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REVIEW

Review of Long-Term Management Direction Black Spruce Forest 2021-2031 Forest Management Plan

The Ontario **Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)**, **Resolute FP Canada Inc.** and the **Black Spruce Forest Local Citizens' Committee (LCC)** invite you to review and comment on the proposed Long-term Management Direction for the 2021-2031 Forest Management Plan (FMP) for the **Black Spruce Forest**.

The Planning Process

The FMP takes approximately three years to complete. During this time, five formal opportunities for public consultation and First Nation and Métis community involvement and consultation are provided. The first opportunity (Stage One) for this FMP occurred on October 17, 2018 when the public was invited to participate in the development of the plan. This **'Stage Two'** notice is:

- To invite you to review and comment on:
 - the proposed long-term management direction for the forest;
 - the areas which could reasonably be harvested, and the preferred areas for harvest operations, during the 10-year period of the plan;
 - the analysis of alternative one-kilometre wide corridors for each new primary road which is required for the next 20 years.
- To request your contribution to background information to be used in planning.

How to Get Involved

To facilitate your review, a summary of the proposed Long-term Management Direction for the forest can be obtained on the Ontario government website (www.ontario.ca/forestplans). A summary map(s) of the preferred and optional harvest areas for the 10-year period of the plan and alternative corridors for each new primary road which is required for the next 20 years will also be available.

In addition to the most current versions of the information and maps which were available at Stage One of public consultation, the following information and maps will be available:

- Summary of public comments and submissions received to date and any responses to those comments and submissions;
- A summary report of the results of the desired forest and benefits meeting;
- Environmental analysis, including use management strategies of the alternative corridors for each new primary road;
- Maps that portray past and approved areas of harvest operations for the current forest management plan and the previous 10 years;
- Criteria used for the identification of areas that could reasonably be harvested during the 10-year period of the plan;
- The rationale for the preferred areas for harvest;
- Summary report of the activities of the local citizens' committee to date.

The above information is available at the Company and MNRF Office identified below by appointment during normal office hours for a period of 30 days: **January 10, 2020 – February 10, 2020.**

Comments on the proposed Long-term Management Direction for the Black Spruce Forest must be received by Bertha Strickland of the MNRF Thunder Bay District Office at 807-475-1147 by **February 10, 2020.**

During the planning process there is an opportunity to make a written request to seek resolution of issues with the MNRF District Manager or the Regional Director using a process described in the 2017 *Forest Management Planning Manual (Part A, Section 2.4.1)*.



Meetings with representatives of the planning team can be requested at any time during the planning process. Reasonable opportunities to meet planning team members during non-business hours will be provided upon request. If you require more information or wish to discuss your interests and concerns with a planning team member, please contact one of the individuals listed below:

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Stay Involved

There will be three more formal opportunities for you to be involved. These stages are listed and tentatively scheduled as follows:

- | | |
|--|---------------------------|
| Stage Three - Information Centre: Review of Proposed Operations | April 10, 2020 |
| Stage Four - Information Centre: Review of Draft Forest Management Plan | September 14, 2020 |
| Stage Five - Inspection of MNRF-Approved Forest Management Plan | February 19, 2021 |

If you would like to be added to a mailing list to be notified of public involvement opportunities, please contact Bertha Strickland of the MNRF Thunder Bay District Office at 807-475-1147.

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry is collecting your personal information and comments under the authority of the *Crown Forest Sustainability Act*. Any personal information you provide (address, name, telephone, etc.) will be protected in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*; however, your comments will become part of the public consultation process and may be shared with the general public. Your personal information may be used by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to send you further information related to this forest management planning exercise. If you have questions about the use of your personal information, please contact Alyson Dupuis at 807-475-1512.

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LOCAL NEWS



FILE

SECOND HOMICIDE: Police on the scene of the city's second homicide on the 300 block of Syndicate Avenue.

Homicide investigation

The 18-year-old victim of an assault has died in hospital and charges against the two teens accused expected to be upgraded

THUNDER BAY
By Doug Dlazuk - TB Source

Police are now investigating the city's second homicide of the year after the victim of an assault late last week died in hospital on the weekend.

Thunder Bay Police were first called to a residence on the 300 block of Syndicate Avenue North just before 3 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 9.

An 18-year-old male was discovered and believed to have been the victim of an assault. He was transported to the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre for treatment. "Unfortunately the victim succumbed to his injuries this weekend," said Det. Insp. John Fennell with the Thunder Bay Police Service. "So as such, the major case investigators are reviewing it with the Crown's office now to find the most appropriate charges to lay. The investigation has also revealed two other victims in the home, so more charges will be pending for that as well."

The victim has been identified as Austin Peter Robinson of Thunder Bay. A post-mortem examination is being scheduled to take place in Toronto sometime this week.

When police arrived on the scene last Thursday, footprints in the freshly fallen snow were located and two male suspects were found.

Cody Echum, 19, and a 14-year-old male were

charged with aggravated assault and remain in custody. Fennell anticipates the charges will be upgraded later this week and additional charges, including assault with a weapon, will be laid in relation to the two other victims found at the residence.

The two additional victims did not require treatment for the injuries sustained during the incident.

According to Fennell, Robinson was known to the two accused, but he could not say to what extent.

Fennell added there were weapons involved but was not able to provide any further information.

"There was instruments involved, but for the protection of the investigation, I won't describe what they were," he said.

It does not appear this incident had any relation to the drug trade in the city, but Fennell said the investigation is still in the early stages.

"With these types of investigations we are very protective of information because anything out in the community could taint some of the new evidence we are trying to obtain," he said.

This is the second homicide in the city since the start of the new year. On New Year's Day, an 11-year-old boy was killed by his mother, 34-year-old, Courtney Marie Labelle. She has been charged with second-degree murder and aggravated assault.

"Needless to say, it's always troubling," Fennell said. "One is too many. To have two in such a short time this year, it's not a good start."

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JOHN FENNEL

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TRAGIC CRASH: A collision on Highway 11/17 left three people dead and closed the highway for 13 hours

Three killed in crash

Deadly highway collision involved pair of transports

THUNDER BAY
By TB Source staff

Ontario Provincial Police have confirmed that a Thunder Bay resident was among the three individuals killed in a head-on collision between two transport trucks west of Sistonen's Corners last Thursday.

OPP on Monday identified him as 49-year-old Kenneth MacDonald.

Also killed were 23-year-old Gurpreet Singh of Mississauga and 24-year-old Karambir Singh of Brampton.

The two were in an eastbound transport while MacDonald was driving a westbound tractor-trailer.

Their trucks collided just after 10:30 p.m. Jan. 9 on Highway 11/17 about five kilometres west of the Highway 102 junction.

The accident forced the closure of the Trans-Canada Highway for 13 hours.

Police are still investigating the collision.

Police still looking at 2019 murder

CRIME
By Leith Dunlick – TB Source

Ontario Provincial Police have not given up hope in the year-old death of 21-year-old Samatar Warsame.

Police, in a release issued on Monday, said the Toronto-area man was found dead on the shoulder of Highway 527, just north of the Highway 11/17 junction on Jan. 13, 2019.

The investigation into the death is ongoing, under the direction of OPP Det.-Insp. Darryl Sigouin, who remains hopeful someone will come forward with information that will lead to an arrest.

"Someone knows something about what happened to Samatar Warsame. No detail is too small – you never know what might be the piece of information that helps us understand how this young man met his untimely death," Sigouin



UNSOLVED: Samatar Warsame was killed and his body found on Highway 527.

said in the release.

Anyone with information should contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122. Should you wish to remain

anonymous, you may call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or access their website at: <http://www.p3tips.com/273>.



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Monday, January 27 - Friday, January 31, 2020

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Kindergarten Information Session

Monday, January 27 | 7:00 PM
Valhalla Inn

You are invited to explore the world of Kindergarten, discover the learning adventure that awaits your child, and take a moment to enjoy the expo of community early learning partners.

Kindergarten Open House

Thursday, January 30 | 6:30-7:30 PM
All Schools

Join us at your neighbourhood elementary school to celebrate school communities and young learners. Explore the Kindergarten classroom, meet your Kindergarten team, get comfortable in the school, and register your child for school in September.



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LOCAL NEWS

Council declares climate emergency

CITY HALL

By Ian Kaufman - TB Source

The city of Thunder Bay has officially declared a climate emergency, joining hundreds of municipalities across the country – and the federal government itself – in what advocates say is a potent symbolic move.

The declaration, passed unanimously at Monday’s city council meeting, is intended to signal the seriousness of the global climate crisis to the public and other governments, while reinforcing the importance of climate action in future planning. It does not compel any particular action by the city.

A nearly-full public gallery erupted in a lengthy round of applause after council passed the motion, which was recommended by the city’s EarthCare sustainability committee. The proposal drew a petition in favour with over 400 signatures, and letters of support from 15 organizations, including Confederation College and the Thunder Bay District Health Unit.

Aynsley Klassen, chair of EarthCare’s climate adaptation working group, told councillors the declaration would help send a signal to the public that urgent action is needed.

“If no one around us is acting like it’s an emergency, then we are less likely to act,” she said. “Tonight is an opportunity for the city of Thunder Bay to respond to this crisis, and to stand as a strong leader.”



URGENT ISSUE: About 20 people demonstrated in front of city hall on Monday to urge the city to declare a climate emergency

Local secondary school science teacher Matt Roy also addressed council, explaining some of the basics of climate

science. He urged council to consider future generations in making their decision.

“We can show the kids I teach, and the kid I have at home, that as the adults in the room we’re prepared to make the big

changes we need to,” he said.

Mayor Bill Mauro pointed to the impact of the spruce beetle on western Canada’s forestry industry as one example of the environmental and economic devastation climate change can wreak.

Councillor Andrew Foulds, who chairs the EarthCare committee and put forward the motion, highlighted the rising number of evacuees from northern communities due to floods and wildfires. The city accommodated over 900 evacuees in the summer of 2019, reaching a point where it had to turn others away. Foulds says the problem is likely to get worse with the impacts of climate change.

“We had to turn people away who were desperate and in crisis,” he said. “We have to do better.”

Councillor Aldo Ruberto supported the declaration, but said council wasn’t acting as if climate change is an emergency. He pointed out the city spends exponentially more on roads than bike lanes.

“We’re talking about it, but where’s the money to back it up?” he asked.

Turning to the several dozen citizens assembled in council chambers to support the motion, Ruberto gave them credit for the city’s progress on climate change, and encouraged them to keep pushing council to take action on the issue.

“You’re doing the heavy lifting,” he told the group, “but we’ll help you.”

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Editorial

EDITORIAL

Stop cutting education

It's time the province got serious about its negotiations with teachers unions across Ontario.

On Monday, membership of the Ontario Elementary Catholic Teachers' Association became the latest union to declare job action, telling Education Minister Stephen Lecce they plan to walk off the job on Tuesday if a deal can't be reached.

The news comes on the heels of a troubling *Toronto Star* report that suggested secret Conservative government documents indicated a willingness to move away from brick and mortar schools and allow all students to acquire their high-school diploma online, possibly while making a profit on education.

The war on education, its teachers and support workers, must stop now. Schools are not businesses, nor should they be privatized.

Teachers are not glorified babysitters. Teachers inspire students to become better people, to look at the world in ways they might never have thought of doing on their own.

This government seems to want to cram as many students as possible into a classroom, treating education like an assembly line.

Yes, the province needs to do something about its deficit, and start paying off its debt. But it doesn't need to do it on the backs of our children. Education doesn't come cheap, and it's worth every penny spent.

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Fix Dease Pool

To the editor:

I met with Kelly Robertson recently to discuss issues surrounding Dease Pool.

She confirmed the fact that there is nothing in the 2020 budget for the Dease Pool kids or Dease Park. She also stated that a proposed tennis and pickle ball court at the present site was no longer being considered due to public feed back. When I asked her who came up with the idea of turning the Dease Pool property into a tennis and pickle ball court she stated she had help from a team of about 10 city employees.

Over the last year, tens of thousands of tax dollars and hundreds of man hours have been spent by city administration on public meetings, online surveys, reports etc and for what?

She also stated that they will continue this process in 2021.

Stop already and just fix the pool. Instead of spending \$260,000 dollars to demolish the pool use it to help rebuild the pool.

Thanks to councillors Andrew Foulds, Aldo Ruberto, and Peng You for voting against the demolition of Dease Pool.

Ray Smith,
Thunder Bay

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Transit workers want barriers

Bus drivers also want city to install panic buttons on all of its buses for safety reasons

CITY HALL

By Leith Dunick – TB Source

Citing three recent assaults on city buses, Thunder Bay transit operators marched on city hall on Wednesday night to demand that council agree to introduce safety measures to keep workers safe.

Ken Koza, president of the Amalgamated Transit Union Local 966, said the goal is to put pressure on Thunder Bay's elected officials to do something, adding his membership needs better protection from an increasingly unpredictable ridership.

In addition to a partition separating drivers from passengers, transit workers would also like a direct line to police when things do go wrong.

"The panic button is a direct link for getting help for operators should something happen," Koza said. The situation is getting worse, he added.

"We're at a point right now where we hope city council is going to do the right thing, that they're going to table a resolution to get these shields on our buses and make sure it happens," Koza said.

"I'm optimistic they're going to listen. I've had some positive feedback from some councillors already. Mayor (Bill) Mauro and I went on a ride-along yesterday, so he saw first hand how busy it is and what's happening with all the operators."



FRIGHTENED AT WORK: Transit workers are concerned for their safety after a recent rash of attacks on the job.

Time is of the essence.

Bus drivers can't afford to wait much longer, Koza said.

"We need something now. Sometimes processes can take a long time, and I think we've talked about this enough that we need it to move forward."

The latest assault happened on Boxing Day, when a transit operator was injured over a fare dispute.

It's happening far too often, Koza said.

"I think every day they're worried about the unpredictability of the public. If we look at 2019, the last two months we had three assaults. There's the violent one we had on Boxing Day. We had one where an operator's hat was knocked off his head and another where an operator was spit on," Koza said.

"These instances are increasing and we just feel this is an answer to help protect our operators."

Perspective

Food for thought

Humans tend to eat their favourite foods to extinction

OPINION

By J.R. Shermack
Special to TB Source

I always like to know where my next meal is coming from but some historical food facts I recently read made me think about the future of my favourite foods.

I also learned a new term to describe the disappearance of our favourite foods, “culinary extinction”.

This term was coined by author Lenore Newman in her book, *Lost Feast: Culinary Extinction and the Future of Food*.

It refers to the insatiable human hunger for something good to eat and when we find it, we gorge and over-eat until there is nothing left.

There are plenty of examples of how our gluttonous appetites caused the extinction of fruits, vegetables and meats that we haven’t enjoyed for centuries.

Insatiable

Once our earliest ancestors discovered the taste of juicy, woolly mammoth meat, they hunted that unfortunate beast to extinction.

Mammoths were already under pressure from other natural forces but once they encountered human predators, they were done like dinner.

There has been talk in the scientific community about cloning these extinct creatures using ancient DNA but if we ever do,

we’ll probably eat those too.

Skip ahead to ancient Rome where the long lost wonder-herb, silphium, was treasured and literally worth its weight in gold.

It was a humble plant with stout roots, stumpy leaves and small, yellow flowers that oozed a savory sap, delicious and very useful in many ways.

It became a staple in Roman cooking – the stalks were roasted as a vegetable, the roots were eaten fresh and the dried sap was grated over foods as a condiment.

Silphium had many medicinal applications and was considered a wonder drug for all manner of ailments as well as in the bedroom as an aphrodisiac and for birth control.

It grew wild, but in a very limited area and in true human fashion it didn’t take long before it was grazed, harvested and hoarded into extinction.

There is a story about how the last silphium plant was discovered and given as a gift to Emperor Nero – he promptly ate the last living plant and silphium was gone forever.

We’ll never know how it smelled or tasted.

The most compelling example of culinary extinction concerns a hapless creature named Martha who died over a hundred years ago.

She was the last of her species, the last living passenger pigeon and a glowing example of what can happen when human appetites

collide with nature..

Billions of passenger pigeons used to blacken the skies when they flew overhead across North America.

But when Martha died in captivity at the Cincinnati Zoo in 1914 we knew that she was the last of her species to ever be seen on Earth.

These birds had one tragic flaw that led to their demise – they were delicious and nutritious.

Chowed down

We literally ate these birds to extinction – the French-Canadian meat pie, the “tourtiere” was named after its original ingredient, passenger pigeon.

There will never be another Martha and sadly, it seems that her tragic death in Cincinnati over a hundred years ago was in vain.

According to Lenore Newman, the pace of culinary extinctions has increased and thousands of species vanished in the 20th century.

All of our favorite fish species are at risk, as are most foods harvested from the wild – over 80% per cent of wild cultivars, the subspecies of food crops, have been lost.

As our favorite foods disappear we will eat our way down the food chain but if our food goes extinct, can we be far behind?

It’s hard to believe that we might face extinction some day just because we run out of groceries.

That certainly is food for thought.

TOP TICKET



BIG WINNER: Balmoral Park Acura general manager Ryan Witluk gets set to help draw the winning ticket in the Save a Heart Car Raffle in support of the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre. The winning ticket, for a Mitsubishi Eclipse Cross, belonged to G. Tuokkola.

LEITH DUNICK

A look back in history:

Dr. Smellie

Dr. T.S.T. Smellie (right) was our own local hero! During a smallpox scare of 1892, immigrants infected with smallpox were locked in a railway car which was pushed out of town and abandoned. Dr. Smellie intervened by opening the car and caring for the sick. All but one survived.



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REVIEW

Review of Jack Pine Budworm 2020 Insect Pest Management Program Red Lake, Kenora, Dryden and Sioux Lookout Districts – Stage 1: Information Centre

Red Lake, Trout Lake, Whitefeather, Kenora, Whiskey Jack, Dryden, Wabigoon, English River, Lac Seul and Caribou Forests

The Ontario **Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR)** invites you to an information centre to review and comment on a proposed insect pest management program to control the jack pine budworm infestation on the **Red Lake, Trout Lake, Whitefeather, Kenora, Whiskey Jack, Dryden, Wabigoon, English River, Lac Seul and Caribou Forests** in the Red Lake, Kenora, Dryden and Sioux Lookout Districts. The MNR is considering a variety of options (e.g. redirected harvest and salvage harvest) but based upon the analysis of the available insect pest management options, the MNR is proposing a course of action that would also include aerial spraying of insecticide on selected forest stands as part of an overall integrated strategy.

Information Centres will be held at the following locations from 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. local time on the following dates:

Ear Falls - January 28, 2020

Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #238
40 John Street, Ear Falls, Ontario

Dryden - January 29, 2020

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34 Queen Street, Dryden, Ontario

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Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #78
86 Front Street, Sioux Lookout, Ontario

Ignace - February 4, 2020

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168 McLeod Street, Ignace, Ontario

A display in lieu of an information centre of the draft proposed operations will be available for viewing and comment during the comment period from **January 28, 2020 - February 12, 2020** during normal business hours at the MNR Red Lake and Kenora District Offices by appointment.

General information regarding the planning process as well as information displayed at the information centres will be available for viewing at the MNR District Offices listed below by appointment during the comment period. Please call ahead to ensure someone is available to assist you with the review.

Comments on the proposed insect pest management program and associated project proposals must be received by the appropriate MNR District Contact listed **by February 12, 2020**.

During the preparation of an insect pest management program, there is an opportunity to make a written request to seek resolution of issues with the MNR Regional Director using a process described in the 2017 *Forest Management Planning Manual* (Part D, 7.5.4; Part A, Section 2.4.1.2). The last day to request issue resolution is **March 13, 2020**.

For more information on the Insect Pest Management Program, please contact:

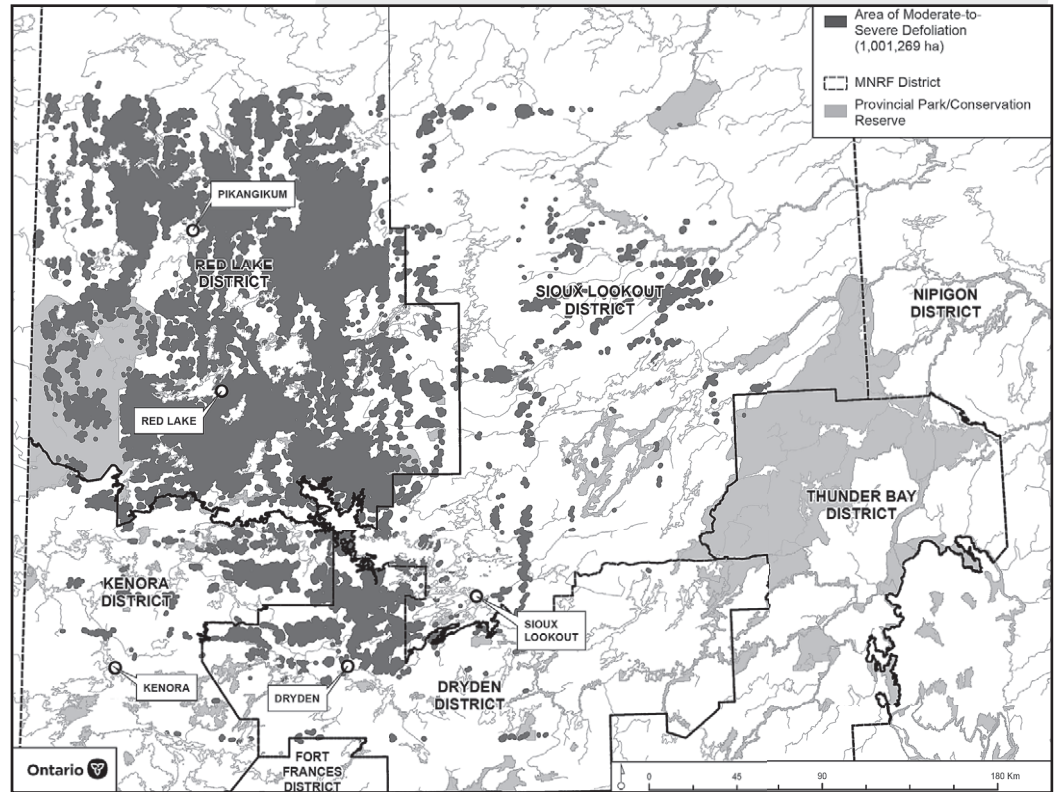
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LOCALNEWS



LEITH DUNICK

PICKETING: Teachers at St. Ignatius High School may walk off the job for a day on Tuesday.

Catholic teachers ready to walk out

OECTA members plan one-day strike on Tuesday

LABOUR
By Leith Dunick – TB Source

The Ontario English Catholic Teachers' Association has informed the province it plans to stage a one-day walkout next Tuesday if a contract can't be reached before that time.

Carolo Cappello, president of Thunder Bay Secondary OECTA, on Monday said walking out isn't the ideal solution, but after 40 meetings with the province since their contract ran out and little to no progress being made, the union membership and leadership believe it's the only course of action left.

"The walk-out on the 21st of January will affect every school in the Catholic system. It also means that teachers will not be in class that day and likely students will not be either, as a result," Cappello said.

Negotiations can't continue in the same fashion, he added.

"The government is insistent on keeping the disastrous cuts to education on the table. This is a last-ditch effort in hoping to get the government to back off on these cuts to education."

Cappello admitted it's a longshot, given

the lack of traction in talks with public board high school teachers, with talks dragging on for months and no progress being made.

"We're hoping that continued pressure on this government will result in a contract environment that will be more favourable and will result in less cuts to education and the cuts will disappear."

For now, teachers plan to continue offering their services for extra-curricular activities, but have decided to withdraw other, non-mandated, services.

"This week we announced our administrative job action, which means teachers will be engaged in a job action that will result in fewer activities that teachers will engage in," Cappello said. "But students will remain in classes. Extra-curricular activities will continue. A full withdrawal of services down the road is possible, but nothing has been determined yet at this point."

"The administrative job action will impact teachers with respect to the fact that they're not going to be engaged in EQAO activities, other board initiatives and definitely ministry of education initiatives."

"This is a last-ditch effort in hoping to get the government to back off on these cuts..."
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Run to raise money for Australian fire victims

THUNDER BAY

By Gary Rinne - TB Source

Jim Gilbert decided "we need to do something" to help victims of Australia's disastrous bush fires, and wasted no time putting something together.

As a result, Thunder Bay became the third community in Canada to announce its participation in a virtual run organized as a fundraiser by the Australian Red Cross.

"I thought 'what a great opportunity for the running community to get together and help people that are in great need,'" Gilbert told TbnnewsWatch.

Late last week, Gilbert and his colleagues reached out to Lakehead University which immediately agreed to host the Aussie Relief Run at the LU Hangar this coming weekend.

It will start at 3:15 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 18.

Gilbert said runners, walkers, those who stroll, "and even shufflers" are invited to participate with a donation of \$50.

Virtual runs allow anyone in the world to

participate.

"If you wanted to take part, you could sign up, go outside your house, run the 5 K and report that you did it, and have the credit for it," Gilbert said.

This weekend's community event, however, will be indoors to keep participants protected from winter weather conditions.

Registration is a two-step process.

Interested local residents should first register and make their donations directly through the Australian website, then confirm their attendance at The Hangar—at no additional cost—through this portal.

Participants are asked to print their registration form, as well as a signed waiver which they will receive after registering, and bring them to The Hangar on Saturday no later than 3:00 PM.

The local part of the registration process also requires participants to indicate whether they plan to take part in person at The Hangar or whether they prefer to participate at home or a different location.



STRONG SEASON: The Port of Thunder Bay saw nearly 9.3 metric tons in 2019, making it the best year since 2014.

Port sees best year since 2014 season

THUNDER BAY

By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

Nearly eight million tons of grain from Western Canada helped the Port of Thunder Bay achieve one of its most successful seasons in recent years.

"The grain in total was up by 500,000 by the end of the year," said Thunder Bay Port Authority CEO, Tim Heney. "Certainly grain led the increase and coal and potash were other strong commodities this year."

The Port's 2019 season officially came to an end with the departure of the last cargo-laden vessel on Sunday. The Port's last day is often determined by the closure of the Soo Locks, which takes place on Jan. 15.

The total tonnage that passed through the Port in 2019 was approximately 9.3 million metric tons, with grain accounting for 7.9 million tons, coal at 779,893 tons, and potash at 399,557 tons.

This makes for the best year the Port of Thunder Bay has seen since 2014.

"To get that increase in tonnage, it's a positive thing," Heney said. "We are the second largest grain port in Western Canada and we are the most efficient grain port in terms of car cycle times. That is really making us still a significant player in the grain business. It shows the capacity of the port as well and it's still here and available."

In 2019, the Port of Thunder Bay saw a total of 429 vessels, with 316 domestic ships and 113 foreign. According to Heney, the tons per ship has also been

increasing in recent years with new vessels that can hold 30,000 tons of grain as opposed to 25,000 tons on older vessels.

There are three vessels wintering in the Port of Thunder Bay, all from the Canadian Steamship Lines. Being newer generation vessels, they will require less work, Heney said.

"There used to be a lot of steel replaced on the old ships," he said. "There was a lot of iron working type jobs, welding, that type of work. That's not a thing on these new ones."

Looking ahead to 2020, Heney is expecting another strong year, with project shipments expected to increase after having a soft year in 2019 due largely to fewer wind turbine projects in Western Canada.

"We see the project cargo being bigger next year," he said. "There are a lot of wind turbine projects coming on, so we are looking at a busy year at Keefer."

In 2019, Keefer Terminal saw 16,671 tons of project cargo, down significantly compared to 2018 that saw 26,760 tons.

And with this winter being milder than last year, Heney said there is a good chance Lake Superior will remain open all season, but it is up to mother nature to determine when vessels will be able to return to port.

"We started off really cold then we had a warming spell," Heney said. "It depends on winds and temperature of course. Any warm day is one less cold one. So it's certainly not going to be a record ice year."

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Vigil held for Iranian crash victims

THUNDER BAY
By Ian Kaufman – TB Source

Thunder Bay residents had a chance to commemorate those lost onboard Ukrainian Airlines flight PS752 at a vigil on Saturday afternoon. About 200 people attended the event at Lakehead University.

The aircraft was struck by missiles fired by the Iranian military shortly after takeoff from Tehran on Wednesday. All 176 people on board were killed, including 57 Canadians and many more with ties to the country. Iran has claimed the disaster was a result of human error, saying the plane was mistaken for a hostile target. The incident came amid heightened tensions after a U.S. drone strike killed Iranian General Qasem Soleimani on Iraqi soil on Jan. 3.

Saturday's vigil at the Lakehead University agora sidestepped that political context to focus on the innocent lives lost in the tragedy. Students involved with the Lakehead Iranian Cultural Association (LICA), who organized the event, read the names of those killed, recited poems, and led the crowd outside to Lake Tamblyn to place candles and flowers in memory of the victims.

Sara Sadeghi came to Canada from Iran with her family in 2002, and is now a Lakehead student and LICA executive. She said the event felt like a necessary step for the school's Iranian community.

"I think we all knew that we couldn't really go about the rest of our semester here without recog-



SHOT DOWN: Candles are lit last Saturday during a vigil for victims of the downed Ukrainian International Airlines plane near Tehran.

nizing it or giving it the attention that it deserves," she said. "As you can tell, everyone was very emotional today, and a lot of them need to know that they're not alone and that their voices are being heard."

Fatemeh Zevari, a fellow LICA executive, echoed those sentiments. She immigrated to Canada with her family nearly a decade ago.

"We felt it was our responsibility as Iranians living in this community to

represent the losses that we're all going through," she explained. "Just looking around, every Iranian I know – even non-Iranians – at least know of someone who was affected deeply by this tragedy."

Farhan Yousaf, a vice-president of the Lakehead University Student Union, said about 200 Iranian international students attend the school, as well as a number of students and faculty of Iranian descent. While none of the victims had a known connection with Thunder Bay, Yousaf says that hasn't stopped it from touching people here.

"When there's a tragedy that happens anywhere in the world, it affects all of us," he says. "I was just talking to a friend at U of T, and her classmate was on the flight. We're all connected to each other."

With most of her relatives still living in Iran, Zevari says the last few weeks have been hard. It's even harder for the international students, she adds.

"A lot of my international student friends who are Iranians do have this fear, they're checking the news every day to see what could potentially happen," she says. "So yeah, there is a lot of fear and tension among my friends and colleagues."

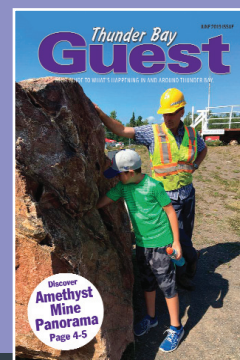
Organizers said seeing solidarity from those outside the Iranian community was important. MP Patty Hajdu and MPP Judith Monteith-Farrell were among those who showed up to the vigil.

"Having a group of people just to come out was a visual representation of how, regardless of nationality... it's not about that," said Sadeghi. "It's mostly about the human loss we've endured, kind of surpassing all of those borders to make something like this happen."



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Craft Cares launch

THUNDER BAY
By Doug Dlaczuk - TB Source

For the second year, the Sleeping Giant Brewery is proving that craft beer is about more than going out for a drink; it's about building a community and helping others.

"It's really exciting to see that spread and the fact that we are highlighting that craft beer is not just about drinking beer, it's about a community and being involved," said Andrea Mulligan, CEO and co-founder of Sleeping Giant Brewery.

Last week, Sleeping Giant Brewery launched its annual Craft Cares, a charitable program designed to provide licensees an opportunity to support a charity of their choice where the brewery donates 50 cents from every Sleeping Giant product sold.

"What's really exciting is every licensee has chosen a different charity," Mulligan said. "So we are seeing the Boys and Girls Club represented, the Symphony, all those different charities that are important to those individuals and businesses in the community."

The program began last year with a focus on Thunder Bay and this year more than 80 licensees have signed up from across Northern Ontario, including Burlington, Dryden, Fort Frances, Hearst, Longlac, Nipissing, North Bay, Red Lake, Sault Ste. Marie, Sioux Lookout, and Sudbury.

"Last year the focus was just Thunder Bay and our immediate community, but we thought with the support expanding beyond our community walls, we thought it would be nice to spread the goodness and after that Christmas cheer to spread some good cheer and get everybody involved," Mulligan said.

The Branch 5 Legion participated in Craft Cares last year and president, Les Newman, said they wanted to again in order to help veterans in the community.

"We do carry their products in the club room and they are a very good seller," he said. "And allowing us to choose our own charity, we chose one that is near and dear to our hearts."

The charity chosen by the Branch 5 Legion is the Thunder Bay and District Veterans Fund.

"The money that is raised goes towards helping veterans who are in need," Newman said. "I get to deal



FUNDRAISER: Andrea Mulligan, CEO of Sleeping Giant Brewery, pours an ale to launch Craft Cares.

with the veterans that need assistance and the type of assistance they need is all over the map. This helps us to help them."

Sleeping Giant Brewery is also launching a new rosé ale in support of Craft Cares.

Last year more than \$11,000 was raised for local charities and Mulligan said they are hoping with the expansion this year to reach or exceed a goal of \$20,000 and turn Craft Cares into a province-wide movement.

"Our dream, especially the craft beer industry, it is a really tight knit community, so our dream is to expand the craft cares movement to other breweries and across Ontario," she said. "This is our first step."

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Underground Gym seeks new home

THUNDER BAY
By Leith Dunick - TB Source

The operator of the Underground Gym is making an appeal to the city to donate a Leith Street property to keep the facility alive.

Peter Panetta, who late last year announced he was going to have to close the Simpson Street location he'd operated out of for more than a decade-and-a-half because of a broken water pipe that flooded the dilapidated building's basement, plans to ask city council to consider donating a property at 201 Leith Street.

"It is the right location because it is in the same area where we have established a following for many years. Now we have second-generation children of the kids that we took care of for many years," Panetta said in Facebook post.

"It is also spacious enough to accommodate all of our programs. It is the perfect location."

Panetta said he's hopeful the city can help out the

grassroots organization, adding the money they do have is needed to provide the programming, which includes providing food to youth who might otherwise go without, boxing and music.

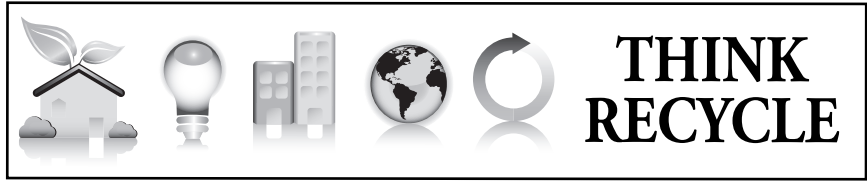
"No need to tell you the money that the city will be saving by having these vulnerable youth involved in positive activities. It is a proven fact it works," Panetta said.

Panetta said since a fire ravaged two adjacent buildings in late 2019, including the Hells Angels clubhouse, he's been picking up Underground Gym youth in the organization's bus and taking them on outings, but it's left the teenagers who used the facility out in the cold.

McKellar Coun. Brian Hamilton, responding to comments made on NetNewsLedger.com's Facebook page, said he is aware of the Underground Gym's need.

"Haven't seen the final proposal. Council has been working with Peter behind the scenes to get this on the table," Hamilton said.

Investing in the future



KEITH AILEY
THE GOOD LIFE

There is no denying that adults have a profound influence on young people. When we invest our time to mentor children, the

results can be life-changing. If I really think about it, I can attribute just about every passion I have to the influence of the adults in my life. My love of art and writing comes from my favourite teachers. My love of athletics comes from coaches who volunteered their time. Even my love of ice cream can be traced back to my uncle George who always kept a well-stocked freezer. Perhaps the most important influencers however were my parents and my uncle John who always made sure I had plenty of opportunities to be outside, usually fishing or hunting grouse.

One of my favourite childhood memories was going out ice fishing. Actually, I probably did very little fishing. I was far more interested in riding the snowmobile and making a fire than catching fish, and that's alright. In fact, I would probably say the key factor when exposing young people to the great outdoors is simply getting them outside. Don't worry if you wanted them to fall in love with fishing but the kids would rather build a snow fort instead of skimming ice off the hole. Eventually, after enough exposure, they will surely fall in love with fishing (or snowshoeing or skiing or whatever winter activities you are exposing them to.)

Of course, getting a child outside on a crisp winter day isn't always going to be easy. There are plenty of modern distractions that make staying home really easy. Keeping that in mind, here are a few tips that will help ensure the next outdoor adventure won't be the last:

1. Pick your day wisely. Winter activities tend to go well when the temperatures are mild and the wind is calm.
2. Let them invite a friend. It is amazing how you'll never hear "I'm bored" when there are multiple kids involved in your adventure.
3. Bring snacks. The fish aren't always hungry, but kids are. Bringing lots of treats is a great way to keep everyone happy.
4. Dress for the occasion. Dressing in warm layers is key, but it is also wise to bring extra socks for when their boots get filled with snow, and extra mitts to replace the ones that went in the ice fishing hole.
5. Pass the rod. My daughters have probably



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BIG CATCH: The author's daughter with a lake trout

not felt too many bites on the end of their line, but they have reeled in a pile of fish because every bite gets passed to them.

6. Take a deep breath. Yes, the fish will often get away because children don't keep enough tension on the line. There will also be big tangles in the reel, rod tips will be broken, and stuff is going to fall to the bottom of the lake. It's not a big deal, and it is important that the kids know these mistakes are not reason enough to quit.

Allowing a child to experience the great outdoors is one of the best ways we can invest our time. So far, this winter has had plenty of warm days that afford us the opportunity to get outside. Let's hope that trend continues as we head into the second half of January.

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There was a comedy of errors out on the farm



FRED JONES
RURAL ROOTS

It all began with Farmer Fred making a cock-up of changing the oil on his ancient tractor, Big Red. The rule involves a 'part two' in which one must also change the two fuel filters. So, changing the oil and fuel filters go hand in hand as it were. Changing the oil? Easy. Changing the fuel filters? Therein lies my tale.

As I wrote last column, I blamed Murphy (of Murphy's Law) for the ensuing Things-That-Could-Go-Wrong-And-Did. I called for help and my young mechanically-inclined friend came to the rescue. Red had been sitting in the middle of the yard dead as a doornail having died suddenly when I drove it out of the shelter to clear snow. No amount of coaxing could get Red to start.

Young friend showed up Saturday afternoon when, of course, it was freezing cold to attempt to solve the

problem of the recalcitrant Red. He tried everything, including putting a propane heater on the fuel lines in the hopes to thaw them. "You probably had condensation build up in your fuel tank if you let the fuel level get low," he said. I had. After an hour of heating the line still Red would start up and die after thirty seconds. Dang!

"I will come back tomorrow. Forty minutes before I arrive, make sure the tarp is on the tractor and start up the heater," friend ordered.

Sunday friend showed up with another young, mechanically-inclined friend. At

least they made it onto the property but their truck got hung up at the entrance to the driveway. It was an easy thing to do since I had not been able to keep the driveway clear of snow since Red was dead.

"We'll have to get our truck and see if we can pull stuck truck out. Stuck truck had slid into a wee incline. But our truck was attached to our hay trailer with four round hay bales on it waiting for Red to get fixed so that Farmer Fred could remove same and deposit them in the hay storage area of the barn.

My long-suffering wife, Laura, had just returned from town and relayed the stuck truck news to me. By the time I suited up and made it across the yard to the barn, the two young men had pushed the hay off of the trailer and pushed the bales into the place where we store them. Wow! Oh, to be young and strong once again. NOT! I drove the truck and trailer

out of the barn and we detached the trailer so that I could then drive to where stuck truck was patiently waiting to become unstuck. Young friend attached a chain to both vehicles and then said pull which I did. Boy, his truck was really in there! We tried again and my truck slid off the other side of the drive. Now I was truly stuck. Great.

"Get your quad and see if it can get us out," I was instructed. Second young friend came into the barn to announce that I didn't need the quad; they had managed to get their truck un-stuck. Now it was my truck's turn to be freed. Chain attached to rear of my truck and wham! Out my truck came.

Young friend drove his truck to beside tractor and attached jumper cables to tractor battery. While he played with "bleeding" the fuel lines, I stood on Red's clutch and upon instruction would press the starter button. Twice Red fired

up but immediately died. Eventually, young mechanic friend checked the fuel filters that I had changed. And this is where Farmer Fred got found out: I hadn't replaced one of the "o" rings on the filter and that was permitting air to get into the fuel system. Mea culpa, mea culpa!

The fuel filters were repositioned (thank goodness I had extra "o" rings) but the fuel would not feed into the fuel filters. By now it was late and cold, and getting dark. "I will return tomorrow. At one o'clock cover the tractor with the tarp and turn on the heater in front of the filters," he said and then drove off with other young, mech-inc friend.

Perhaps Murphy only played a small part in this Comedy of Errors.

So, you will have to wait until next week for the conclusion (it is hoped) of the on-going Saga of Farmer Fred and his Tractor Red.

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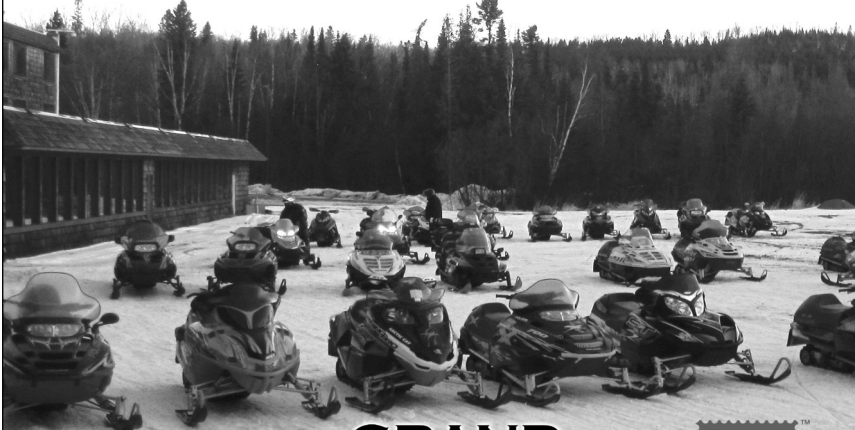
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MOVIE TALK

The plot of *1917* is both basic yet dire. Two British lance corporals (George Mackay [Pride a NOSFA feature in 2014] and Dean-Charles Chapman) are issued an impossible mission: they must navigate through enemy lines to deliver an urgent message to prevent two battalions from walking into a German trap that could mean a massacre of 1,600 men, including the brother of Chapman's character, a lieutenant on the front.

With message in hand, off they go. We follow them sloshing through water-logged craters, contending with muck, barb wire, dead bodies both human and animal, booby traps, and rats.

1917 is intended as an immersive experience, and director and co-screenwriter Sam Mendes has his camera sinuously follow the duo up close on their gut-wrenching journey seemingly in one take, feeling as though it's in real time.

Horror and chaos abound, interspersed by moments of quietude. There are mini gun battles and scrambles through soldier-filled trenches. Threats come from everywhere, including the sky, as a shot down enemy plane lands virtually in their laps.

Mendes' sense of verisimilitude is derived from recollections from his grandfather. It is interesting to note that the plot



WAR STAR: George Mackay stars in *1917*.

here is aiming to save lives versus other WWI films including *Gallipoli* and *Paths of Glory* where enlisted men were generally regarded as cannon fodder.

Encounters with senior officers underline respect for command and other sobering realities. When delivering the message to a superior, cautions one officer played by Mark Strong, "Make sure there are witnesses. Some love to fight."

Roger Deakins renowned cinematography shines, especially in one terrifying sequence where nighttime flares create splatters of both scarily revealing light and spectre-like shadows. Thomas Newman's

droning soundtrack creates an undertow of suspense.

1917 succeeds in putting us through an emotional wringer. Already a Golden Globe winner for Best Picture, it's deservedly up for 10 Oscars.

Another film dealing with protagonists facing impossible odds is *Just Mercy*. Based on a true story, the film features freshly-minted Harvard lawyer Bryan Stevenson (Michael B. Jordan) who in the early 1990s sets up a practice in Alabama with the help of local legal advocate Eva Ansley (Brie Larson) to defend those unjustly accused and condemned to Death Row.

Almost immediately, he's confronted with the sensational case of one convicted murderer Walter McMillian (Jamie Foxx) whose incarceration is based on the flimsiest of evidence and Stevenson strives to prove his innocence. From the outset, odds seem stacked against them. Stevenson must turn the state's one dubious material witness, Ralph Myers (Tim Blake Nelson), himself a convicted felon, who's been forced to perjure himself. Mounting machinations seem to spell doom for the case.

Director Destin Daniel Cretton outlines the story in a straightforward fashion, though it's a bit short on some detail and characterization, and there are nagging melodramatic good guy vs bad guy tendencies. The script also could have used some beefing up in the closing act to really work as a damning indictment of inequities in the U.S. legal system. The cast, though, is excellent. Stick around for the closing credits that add pertinent details to the story.

TBSO presenting Women of Blues

Thursday

Tanyalee Davis may not be the tallest comedian out there, but she still manages to pack a pretty funny punch. Described as the Ferrari of comedy, she's bringing her world-famous show to Crickets Comedy Club. Tickets are \$10 to \$15. Doors open at 6 p.m.



**OUT &
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WEEKLY TOP 5

Thursday

Jazzy Thursday Nights are a weekly event at the Foundry. This week listen to the sweet stylings of the Joe Petsch Quartet. From 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Friday/ Saturday

The Thunder Bay Symphony Orchestra is putting on its Northern Lights 2 : Second Light performance at the Thunder Bay Community Auditorium. Back by popular demand, with Zoey Williams and Nancy Freeborn, who will channel their inner Billy Holiday and Diana Ross. Tickets are \$12 to \$45 at the box office or online.

Sunday

Vox Popular's Popcorn Club presents Dee McCullay's Northern Lights: A

UFO Documentary from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. featuring local sightings. Trinity Hall, Donations of \$8 appreciated.

Sunday

Port Arthur Legion is hosting a fundraising breakfast featuring pancake and Finn pancakes, eggs, roasted potatoes, bacon, sausage, toast, fruit slices, orange juice, tea and coffee.

Don't forget they also have blueberry syrup, strawberries and whipped cream to top your pancakes. Breakfast will be served from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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A new year, a new show, a new song

NBC started 2020 with something extraordinary. Her name is Zoey and she has a playlist.

Full disclosure: I grew up in a musical and theatre family. My dad sang, my mother was a piano teacher, all three kids played instruments and my sister and I danced. I knew Fred Astaire, Gene Kelly, Ginger Rogers, Judy Garland, and Mickey Rooney before any songs on the radio. Music has always been a part of my life. It's how I process the world.

So the pilot of *Zoey's Extraordinary Playlist* was right up my alley. Zoey is a quiet, rather sad computer programmer whose father is suffering from a neurological disorder that makes him unable to speak or move. After a freak event in an MRI, Zoey is suddenly able to hear people's innermost hidden thoughts and feelings through songs that only she can hear.

This isn't the first time network tele-



vision has incorporated music into a dramedy. Ally McBeal had a dancing baby. Eli Stone became a prophet after George Michael sang that he "Gotta Have Faith" in his living room.

Full disclosure No. 2: I was a dedicated fan of both shows and am a proud owner of Eli Stone DVDs.

More recently, *Glee* and then *Crazy Ex-Girlfriend* had their fair share of musical followers. The genre allows

writers to play more with the audience and break a few rules.

One of the problems many people have with musical theatre is the idea of people going about their day and then suddenly bursting into song and dance with full orchestration. Not really a melophile herself, Zoey has the same problem. So in the pilot, she gives a lot of laugh-out-loud commentary about the songs she hears and the people she "sees" singing them.

Ally McBeal believed that people's lives should have a theme song. So it was important that she choose the right one. Eli Stone took the music that came to him as directions for his actions. The key was to interpret them correctly. Zoey takes a nod from both.

And in a sea of network crime procedurals and dark streaming service dramas, Zoey is a breath of fresh air. The show is poignant. She

is finally able to connect with her father in a musical moment.

It's funny. How would you feel if a mob of strangers started chasing you down the street in choreographed unison?

And it focuses on a problem in our society. People don't really communicate. We aren't connecting in any real or honest way.

Fans of the genre will love that the show is full of talented singers and even an Emmy-winning choreographer. (Thank you, Mandy Moore.) But if you didn't like *La-La Land*, this probably won't be up your alley.

The biggest problem with Zoey's Extraordinary Playlist is that the follow-up episode won't air for a month. And we all know how long TV audiences' attention spans are.

But if you remember, it's certainly worth a listen. After all, I hear music is good for you.



MUSICAL MOMENTS: Jane Levy plays Zoey Clarke on NBC's Zoey's Extraordinary Playlist.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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 - 7 More!
 - 10 Cloth make from bark
 - 11 Comparative (suf.)
 - 12 Stir up
 - 14 Religious image
 - 15 Aloud
 - 17 Air (pref.)
 - 18 Of the sun
 - 19 Barely get by
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 - 34 Sheep shelter
 - 35 Amer. Society of Composers, Authors, and
- Publishers (abbr.)**
- 37 King in India
 - 39 Rom. first day of the month
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 - 42 Vegetable
 - 45 Annoy
 - 47 Compass direction
 - 50 Sweet red wine
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Sports

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Ice racing back on the Bay

The popular winter sport has a tradition dating back at least 60 years in Thunder Bay

RACING

By Ian Kaufman - TB Source

It's hard to match the majestic stillness of Lake Superior in winter, but with the powerful whine of engines and dramatic sprays of snow as colourful cars jockey around tight corners, the spectacle of ice racing offers its own charms.

A committed group of local enthusiasts have been racing cars on the lake for over 60 years, says Gary Adomko. The president of the Thunder Bay Autosport Club was at Mission Bay, just south of Mission Island, along with about 100 others on Sunday for the first race of the season.

The group waits until ice is at least a foot thick before kicking off the season, which usually lasts through mid-March. There is no fee to come watch, though the group asks for donations to help cover costs.

Volunteers finished clearing a track about 1.8 kilometres long in the protected bay on Saturday night. The inaugural race day saw nine cars compete in the rubber class (that is, with unstudded tires) and three in the studded class. Those numbers are lower than average, but Adomko says that's not unusual for the season's first race, as drivers get their cars ready for action.

"It's a rush, that's for sure," said driver Rick Mercuri, after winning the first heat in the studded class. "There's no money being made or anything like that – it's all about bragging rights. If you lose, at least you came out and had fun, gave the spectators a little something to watch. And what else are you going to do on a Sunday?"

Mercuri, who owns Central Auto Parts & Service with his brother, has been racing here for at least 25 years. He says it's the camaraderie of the team-based sport that keeps him coming back. Drivers and spectators alike tend to convene at the



BURNING RUBBER: The ice racing season kicked off at Mission Bay last Sunday.

Wayland Bar & Grill after races.

"It's just a big group of guys lovin' it, and without them, none of this would happen," he says. "Before the year even starts, [volunteers] are here day and night. You're talking racing, you're thinking racing, you're sleeping racing."

Adomko says the pastime is one way to get through Thunder Bay's long winters.

"You gotta do something when you live in the

north, whether it's snowmobiling, driving these cars on the ice, or perhaps doing some cross-country skiing," he says. "You gotta embrace the winter and go with it."

Races are planned every Sunday at noon through March 8. The Don Kettering Memorial race, which also draws teams from Minnesota, takes place Feb. 15 and 16. Updates can be found on the group's Facebook page.

Connor McDavid hype getting a little out of hand

Last week, Edmonton's Connor McDavid scored an absolutely brilliant goal against the Toronto Maple Leafs, undressing both defenceman Morgan Rielly and goaltender Michael Hutchinson in the process.

McDavid's moves were ridiculously athletic and showcased why most hockey fans believe he's the best player of his generation.

Two days later, I saw a tweet from *The Hockey News* columnist Ken Campbell, who labelled McDavid the most gifted player who ever played.

A work colleague called him the greatest ever.

McDavid is phenomenal, and it's tough to compare eras, but that conversation starts and ends with Wayne Gretzky and Mario Lemieux.

Those two dominated the game like none before or since.

What more needs to be said about the Great One? He's the only player to surpass 200 points in a season, and he did it four times.

Jaromir Jagr and Mark Messier are the only players within 1,000 points all-time. Even when you adjust for era, as Hockey Reference does, Gretzky's still 285 points ahead of Howe, the high-flying '80s factored in. Gretzky owns five of the top 10 adjusted single-season totals too. McDavid's best effort to date ranks 42nd.

Gretzky's also got the championship pedigree, winning three Stanley Cups in Edmonton.

Sure, he was surrounded by a hall-of-fame cast for much of his career, but I think a lot of people forget that Gretzky basically single-handedly willed an expansion Oilers team into the 1980 playoffs, a team

bolstered by the likes of Dave Lumley, Brett Callighen and Stan Weir. In fact, Gretzky made the NHL playoffs in his first 13 seasons.

When McDavid arrived in Edmonton in 2015, the Oilers had a trio of No. 1 overall picks and a budding superstar in Leon Draisaitl. He's been to the playoffs once. And might not get there this season.

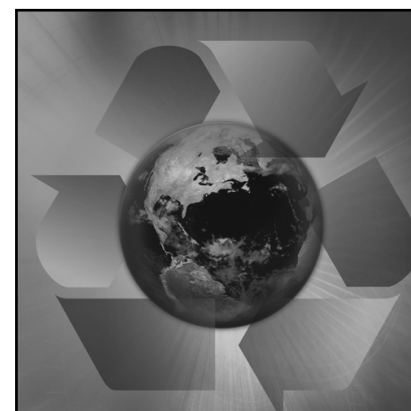
As for Lemieux, he might be the greatest physical specimen to ever play the game.

He turned the Penguins into Stanley Cup champions – albeit after four seasons on the playoff sidelines to start his career. After battling through injuries, when he was diagnosed with cancer, he retired for three years, only to return in 2000-01. He also played through an era of clutch-and-grab and neutral-zone trap that has largely been eliminated from the game today.

Connor McDavid is a great player, and on track for the hall of fame, no doubt. But he's no Gretzky or Lemieux.



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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Wolves win two at York

The York Lions may be last in the OUA West, but it doesn't mean they can't be dangerous to teams in the playoff hunt.

The host Lions (5-15-1) took a 2-1 lead into the third period on Saturday night, but goals by Josh Laframboise and Jordan King turned things around for the Lakehead Thunderwolves, delivering a 3-2 triumph to complete the weekend sweep.

Laframboise evened the score at 5:48 of the third, King scoring the winner 2:23 later on York goalie Mack Shields.

Jordan Larson had the Wolves other goal, opening the scoring on the power play at 9:34 of the second.

Morgan Messenger had both goals for the Lions, coming 4:06 apart in the middle stanza.

Nic Renyard made 25 saves to earn the win. The sixth-place Thunderwolves (10-8-2) return home next weekend for games against Western.

Miners leave with win

Skyler Tremblay scored the game-winner at the 7:50 mark of the second period on Saturday night as the Red Lake Miners salvaged a weekend split in a battle of the top two teams in the Superior International Junior Hockey League.

Cody Bruchkowsky had the lone goal for the host North Stars.

Carson Lux, Noah Kwasny and Jordan Baranesky had the other goals for Red Lake, who climbed back to within five points of first-place Thunder Bay in the SIJHL standings. The Stars won 6-3 on Friday night.

Musher heads to Iditarod

THUNDER BAY

By Ian Kaufman – TB Source

Local musher Julia Cross will take a big step closer to her dog sledding dreams when she runs the Junior Iditarod at the end of February. The two-day, 150-mile junior version offers participants aged 14 to 17 a taste of the world-famous, 1,000-mile Iditarod sled dog race.

Both versions of the race take place in Alaska, where Cross, 17, will steer her dog team through average temperatures of -20 C. Human and canine participants alike must brave the elements for the duration of the race, which begins on Feb. 29.

Cross has been involved with dog sledding since the age of five, and started racing in 2013. This will be her biggest race so far, though she has run others up to 120 miles long. Speaking in her backyard, surrounded by four sled dogs, Cross seems unfazed by the challenge she'll be taking on in a matter of weeks.

"It's actually not nearly as dangerous as most people think. The trails are marked, so we hopefully don't get lost – although I've gotten lost a couple of times," she chuckles. "There are people out on the trails making sure you're ok, and you have a GPS tracker the race marshals can follow."

Nine other participants have registered for the junior race so far, in advance of the Feb. 15 deadline. Cross is the only Canadian, and one of only two non-Alaskans along with a competitor from Sweden. She says she's more focused on completing the race well than on winning it.

"My goal is not always to win," she maintains. "I want to finish the race with the happiest and healthiest dog team I can, because that's what's more important."

Competing in the junior version of the iconic Iditarod will put her one step closer to a long-held goal.

"When I first got involved in dog sled racing, the race that popped up was the Iditarod," she explains.



LONG-TERM PASSION: Julia Cross, 17, has been involved in dog-sled racing for about the past seven years.

"Everyone knows it and it's kind of been my dream. You get to spend more than a week out on the trail with just you and your dogs, and that's something that's really appealing to me."

She says the fact that no Canadian – and only two females – has ever won the race is an additional motivating factor.

Alaskan musher Ryan Reddington will provide her team, while Cross is working with numerous businesses in Thunder Bay and beyond to help finance the excursion. Gear Up for Outdoors has

provided her winter gear, while meat for the dogs will come from George's Market. She says she's about halfway to her fundraising goal, and more companies have been reaching out to support her.

Cross says she's excited to represent Thunder Bay in a high-profile international race. While the city's sled dog racing scene is small, it's an ideal location for the sport.

"We're actually in a really nice spot for dog mushing," she says. "We've got good snow levels, a good winter, not super hot summers."



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