

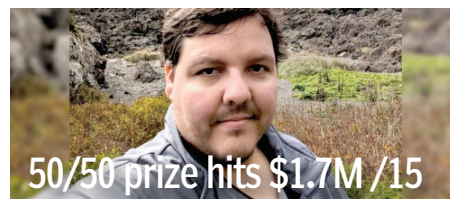
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# EGG-CITING!



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Easter Egg Hunt always a huge  
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Alina Luby, 22 months old, reaches for an egg at last Friday's annual Hill City Kinsman East End Easter Egg Hunt, which was staged at the Slovak Legion grounds. (Leith Dunick)

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# Easter egg hunt draws crowds

By Katie Nicholls – TB Source

On Friday of the Easter long weekend, over 13,000 eggs were packed with goodies for hundreds of children to find at the Slovak Legion.

Chris Holland, one of the Kinsmen's organizers, said the group is happy to hold the free event every year.

"That's our mantra, to provide and give back to the community. And I mean, just seeing the crowd that's out there, we expect 800 to 1000 kids. So, every year, it's a huge event, and people talk about it. It's really cool to give back to the community."

Speaking to some young egg hunters, Brian said he loves coming every year.

"This was my favourite Easter event because of the big hill. It was probably the funnest day of my life."

Another participant, Temperance, talked about her strategy for egg hunting.

"I have two strategies: go straight for the middle on big piles and just try to hide some underneath and grab as much as you can with both of your hands."

While most eggs were filled with treats, some had prize tickets in them. Between 800 and 1,000 children to participated.



Hundreds of children took part in last Friday's annual Hill City Kinsman East End Easter Egg Hunt at the Slovak Legion. (Leith Dunick)

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# City has 639 on Sunshine List

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

The City of Thunder Bay's Sunshine List membership continues to grow.

In 2023 the municipality reported 639 employees who earned \$100,000 or more, the threshold required to be revealed on the annual Ontario public sector salary disclosure report.

That's 51 more than the 588 reported by the city in 2022.

The province revealed the list late last week.

Thunder Bay's top paid employee last year was acting police chief Dan Taddeo, who hauled in an impressive \$376,428, more than \$107,000 more than city manager Norm Gale, who took in \$269,129 last year.

A dozen city employees earned more than \$200,000 in 2023, a list that includes five police officers, including Deputy Chief Ryan Hughes, who earned \$236,730, Thunder Bay Fire Rescue Division Chief Dennis Brescacin, who made \$208,380 and a trio of city managers - Karen Lewis, Kerri Marshall and Kelly Robertson, who were paid \$201,033 apiece.

Newly hired Police Chief Darcy Fleury, who took on the role last spring, earned \$197,307.

The City of Thunder Bay staffers didn't come close to topping the local highest paid public sector list.

That honour belongs to Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre CEO Rhonda Crocker-Ellacott, who was paid \$445,511 in 2023, one of just two local earners to cross the \$400,000 threshold. In total there were 776 hospital employees on last year's list. That's 18.8 per cent more than the \$375,000 she earned in 2022.

St. Joseph's Care Group's director of senior medical addictions and mental health John Haggarty took in \$403,878 last year, a 1.7 per cent decrease in from the \$410,638 he earned in 2022.

St. Joseph's list included 10 employees who made \$300,000 or more, though not former CEO Kelly O'Brien, whose pay topped out at \$280,579. O'Brien, who arrived in Thunder Bay in 2021, departed the hospital organization last September, replaced by Janine Black, who earned \$227,517 in 2023.

St. Joe's had 203 employees top the \$100,000 mark.

That's slightly more than half the 392 staffers at Lakehead University who wound up on the Sunshine List, a group topped by former president Moira McPherson, who



Dan Taddeo was acting police chief much of last year.

earned \$354,999 last year.

Twenty employees made more than \$200,000 last year.

At Confederation College, 162 employees made \$100,000 or more in 2023.

President Kathleen Lynch earned the most on the list, coming in at \$254,247, one of just two employees who made more than \$200,000 last year.

At the Thunder Bay District Health Unit, 19 employees were on the list, led by chief medical officer, Dr. Janet DeMille, who earned \$326,733.

Lakehead Public Schools had 267 employees on the salary disclosure list. Director of education Sherri-Lynn Pharand was the highest paid, earning \$249,829, about \$3,000 more than her Thunder Bay Catholic District School Board counterpart Pino Tassone, who made \$246,872.

Tassone was one of 354 Catholic board workers who earned more than \$100,000 in 2023.

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# Shelter House hires its new executive director

By Gary Rinne – TB Source

The city's largest shelter for the homeless and precariously housed is getting a new executive director.

Brendan Carlin, former manager of community services with the Regional Food Distribution Association in Thunder Bay, begins his new post at Shelter House on Tuesday.

He succeeds Cal Rankin, who stepped down in October 2023.

The announcement was made by Paul Capon, chair of the Shelter House board of directors.

Capon said the board's selection committee conducted an extensive search for a new director, and was impressed by Carlin's "steady hand, fundraising ability, management experience, and calm demeanour to manage sometimes in a challenging situation."

He added that in his role at the RFDA, Carlin gained knowledge of "the food issues that many of our clients face, the cost of living, and just to make a difference for people because food and shelter often go hand-in-hand."

Capon believes the move to Shelter House is



Brendan Carlin was formerly with the RFDA. (FILE)

a natural progression for Carlin "to something bigger and more impactful."

There are multiple roles for the person overseeing operations at the facility, he said, including dealing with client needs, staffing needs, fundraising, meeting with donors, consulting with governments, and developing partnerships beyond those that Shelter House already has with other agencies in the city that provide support.

Capon expressed the board's gratitude to staff member Michelle Morgan who agreed to serve as acting executive director for the past seven months.



Evergreen United Neighbourhood executive director Linda Bruins says having healthy food is important for kids.

# Feds promise \$1B for food in schools

By Kevin Jeffrey – Local Journalism Initiative

With just days to go until the unveiling of the 2024 federal budget, local members of Parliament are promising funds to ensure that children across Canada will have access to healthy, nutritious food at school.

Both Patty Hajdu (Thunder Bay-Superior North) and Marcus Powlowski (Thunder Bay-Rainy River) were on hand Monday at Evergreen United Neighbourhood to pledge that dollars will be set aside to put food in tummies, provided that the budget passes in the House of Commons.

"We know that healthy, nutritious food is important for growth," Hajdu said.

"It's also critical for kids to have that dignity and that sense of inclusion in the lunchroom."

When asked about the timing of when the potential dollars might roll out, Hajdu noted that it will be done in coordination with the province of Ontario and the school boards.

"We want to make sure that this is something that every kid can participate in with dignity. Oftentimes, participation in these programs requires somebody to put their hand up and say, 'I can't afford food; I don't have food at home.'

"All of that can actually deter a child from asking for help or can make a child experience

shame."

Hajdu also unveiled potential measures on March 28 regarding early childhood education.

Executive director Linda Bruins agrees that feeding children directly is the right thing to do.

Bruins noted that "Children don't have any say in how they're raised and how they get food."

"Children sometimes come from homes that have empty refrigerators, and that problem can be tied to the rising cost of rent or utilities on a family."

"If you're fortunate to be in this neighbourhood, Evergreen allows children the access to food that they can eat and take home with them. It's truly heartwarming to help feed kids in the community."

Evergreen has been operating for 16 years and is approaching its 11th year operating out of the house on the corner of Heron and McKenzie Street.

Evergreen receives support from the District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board, United Way and the City of Thunder Bay.

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance Chrystia Freeland will table the federal budget on April 16.



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This year's Fort William Rotary House Lottery home is located in Parkdale. Open houses begin later this month.

## House lottery launches

### Bruin Crescent home is worth \$748,000

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Last year, one family kept coming back to the Fort William Rotary House Lottery home week after week, envisioning what it would be like to live there.

While they ultimately didn't win the grand prize, their ticket purchase did help the organization raise \$661,000 for about a dozen local charities.

Rotarians are back at it again in 2024, the 38th year the draw has been held, with a grand prize home valued at \$748,000, located at 101 Bruin Crescent at the intersection of Weiler Boulevard and Cougar Crescent in the Parkdale subdivision.

The two-level, 1,362-square foot home, built by Triad Contracting, features four bedrooms, two on the main floor and two in the basement, three bathrooms, a 362-square foot attached garage and nine-foot ceilings throughout.

Lottery chairwoman Cindy Levanto, said the draw has been so successful over the years, raising more than \$8 million for local charities, because ticket buyers know one lucky winner will get a new house to call home, but also those who don't win will be supporting plenty of great causes.

"It's a dream lottery," Levanto said.

"As Rotarians, we give back to the community. That's why we have the house lottery, and that's why we continue to do the house lottery

as long as we possibly can."

This year, organizers have migrated fully to an online draw, mirroring the first draw after COVID-19 struck, a draw that sold out in five-and-a-half weeks.

Logistically, it made more sense than selling physical tickets.

"This year is our first time doing it all online, and it will allow us to sell tickets right up until the night before the draw," Levanto said.

Another twist is the ability to buy tickets at the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Foundation's 50/50 store at Intercity Shopping Centre, a venture foundation president and CEO Glenn Craig said allows the club to use their fundraising expertise to help sell more tickets.

"We thought this was a wonderful opportunity," he said. "We kind of came in mid-stream last year with the House Lottery, and this year we're in full partnership from the very beginning. We've been very successful. We've figured out a few things along the way, and we want to apply those to the Fort William House Lottery so that we can float everybody's boat higher."

In addition to the grand prize, there will be \$50,000 in early bird draws, starting with a \$10,000 draw on April 12.

Tickets are available at [www.fwrotaryhouse-lottery.ca](http://www.fwrotaryhouse-lottery.ca) and are on sale until 11:59 p.m. on June 30. The draw takes place at noon on Canada Day, at the house.

# February assault charge upped to manslaughter

By Justin Hardy - TB Source

An aggravated assault charge from last month has been upgraded to manslaughter. Andrei Savu, 35, of Montreal, who was arrested last month on an aggravated assault charge, has now been charged with manslaughter in connection to the death of a Winnipeg man following an incident on Feb. 11.

Thunder Bay Police Service officers with the primary response branch were dispatched to an address on Valhalla Inn Road at about 2:15 a.m. on the day in question after emergency services had responded to a male requiring medical attention.

The victim was transported by Superior North EMS paramedics to the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre with serious injuries that were considered life-threatening. The victim, identified as Winnipeg musician Cayden Carfrae, later died in the hospital.

Police said a male was located at the scene and identified as a suspect. He was arrested without incident and brought to



Winnipeg's Cayden Carfrae was killed on Feb. 11.

the Balmoral Street station. The police service's Major Crimes Unit and Forensic Identification Unit became involved in the investigation.

Savu appeared in court on Thursday, where the charge was upgraded to manslaughter.

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# Art Gallery gets \$1M donation

By Katie Nicholls – TB Source

The Paterson Foundation is donating an additional million dollars to the new waterfront Thunder Bay Art Gallery.

Alexander Paterson, the president of the foundation, said it was a chance to give back to the people of Thunder Bay.

"Our commitment to the community and recognizing that our waterfront is a place like building a baseball field in a farm field in Iowa; if you build it, they'll come. That's what's happening at our waterfront right now."

The gallery's executive director, Matthew Hills, discussed how this will help build the new location.

"It's moving and profound to hear Alexander's words about his family and the generational relationship they've had with the gallery.

"And how transformative that has been over our history, and to see that realized and a gift that will help us see our future is just profoundly moving and exciting."

Hills gave an update on the \$5M fundraising campaign that the art gallery launched last September.

"This gift from the Paterson Foundation of a



The Thunder Bay Art Gallery's new waterfront home is under construction and expected to open in 2025. (Leith Dunick)

million dollars is going towards that campaign. So with the gift, we're at \$1.5 [million] on that overall gift.

"We're at a point now where we're asking the community to contribute and to step up

and get this over the finish line. It's going extremely well, but we do need that support, and we do need to be out there asking in the community.

"So we're grateful for the significant support

we've received already, but it's an ongoing effort."

It was last reported that costs for building the new gallery were \$57 million. The executive director was asked if there was an updated cost available.

"Well, we are pursuing a construction management process on an ongoing basis, and that means that tenders we are seeking value efficiencies and value in the tender and construction process."

He called it an "ongoing, evolving process" and said that the gallery has identified some "significant savings."

"At the same time, you also see increased construction costs and supply chain issues; they still continue to be along with inflation.

"So we are balancing, and we are being extremely rigorous in budget management and finding value."

Hills noted that the gallery is also doing an economic impact study.

"[It's a] study to better understand how the Thunder Bay Art Gallery contributes to the provincial and local economy. And we're using those numbers to better understand our overall budget increase as we get into the new space."

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EDITORIAL

# Sunshine reset

There is plenty of value in the Ontario Public Sector salary disclosure.

But year after year, the government fails to modernize the report.

While it's important for taxpayers to have an understanding of and transparency about where their hard-earned money is being spent, at some point it becomes an invasion of privacy.

In 1996, when the so-called Sunshine List was first made public, the \$100,000 threshold was a pretty good starting point.

A six-figure salary was a much larger number than it is today.

In fact, the purchasing power of \$100,000 in 1996 would be the equivalent of more than \$190,000 today.

Is it really important for the public to know, down to the dollar, how much individual teachers or police officers make?

What value does that provide to the taxpayer, other than to create jealousy. Yes, \$100,000 is still a lot of money, but it's not making anyone rich, and certainly isn't part of any gravy train, especially given how much the cost of living continues to rise.

It's time the Ford government consider a revamp of the program and a reset of the threshold needed to publish salaries.

A solid start would be \$150,000, which in the city's case, drops their number from 639 to 91. This seems a little fairer to all.



# Salinger classic still speaks to youth today

*The Catcher in the Rye* by J.D. Salinger is a modern classic that was first published in serial form in America in 1945-6. Despite its age it continues to speak to the youth of today.

The narrator, Holden Caulfield, was a rebel without a cause long before James Dean.

He is angry and cynical about everything. Everyone is lousy or a moron or a fake. He perfectly captures teenage angst and rebellion.

The opening paragraph gives a hint to some of Salinger's literary influences: 'If you really want to hear about it, the first thing you'll probably want to know is where I was born and what my lousy childhood was like, and how my parents were occupied and all before

they had me, and all that David Copperfield kind of crap, but I don't feel like going into it, if you want to know the truth.'

He also name checks Ernest Hemingway and F. Scott Fitzgerald, both master storytellers, whose terse direct writing styles, flowing narratives and brutal characterizations are reflected in Salinger's work.

The truth is important to Holden, but he struggles to find it in others. Everybody seems to fail him, especially the series of acquaintances - never friends - that he meets at the private boarding schools he is sent to.

The novel takes place in the space of the few days between his latest expulsion and his adventures in New York that eventually take

him back home.

He wants to delay the inevitable storm from his parents when they hear of his disgrace, so he buys time by taking taxi rides, staying in hotels and telling people that he knew from the past.

He smokes and drinks and behaves like somebody way beyond his years but his immaturity is revealed when it comes to women and sex.

He knows a lot of women but clearly finds it difficult to fully commit to them. His encounter with a hotel prostitute and what happens afterwards is both tragic and hilarious.

It is this tremendous sense of humor that I find most likable about Holden, who is in many ways not a very nice young man. Many of his unkind comments about people had me

laughing out loud.

But there is a profoundly sad side to his character as well.

He respects his older brother, who is working as a writer in Hollywood, and he loves his younger sister, Phoebe, but he misses his dead brother most of all.

At the end of the novel he ends up in an institution being psychoanalyzed, but it isn't very difficult to work out his problems. He craves love. He misses his brother. He isn't able to fully process the grief and bereavement that he suffered as a child.

So he builds a tough guy shell around himself and pushes away anyone who tries to get too close to him.

He pre-empts any moves they might make by being cynical and unpleasant to them. He just wants to be loved.



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# Eclipse generates global interest

By JR Shermack - TB Source

For those people who enjoy basking in the shadows there is an event taking place on April 8 that is right up their alley.

That is the date of the next total solar eclipse and if you are in the right place you can bask in the shifting shadow of the Moon as it blocks out the Sun from the Earth.

The shade doesn't last long but where else can you find a shadow that big, especially one that is cast from space almost a quarter million miles away.

If you aren't in the right place and find yourself somewhere outside the zone of totality, Thunder Bay for instance, you will have to settle for partial shade.

The path of the 2024 total eclipse crosses Mexico, the United States and eastern Canada which is convenient for shadow-loving North Americans who live nearby.

But a solar eclipse always generates worldwide interest and not just from the scientific community - the latest big trend in international travel is astro-tourism.

Celestial thrill seekers will travel great distances for an opportunity to have the Moon cast its lunar shadow on their Earthly presence.

They are joined by well-equipped members of the scientific community who use the occasion to gain more knowledge about the sun

Everyone knows the science behind an eclipse but it still generates a lot of hype and for those communities along its path, access to astro-tourism dollars.

This cosmic event has captured our imagination since ancient times when arrows were shot skyward to ward off the dragon that was devouring the sun.

It seems foolish in retrospect but in the old days it was the best they could come up with and besides, it worked every time.

Even after the event was scientifically explained the hype remains real - astro-tourists describe the experience as a 'stellar', once-in-a-lifetime experience.

A notable feature of any total eclipse is its staying power, the length of time Earth is plunged into darkness.

The moon is closer to the Earth than in past years - it will appear larger and take longer to cross the Sun, resulting in a longer and darker duration.

This total eclipse will last up to four minutes in some locations, plenty of time for scientific discovery, or to launch a few arrows at the sun if that's what you still



A 2017 solar eclipse, seen over Oregon (NASA)

fine.

But remember, if you stare at the Sun at any time without proper eye protection you will go blind - this is not a myth.

Some communities are distributing protective eyewear to guard curious eyes from serious damage.

Local school age children will go home early on April 8 to minimize the risk - the eclipse occurs at 3:10 p.m., just when many kids are unsupervised on their way home.

As for me, I enjoy a good eclipse as much as the next guy but since we solved that 'dragon eating the sun' problem the cosmic thrill of eclipsing is gone.

A total solar eclipse is visible from some place on the Earth's surface every eighteen months or so, regular as clockwork.

Astro-tourists are eager for more dynamic cosmic events, perhaps something less predictable and with a little more pizzazz like an interstellar comet or an exploding star.

The red giant star 'Betelgeuse' is predicted to explode, possibly within our lifetime but certainly in the next 100,000 years - that could be a long wait.

Until then, just in case you are an avid eco-tourist the next total solar eclipse is Aug. 12, 2026, in Greenland.

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Either way, the Moon's shadow will pass, the Sun will shine again and Earth will be

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### April 6

#### Seedy Saturday

Budding gardeners and green thumb experts, Seedy Saturday is the event you've been waiting for all winter long.

Taking place at the Nolalu Community Centre at 2266 Highway 588 from noon to 3 p.m. on Saturday, the event brings together interested gardeners and local seed growers, community groups and local food producers from the region.

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### April 6

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Put on by the Sleeping Giant Folk Music Society, the show takes place at McGillivray's Landing at Fort William Historical Park, starting at 8 p.m.

Tickets are available at [eventbrite.ca](http://eventbrite.ca).

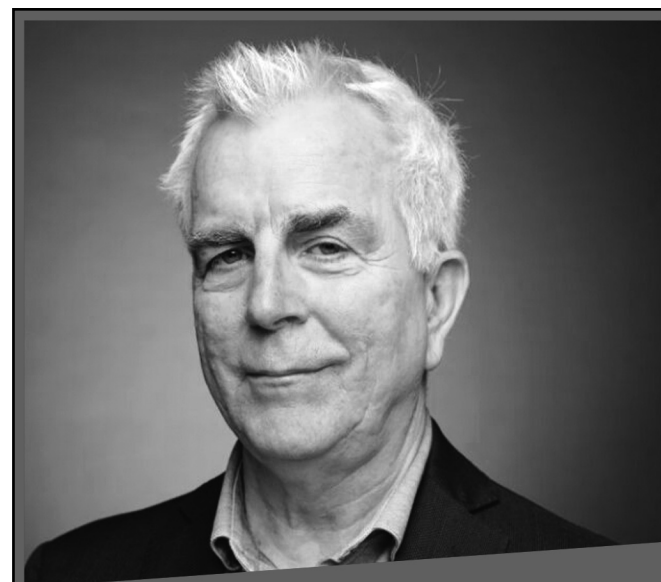
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He is also one half of the sketch duo The Two Sues with Josh Stone, and is a puppeteer with his puppet buddy Andre.

The show, taking place at 8 p.m. on Saturday at Nortenos Taqueria, features Marke Menei, GP Singh and Megan Geddert. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. See [eventbrite.ca](http://eventbrite.ca).



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# Tartar sauce easy to make

It is a little late for Good Friday but Tartar sauce is a condiment that is very popular around Easter.

It's typically served with fried seafood dishes. It's also one of those condiments that is easy to buy, easy to make, but can be difficult to make elevated.

Ultimately, tartar sauce gets its name from the Golden Horde, Mongols who invaded Europe in the 13th century; and were known to the locals as Tartars.

It's believed that tartar sauce originated in France after the 18th century because France first invented mayonnaise, which is a main ingredient in tartar sauce.



**Derek Lankinen**  
Here's Cooking at You Kid

Tartar sauce is a condiment made of m a y o n n a i s e , chopped pickles and relish, capers, and herbs such as tarragon and dill. Tartar sauce can also be enhanced with other herbs, lemon juice, chopped hard boiled eggs, and olives.



Tartar sauce is always popular around Easter, especially when fried fish is being served. (iStock)

Making tartar sauce begins with mayo, then you add everything else you choose to put in. Now, here's all the tricks. If you can make it a little ahead of time that's always best, because it allows the flavours to mix and permeate.

Now, ingredient selection at this time is important. Finely diced shallots or onions would be good to add texture and some natural sugars, but they need to sit a bit to release the flavours.

Finely diced gherkins or pickles is your next selection, for my money, a nice crunchy garlicky dill pickle is best. Sweet pickles are a big blech for this application. As a rule, I tend to lean into the camp that sweet pickles are a snacking pickle and not for sandwiches.

However, exceptions can be made when the other ingredients need that sweetness, texture or both. Lemon juice, lemon zest, salt, and pepper can all be added here. A

little acidity and lemon flavour can help a lot to cut the mayo flavour and draw other flavours out.

Here's the nittygritty: how do we elevate the tartar sauce outside of the parameters we have already set up? Garlic, roasted or minced raw, either way. Same thing as the onions earlier, they need time to develop their flavours and meld with your other ingredients, but they can help tremendously.

Cilantro, parsley, and tarragon, finely chopped, can freshen up those flavours. Now, the secret weapon, Heartbeat Hot Sauce, Dill Pickle Serrano, a little or a lot. It doesn't matter; heat can help bring out all those other flavours.

Typically, fried fish doesn't have a heat component and adding that in with a sauce would be more beneficial. We didn't get a chance to get this out before Good Friday, but fried seafood doesn't need its own national holiday, so have it again today! Derek Lankinen is an award-winning chef, author, and restaurateur. He is the Owner/Operator of Beefcake's Burger Factory with two locations in Westfort and Current River and Co-Owner of Elite Beef.



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# Snow saves SSAAA

Thunder Bay's high school Nordic ski championship races were originally scheduled for the first week of March. However, when warm temperatures and rain erased the little bit of snow that remained on the ground, the local ski centres were forced to close and the fate of the final race did not look promising.

With March Break looming and nothing but sunshine and warmth in the forecast, it was suggested that we should just cancel the final event. But the importance of sports like Nordic skiing in our high school athletics line-up should not be taken lightly.

Skiing is one of the few activities that will keep our kids happy and healthy throughout their lifetime. It is something they will share with their children and their grandchildren. Considering the number of local teens who only get to ski with their high school team, the option to cancel the culmination of their season would only happen if we didn't get any more snow throughout the month. Considering the winter we had just endured, that was a very real possibility.

When it comes to the weather in Northwestern Ontario, we have come to expect the unexpected. However, I knew our Thunder Bay winter would never give up so easily, and so we decided to just postpone the championship races until Mother Nature made her inevitable comeback. As we entered the final week of March, the snow began to fall again.

In the end, we had more than enough snow to host the big event at Lappe Nordic Centre, and 50 athletes took part in some very exciting races. The fresh, soft snow provided exceptionally challenging conditions, but every single



The high school Nordic Ski championships took place last weekend at Lappe Nordic.

racer finished their chosen distance, and the eventual champions were finally crowned.

The Superior Collegiate Gryphons successfully defended their championship title, an honour they have held consecutively since 2018. More importantly, at least one individual athlete from every participating school shared a spot on the podium.

In the senior boys' race, Superior's Mikkai Jamsa edged out teammate Willem Abbink, while Huntington McNabb of La Verendrye earned bronze. In the senior girls' race, it was a 3-way tie for gold between Superior's Maaritta Puiras and Delaney Summers, and Hammarskjold's Tzipi Levkoe-Stephens. Superior's Char Ailey took silver and Westgate's Olivia Stachow

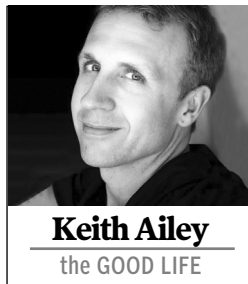
earned bronze.

In both junior races, Superior Collegiate athletes swept the podium. Kiera Hall won the girl's event, followed by Kaia Hakanan and Sydney Ball. Meanwhile, Kai Hautala took the win in the boy's race and was followed closely by Nolan Nyitrai in second and Liam Rose-Weston in third.

In the novice (grade 9) boys race, La Verendrye's Felix Doucette dominated, posting the third fastest time of all skiers on the day. He was followed by teammate Oskar Berglund and Superior's Nigel Kingston.

In Novice Girls, it was once again all Superior students with Hanna Abbink earning gold, Laine Hupka right on her heels for silver, and Sammy Sdao taking bronze.

Now, with the races finally complete, it is officially time for the snow to melt away for good so we can proceed with spring.



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- Mythical bird
- Isle of Napoleon
- Arabian Sea gulf
- Vanity
- N.Z. island
- Gun sight
- Malt liquor
- Beginner
- Sitting on
- Child (Scot.)
- Compass direction
- Lump
- Drawers under a kiln
- Electric reluctance unit
- White metal
- Mulberry of India
- Lukewarm
- Presidential nickname
- Bachelor of Fine Arts (abbr.)
- Air-to-air missile (abbr.)
- Nose (pref.)
- Center (abbr.)
- Bureau of Indian Affairs (abbr.)
- Black tea
- Lie
- Galatea's beloved
- Amer.
- Automobile Assn. (abbr.)
- Killer of Castor
- One of the seven deadly sins
- Low (Fr.)
- Sound of a horn
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- Central daylight time (abbr.)
- Opera heroine

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- Time period
- Install
- Sword or bugle belt
- Tatar dynasty
- Flap
- Royal Air Force (abbr.)
- Guido's note (2 words)
- Revolutions per minute (abbr.)
- Indo-Chin. people
- Son of, in Arabic names
- New (pref.)
- Handle
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# Mother Nature strikes again

Well, here we are in April. Where are the crocuses? Where are the daffodils? Buried under Ol' Man Winter's latest offering. A two-and-a-half-day intense blizzard and then nice weather for Easter. Out like a lamb then.

Hope you all had a joyful Easter.

So, Ol' Man winter paid us a visit the previous week and "gifted" us with up to a foot-and-a-half of snow.

Wise heads with good memories (not me) reckoned that we received more snow in that two-and-a-half-day blizzard than we had all winter. While I didn't raise my fist standing outside in the horizontal blizzard that was rapidly covering the land and bellow at Ol' Man Winter "Where were you in December when we wanted you ??", I certainly had that thought.

By Monday I realized that I needed to scrape a passage from Casa Jones to the barn. We'd brought the horses inside when the blizzard began, and they were to remain in their stalls until the storm passed. That meant that we had to be able to get to the barn, feed and water them. Trekking to the barn Monday morning was not fun. By then we had more than six inches of the white stuff. So, the obvious solution was to fire up Red and get scraping and ploughing which I did.

The scraping and ploughing took two hours since not only did I plough to the barn but also the driveway from our road. The driveway is in the form of an elliptical oval such that you can come to Casa Jones either driving straight ahead and then around and up to the front stoop or you can drive by the barn. I ploughed and scraped both avenues. Of course, I had to do it again on Tuesday with a final touch up on Wednesday.

I have a blade attached to Red's rear. I would get off the tractor and angle the blade to scrape snow off to the side of the driveway and then do it again on the other side. So, I'd push snow with the bucket and scrape with the blade. That was on Monday. I had to do it all over again on Tuesday.

But Murphy (of Murphy's Law) caught wind of my adventures and also decided to visit on Tuesday right when I was finishing all of the ploughing and scraping.

The east door of the barn opens to a bit of a downhill slant to the driveway. I have backed Red up to that door many times without wrecking said door (well, not with the blade but with the bucket with lethal tines attached; but that is another story). So, as a last ploughing-and-scraping task for the day, I duly backed up to the east door but by the time I thought to look behind me to make sure I wouldn't hit the door, it was too late.

I heard the shriek of metal being torn, being ripped asunder. "What the...?" I yelled. I had forgotten to dismount and put the blade back in its usual position. Thus, while I thought that I could back up as usual, the angled blade tore the metal on one of the doors and pushed it in. DANG! Double DANG! (or words to that effect).

Freddy Forgetty does it again!

I went around the side of the barn, went inside to determine the amount of damage. While the banged door was pushed in and the pink insulation had been sliced with a piece having popped out, I was able to reinsert the piece of insulation and push the door back almost to its original position sufficiently to allow me to reconnect the doors - not perfect as the

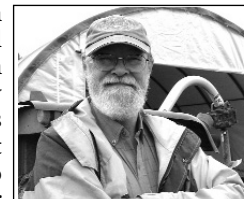
damaged east door was very reluctant to comply with my urgings to get back on the straight-and-narrow.

Of course, when I re-entered Casa Jones after putting Red away in the tractor shelter, I had to "Mea culpa, mea culpa" to my wife, Laura. She has been long-suffering with Freddy Forgetty's twenty-plus year inventory of repeated scrapes and collisions with the barn.

"When the weather is warmer, we can fix the door," she said. Whew! Didn't have to spend the night in the metaphorical doghouse. She knows me.

This past weekend Laura mentioned having told one of her workmates of my barn door exploit. Her workmate laughed sympathetically and relayed that her husband has made more knicks, scratches, bang-ups, etc. with his tractor to their barn doors as well.

Good to feel that I'm not the only one. Maybe we should form a self-help group and call it "Barn Door Bashers Anonymous." Please be cautious.



**Fred Jones**  
RURAL ROOTS



# Godzilla x Kong a split decision

*Godzilla x Kong: The New Empire* (SilverCity) is WWE in CGI monster garb, thereby setting the critical bar way down. As long as there's much roaring, hissing of fire and brimstone and tossing of big bodies, the hoot 'n holler pass-the-popcorn crowd should go home happy.

Still, some semblance of a plot and characters would be nice to create a scintilla of emotional investment. This is where the movie runs into a turnbuckle.

The plot has Kong and Godzilla co-existing with humanity. Godzilla polices the Earth's surface against evil titans, napping in the Coliseum as if it's a kitty basket. (Is there much of Rome left with his tramping around?) Meanwhile, lonely Kong resides in subterranean Hollow Earth, searching for his brethren with the help of a little adolescent ape, Suko. Kong is also nursing a toothache.

Troubling signals picked up by an observation outpost in Hollow Earth prompts investigation by characters from the 2021 film, Kong expert Dr. Ilene Andrews (Rebecca Hall), podcaster Hayes (Brian Tyree Henry) and Jia (Kaylee Hottle), Ilene's adopted mute survivor from Skull Island. Tagging along is Trapper (Dan Stevens), a super veterinarian adorned with Hawaiian shirts and glib demeanor.

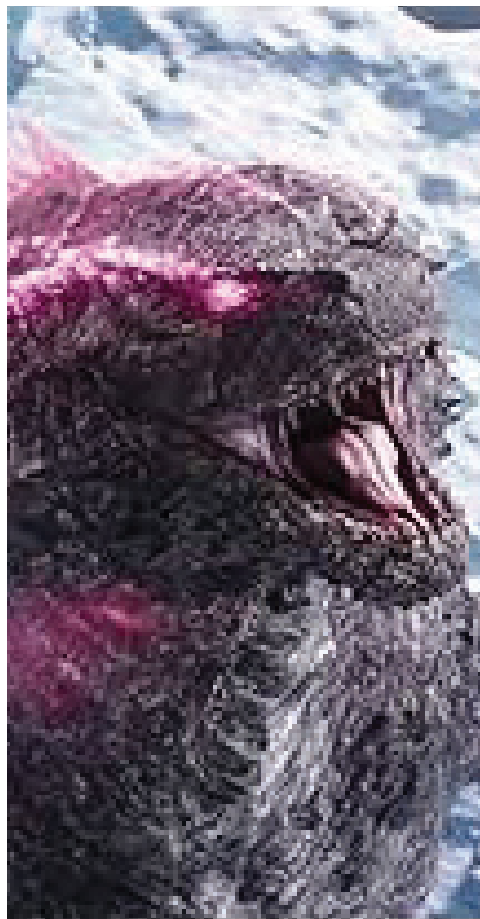
Our explorers find the outpost destroyed. Turns out, the distress signal has been sent by the Iwi, a telepathic subterranean tribe who are being threatened by Skar King, a tyrannical giant ape who is terrorizing Kong's brethren, posing a threat to mankind.

A showdown on the earth's surface is in the offing, with Kong and Godzilla teaming up with Mothra—coming out of the blue—against Skar and his secret weapon Shimo, a giant lizard breathing ice rays.

The humans are in basic service. Scientist Ilene gives exposition translating ancient Iwi hieroglyphics. Jittery Hayes is comic relief. Jia may forsake her stepmom for her Iwi tribe. Trapper not only replaces Kong's aching toofun with a Titanium replacement, he also magically produces a form-fitting armored gauntlet to aid a wounded Kong later in the film, spurring an eye-rolling chortle.

Recalling *Guardians of the Galaxy*, a wee bit of leavening humour arises from a deliberately oddball soundtrack featuring Jim Reeves, Kiss and Loverboy.

The crowd finally gets what they came for in



Godzilla x Kong is in theatres now.

the climatic monster brawls with the Pyramids and Brazilian shoreline (and citizenry) serving as hapless doormats.

Adam Wingard, director of *Godzilla vs Kong* (2021) manages the monster brawling bouts well enough, though it's hard to tell Godzilla apart from Shimo. One just wishes that the jokes were more original, the plot somewhat tighter, with more heart and soul. Brains numbed by the cacophony, *New Empire* gets a split decision as it fades from mind upon exiting.

*Godzilla Minus One* which preceded *G x K* at SilverCity, an Academy Award winner for Best Visual Effects and heralded as a meaningful entry in the

Monsterverse canon, is apparently inaccessible on streaming services.

IndieWire suggests it's a non-competitive agreement between the studios.



**Marty Mascarín**  
MOVIE TALK

# Blind River's Cada wins hospital's \$1.7M jackpot

By Katie Nicholls – TB Source

It's the biggest draw outside of Christmas, and a man from Blind River has just won \$1,740,910.

The Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Foundation drew the ticket on Friday morning and promptly called Jon Cada of Blind River to tell him his long weekend plans might be changing.

"No way, really!" he said along with some surprised expletives peppered in there. Cada was a little shocked that he won the March draw.

"It's a Great Friday, not just a Good Friday," said Cada.

Cada was asked how he found out about the lottery, "Friends and family have been in and out of hospitals over the years, so your 50/50 was an easy one to support."

April's draw is now available and features multiple chances at the \$45,000 in early bird prizes within the first week.

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Blind River's Jon Cada is the March 50/50 winner.



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# Humane Society hosting a Dog-a-Palooza event

By Leith Dunick – TB Source

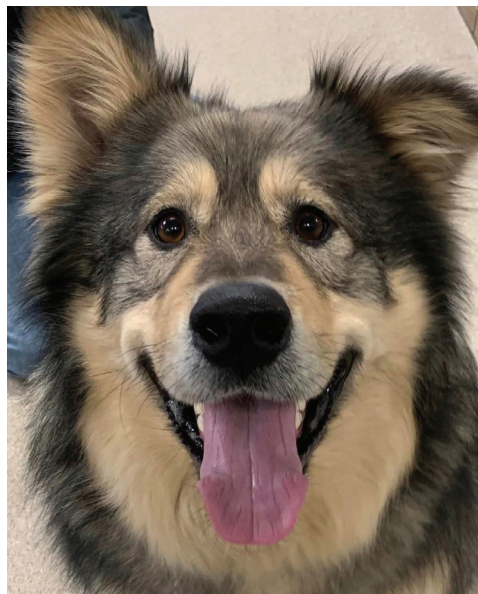
Adult, large-breed dogs need plenty of loving too.

Faced with 20 adult, large-breed dogs arriving in their care in the coming days, the Thunder Bay and District Humane Society plans to host Dog-a-Palooza, looking to find homes for the animals as soon as possible.

The event will take place from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday, April 11 and Friday, April 12, and from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday April 13 and Sunday, April 14.

Appointments are not required. All dogs up for adoption will be spayed or neutered, vaccinated, microchipped, dewormed and will have received flea and mite treatment. "If you are looking for an active large breed dog to add to your home, there will be a perfect furry friend waiting to meet you at DOG-A-PALOOZA." said Shawna Beaulieu, executive director at the Thunder Bay and District Humane Society.

"Adoption is one of the most impactful ways to help support our ongoing commitment to our city and districts' most



Dog-a-Palooza runs from April 11 to April 14.

vulnerable animal population. For more information, visit the Humane Society's Facebook page or phone 807-475-8803.

# LU juried art show opens

By Linda Maehans – For TB Source

The creativity of Lakehead University Visual Arts students is ever surprising, wonderful to see.

Every year Thunder Bay Art Gallery hosts the honours grads with their culmination of four years' major-studio work; this alongside a large and diversely impressive exhibit by the under-grads, juried by long-standing community professionals in the field. As always, we the public are invited to peruse the best of what young artistic minds envision today, in 2024.

Many moods can be felt pulsing through the 100 or so submissions for the Juried show. From charming whimsy to socially challenging, to purely pleasing. Our reactions are, of course, unique and unto ourselves. Perhaps you'll agree with some of this viewer's observations.

There is much remarkable painting this year. Two-dimensional on a wall easily becomes 3-or-more dimensional with these artists' hand-eye skills.

Near-perfect still-lives: serene settings of shadow and light: fruit, vases with liquid, textures of table runners and wood. Intriguing portraits (with names): yet we wonder, who are these people? How has the artist captured the essence of the subject? One such portrait titled *Terra* is better than any photograph: someone's beloved pet literally jumps to life before our eyes.

Not all the works are realistic. A pastel-on-paper titled "(Model)Resting" is an abstract of a man reclining on a sofa-bed; rendered in lurid hues of magenta, ochre, azure and ebony, this painting evokes an edgy mood; it's hard to pin down why.

As does a larger-than-life sculpture titled *Stitches in Time*. A ghostly cuckoo-clock of half-shredded linen looms like a shroud in a nightmare graveyard, the blind white bird at its center a raven we don't want to encounter.

Nearby, another spooky installation is called *The Raven*: we are drawn to a menacing winged creature (female) perched atop a fox, both balanced on some sort of time-machine with cylinders and hinges. Or, so I thought, goosebumps rising.

Don't forget there are ballots at the entrance for People's Choice: visitors can vote as often as they like before the Juried Show closes (April 28).

This exhibit really does call for a few return



Artist Emma Visser-Dicarlo's work is on display.

visits; and who knows, your mood might change each time you're taking another look.

The honours side features just three grad this year, but there are many details to absorb. It was a pleasure to meet and chat with Emma Visser-Dicarlo, whose attitude and outlook seemed as sunny and positive as are her paintings and sculptures, highly detailed and intricate 3-D scenes of her home in Conmee Township.

In a few paintings we see Emma as a child who has enjoyed a culturally rich and well-rounded upbringing.

We see her family's musical instruments, her father's organized workshop, her grandmother's garden patch; half-finished coffee cups indoors, while outdoors the most enchanting trees reach skyward without limit. Emma has shared something quite special with us through her artwork.

"Art is something I can see myself doing forever," she says with a smile that lights the entire gallery. "No, it isn't planning everything down 'to a T'; my best work comes out of simply being 'in the moment' when the creative force takes over, then stepping back to decide if it's truly complete".

The LU Honours exhibit is up until May 5.

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Kam River's Evan Lachimea (right) digs for the puck, chased by Kenora's Jean-Paul Scaringi. (Leith Dunick)

# Walleye, Stars into 2nd round

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

The Kam River Fighting Walleye are one step closer to defending their Superior International Junior Hockey League title.

Taking to the road on Saturday night, the Fighting Walleye pulled away from their hosts, the expansion Kenora Islanders in the third period, scoring five unanswered goals to advance to the second round of the playoffs with a 9-3 triumph.

Kaden Goodwin scored twice in the first four minutes of the final frame to break open a one-goal game.

Evan Lachimea and Jett Mintenko also added goals in the third for Kam River, who were tied 2-2 after one and led 4-3 at the second-period break, Carter Nailen scoring the go-ahead goal at the 12:38 mark.

Matteo Salvatore, with his first of the post-season, and Cater Poddubny, with his second, also scored for Kam River.

Grady Priest, with a pair, and Brayden Mackay scored for Kenora, who were swept out of the playoffs in four straight.

The Fighting Walleye will next take on the Red Lake Miners who downed Dryden 3-1 on

Monday to take their best-of-seven series 4-1.

The Thunder Bay North Stars are also moving on.

The Stars doubled up the host Wisconsin Lumberjacks 4-2 last Friday to complete a four-game sweep of their best-of-seven Superior International Junior Hockey League opening-round series.

E.J. Paddington and Eric Sheriff scored third-period goals to break open a 2-1 contest and the Stars went on to clinch a spot in the second round against the Sioux Lookout Bombers.

Edison Weeks and Easton Mikus also scored for Thunder Bay. Dillon Phillips and Axel Wyatt had the Lumberjacks tallies, the only two of 39 Wisconsin shots to find their way past goaltender Keenan Marks in the North Stars net.

William Forrester took the loss, good on 35 of 39 Thunder Bay shots.

**Sioux Lookout 4, Fort Frances 1:** The Bombers swept their way into the second round with a road win over the Lakers. Kaden Veller scored twice and added an assist for Sioux Lookout. Blake Burke and Connor Burke also scored for the Bombers. Kyle Garlan had the lone goal for the Lakers.



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# Curlers compete at nationals

A trio of teams with local ties took part in last week's 2024 Canadian Under-21 Curling Championships in Fort McMurray, Alta.

Unfortunately, none of the teams were able to advance to the playoff round, but what a great experience for the next generation of athletes, who got to play against the country's best young curlers at a national-level event.

In the women's competition, Team Dubinsky, coming off a silver medal at February's Ontario Winter Games in Thunder Bay, finished 2-6, eighth of nine teams in the Pool B standings.

That's not bad for a fairly young team with plenty of years ahead of them in the Under-21 tournament phase of their careers. Skipped by Claire Dubinsky, the squad also includes lead Lily Ariganello, second Bella McCarville and third Rylie Paul.

The women's side was won by Nova Scotia's Allyson MacNutt, who skipped her team to an undefeated record, going a perfect 10-0 at the event.

Looking over the team's lineup, I spotted a familiar name.

Second Alison Umlah is the daughter of an old high school friend of mine, Trevor Umlah, a pretty good goaltender back in the day who played for the Dartmouth Forbes Chevies midget AAA team, a team that included future NHLer Cam Russell.

Trevor later underwent a double lung transplant and has been an advocate in Nova Scotia for organ donation, a cause his daughter has taken up as well.

In the men's competition, Sudbury's Brendan Rajala finished sixth in Pool B with a 3-5 record.

His team includes Thunder Bay's Adam Wiersema at lead and third Jackson Dubinsky. Northern Ontario's other entry, also from Sudbury, skipped by Ian Deschene, including



**Leith Dunick**  
SPORTS SHORTS

Thunder Bay's Brayden Sinclair at second, also finished at 3-5.

Alberta's Kenan Wipf skipped his team to the championship with a 7-6 win over Nova Scotia's Calan MacIsaac.



Thunder Bay curler Doug Dean was a win away from capturing the 2024 Canadian Wheelchair Championship.

I got a note from Rick Lang last week tipping me off that Dean was playing fourth for Cecilia Carroll's Newfoundland and Labrador team that lost 7-6 to Saskatchewan's Gilbert Dash in the champi-



Bella McCarville throws second stones for Claire Dubinsky's team, that finished 2-6 last week at the Canadian Under-21 Curling Championships in Fort MacMurray, Alta. (FILE)

onship final.

They won their first six games before losing to Dash in the round-robin, and wound up tied with the eventual champions with an 8-2 record.

Apparently Northern Ontario didn't put an entry in this year due to illness.



Not surprisingly, I watched a lot of baseball over the weekend, including all four Blue Jays games. Securing a split in Tampa is a pretty good start, but we should

get a good idea if the Jays are going to be a contender this week, with a three-game set against Houston and three more against the New York Yankees.

The Yankees swept the Astros to open the season and Juan Soto looks like the best player in baseball at this point. Yeah, it's early, but he's delivering big time. I can't imagine what it's going to take to re-sign him, but he's worth every penny at this point. After the Houston series, he's hitting .529 with a homer and four RBI.

And how about those Pirates? They also started 4-0, taming the Miami Marlins. Ke'Bryan Hayes has eight hits in four games. Not sure why someone dropped him in my fantasy league, but thanks!



Lastly, made a mistake in last week's predictions. Jordan Lester had the Astros winning it all, and for some reason I had him with the Yankees over the Braves. My apologies (thought I think my pick for him is looking better by the minute).



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