenous representative sit at the board table.

"We will be working on that this year and in addition, something that's in the board's control and they've agreed to, is to add an Indigenous advisory table or council. Those are two things that I'd like to see completed before my time is over."

Bradica started as the DSSAB's finance manager and was promoted to director of corporate services before taking over. He was acting chief administrative officer in 2012 when the organization moved into its new \$13.4-million building on South May Street.



Bill Bradica has been CAO at the Thunder Bay DSSAB since 2012. (Leith Dunick)



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Mayor Ken Boshcoff has asked administration to see if they can find some savings before the budget is ratified.

Tax-levy hike starts at 6.1%

Administration will look for savings before vote

By Kevin Jeffrey - Local Journalism Initiative

The City of Thunder Bay unveiled their proposal for the 2024 Operating and Capital Budget.

Last year, Mayor Ken Boshcoff directed the city manager and treasurer to bring forward a spending plan in line with council's target of a six-per-cent tax levy hike (5.5 per cent after growth).

The staff is proposing that in order to support the budget, the municipal tax levy would need to be \$231.7 million (\$211.5 million operating, \$20.2 million capital), which is an increase of \$13.3 million or 6.1 per cent compared to the previous year.

2024 key budget drivers:

- \$2.3 million increase request from Thunder Bay Police Service
- \$200,000 increase request from the Thunder Bay Police Services Board
- \$1.7 million to implement approved program and services review recommendations including expansions for the human resources strategy, digital strategy, and other expansions including the affordable transit pass pilot project, recreation and culture affordable access pilot project, airport rebate program, and provincially mandated organics program
- \$1.1 million for inflationary increases for materials and purchased services for parts, salt, paint, and contracted repairs and maintenance, and snow removal

- A \$900,000 one-time use in the reserve funds in 2023 that were not offset by approved service-level reductions

- \$1.6 million increase for outside and local boards, excluding Thunder Bay Police Service and the Police Services Board

On the positive side of the ledger, staff have highlighted the following:

- \$1.2 million increase in user fees
- \$800,000 decrease in insurance premiums
- \$1 million increase in the TBaytel dividend
- \$800,000 in the beginning of interest payments from the Synergy North Corporation
- \$500,000 increase in other revenue including administrative recoveries and casino revenue
- \$200,000 increase in the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund allocation

The proposed operating and capital budget includes total gross spending of \$538.3 million, an increase of \$23.5 million or 4.6 per cent compared to 2023.

The council will have a look at the long-term finances next Tuesday, which will be followed by an informal question and answer session on Jan. 25.

Council will review the budget on Jan. 30, Feb. 1, Feb. 5 and Feb. 7

The budget is scheduled to be ratified on Monday, Feb. 12.

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Progress made on Art Gallery

By Justin Hardy - TB Source

Steady progress is now being made at the site of a long-awaited addition to the city.

Since construction began at the site of the new Thunder Bay Art Gallery, progress has been steady and executive director Matthew Hills said that much of that progress is due to the dedication of the construction team and local expertise.

"We're in the midst of winter and, despite that, the project is proceeding and doing really well thanks to Tom Jones Construction, Colliers Project Leaders, and the team we have from Thunder Bay constructing this new art gallery for the city," said Hills.

"We're 18 per cent towards completion, so, progress is being made, the footprint of the overall gallery is completed and we're really excited with how things are progressing, even in spite of the challenging temperatures."

With the project still expected to be completed by the end of 2025 or the start of 2026, the art gallery's capital campaign is still in full swing.

Hills said that the campaign has seen a

lot of success with provincial and federal support, but they're looking to the community for that last little bit to make it over the finish line.

"We're significantly close. We're still in the early stages of the campaign and it's going quite well but we still have a lot of work to do to get us over that finish line," he said.

"But it's going really well - mostly thanks to the support of our community. So, we're extremely grateful but also aware that there's work to be done."

Hills said that residents should see the building start to take shape by late fall and he's excited for the art gallery to be able to do more programming in the downtown area.

"We're already doing that, in many ways you'll see the presence of the art gallery shift down here," he said.

"We've also been doing financial studies at this stage and we know that the economic impact of the gallery on an ongoing basis, even for the city of Thunder Bay, is \$4.5 million on an annual basis. So, our economic impact will shape our profile here."



Construction work has begun on the waterfront Thunder Bay Art Gallery project. (Blair Wright)

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Marina Park parking fees on way

By Kevin Jeffrey -
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The City of Thunder Bay is working towards instituting new paid parking at Marina Park including Market Square as of June 1.

Council endorsed the Parking Authority's Financial Plan with a few exceptions, which included saving the Crooks parking lot from a suggestion to close four underutilized lots, namely Camelot, Machar, Viscount and Nesco, on or before June 1.

"We wanted the city to maintain ownership of the Crooks parking lot, the one behind the Ruttan building, because we do believe that the use of that will be impacted by the rejuvenation of the North Core," said Kara Pratt, the Executive Director of the Waterfront District BIA.

Current River Councillor Andrew Foulds put forward that change as well as an idea to phase in an increase in monthly parking passes for parkades in the city over two years.

"If you look at the total price, it's not out of line of what other municipalities pay, but it was a huge increase," Foulds said. "And that would have been another huge expense for the small businesses in the downtown that are still recovering from the COVID-19



City officials have already placed a time limit on parking at Prince Arthur's Landing. (Leith Dunick/FILE)

pandemic."

"I thought it was reasonable to phase in some of those costs to give those businesses some more time to make those adjustments, and perhaps gain more revenue as we get more runway from the pandemic."

The price was set to jump from \$61.88 to \$90.

considered and put forward hold off on big changes."

Red River Ward Councillor Michael Zussino brought forward his own amendment that received unanimous support to make the cost to park at Marina Park at \$2 per hour as opposed to \$3.

"I think the price is reasonable if you're charging \$2 everywhere else all over the place," remarked Zussino following the meeting on Monday. "I don't want to see the cost prohibitive to go to restaurants, otherwise you're inhibiting some of the businesses that are down there and charging a little bit of a premium for that."

McKellar Ward councillor Brian Hamilton attempted to remove Market Square from that motion and make it \$3 per hour to park as of June.

That measure won by a 6-3 margin.

"I'm a huge park and recreation supporter, but I struggled with voting to charge for parking down there," Foulds admitted. "But that's confounded with the issue that many people were using that free parking all day and sort of jamming up those parking spaces which wasn't okay either. So, we had to try and find some solutions that are reasonable and manageable."

Bus driver in May 2023 fatality facing charges

By Katie Nicholls - TB Source

City police have released details of charges related to a collision from last May that resulted in the death of a 10-year-old boy.

At the corner of Clarkson Street and Red River Road in May 2023, police responded to a call that a school bus had hit a cyclist at the crosswalk.

Investigators believed the cyclist was headed west on the south sidewalk approaching the intersection.

Police noted in the original news release that there were a number of students on the bus who witnessed the incident.

Riker Mckelvey died as a result of the injuries sustained in the collision.

In the conclusion of the Thunder Bay Police investigation, the driver of the school bus has been charged with careless driving causing death, contrary to section 130(3) of the Highway Traffic Act.

The driver had appeared in court in October 2023 to face charges.

The police gave in their release that "this information is being released sometime after



Ten-year-old Riker Mckelvey died cycling to school. (FILE)

the collision and charging date, and is being put out after consultation with the family of the victim. This was a tragic incident that had a dramatic impact on all involved and Thunder Bay as a whole."

No names or further details will be released by TBPS regarding this incident.

Two GoFundMe pages created to support and honour the family are still active.

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Paying to park

The city plans to ask the public to pony up \$2 an hour to park at Marina Park, starting later this year.

While the charge will add to city coffers, is it really necessary to be nickel-and-diming residents who want to enjoy the Thunder Bay waterfront?

People are already facing the effects of ongoing inflation, and while a couple of bucks might not sound like much, it all adds up.

First and foremost, it's an added burden for lower-income families who might have a vehicle, but are still living pay cheque to pay cheque.

The necessity of having to pay to park could discourage them from going to the waterfront to enjoy what heretofore have been free activities, from the ice pad in winter to the splash pad and playground in the summer.

It's not unlike the plan to extend paid parking into the evening.

It smells like a cash grab, one that could harm businesses in the downtown cores if people decide they don't want to risk a ticket or fork over an extra few dollars to go out to a meal that's skyrocketed in price since the pandemic.

Council might want to consider leaving things as is, for now.

Keep council numbers the same

To the editor:

Regarding the current city council composition survey, I think that the present number on council ensures that we don't end up with a small dictatorial club.

A small group of super councillors would surely be looking for more money and any savings would be lost. As it is, with 13 on council, I have been lucky to get one or two responses to my emails to all on council.

All parts of Thunder Bay need to be represented on city council. Having a ward system allows for this. If anything, I could see increasing the number of wards but maintaining a total of 12 city councillors.

Having said that, what this survey ignores is any discussion of how council is elected. Consider that on any given issue brought before city council, all members of city council can vote on that issue.

This is regardless of whether the issue relates to a specific ward or the city in general. It only makes sense that all of Thunder Bay's electorate should be allowed to elect all

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



positions of city council and not just the at-large positions and their individual ward councillor.

Suppose you have a councillor in a ward other than my own who is wasting my taxes by pursuing a pet project when our city is greatly in

debt. I should be able to vote for another candidate for that ward. This would be the democratic thing to do. As it is, it's not fair that we are only allowed to elect just over half of city council.

As for the survey, it's not that long

and should include some evaluation. When asked about how we interact or communicate with city council, we should also be asked about how well members of city council respond to our communication.

I sat through three deputations at one council meeting and council seemed to totally ignore their presentations. There was absolutely no follow up discussion of what had been presented. I have had very little feedback from letters to the editor that I have passed on to city council. I would say that communication with members of city council needs to be more two-way and less council-knows-best.

Another idea that needs consideration is that of setting term limits for city councillors. If a councillor has not achieved his or her goals after two or three terms, it's time to give it up.

True, that a financially astute councillor who is not hell bent on increasing the city's already bursting debt would be good for our city.

Unfortunately, I haven't seen this in recent years.

Gary Dennis,
Thunder Bay

Calleja's Vehicle a tough novel to put down

Vehicle by Jen Calleja is politically insightful, funny, formally inventive and addictive reading. It is essentially a microhistory of a fictitious translator named Hester Heller.

This microhistory is self-negating, and ultimately rendered inaccessible by the end of the novel. The evidence on which it is based slowly vanishes throughout the narrative. By the end, the corroborating documentation is all but erased. The only proof that any of it happened is trapped inside a language that everyone has forgotten how to speak.

Vehicle is set, predominantly, in 2050 at a time when the Nation has isolated itself from the Mainland of Europe, which is clearly a reference to post-Brexit Britain. In the Nation, it is illegal to learn

foreign languages and the world is entirely analogue. There is no internet, there are no phones, and everyone communicates by telegram.

Hester Heller is a singer with the eponymous band *Vehicle*, and translator extraordinaire. At the time we meet her, she is being sent on a secret mission by the government of the Nation to find out how the Mainland plans to deal with the 'Isletese Situation'.

The Islets are an archipelago of islands that float around the world. In 1959, after years of exploitation by large companies, they asked everyone to leave (an event known as the Banishment) and requested that the world forgets them.

In 2000, the Islets suffer an ecological

disaster caused by exploitative firms from both the Nation and the Mainland. The Isletese break cover and request help through various methods. The most poetic of these is the many green bottles that wash up on the beaches of the Nation, containing a call for help.

If this sounds confusing, it is.

That's because as we read, we are piecing this microhistory together alongside a group of researchers. We base what we know on archival material that has all been gathered by these researchers while they have been sequestered in a library, working on projects they have been instructed to keep secret from one another.

When their work is almost complete, they learn that the government plans to erase the information they locate, and so they flee, taking as many of the discovered documents as possible.

As the researchers speed off in their getaway van, they realise that they have all been investigating the same event, the 'Isletese Disaster' of 2000, and they all hold different pieces of the puzzle.

Among many other things, *Vehicle* is a study of colonisation.

The Islets have been appropriated by the rest of the world, plundered for their natural resources, and then abandoned. *Vehicle* is also a study of xenophobia; 'others' are feared, change is bad, and speaking foreign languages renders you suspect.

In this atmosphere, translation is tantamount to treachery. Defined by its interrogation of translation, the value it places on languages, and the satirical eye it casts over the UK's isolationist tendencies, *Vehicle* is an absurd, wonderful, thought-provoking novel about power, politics, and identity.



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Clothing disposal a problem

By JR Shermack - For TB Source

Normally nothing much happens in the Atacama Desert, a waterless, thousand-mile strip in northern Chile along the Pacific coast of South America.

It is one of the driest places on Earth and years may pass without any measurable rainfall - nobody lives there and nothing much grows there either.

But for many years something has been steadily growing in the Atacama Desert and it grew so large that it was spotted from space.

There are also thick, black clouds of toxic gas and ash wafting away from the area and causing problems in populated areas elsewhere.

It is not a natural occurrence and has been described as a 'malignant growth'.

This remarkable event is unfolding far away but there is a connection to something happening in Thunder Bay and other Canadian cities.

When I am out and about I sometimes come across one of those clothing collection bins at various locations around the city.

They are often overflowing to the point where the surrounding pile of ragged boxes and bags has crossed the line between

donating and dumping.

People around here seem to have a lot of surplus clothing and are desperate to get rid of it either in the bin or beside it or behind it or even on top of it.

It irks me that I am one of those people using clothing depots to donate (get rid of) my unwanted, unneeded and often unworn clothing.

If I can't locate a bin that isn't already stuffed with other people's discardables I take mine to the source, the used clothing stores themselves.

Their racks are full of old clothes, some new and some very new with the original tags still attached.

They clearly don't need my paltry donation of questionable fashions but all are cheerfully accepted and I feel like I am contributing to a good cause.

It hasn't happened yet but who knows, one day I may see a stranger all decked out in some of my abandoned shirts and sweaters.

But my mind is boggled by the amount of clothing, new and used, that is manufactured, sold, resold, discarded and disposed of irresponsibly.

It looks like excessive behavior to me, which takes me back to that growth in the Atacama



The clothing dump in the Atacama Desert. (Imgur)

Desert.

The malignant lump among the dunes of Atacama is a human-made mountain of discarded clothing, the final resting place for millions of tons of fabrics and textiles.

This colossal dune of non-biodegradable,

synthetic, petroleum-derived fibres was left there by clothing manufacturers to rot, which it eventually would in a few hundred years.

When it became unsightly enough to be seen from space somebody put a match to it, releasing clouds of toxins into the air - this is standard procedure in the Atacama and other places.

The global fashion industry has a huge environmental impact - every year nearly 85 per cent of all textiles end up incinerated or in landfill dumps and the pollution continue to percolate

They can't be legally discarded in municipal landfills because they aren't biodegradable and contain chemical toxins - obviously there are ways around that.

The heap of unsold, unwanted apparel comes largely from the U.S., Europe, Korea and Japan - Canadians discard about 500 million kilograms of fabric items every year.

Does that seem a little excessive to you?

I will continue to donate clothing locally but I can't help wonder if I am actually helping or if I am part of the problem.

I have a city fire permit - maybe I should eliminate the middle man, gather up my unwanted clothes and have an Atacama-style fabric fire right in my own back yard.

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Jan. 26-27

Lakehead Basketball

Lakehead's men's and women's basketball team are back in town, hosting the Brock Badgers on Friday and Saturday night at the Thunderdome.

The men's team had a five-game winning streak snapped in double overtime against Laurier last Saturday and are looking to improve their playoff chances against the Badgers.

The women's team has struggled, but can also still make the postseason with some timely wins down the stretch. Game time is 6 p.m. for the women and 8 p.m. for the men.

Jan. 26-28

North Stars Hockey

The Thunder Bay North Stars are the hottest team in the Superior International Junior Hockey League, with seven straight wins under their belt.

They'll welcome the expansion

Kenora Islanders to Fort William Gardens for three games this weekend, on Friday and Saturday night and Sunday afternoon.

The Islanders have lost 28 straight, but gave Fort Frances a run for their money last weekend.

Tickets are available at the door, cash only.

Game times are 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 1:30 p.m. on Sunday.

Jan. 28

Banff Film Festival

The Banff Tour shows the best adventure films of the Banff Centre Mountain Film Festival, which takes place annually in November in Banff Alberta. The festival has now been around for over 45 years and has since become a popular meeting place for fans and filmmakers.

But to make sure that outdoor film fans all over the world don't miss out, a selection of the best films will go on a big world tour after the festival and

will also make a stop at your Thunder Bay Community Auditorium.

Don't miss the breathtaking scenery and adventure that awaits. Tickets are available at Ticketmaster.ca.

The show starts at 7 p.m. on Sunday.

Jan. 29

Planet Fitness Grand Opening

Planet Fitness is hosting a grand opening event to introduce its new Judgement Free Zone to Thunder Bay.

Priding itself on providing a high-quality fitness experience at an exceptional value and being home of the Judgement Free Zone, the new club looks forward to providing a safe place for everyone to exercise.

The grand opening event will commence with remarks followed by the official ribbon cutting ceremony. In-club activities to follow will include tours, food and drinks, music, appearances by local dignitaries, and more. From 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday.



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Blue Jays donate gear to École Gron Morgan

By Katie Nicholls – TB Source

Batter up, kids! A large group of students from École Gron Morgan are going to be practicing their baseball skills in the spring after receiving a shipment of new equipment from the Toronto Blue Jays.

The French immersion school was part of a select group of schools chosen through the Jays Care Foundation out of 1,200 that had applied in the fall.

"We really saw that equitable access to sports was something missing in communities all across Canada," said Meghan Saundercook, who is the senior manager of national school programs and inclusive programs with the Jays Care Foundation.

Over \$500 in equipment was sent to the school, which includes bats, helmets, gloves, balls, bases, and other Jays-branded gear for outside play.

Saundercook said it was what the school included in the application that struck a chord for them to be chosen as a recipient.

"It was really neat because the school kind of let us know in their application form about what this program would do for their

kids," she said.

"It really said that they struggled to get girls to sign up for their school team, and they have lots of newcomers to Canada who are interested in learning new sports and being a part of the sports teams."

Claudia Blier is the teacher at École Gron Morgan who applied for the program. Blier said it's to help students' well-being and to find their voice within sports.

"We really want to help them build confidence, promote equity, support their mental health and all of that through physical education."

Blier said many English-as-a-second-language students are shy to try out sports.

"I see a lot of those girls don't really participate in sports and they're a little shy when it comes to signing up. So my goal is to get more girls playing baseball and feel confident doing it, even if it's something new for them, just to kind of put themselves out there."

Initially, the program launched in 2018 and targeted kids with disabilities, but when the pandemic started, the Foundation shifted gears to include all children.



Brooke Ailey hoists a trout from Lake Superior. These days she prefers skiing, but the love of the outdoors she developed as a child remains strong.

Outdoor fun

Unsurprisingly, my childhood memories all involve the outdoors. Spending time at camp, building tree forts in the bush behind my house, and fishing for rainbow trout down at the creek were my favourite activities.

Yet, growing up in Thunder Bay, there was plenty of winter fun to be had outside too.

Even on the coldest days, we would play hockey on the outdoor rink down the street and build snow forts in the yard. Regardless of the temperatures, the weekends were for skiing at Mount Baldy or, if I was lucky, ice fishing with my dad or uncle.

The thought of getting sick and having mom keep me indoors was unbearable.

However, in the twenty first century, getting a child outside on a crisp winter day is not always going to be a simple task. There are plenty of modern distractions that make staying indoors enticing and far too easy.

Yet, being outside is more important than ever for the mental, emotional and physical health of our young people. The following tips can help them enjoy winter and all the fantastic outdoor activities that come along with it.

Pick your day wisely. Winter activities are more fun on mild days. Watch the temperature forecast but pay attention to the wind too. Playing outside at the warmest point of a calm sunny day is always enjoyable.

Invite a friend. Whatever the activity, it will

be more fun for everyone if there is a friend included in the adventure. You will never hear "I'm bored" when a friend is involved, and the challenge might actually be to convince them when it is time to come back inside.

Dress for the occasion. Dressing in warm layers, as described in last week's column, is key. It never hurts to carry extra socks and mitts either.

Bring snacks. Carrying lots of treats is a great way to keep everyone happy. Tasty and nourishing snacks are essential when the kids get cranky after playing all day.

Also, a Thermos of hot chocolate is a great way to keep morale up when there are no fish tugging on the line below the ice.

Take a deep breath. Yes, there will be lost hockey pucks, bent ski poles and ice fishing rods that go down the hole to the bottom of the lake. It is not a big deal, and it is very important that the kids know these mistakes are not enough to ruin a great day outside.

Promoting winter activities and allowing children to experience the great outdoors is perhaps the greatest gift we can give as parents. Moreover, being a part of the fun and actively joining them for some skiing, ice fishing or skating is easily the best way we can invest our time.

Now that warm temperatures have returned, we have the perfect opportunity to enjoy even more of that outdoor fun.



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Salt, sugar shortages abound

For the first time in my career, I remember 2023 having the worst sugar and salt shortages that could be possible in our city.

The Rogers Sugar strike is still ongoing and negotiations soured and paused before the Christmas season.

Workers at the refinery have been on strike since Sept. 28 over the usual issues like wages and benefits.

However, the most inflammatory issue to the union is the company's proposal to increase refinery operations to 24 hours a day, 365 days per year.

The Rogers Sugar refinery in Vancouver is one of only three large sugar refineries in the country that processes imported cane sugar.

The strike caused intermittent sugar shortages in Canada this past fall.

The company says there is currently ample supply of white sugar in the market, and it has restarted production of brown sugar at the Vancouver refinery.

Rogers Sugar has been operating the

Vancouver refinery at reduced capacity and says it has enough raw sugar on site to continue to do so until May 2024.

Earlier this year, Windsor Salt (located in .. get this ... WINDSOR) workers were on strike for six months after unsatisfactory offers from the company's new American owners, causing some shortages all over Canada. The current deal only covers about a third of the remaining life of the Ojibway mine, estimated at about 10 years at this time.

These food shortages due to obvious labour unrest are easy to explain.

Everyone remembers the eggs and baby formula shortages of 2022 that, with the exception of avian flu, we still really can't explain in any meaningful, easy to digest way.

In 2023, the small crop yield of sunflowers caused canola oil prices to jump up fairly quickly and make it a little harder to find.

This shortage kinda hit me right in the daddy button for obvious reasons.

Corn shortages are expected to still be intermittent because one of the worlds largest producers and exporters of corn is the Ukraine and clearly, they have a lot going on right now.

It's not just the food shortages, there has been pandemic related packaging shortages all over the world with plastic and aluminum being the two major ones. Not only the packaging shortages, but the quality of that packaging.

For the first time in my career, I have seen plastic buckets get cracked and mangled with small impacts.

It's been a genuinely annoying thing to start happening when you look over at your freshly delivered pail of pickles and see the brine pouring out of it.

All of these issues are annoying for home cooks and families but they are infinitely exacerbated in professional food environments.

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Eulogy for a dearly beloved friend

Saturday afternoon was brilliant and sunny. The dogs and I had not been on any walks because of the frigid temperatures that had visited this neck-of-the-woods. But Saturday afternoon was much warmer so off we went.

I thought that it would be easy going. It wasn't. There is enough snow on the ground, especially along the trails, to make walking a bit of a slog. Not for the pooches, of course. The two of them - Lily and Sophie - dashed hither and yon. Two of them? I thought there were three. There were until Thursday.

On Thursday we had to say goodbye to our beloved pooch, Baxter.

His breathing on walks was becoming increasingly raspy until on Tuesday during that frigid temperature drop, he collapsed outside gasping for air and foaming at the mouth.

We managed to get an emergency vet appointment for Thursday and the vet did not give us a good diagnosis: the poor guy had either cancer or more probably, a fungal infection that had basically destroyed his lungs.

The fungal infection is called blastomycosis; it lurks in the duff of the forest floor. So, when

a dog decides to bury a toy or chew which Baxter liked to do, he inhales the spores that invade the lungs and create nodules that eventually destroy the dog's ability to breathe properly and hence, not get enough oxygen and over time that is what happened to Baxter.

The vet said that they used to see this condition only around Atikokan, but lately they have been finding it around Thunder Bay.

The other two dogs, not being prone to burying 'chewies' in the bush, would not be susceptible to the fungus.

Thus, very sadly, we had to send Baxter over the Rainbow Bridge.

Baxter and I were the "old guys" in the family. Baxter was almost twelve and for his breed that was an extraordinarily long stretch to

live.

Usually, you are lucky with big dogs to have them with you for 10 years, usually fewer. Baxter was only two months shy of 12.

On walks (which he loved, getting very excited when I tapped my walking stick on the ground) he and I would plod along while, as I mentioned, the other two "youngsters"

would be speeding back and forth exploring the bush around the trails.

If I stopped to look at trees which I do a lot, Baxter would wait for me. If there was a fork in the trail, he would wait to see which fork I decided to take.

His absence was very noticeable to me on my walk on Saturday afternoon. We miss him greatly. I will miss his deep, basso-profundo bark.

He was the smartest dog I ever knew (although Sophie, the latest canine addition, is proving to be no slouch herself). Fortunately, we have quite a few good photos of Baxter both when he was young and very recently as the gray on his face betrayed his advanced age. Requiescat in peace, dearest pup.

Sunday was overcast.

When I headed out of Casa Jones to cross the yard to the barn to feed and then turf the horses, I felt the strong wind coming from the south.

Looking up at the barn roof, I saw great sweeps of snow being blown off. Turning and looking at the bush, I saw that the wind had also removed a lot of the snow from the branches of the conifers.

On the way to the barn, I also looked at the bird feeder hanging from a branch of our

crab-apple tree....Wow! Not only the usual crew of blue jays, but a flock of Pine grosbeaks and Evening grosbeaks.

We expect Pine grosbeaks each winter although I think that they were late this winter, but we haven't seen any Evening grosbeaks for years.

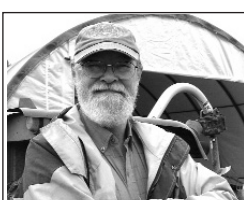
So, quite the visual treat. The other species of bird that showed up in December that we had never seen before, at least at our feeder, was the gray jay a.k.a. Whiskey jack, now Canada's official bird.

And our pair of ravens have been seeking handouts instead of once, sometimes a couple of times per day.

I've read that ravens nest and lay eggs before any other birds although I think February is the month for getting a head start on birthing their young.

There are two nests high up in the poplar trees: one that they used for two years that we can easily see from our house and the other one beside the manure pile. Don't know if they will use either one again.

We will know if the ravens are successful in producing a batch of raven-lings when we hear their annoying, raspy squawking. But I think that we have some weeks before the cacophony begins.



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Group A strep cases rise

By Lucas Punkari - TB Source

There has been a record number of invasive Group A strep (iGAS) infections according to the Public Health Agency of Canada, with six children dying in Ontario since October of last year.

So far, no children from the ages of 15 and under in the Thunder Bay District Health Unit region have died due to the illness.

In fact, the largest increase during the past year has been among those between the ages of 40 and 59.

"The TBDHU has consistently experienced higher rates of invasive Group A strep infections compared to the province," said the Thunder Bay District Health Unit infections diseases manager, Karen Battigelli, in an e-mail.

"There have been a higher number of fatal outcomes - four in total - compared to the same reporting period in the previous season."

From the period lasting from October to December 2023, there were two deaths in the 40-59 age group and two deaths in the 60 and over age group.

There was just one death - in the 60 and over age group - during that same time frame in



No children have died recently of invasive Group A Strep. 2022.

Battigelli said that strep infections can be caused by many sub-groups of streptococcal bacteria. Group A strep is one of the subgroups that is reported to public health.

"It is a bacteria that can live anywhere, including on one's skin, throat and other areas of the body," Battigelli added. "It can cause absolutely no concerns for an individual or it can cause severe disease."

Play so wrong, but it's oh so right

By Linda Maehans - For TB Source

What's that saying: two wrongs don't make a right?

Well, this time it's nine "wrongs" (the cast) and we really are talkin' wrong in spades, honey.

Also in hearts; clubs; hell let's throw in the jokers ahead of any diamonds; insert a few extra aces; and while we're at it, declare every card-in-this-deck wild. Still not adequate to describe the members of the Cornley Drama Society (I hesitate to call them actors) who present to us "The Murder at Haversham Manor". Yes. Murr-derr. Doomed. Finished. Kaput.

Oops, small typo: that should actually read the Badanai Theatre Company. And, to the absolute delight and constant mirth of their audiences, *The Play That Goes Wrong* is presented by twelve dauntless souls (instead of nine); we really should include the stage manager, her assistant, and the director who, it's only fair, must shoulder some of the blame for this disaster.

We're not mentioning Pete because well, frankly, the lights-and-sound don't make the grade. Nor does someone named Mike for his part in set-construction. C'mon, man, do you



The Play That Can't Go Wrong will be at Paramount on Court on Thursdays to Saturdays through Feb. 10.

even own a tool box? Know how to bang in a nail? Didn't think so.

Okay. Here's what we'll do, take it or leave it. We quit.

Or...we would like to quit, but we can't. We are professionals.

Signed, Everyone at Haversham Manor on the night of the murr-derr. And in no particular order, because, well, as said, there isn't

any. It's that simple.

Wrong. Not simple. At all. This is top-notch spoof; and I do mean top-notch, honey.

Meet the Talent of this incredible fark-ee (farce): Chris, head of the Cornley Drama Society; Jonathan, Dennis, Max, Robert, Sandra, Chris again, Annie, Max-in-disguise, Trevor, a different Annie, and Chris...ahem, we know, Chris, this is your dee-rekk-tory-ell day-

boo; but tone it down a tad, will'ya? You're not the only star on stage. Stick to the script.

Unbelievable, how they all just soldier on, and into the second act too! Totally believable, by the end, is the shell-shock setting in. Thank a merciful god, if there is one, when it truly is The End.

And! You in the audience! Wipe those tears of laughter from your cheeks before you leave the theatre. It's chilly out there.

This is the essence, the best aspect of *The Play That Goes Wrong*. It gives us all, any age, any background, the long loud sunny bright laughter we've been craving. Hey, it's a new year and wow, on the crazy-silly side does Badanai Theatre deliver. Ten outta Ten. Outta the Ball Park. Home Run, Honey!

Okay. Here's the real cast; ladies-first: Cady Dreger, Mary Davis; the guys: Teddy Kellogg, Hudson Morash, Jude Evans, Ken Horton, Christopher Talarico, Lawrence Badanai; stage manager, assistant & crew: Josée Lauzon, Minic Winters, Katya Arifin. Lastly, the ring-master of the entire debacle: director Spencer Hari.

The Play That Goes Wrong romps at Paramount-on-Court Thursdays-through-Saturdays until February 10, 2024; all shows @ 7:30; tickets @ Eventbrite and at the door.

Complex gets scoreboard

By Gary Runne - TB Source

The Canada Games Complex will have a leading-edge scoreboard in operation for the opening of the Ontario Winter Games next month.

A new 10.5 ft. by nearly 19 ft. digital scoreboard has just been installed on the south wall of the complex above the track, providing spectators in the bleachers with a good vantage point.

It's replacing an existing timing system that uses a portable display board.

"It's quite an upgrade to the technology that we have currently and which is long overdue for replacement," said Kim Begin, supervisor of aquatics, wellness, children and youth for the City of Thunder Bay. "It's aging out, and not quite as effective anymore. Quite a few cables need replacing."

Costly venture

Including installation and timing software, the cost of the scoreboard comes to about \$310,000.

The city applied for funding from the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation, the Community Economic

Development Commission, and other funding sources.

It also received support from the Thunderbolts Swim Club and the Thunder Bay Diving Club.

Ready for the Games

Begin said the new board will show results during the Ontario Winter Games, and will also be used for a timing system for future swim meets hosted at the complex.

"This will allow us to be a lot more efficient with the competitions that we run. We're excited for something new, and excited to learn more about the features that we're able to use to increase our programming within the facility, and just adding more vibe to the environment as well."

She said it will also increase the capacity for hosting more provincial events.

There's also potential to use the scoreboard to generate revenue through advertising.

This option will be investigated within the guidelines of the city's digital advertising strategy.

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Production studio opens

By Justin Hardy – TB Source

The city is now home to Northwestern Ontario's first multi-purpose music, film, and TV audio recording facility.

Blueprints has been working steadily toward opening its doors and Jean-Paul De Roover, president of Blueprints, was very pleased to finally be ready.

"It's definitely a relief to be able to open our doors," he said.

"It took two-and-a-half years to get here - going through the pandemic, through all the construction issues that happened during the pandemic, supply chain issues, getting all of the equipment here because a lot of it came from international sources.

"So it has been a real harrowing experience to get it all done. In fact, a lot of people told me 'you chose the worst possible time to construct something.' But, we're here, it's ready - we're ready."

Blueprints has different spaces throughout the facility including isolated recording booths, full surround sound video editing suites, underground coverable foley pits, and fully customizable work places to cater to just about every audio need.

With a hope of attracting more TV, film, and music production companies to Thunder

Bay, Blueprints outfitted itself with industry standard equipment including Dolby Atmos, the new industry standard surround sound technology.

"What we're hoping is that a facility like this can really open up the doors to encouraging more productions to come up here knowing that they have access to post-production facilities, that they have office spaces to do their work out of," said De Roover.

"We have a talent pool that is now trained in how to deal with audio and video as well as negotiating and securing things like rental equipment to be able to handle bigger productions.

The facility also has plans to launch some programming over the next few months, some of which involves a potential collaboration with Confederation College to develop interesting ways to incorporate their students and graduates.

Eric Weller, coordinator of the film production program at Confederation College, said he's looking forward to the possibility of collaborating with Blueprints. He hopes the presence of this new facility can lead to more productions coming to the region and potentially hiring students and graduates.

Poor Things a masterpiece

With Oscar nominations happening this week, *Poor Things* arrives in timely fashion. (SilverCity) This award-winning gothic comedy delightfully turns the 'Frankenstein' story on its ear. Audacious in its sexual content and comically gross in its medical depictions, the film is a very human story about self-realization.

The movie is based on the 1992 novel by Alasdair Gray. The plot begins in Victorian England, fantastically rendered through CGI and sumptuous production design. The story focuses on the unlikely evolution of Bella Baxter (Emma Stone), a suicide victim brought back to life by unorthodox scientist and medical lecturer, Dr. Godwin "God" Baxter (Willem Dafoe).

Bella is a young woman operating with a toddler's monosyllabic sensibility and doddering motor skills, throwing food and smashing things in Godwin's rambling mansion. Bella was pregnant when she jumped off a bridge. To re-animate her, Godwin replaced Bella's brain with that of her unborn baby.

She has a thirst for knowledge, eager to experience the world. Developing quickly, she remains naïve and innocent.

Has issues of his own

Godwin himself is Frankenstein-like, heavily scarred by his father's odd experiments when he was young. He sees Bella as his redemptive project. Godwin's handiwork is illustrated by several hybrid animals trundling around recalling 'Island of Dr. Moreau.'

Bella's nascent sexual awareness fuels her restlessness for worldly life. The opportunity comes via louche lawyer Duncan Wedderburn (Mark Ruffalo) who, with Godwin's inexplicable assent, and to the astonishment of Max, (Ramy Youssef) Baxter's protégé, whisks Bella off on a hedonistic intercontinental excursion.

Roguish Wedderburn strives to keep up with Bella's sexual appetite, what she calls "the furious jumping." There is much nudity and sexual activity, but they're rendered though Bella's comically skewed, innocent perspective. It's as if she experiences pleasure as defined by a textbook.

Bella's good hearted attempt to help the poor with Duncan's recent gambling winnings leaves Wedderburn broke. They wind up in Paris, penniless, until Bella realizes she can



Emma Stone shines in Oscar hopeful *Poor Things*.

support herself through "furious jumping" at a bordello. Bella becomes more independent and less enamored of Wedderburn, who bawls Stanley Kowalski-like outside her balcony.

The film is about female empowerment. The 'poor things' of the title applies to the various males who try to either control or possess Bella, much to their collective chagrin.

Emma Stone gives a brave performance evolving from 'Bride of Frankenstein,' gangly and emotively basic, gradually assuming intellectual self-assurance. Ruffalo is like a character from an Italian opera, a hysterical emotional mess.

They have a hilarious ballroom dance together. Dafoe is also amusing as the mad doctor. The supporting cast including European veteran Hanna Schygulla is properly quirky.

Looks fantastic

Stylistic art direction and cinematography recalls Davids Lynch and Cronenberg. Musical score by Jerskin Fendrix is off-kilter, under-

lining the film's wonky sensibility. Screenwriter Tony McNamara evokes the novel's darkly comic tone.

Not for all tastes, *Poor Things* is one of the best films of the year. Director Yorgos Lanthimos (*The Favourite*, *The Lobster*) is a true visionary.

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Bonot wins Major League

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Trevor Bonot is hoping for a year of firsts.

He got his championship hopes started on the right foot on Saturday, skipping his way to his first Tbaytel Major League of Curling title as a skip - though he did win one in 2018 subbing as the fourth on Al Hackner's title-winning squad.

Bonot scored three in the fifth end and stole three more in the sixth to put the championship match away, downing two-time champion skip Dylan Johnston's team 8-1 at the Port Arthur Curling Centre.

He and his teammates, lead Kurtis Byrd, second Jordan Potts and third Mike McCarville, will have three days to celebrate before hitting the road on Tuesday for Little Current, Ont. and the Northern Ontario playdowns, one of 14 teams hoping to represent the region at the Brier later this year. Bonot made the semifinal last year, but came up short, and is still looking for his first provincial men's title.

"It feels pretty good. We've had a good season, so far. We were pretty consistent and near the top of the standings most of the year, so it feels good to finish it off," Bonot said.

The top seed heading into the one-day playoff round, the former Canadian mixed curling champion knocked off Chris Silver in the opening round and took out legendary skip Al Hacker 6-2 in the semifinal.

Johnston, who squeaked into the championship round with a triple takeout that required a measurement to secure the extra point needed to claim a playoff spot, edged Krista McCarville 7-5 in the quarterfinals and needed an extra end to oust defending champion Brian Adams Jr. 3-2 in the semifinal.

Bonot said staying patient was the key to Saturday's win.



Trevor Bonot skipped his team to a Tbaytel Major League of Curling championship last Saturday.

"I think that was a big difference," he said of the three he snagged in the fifth end, Johnston leaving his opponent a hit-and-stick for the points.

"We also had an opportunity in the third end and we took advantage of it. I think when we had the opportunities today, in the final especially, we took advantage and that was the difference." Once he took a 5-1 lead, Bonot got aggressive in the sixth.

Johnston had hammer, but Bonot clogged up the rings, circling the button in the four-foot. Johnston eyed an angle-raise triple takeout as an escape route on his final shot, but flashed and, facing an 8-1 deficit, opted to shake hands, the lead too large to realistically overcome.

"It's great. This league is awesome. I've been playing in this league for 20-plus years and it's not easy to win. There's

lots of great teams out there. The best part about it is there are lots of great people," McCarville said. "We get to battle it out all season long and it's nice to come out on top today."

It just wasn't Team Johnston's day. After forcing Bonot to a single in the second, they gave up a steal in the third, failing to remove a guard, which provided cover for the eventual champions to bury a stone. Johnston tried to raise a guard and remove both stones to secure the blank, but the shot was slightly off and Bonot added a steal of one.

In the fourth, trailing 2-0, Johnston again wanted to blank, but hit-and-stuck instead, the mistake cutting Bonot's lead in half, but also gave them back the hammer, which they made the most of in the fifth.

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- 10 Move (pref.)
- 11 Vase
- 12 Wound crust
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- 16 Synagogue
- 17 Alabama (abbr.)
- 18 Military macaw
- 20 Legal proof
- 21 For shame
- 22 Eye (pref.)
- 24 Horse of Hercules
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- 38 Lion of God
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- 42 Cutting tool

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- 50 Compass direction
- 51 Chin. dynasty
- 52 Edible seed
- 53 Shak. contraction
- 54 102 (Rom. numeral)
- 1 Musical instrument (string)
- 2 Fraction of a rupee
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- 4 Paper measure
- 5 Crab-eating mongoose
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- 31 Loose
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- 35 Kwa language
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- 39 Eucalyptus secretion
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Lions run about to end

It's been 67 years since the Detroit Lions last won an NFL championship. They've never been to the Super Bowl. And yet, here they are, a win away from erasing nearly seven decades of misery, Barry Sanders and Calvin Johnson aside.

Unfortunately, I think this is where the Cinderella story comes to an end.

The Lions match up against the San Francisco 49ers, and while I think their offence can go toe-to-toe with the five-time champs for a good chunk of the game, their defence left a lot to be desired in their two playoff wins.

They looked unable to stop either the Los Angeles Rams or the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, and it took a circus-catch interception to prevent the latter from marching down the field in the game's dying moment for a chance to send the division-round game to overtime.

Christian McCaffrey is the best player in football, and the 49ers have MVP candidate Brock Purdy throwing balls to the likes of Deebo Samuel (if healthy), Brandon Aiyuk and Georg Kittle.

As much as I'd like to see them in the Super

Bowl, I have a hard time believing they can get the job done on Sunday in California.

Across the country, the Kansas City Chiefs, with Taylor Swift on hand, were able to outlast the Buffalo Bills, and will take on Lamar Jackson and the Baltimore Ravens.

If there's going to be an upset this weekend, it'll be the defending champs taking it to the host Ravens.

I would never count out Patrick Mahomes in the postseason, especially now that Mr. Swift-to-be, otherwise known as tight end Travis Kelce, has rounded into form.

Kelce scored twice in Sunday's game against the Bills and could very well have an impact this weekend in the AFC conference championship.

I think the 49ers will win this one comfortably, the difference being their defence.

Make the final 31-14.

In Baltimore, I'm going to call for an upset. Mahomes, pulling his best Jackson imitation, will rush for a pair and the Chiefs will get to defend their Super Bowl championship with a 24-21 win.

The difference will be a 40-yard Rashee Rice touchdown reception.



Leith Dunick
SPORTS SHORTS

Stars win again

Thunder Bay runs its winning streak to seven

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Christian Rapp knows how to make an introduction.

The 6-foot-6 forward, playing his first game with the Thunder Bay North Stars, scored what proved to be the game-winning goal on Saturday night, beating Wisconsin Lumberjacks goaltender Riley Burnett with 4:19 to go in the second period, putting the Stars in front 3-2 at the time.

Acquired from the Vancouver Island Junior Hockey League's Oceanside Generals, where he had six goals and 10 points in 22 appearances, the 19-year-old said it felt good to get his first Superior International Junior Hockey League goal in his first game in the eight-team circuit.

"It's definitely nice. I don't think I really expected it, but I had a good line around me tonight and they definitely helped get the puck where it needed to be," Rapp said after the 4-2 triumph at Fort William Gardens.

It was the seventh straight win for the surging North Stars, taking advantage of a stretch of games against teams beneath them in the ever-tightening standings, just seven points separating first from fifth place after Sioux Lookout and Kam River each lost on Saturday night.

Not a bad place to be

It's a good situation to walk into, Rapp said.

"Everybody's been very welcoming and I feel like I can bring my game and help out as well. It feels like a good fit. (I bring) definitely some size and I have a pretty good shot, so getting chances and creating space to shoot too," he said.

North Stars coach Rob DeGagne, a little more pleased with the way his team won this one than he was after Friday's 7-3 win, said he had no idea what to expect from Rapp, but had seen him a couple of times on video before he landed in Thunder Bay.

"He's a big kid, a big solid guy. He's young, which is good, we need to bring some youth to our team, where you'll have him for a few years. I don't know if I expect tons from him, I just expect him to contribute and play good, solid hockey at both ends of the ice, a good 200-foot game," DeGagne said.

For the second straight night, it was the Lumberjacks who struck first, Keon Burkholder slipping the puck past Thunder Bay goaltender Ben Laurette, another recent VIJHL acquisition, making just his



Christian Rapp celebrates his first SIJHL goal.

second appearance for the North Stars.

Rookie Easton Mikus evened the score with 20 seconds to go in the first, his 24th goal of the season tying him with Sioux Lookout's Owen Riffel for the SIJHL lead.

Linemate E.J. Paddington put the Stars in front seven minutes into the second, ripping a high, hard shot from the left faceoff circle that sailed over Lumberjacks goaltender Riley Burnett's glove, sneaking under the crossbar for a 2-1 Thunder Bay lead.

Elation shortlived

Eight minutes later Collin Brown evened the score, but the game remained tied for all of 47 seconds, thanks to Rapp.

Edison Weeks, who leads the league with 52 points, notched his 20th goal of the season, batting it past Burnett baseball style, a swing that would make Mike Trout proud. Wisconsin (10-16-4) attempted to pull Burnett in the final minute, but the Stars kept the pressure on and he never got to the bench.

The Stars (22-9-3) will host the Kenora Islanders for the first time this season on Friday and Saturday night.



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