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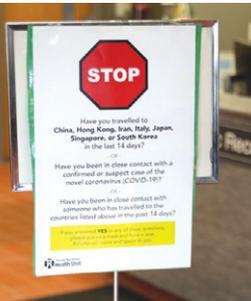
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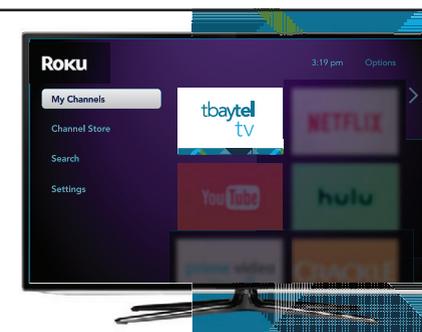
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LOCAL NEWS

Local labour movement strong one

Thunder Bay has a very rich and important labour movement history. For the first 35 years of the 20th century the Lakehead was at the centre of radical politics and unionism in Canada. This history helped to shape attitudes and behaviour and vestiges of it remain in the city's built environment – such as the Finnish Labour Temple – but also within its people and organizations, as evidenced by the continuing role of trade unions.



JOHN PATEMAN

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Thunder Bay can claim its place as the birthplace of leftism in Canada because of the economic, social and political conditions that gave rise to an array of left-wing organizations, including the Communist Party, the One Big Union, and the Industrial Workers of the World.

The 1920s were dominated by the establishment and eventual predominance of the Communist Party in Thunder Bay. The Communists developed a massive base with the Finns taking the lead not only in party building but also in participating in the many other fronts of communist activity, from union building to cultural struggle.

During the Great Depression the Communist Party implemented Stalin's 'Bolshevization' plan by

organizing revolutionary unions of its own in keeping with the Communist International's declaration that capitalism had entered the Third Period and revolutionary change was imminent. This led to massive demonstrations and growing solidarity.

Another useful overview can be found in *Essays in Northwestern Ontario Working Class History: Thunder Bay and Environs*, edited by Michel Beaulieu, who suggests that 'the history of Northwestern Ontario is the history of the working class.'

The region's development is, by its very nature, one that cannot be understood without exploring the triumphs and defeats of the working class.'

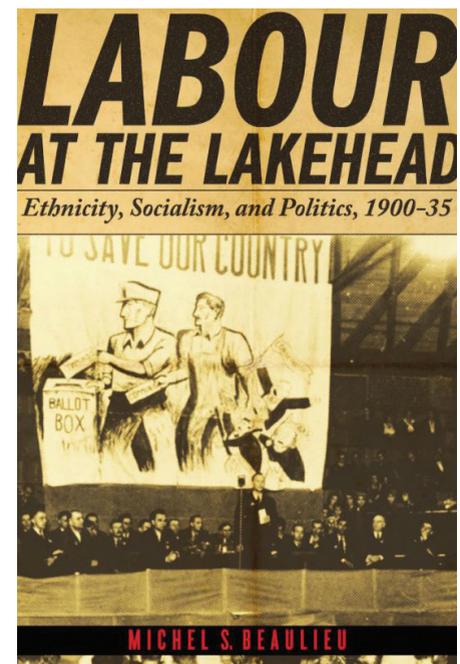
There is a chapter on 'Rosvall and Voutilainen: Two Union Men Who Never Died' by Satu Repo who tells the story of the disappearance and death of two Finnish union organizers, Viljo Rosvall and John Voutilainen, during a lumber strike near Port Arthur in 1929.

These men were killed because of their activism in the Lumber and Sawmill Workers Union and the Communist Party of Canada.

Through painful struggles and changing relationships, Thunder Bay's working class defined itself during the tumultuous years before the Great War.

Labour Pain: Thunder Bay's Working Class in Canada's Wheat Boom Era by Jean Morrison looks at many responses to the harshness of industrialism: trade unionism and labour politics, unrest and violence, the Social Gospel and socialism, mediation and conciliation.

Alliances and conflict, many ethnicities and various expressions of class consciousness all contributed to the making of the working class whose members and defenders embraced many remarkable individuals, known and unknown. We stand upon the shoulders of these giants as we continue the class struggle today.



LOCAL HISTORY: Labour at the Lakehead



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ONGOING CRISIS: Ontario Premier Doug Ford declared a state of emergency in the province on Tuesday.

Province declares a state of emergency

The declaration will see businesses and organizations required to close and \$304 million investment to fight the spread of COVID-19

HEALTH
By Doug Dlaczuk - TB Source

The province has declared a state of emergency in an effort to contain the increasing number of cases of COVID-19 in Ontario.

Premier Doug Ford made the announcement early Tuesday morning and the declaration will see sweeping measures put into place across the province.

"We are facing an unprecedented time in our history," Ford said in a media release issued by the province. "This is a decision that was not made lightly. COVID-19 constitutes a danger of major proportions. We are taking this extraordinary measure because we must offer our full support and every power possible to help our health care sector fight the spread of COVID-19. The health and wellbeing of every Ontarian must be our number one priority."

The declaration will require establishments across the province to close, including indoor recreational programs, public libraries, private schools, licensed child care centres, all bars and restaurants, except to the extent that facilities provide takeout food and delivery, all theatres, and concert venues.

Gatherings of more than 50 people are also prohibited, including parades, events, and communal services at places of worship.

"We are acting on the best advice of our Chief Medical Officer of Health and other leading public health officials across the province," said Deputy Premier and Health Minister Christine Elliott.

"We are facing an unprecedented time in our history."
DOUG FORD

"We know these measures will affect people's everyday lives, but they are necessary to ensure that we can slow the spread of COVID-19 and protect our people. We're working with all partners across the system, from public health to hospitals and community care, to do everything we can to contain this virus and ensure that the system is prepared to respond to any scenario."

The province is also investing up to \$304 million to enhance the province's response to COVID-19 by offering \$100 million for increased capacity in hospitals, \$50 million for more testing and screening, \$50 million to protect frontline workers, \$25 million to support frontline workers, \$50 million for long-term care homes, \$20 million for residential facilities, \$5 million to protect seniors in retirement homes, and \$4 million for Indigenous communities.

There are currently 177 cases of COVID-19 in Ontario and 424 in Canada.

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Rebuilding the Liberal brand

POLITICS

By Leith Dunick – TB Source

As he attempts to rebuild a decimated Ontario Liberal Party, newly chosen leader Steven Del Duca says the Liberal party is in the fight of its life.

To help win the battle in Ontario's north, the former transportation minister says he wants to ensure Northern Ontario returns to prosperous economic times.

One way, if elected, will be looking at ways to decentralize government and bring anchor jobs to the regions. Another is to re-launch the basic income pilot project, which was cancelled by Premier Doug Ford and the Conservatives shortly after being elected in 2018.

Thunder Bay was one of three Ontario communities chosen to take part in the project.

"During the leadership I did say I was committed to re-launching the basic income pilot, which was so callously cut, and cut without warning and cut as a broken promise by Doug Ford and his friends," Del Duca said on Wednesday afternoon at a media availability at long-time Liberal MPP Michael Gravelle's constituency office.

"If we're elected in 2022, we will restart the basic income pilot."

Starting from the bottom

Del Duca, whose party has been reduced to just seven members, also said he'd commit to continuing the twinning of Highway 11-17 between Thunder Bay and Nipigon, while also moving ahead with a Conservative plan to twin the highway between Kenora and the Manitoba border.

The province, under Ford, has yet to outline any concrete plans to complete the former project, which Gravelle has championed since first being elected in 1995, while touting plans for a stretch of the Trans-Canada near Kenora.

"There's no reason they can't do both," Del Duca said. "At the end of the day, with the capacity the provincial government has, with all the work that had gone into this, under the leadership of Michael Gravelle and others, they should be able to do both. I support both aspects of that four-laning ... That work needs to occur."

Del Duca acknowledged his party will need to raise millions of dollars over the course of the next 26 months in order to build itself back up and said after taking Sunday off, he's hit the ground running. The former transportation minister does not have a seat at Queen's Park and plans to use the time to get feedback and get the party ready for the 2022 election.

"We will need to find well over 100 candidates who are not currently incumbents, not currently MPPs in the legislature. We'll have



RE-START: Liberal Leader Steven Del Duca will bring back the basic income pilot.

to raise millions of dollars over the next couple of years in order to go toe to toe and compete successfully with Doug Ford. And we're going to have to – and this is the most important part – we're going to have to develop a platform of compelling ideas that once again give the people of the Northwest, the North, and all of Ontario a sense that they can trust us to govern."

**"I support both aspects of that four-laning."
STEVEN DEL DUCA**

Rebuilding that confidence and trust is critically important to the party rebuild, Del Duca added.

"But all of it requires hard work and requires us to be relentless."

One candidate he won't have to recruit is Gravelle, who on Wednesday committed to running in 2022, seeking his eighth election win.

"He's an incredible champion for Thunder Bay, and incredible champion for the north and I've relied on him heavily and will continue to rely on him heavily in the months leading up to the election and beyond," Del Duca said.

Work to do

The Liberal leader also touched on the future of Thunder Bay's Bombardier plant, noting that it's a tough issue that will require further study. The company recently agreed to sell its rail division to a French company.

"I suspect I'll have more to say about that in the coming weeks and months. I'm not exactly sure, standing here today what the right move is," Del Duca said.

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LOCAL NEWS

Health Unit monitoring COVID-19 situation

HEALTH

By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

As the number of COVID-19 cases continues to rise across the country, particularly in the province of Ontario, public health officials in Thunder Bay say it's important the city and individuals continue to take the necessary steps to reduce the risk of spreading the virus.

"We remain here in the province and in Canada more broadly in containment mode, which is about limiting the spread of COVID-19 cases and overall slowing the spread of this virus in our communities," said Thunder Bay District Health Unit CEO Janet DeMille during an update to media on Monday.

In Canada there are 324 cases as of Monday, with Ontario having the highest number of cases at 145. However, DeMille said there are still no confirmed cases in the Thunder Bay district and no evidence of community spread.

It was announced on Saturday that a woman in Fort Frances tested positive for COVID-19 after returning to Canada from a Caribbean cruise operating out of the United States. The Northwestern Health Unit said there is no risk of transmission to the general public and those who were in close contact with the woman are in self-isolation, including an individual



EVOLVING SITUATION: Thunder Bay District Health Unit CEO, Janet DeMille.

in Thunder Bay.

"As I indicated before most of the new cases of COVID-19 are travel related and this is what we expect to see in Northwestern Ontario - people returning from various places in the world, including the United States, who may be bringing back COVID-19," DeMille said. "It would not be surprising that we see more of these travel related cases here. But that does not mean there is community spread of the virus."

Self-isolation for returning travellers

The Health Unit is advising all individuals returning from international destinations, including the United

States, to self-isolate for 14 days and contact Telehealth or the Health Unit if symptoms arise. Self-isolation does not apply to those travelling within Canada, DeMille said.

"If people do the responsible thing and self-isolate when they come home and follow-up with public health if they have symptoms, that really minimizes the risk of spread," she added.

For those who may develop symptoms, DeMille is advising to use Telehealth or call the Thunder Bay District Health Unit.

An assessment centre has been setup outside of the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre and will be open and operational on Tuesday.

"This is not a walk-in place to go,"

DeMille said. "You need to be referred either through Telehealth or the Health Unit. It is very important that you don't attend the assessment centre if you don't have symptoms. There is a self-assessment tool now available on the TBDHU website to help you understand if you may need to be assessed."

As of Monday, 32 people have been tested for COVID-19 in Thunder Bay, including 10 new tests conducted over the weekend. Of those tested, 16 have come back negative.

DeMille stressed that if a case is confirmed in the city of Thunder Bay, the Health Unit will notify the public and it is important to not be taken in by rumours and misinformation being spread on social media and non-credible sources.

"There are many rumours circulating on social media about cases that are potentially here," she said. "We hear about them every day. I want to let you know that I will tell you when there are cases of COVID-19 in this area."

When a case is found in the city, DeMille said it is difficult to determine how it might spread or to what extent, which is why it's so important to follow the measures that have already been put in place.

"I am pleased with the measures that have been put in place and I do expect more to be put in place as we move

forward, whether it's federally, by the province, or even locally," she said. "But it's also about what we do as individuals and as families that will all contribute to reducing the spread. If we all work together and do the right thing, we will do well."

Further measures

In terms of instituting further measures, such as closing down businesses or public transit, DeMille said that needs to be discussed because it can have significant consequences.

"There is also a downside to those closures that needs to be considered," she said. "That cannot be done indiscriminately, they must be thoughtful to mitigate any unintended consequences of implementing those measures."

DeMille added that the city's geographical isolation is an advantage but the city must also be seen as a gateway to the rest of the region, so actions taken here can help protect smaller, more remote communities throughout the north, including First Nations, which are at a higher risk.

"I have a concern with respect to First Nation communities in terms of the impact this could have on them," DeMille said. "I think they too have the advantage of putting in some measures, perhaps related to travel that will help them protect their communities."

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EDITORIAL

Stop spread of COVID-19

Coronavirus has now been declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization.

If you didn't think it was serious before, please take it seriously now.

The disease, which appears to have originated in China, is quickly spreading around the world and has already reached Northern Ontario.

It's not when, but if it lands in Thunder Bay, if it hasn't already.

There is plenty you can do to help stop its spread.

First and foremost, if you're sick, stay home. COVID-19, as it is also known, appears to be highly contagious and being out in public with it is one sure way to ensure it continues to make the rounds.

The result could be deadly, if not to you, then to your colleagues and neighbours.

Secondly, make sure you wash your hand frequently, and avoid touching your face.

We can't stress these two things enough.

While you might be sick of hearing about the coronavirus, failing to act to stop its spread is exactly how the disease will continue its deadly tour of the world.

If you happen to be diagnosed with the disease, make sure you self-quarantine yourself for the proscribed amount of time, for the good of everyone.

We know a lot more than we did about these types of diseases than we used to, let's put that knowledge to use this time.

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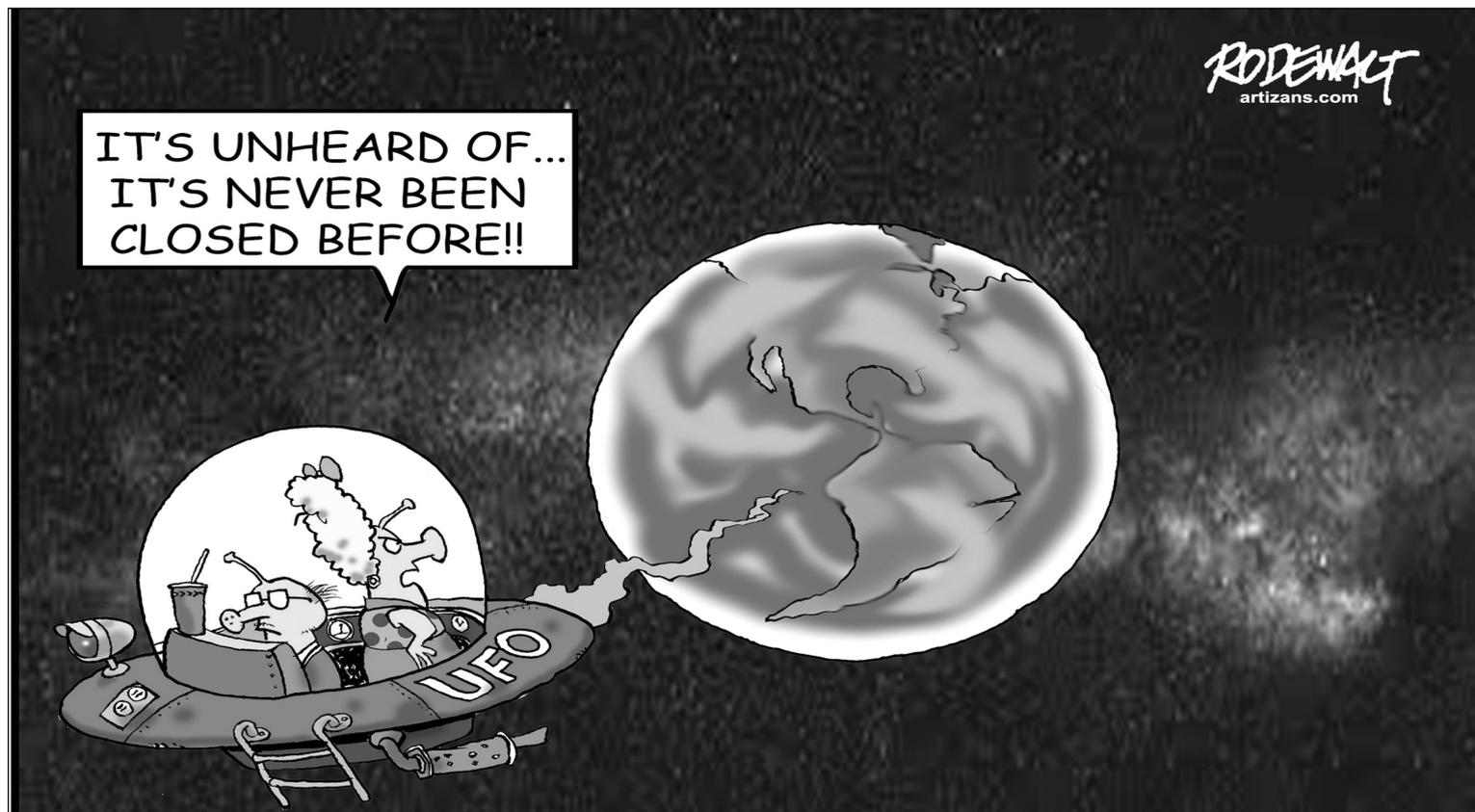
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



City deepens COVID-19 response

THUNDER BAY
By Ian Kaufman - TB Source

In a major update to its COVID-19 response, the City of Thunder Bay has announced the closure of a number of facilities, suspension of city council and committee meetings (with exceptions as required), and visitation restrictions at Pioneer Ridge and Jasper Place care homes.

The city will maintain other services, including public transit and childcare services not located inside of schools. However, residents are being asked to take city buses only for essential trips, and to prepare alternative childcare arrangements in light of the rapidly changing situation.

A number of city facilities closed their doors until further notice at the end of business hours on Monday. That includes recreation facilities the Canada Games Complex, Churchill and Volunteer pools, the Fort William Gardens, the Neebing, Delaney, Port Arthur, Grandview, and Current River arenas. It also applies to all community centres, including 55-Plus and West Arthur, the Kinsmen Youth Centre, the Baggage Building Arts Centre and Water Garden Pavilion.

In a press conference Monday, City Manager Norm Gale was unable to say whether employees at those facilities would continue to report to work, or whether they would continue to be

paid.

"I cannot comment on either one at this time," Gale said. "We're just not ready."

Gale suggested the answers to those questions may depend on which department or facility employees work under, or the nature of their collective agreement, but did not provide specifics.

Restrictions at long-term care

At Pioneer Ridge and Jasper Place, all visitation has been suspended except for residents who are "very ill or end of life," in line with newly-released provincial guidelines. The homes have also suspended large group programs and will focus on small group and individual programs.

Asked if the city had any concerns about potential shortages of medical or sanitary supplies in the care homes, Gale said the city has "contingencies" including supplies of personal protective equipment and cleaning products. But he did not rule out the possibility that could become a concern in the future.

"We are looking at sustainability for those supplies now," he said. "But should we be challenged in that, we'll be no different than any other municipality or entity in North America, frankly. We're doing

everything we can to protect the workers, the patients, and the public."

Mauro emphasized that the city's response could change quickly, based on the advice of the Thunder Bay District Health Unit and other authorities. The mayor expressed regret at having to close important services, but said it was necessary to dampen the risk of community transmission and the danger of overwhelming the hospital and other health services.

"We're very clearly aware of how reliant a number of people are on city services, and that is what makes the decisions we're announcing today very difficult. We know there will be consequences for people, but having said that, I think there's a very clear indication that many organizations and public institutions are making similar decisions. We all want to make sure we're ahead of this, not behind it."

Public transit continuing to run

The city is asking residents not to take public transit except for essential travel. Mauro expressed his desire to keep buses running, given that many rely on the service for essential day-to-day needs. The city says it is implementing enhanced cleaning and disinfection procedures on city buses.

"Obviously it's fundamental for a lot of people who don't have any other option, who need to have access to transit to attend to medical appointments or to get to work or whatever the case may be," he said. "So we've decided that we will be maintaining transit."

No cases of the virus have been identified in Thunder Bay as of Monday. However, the mayor warned the city is unlikely to escape the virus entirely.

"I think ultimately, it's very inevitable that we'll be faced with the virus in Thunder Bay," Mauro said. "I think most people would understand that's likely to be the case at some point."

For that reason, Mauro and Gale stressed that the city's response could change quickly as circumstances evolve. Gale warned parents with children in city-run daycares to get prepared in case closures do come. Two city-run daycares located inside of schools – Ogden and Woodcrest – are already closed at least through April 5, as directed by the province in connection with school closures during that period.

The municipality is also asking residents to access city services over the phone or online where possible, though most offices remain open for the time being.

Perspective

Significant diversions

OPINION

By J.R. Shermack
Special to TB Source

If you are like me, you probably need a diversion from the information overload and the rapidly spreading viral messages.

I am losing my perspective and I need something else to think about for a while.

In view of world events and I don't want to make light of the situation but isn't there anything else going on right now?

Sometimes I would like to wash my hands of this whole virus thing for a while (pun intended) and think more pleasant thoughts to relax for a while.

Human behavior still has the capacity to amuse, amaze and entertain—missions are being accomplished and notable achievements happen every day.

Some are more remarkable than others but I savor these momentary diversions, significant, trivial or otherwise

For example, a couple in England has established a two-acre furniture farm where they are currently growing 250 chairs, 50 tables and 100 lamps.

Instead of harvesting mature trees for lumber, Gavin and Alice Munro grow and shape usable furnishings on furniture trees in their orchard.

They began growing chairs in 2006 and eventually developed an effective way to shape trees into desired pieces of furniture as they mature.

They plan for an annual sustainable harvest as soon as 2023

although growing this organic furniture takes labor and a lot of time.

It takes six to nine years to grow a chair and another year for drying so they don't come cheap – tree-grown chairs sell for \$12,000 or more.

The furniture-growing couple are cultivating a dining set for themselves and they are prepared to wait the decade or so it will take to grow.

Furniture trees – what will they think of next?

Here's another diversion, a milestone that was achieved and officially recognized by Guinness World Records, also while our attention was focused elsewhere.

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Extra toppings include romany creams, orange blossom, maple syrup and bubble gum while adult offerings include whiskey, spiced rum and Jack Daniels Tennessee Fire.

Sadly, the restaurant serving 270 different shakes is in Capetown, South Africa and international

travel restrictions make this restaurant off limits to most of us.

And here's one additional silly story to ease your troubled mind – pigeons in Las Vegas, Nevada have been seen wearing tiny cowboy hats around town.

Some unknown person has been putting the hats on these birds and as cute as they appear, this prank has animal rights activists scrambling.

A local pigeon advocacy group known as Lofty Hopes is launching a "pigeon positive movement" to track the birds and remove their tiny hats.

Travel to Las Vegas is ill-advised right now but birds wearing cowboy hats can be seen on line as they square dance around town.

One amused observer offered a logical explanation for the birds' western attire – the rodeo is in town.

Our current health crisis will eventually be overcome but let's not lose our sense of humor.

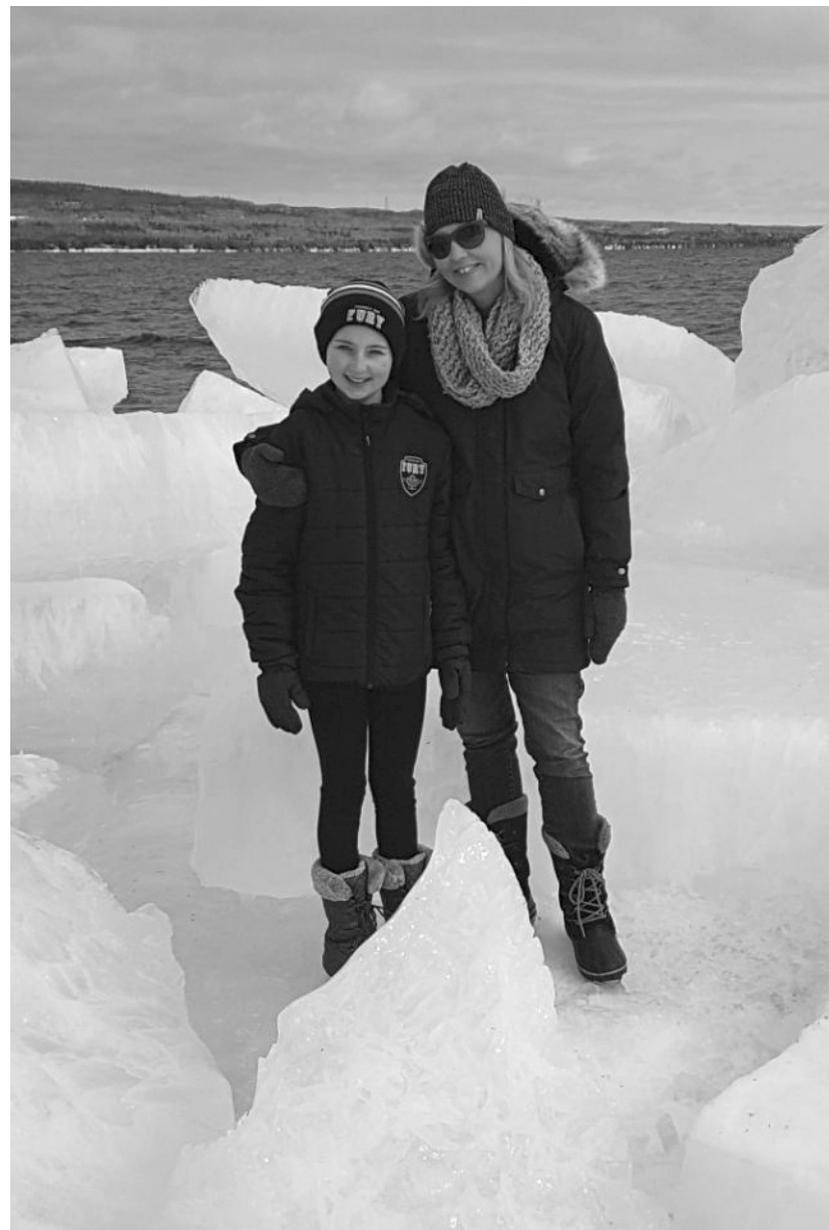
Think about furniture growing on trees, 270 milkshake flavors and flocks of pigeons wearing tiny cowboy hats.

To cope with the stress of everyday life laughter is a welcome diversion and sometimes it's the most effective medicine available.

Follow the advice of medical professionals, wash your hands to avoid infection and look for little diversions to keep it all in perspective.

"Furniture trees – what will they think of next?"

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JONATHAN WILSON

A look back in history: Teamwork

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LOCAL NEWS



DEAL REACHED: Local OECTA members, seen striking in January, will vote on a tentative agreement in early April.

OECTA reaches tentative deal

EDUCATION
By TB Source Staff

After months of stop-and-start contract negotiations and labour actions, Catholic teachers hope a tentative deal reached with the Ontario government will mean a return to normalcy in local schools.

Of course, normalcy may have to wait, with efforts to contain the spread of COVID-19 closing publicly-funded Ontario schools until at least April 6.

Amid that uncertainty, the province and the Ontario English Catholic Teachers Association (OECTA) managed to come to a tentative agreement Thursday after five straight days of talks. OECTA, which represents around 45,000 elementary and secondary teachers, is the first of Ontario's major teachers' unions to reach a tentative deal.

Carlo Cappello, president of OECTA's secondary unit in Thunder Bay, is hopeful the proposed agreement can deliver what everyone wants – an end to the uncertainty that included four days of local strike action.

"What we're hoping for is that this deal will be a solution to the issues of the strike, it'll be a calming point for our members, for parents, for students," he said.

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Cappello says it will take several weeks for the tentative deal to work its way through the union's review process, expected to culminate in a vote by OECTA members on April 7 and 8.

Cappello could not comment on any details of the deal. The government has publicly offered concessions on two issues unions had identified as sticking points: adding an opt-out option for e-learning, and increasing average secondary class sizes - currently mandated at 22 students - to 23, rather than their original target of 28.

Meanwhile, Cappello praised the province's decision to close schools for two weeks following March Break next week.

"I'm happy to see the government has taken these necessary steps to stave off any spread of the disease," he said. "It's definitely an unprecedented move, but we're happy to see these safety measures have been put in place."

Teen murder suspect may seek bail

COURT
By Karen Edwards - TB Source

A teenager charged with second-degree murder and aggravated assault in connection to a homicide earlier this month will soon begin the process of seeking bail.

The young male was the second suspect arrested in a north-side homicide that left one person dead and another person with injuries.

A section of the Youth Criminal Justice Act prevents the publication of the boy's name or any information that could identify him.

A separate temporary publication ban was imposed banning any information on evidence heard in court on Thursday.

The teenaged boy, who is in custody, made an in-

person court appearance on Thursday morning to say he would be retaining George Joseph as a lawyer and he may begin the bail process application in the near future.

He was remanded to a court date next week as his lawyer goes over the disclosure provided by Crown counsel.

Members of the Thunder Bay Police Service were dispatched just after midnight on March 3 to the 100-block of Picton Avenue.

When officers arrived, they located two female victims outside near the street. Both victims were transported to the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre where one victim died of her injuries.

Police arrested Brianna Lynn Netemgesic, 20, in the early morning hours of March 3, who was charged with second-degree murder and aggravated assault.

LOCALNEWS

Administration recommends fire plan

Recommendations in the new fire department plan would be implemented in stages over a period of several years

THUNDER BAY
By Gary Rinne - TB Source

City administration is recommending Thunder Bay city council vote to adopt the new master plan that would implement significant changes for Thunder Bay Fire Rescue.

The plan, prepared by consultants, was first made public in December.

It drew immediate criticism from the Thunder Bay Professional Firefighters Association, which said it could result in the closure of two or more fire halls, a reduced response time, and service cuts in some parts of the city.

However, an administration report prepared for council's meeting next Monday says the report's recommendations support "continued operational and organizational

improvement."

Administration proposes to work on short-term recommendations before tackling longer-term changes proposed by the consultants.

One of the immediate staffing recommendations relates to the number of personnel assigned to pumper/rescue trucks.

The fifth crew member currently assigned to each of the two pumper/rescue units would be utilized as floaters to help offset overtime costs.

According to city staff, by reassigning duties the city would save about \$400,000 a year.

Administration is reviewing this proposal in the context of current contract language.

Staff say that "much more work and consultation" is required before a

decision can be made with regard to restructuring the eight fire halls.

The consultants said decommissioning the aging Vickers Street headquarters building and replacing it with a smaller fire hall nearby should happen within four to six years.

More than three months after the release of the consultants' study, city hall remains silent on the status of John Hay.

His name still appears on the city website under Message from the Fire Chief, however it is absent from a list of the fire department's administrative personnel.

City Manager Norm Gale has publicly stated only that Hay is "out of the office."

Members of city council have told reporters they have been given no explanation.



NEW PLAN: City council was to vote on the fire plan on Monday but the meeting was cancelled due to COVID-19.



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LOCALNEWS



BEING PREPARED: Dr. Stewart Kennedy outlines the hospital's COVID-19 response plan at a press conference last Friday.

Hospital preparing for COVID-19 cases

Visitor restrictions, assessment centre, screening measures part of plan

HEALTH
By Ian Kaufman - TB Source

Some policies and procedures are changing at the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre as it activates a pandemic plan in response to COVID-19. The novel coronavirus was officially declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization last Wednesday.

The hospital's response will include enhancing screening measures, restricting visitors and entrances, and establishing a COVID-19 assessment centre and Incident Management Team.

Hospital staff reassured the public that the risk of Ontarians contracting COVID-19 remains low, but stressed the importance of preventative measures.

"This is proactive," said Dr. Stewart Kennedy. "We may get criticized for overreacting, but in an event like this, you can never overreact. You have to do things responsibly for the staff and the patients."

Kennedy is heading the Incident Management Team, which will coordinate planning, implementation, and monitoring of COVID-19 activity.

Effective immediately, visitors will not be permitted at the hospital, including the Transitional Care Unit at Hogarth Riverview Manor. However, one "care partner," designated by the patient, is welcome.

As of 8 p.m. Friday, enhanced screening will be implemented at hospital entrances. That will involve answering questions related to symptoms and recent travel history. Those with appointments at the hospital are urged to show up early to account for delays due to screening procedures.

A COVID-19 Assessment Centre, consisting of a number of trailers located on-site outside the Emergency Department, opened on Tuesday. The centre is intended to reduce the risk of infection spread and ease pressure on the Emergency Department. It will be staffed by nurses who will perform temperature checks and other assessments.

Kennedy urged those who are concerned they may have symptoms to call the Thunder Bay District Health Unit at 807-625-5900 or Telehealth at 1-888-294-6630. He directed those looking for more information to the TBDHU or Ontario COVID-19 webpages.

Hospital leadership expressed confidence that they have the tools and resources needed to respond as the situation stands in Thunder Bay. Chief of Staff Dr. Zaki Ahmed said the hospital has around 900 test kits as well as access to additional ventilators, should they become needed.

For now, Kennedy said, the hospital is "open for business" and has not restricted service. Actions like cancelling surgeries

and outpatient visits could become necessary if the situation escalates, such as identifying confirmed positive cases in Thunder Bay, he said.

The hospital is also restricting the number of entrances to four during daytime hours: the West main entrance, East cafeteria (staff, specified learners, and contractors only), Emergency Department (ED staff, patients, and care partners only), Labour and Delivery (staff, L&D patients and care partners only). Overnight between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m., only two entrances will be available: the Emergency Department and Labour and Deliver (staff, L&D patients and care partners only).

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Wayne Toyota



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Item #12 Gift Certificate

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Item #38 Gift Certificate

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Item #40 Installation of New Doors/Windows

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Landale Pools' Retail Price.....\$5,898
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Opening bid\$1,250

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Wayne Toyota



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Wayne Toyota's Retail Price\$1,200
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Rizzo's Cabinet's Retail Price.....\$1,500
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Auto One's Retail Price\$1,712
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C&M Tile & Granites' Retail Price.....\$2,000
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Item #52 Gift Certificate towards set of 4 Light Truck Tires



AUTO-ONE

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Auto One's Retail Price\$1,000
Opening bid\$500

Item #53 Gift Certificate

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KBM Outdoors



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LockStone



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Lockstone Yard & Patio Centre's Retail Price \$2,000
Opening bid\$1,000

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Item #68 Gift Certificate for Green Goods

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Landale Gardens' Retail Price\$1,000
Opening bid\$500

Item #69 Gift Certificate

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ACHIEVING GOALS: Educators and students discuss the canoe trip with the Matawa Education Centre during the Matawa Education Conference in Thunder Bay.

Inspiring new generations

Matawa hosted its annual conference on improving education in First Nations communities

EDUCATION
By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

For teachers working in remote First Nation communities, there can be a sense of isolation, not only geographically, but from other educators as well. Though many teaching in the north face similar challenges and coming together can create opportunities to find solutions.

"I work in a fly-in, so we are very isolated," said Marylyn Braunberger, a special education teacher in Webequie First Nation. "We are a really good group amongst ourselves, but it's really nice to meet with people from all over because we understand we have shared difficulties and that supports us because we are all working on the same things."

Last week Matawa Education and the Keewatinook Okimakanak Board of Education are hosted the 13th Annual Education Conference in Thunder Bay.

The two-day conference, which opened last Wednesday, focused on the theme of inspiring generations and included nearly 500 delegates of teachers, staff, education workers, and community members from Matawa communities.

"With the geography of the Matawa region, a lot of our schools are very remote and fly in only and Thunder Bay is the hub," said Nick Shaver, Pathways to Achieve Student Success program coordinator with Matawa Education.

"So bringing them to Thunder Bay allows them to network, which you don't really see otherwise. They are isolated, literally

isolated. So having everyone come to the conference in Thunder Bay gives them a chance to network. It gives them an opportunity to get professional development."

The conference included workshops in the areas of cultural curriculum, land-based and outdoor education, First Nation language revitalization tools and techniques, special education, teaching strategies for numeracy and literacy, and mental health and wellbeing.

"One of the big things we are hoping is them getting a lot of hands on experience or skillsets that they can take back to their school immediately and supporting their students immediately," Shaver said, adding teachers can also take different certification courses at the conference relating to non-violence crisis intervention and safe talk relating to suicide supports.

"Getting validation in what they are doing, getting support in what they are doing, being able to feel like they are supported also by having professional development, by having these opportunities to network and meet with other teachers," Shaver said.

Education in remote First Nation communities continues to face many challenges, Shaver said, including chronic and historic underfunding and retaining experienced staff.

"In the public system in Ontario where you have teachers who have been around

for 15 to 20 years, a lot of the teachers here are one to five years," he said. "So that has an impact on the quality of the education. It's not a reflection on the quality of the teacher, but experience does help in a lot of cases."

For Braunberger, who has been teaching for 13 years, including six in Webequie, finding solutions to meet the unique needs of each community will be difficult.

"Everybody is together, then you can address the unique needs of the community," she said. "It's hard to say how exactly, but you have the confidence that everyone is dealing with this, so you can go to other people but at the same time look at what is unique for your community."

Braunberger said in her six years teaching up north, she has already seen significant changes, particularly in the area of special education thanks to Jordan's Principle. But more work still needs to be done and she is hopeful teachers working together at the Matawa Education Conference can keep finding new ways to make things better.

"The big thing is building relationships, not only with the kids, but with the families," she said. "It is my home. I live up there 10 months a year. So you build those relationships. So a lot of the difficulties. You understand kids better, you understand the dynamics better, and solutions are easier to find and you build trust between home and school."

"Having everyone come to the conference in Thunder Bay gives them a chance to network."
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The first fish of spring is always special

I always do this. We get a few warm days and I start thinking about spring fishing. I know it is way too early. The chance of finding a fish in the first open water of March is miniscule. Yet, there is still a chance, and so I cannot help myself.

Often times, I find myself climbing over huge chunks of ice or wading precariously out into the frigid waters of Lake Superior in search of that first spring steelhead. One wrong step and the consequences are potentially lethal in these temperatures. I'm not in search of food, I'm not going to kill one of these beautiful trout, I'm just going to get a photo and let it go. So I have to ask myself, why am I standing in this icy water? Why take such a big risk, with such poor odds of success, to catch that first fish each spring?

Then I am reminded. After countless drifts in water devoid of any sign of life,

my float goes under. It gently dips below the surface as it has countless times already, always hung up on some rocks or wood. I react the same way I always do with these snags, by lifting my rod tip slow enough to avoid driving the hook further into obstruction. But this time, when I sweep the rod tip to dislodge the hook, I feel something very different. It is the unmistakable head-shake of an angry spring steelhead, obviously very annoyed that I have interrupted her spring migration.

The fight is on and my hands, numb from the cold, struggle to keep the line tight and the hook embedded in the fish's mouth. The trout doesn't care if I'm not ready, and she unleashes a series of sizzling runs. Though my feet have no feeling left, they are able to respond, just barely, when I am forced to chase her. Across slippery rocks, over an ice jam and around a fallen tree

I pursue the steelhead. Finally, I am able to persuade her to turn toward the shore where I can grab her tail. I dislodge the hook and briefly lift her from the water, just for a second, to snap a picture. Then I quickly put her back in the water and take a moment to admire this majestic creature until my fingers are just too cold to hold on any longer. She swims away, back on her spawning journey to ensure the survival of her species.

I retreat from the water, back up on the ice shelf. Despite the bright sun, the air temperature is just barely above the freezing mark, and I don't have words to describe the pain my wet hands are now feeling. They are useless, too frozen to take another cast, so this day is over. Yet, I'm strangely content, and I will definitely not question myself the next time I have to crawl across the ice to get to the first open water of spring.



KYLE STRATTON

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What? Me worry? Not likely

With the growing number of cases of COVID-19 it's important to take proper precautions



FRED JONES
RURAL ROOTS

The cover of Mad magazine always features this goofy-looking guy with his teeth spaced apart. His name is Alfred E. Newman. His signature saying is: "What, me worry?"

Well, a major cause for worry is the situation that is world-wide – the Covid-19 pandemic.

For folks over the age of sixty and who might suffer from different conditions, contracting the virus could be very worrying. Like me who falls into that category. So far, very few people in Canada have been hit. And our health-care system is top-notch thanks to the preparedness resulting from being caught off-guard by SARS in the early 2000's.

There are lots and lots of warnings about washing hands, keeping away from public places if at all possible, having as little interaction with others as possible.

We have moved to the precaution of

eliminating unnecessary trips to town except for essentials.

Laura says that we have a well-stocked larder. We are very fortunate in having lots of room in Casa Jones, lots of reading material, and lots of music to keep us sane if lock-down we're ever necessary. Plus, we have the great outdoors through which we can move as we did Saturday.

I wrote that I did a stupid thing two weeks ago and fell on the ice by our front steps because I risked wearing my moccasins, my indoor shoes, outside. Wham! Down I went, falling on my left side.

It still hurts especially when I first crawl out of bed. But it is getting better. Last weekend, I tried to go snowshoeing. No way. Major pain trying to walk on uneven ground. But this Saturday, even though the occasional twinge of pain reminded me of my previous folly, I managed not only the route Laura and I had trod but we also extended the trail.

We had rain last week and then cold. The freezing rain helped to re-establish a crust on top of the snow. With snowshoes on the trek was easy. Our new pup, Lily, is light as a feather and can walk anywhere; but

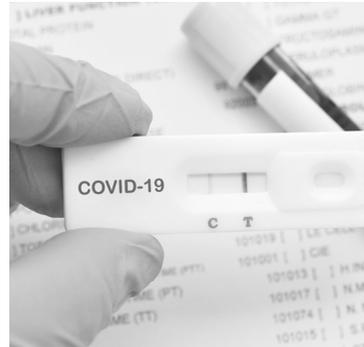
Baxter, our seven-year old pooch is heavy and can't go anywhere without much trouble unless he stays on the snowshoe trail. Which for the most part he did.

He had a bit of trouble on the new trail we were making until he figured that by moving through the bush under the trees, there was less snow and the going was easy. It was out in the open where the sun had had a chance to soften the crust that Baxter ran into trouble. Meanwhile, little, light, Lily went anywhere she wished.

We also have ten cords of wood to buck, split, and stack. I hope that by the time you read this missive, I will have got at it.

Unlike the last time when we were preparing our winter wood in summer, I want this done and stacked so that the wood has a chance to dry before the return of Ol' Man Winter. We actually have about a cord-and-a-half of dry wood remaining to get us started next autumn.

The wood I've been burning in the fireplace in our living room is meant for the boiler in the basement. But I ran out of the 'crackle, crackle' stuff, the dead spruce and balsam, and getting to the standing-dead timber



ON THE RISE: There are currently more than 400 cases of COVID-19 in Canada.

on the side of our trails won't be possible until a lot of the snow is gone. I love the smell of burning balsam and/or spruce in our fireplace.

Eventually the snow will go and the big clean-up of the yard ensues especially since we now have two doggies. Laura has already started vegetable seeds inside the house on shelves in front of our living room windows. Repairing the green house she built last summer along with rototilling the garden will take priority.

So, we stay home; we keep safe; we pray that Covid-19 comes not unto our dwelling place.



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ON HOLD: The majority of community events and entertainment performances have been cancelled due to concerns over COVID-19.

Curtains close for now

THUNDER BAY
By TB Source Staff

In reaction to the growing spread of COVID-19, the Thunder Bay Community Auditorium has cancelled all scheduled shows until further notice.

The Simon and Garfunkel Show was the first cancellation. It was slated to take the stage last Friday night.

The Healing All Nations gospel show was scheduled for Saturday, while Celtic Illusions was booked for Sunday.

"The health, safety and well-being of our patrons, staff and performers is of paramount importance. We are closely monitoring the reports of COVID-19, and are working closely with The City of Thunder Bay, along with agents, promoters, and event organizers of each show," says a statement posted to the Auditorium's website.

In response to the recommendation of the Chief Medical Officer of Ontario, effective March 13, 2020 at 2 p.m., all performances at the Thunder Bay Community Auditorium are suspended until further notice.

The following shows have been postponed:
The Simon & Garfunkel Story - Friday March 13, 2020

Healing All Nations - Saturday March 14, 2020 (Both Shows)

Celtic Illusion - Sunday March 15, 2020
Masters Of Illusion - Tuesday March 17, 2020

Thunder Bay Historical Film Night - Thursday March 19, 2020

Snowed In Comedy Tour - Saturday March 21, 2020

The Glorious Sons - Monday March 23, 2020

Jesse Cook - Saturday April 4, 2020

Baby Shark Live - Friday June 19, 2020

Any show not listed is tentatively schedule to go ahead, but the situation can change, so

patrons are urged to check back frequently at the venue's website.

"Ticket buyers are encouraged to keep their tickets until new dates for the postponed shows are announced. However, ticket buyers who require a refund are asked to contact the Auditorium Box Office. Refunds will only be issued to the original ticket buyer with the original credit card.

"Any updates to the list of show postponements or cancellations will be posted exclusively on the Auditorium website at www.tbca.com."

Folklore Festival cancelled

A popular spring time event in the city of Thunder Bay has been cancelled amid concerns surrounding COVID-19.

The Thunder Bay Multicultural Association announced on Monday that the 2020 Folklore Festival in May will be cancelled this year, citing the safety of festival visitors, performers, vendors, and volunteers.

"And most importantly for the potential health risks such a large event may bring to our communities based on the advice provided by the federal, provincial, and local governments and Health Departments regarding the COVID-19 Outbreak in Canada," said Jim Squier, president of the Multicultural Association, in a statement released on Monday.

The annual event that includes food booths, vendors, and performances of international music and traditional dance performances draws in more than 10,000 people.

"We thank everyone involved for the hard work they have put into planning this popular annual festival that celebrates the rich cultural diversity of Canada," Squier said. "Given the concerns expressed we need to consider the health and safety of all people involved and

those in our communities and put them first ahead of this Folklore Festival that we have been dedicated to for 47 years."

The Folklore Festival was to take place on May 2 and 3 at the Fort William Gardens. Organizers say plans are already underway for the 2021 Folklore Festival.

Magnus Theatre and Film Fest cancelled

Concerns about the potential spread of COVID-19 have forced the cancellation of performances at Magnus Theatre, and the upcoming Northwest Film Fest.

In a statement Monday, Magnus artistic director Thom Currie said it was a very difficult decision to cancel the remaining performances of Cottagers and Indians, but it was "the right decision at this time."

Currie added "It's what's best for our patrons, staff, and community at large."

The play premiered last Thursday, and was scheduled to run until April 28.

The Magnus box office will contact patrons directly to offer alternative ticket and programming options.

North of Superior Film Association also announced the cancellation of screenings scheduled for March 25 and April 1, and the Northwest Film Fest which was to have run from April 19 to 26.

The board of directors said it had made the decision after taking into consideration advisories from Ontario health authorities about limiting gatherings in excess of 250 people.

"Pending health advisories," it said in a statement, "NOSFA looks forward to resuming normal operations at SilverCity this fall.

For a complete list of all entertainment and community cancellations and closures visit www.tbnewswatch.com.

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The Way Back: Redemption for Ben Affleck

The Way Back, starring Ben Affleck as a former high school basketball star, is a title with a double-meaning



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MOVIE TALK

In the movie, Ben Affleck plays Jack Cunningham, a once legendary high school basketball star gone wrong thanks to alcohol who gets a chance at redemption. Jack has much in common with Affleck the actor, who has endured bumpy personal and professional setbacks due to similar issues (and overall bad behaviour), and now appears to be on the verge of a career rebound with a role that reflects his own life.

We come upon Jack, construction worker by day, booze hound by night. If he's not blind drunk in his local watering hole, (always escorted home by a dependable pal) then his well-stocked beer fridge does the trick. His worried sister (Michaela Watkins) and estranged wife (Janina Gavankar) provide support that is gruffly rebuffed.

But one day, his old Catholic high school is in desperate need of a coach

for their downtrodden team. Despite the fact that he rejected college ball and has never coached before, Jack's offered the job, based on his long-faded star power. Jack reluctantly takes the gig and thereby begins his long road to finding himself.

Jack inherits a mild-mannered assistant coach (Al Madrigal) who's knowledgeable enough (family needs deter him from being head coach) and a ragtag bunch of players, mostly known to us by one-note characteristics, with the exception of Brandon, (Brandon Wilson) a potential star.

Seeing his team getting routinely thumped stokes the competitive fire enough in Jack that he snaps out of his stoic, withdrawn funk to stop his bad habits, begins mapping out strategy for his guys, and inspires them with choruses of "Chip on your shoulder!", accompanied by many f-bombs, much to the chagrin of the attending priest. Gradually, Jack's team shows promise.

Director Gavin O'Connor stages choreographed basketball action convincingly and conjures an atmospheric, worn, working class milieu for this seemingly predictable underdog tale. Brad Inglesby's script gradually peels away the layers, until we finally

arrive at the source of Jack's deep dark despair, a family tragedy that continues to haunt.

Affleck is the centerpiece here and he ably projects a tortured soul, bearing a puffy-eyed, wasted look, a man capable of exuding some likeability but is undermined by his pain. This may be one of his best performances.

The Way Back bears a resemblance to a similar basketball film, Hoosiers, where Gene Hackman's coach with a 'checkered past' leads his Indiana underdogs to victory, aided by another alcoholic, played by Dennis Hopper. The films do share an identical tiny moment, where the coach's inspired dying-seconds play in the Big Game is rejected, favouring the rightful player.

Clichéd glory seems attainable but the closing section takes a turn, where Jack literally runs into real life and must finally confront his demons head-on. The film leaves the audience to assume Jack's future.

The film represents one of those "little" character-driven movies that have been lost in the glare of the big-budgeted tent-pole extravaganzas. We can only hope movies like The Way Back will regain a foothold in the cinematic landscape.



REDEMPTION: Ben Affleck plays Jack Cunningham, a once legendary high school basketball player in the 2020 film, *The Way Back*.

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It is with great sadness that Magnus Theatre announces that all remaining performance of Cottagers and Indians have been cancelled, effective immediately, due to ongoing concerns about the spread of COVID-19. While this has been a difficult decision to make in these rapidly changing circumstances, the health and safety of everyone in our community continues to be our top priority at Magnus Theatre. We will provide updates about the remainder of our season as the situation continues to unfold.

"Cancelling the show and suspending the season has been a very difficult decision to make, but it's the right decision at this time. It's what's best for our patrons, staff, and community at large," says Magnus Theatre Artistic Director, Thom Currie.

Our Box Office staff will be contacting our patrons directly to offer alternative ticket and programming options. If you wish to contact us, please note that we are currently responding to a high volume of inquiries. Please be prepared to leave a message, and we will respond as soon as time allows.

We are grateful for your patience, understanding, and continued support during this difficult time, and we hope to see you soon.

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- Hole
 - Fellow
 - Geological epoch
 - Qualified
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 - Sop
 - Plateau
 - Inlet
 - Cushitic lang.
 - Tree-lined walkway
 - Physician
 - Loop trains
 - Brythonic sea god
 - Gem
 - John, Gaelic
 - Flat fish
 - Warp yarn
 - Clumsy
 - Amer. Basketball Assn. (abbr.)
 - Can. Broadcasting Corp. (abbr.)
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- Half-boot
- Move back
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- Diagonal (abbr.)
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- Semitic deity
- Fraction of a rupee
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Ten tools to choose for better barbecuing

Whether you're new to barbecuing or a veteran of the grill, you'll need the right tools to kick off the outdoor cooking season. From the basics to fun additions, The Home Depot Canada has 10 accessories to consider before firing up the grill:

Essential Utensils

Tongs. Tongs are an indispensable tool for professionally handling food on the grill. Unlike kitchen tongs, barbecue tongs have longer handles that prevent burns when reaching to the back of a barbecue.

Fork. A long handled fork with strong, sharp tips is especially helpful when handling large cuts of meat or thick vegetables like eggplants.

Spatula. For more than burgers, a stainless steel spatula with a slotted head is handy for turning over fish, fruit and meats.

Skewers. Metal skewers are easier to handle and last longer than the disposable, wooden kind, making them a good investment for grilling shrimp and kabobs.

Quality Control

Basting brushes. Marinate foods of all sizes with either silicone or hair-bristled basting brushes. The longer their handles, the easier it is to season foods directly over flames.

Meat thermometer. Cook chicken, beef and pork safely and to guests' specifications with either an electronic or traditional meat thermometer.

Heat plate. A heat plate catches drippings to help prevent flare ups and helps distribute both heat and flavours evenly.

Expert Extras

Chicken roaster. Keep the bird off the

grill with a standing roaster. Roasters with a pan underneath allow you to infuse the upright chicken with steam from marinades.

Canopy. Barbecue come rain or snow with an attachable protective canopy or the Grill-Zebo, which covers the entire workspace and offers a bar to hang utensils.

Handle light. A handle light attaches to a barbecue lid and shines down on the cooking area so that you grill like a pro even when the sun goes down.

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LEITH DUNICK

VETERAN COACH: Matt Valley has spent the past few seasons with the Thunder Bay Kings program.

Fighting Walleye hire Valley

Former North Stars, Wolverines defenceman to coach expansion SIJHL team

SIJHL
By Leith Dunick – TB Source

The Kam River Fighting Walleye have their first coach.

The fledgling Superior International Junior Hockey League team last week named former Thunder Bay North Stars player and coach in the Thunder Bay Kings organization Matt Valley to take the inaugural coaching reins of the team, which is set to begin play in the 2020-21 campaign.

Valley, who spent two seasons in the SIJHL from 2009 to 2011, said it's an honour to be chosen, knowing team ownership fielded interest from at least 30 different potential coaches before narrowing it down to him.

It feels great to be seen as someone to build an organization around, to build a foundation and to leave a mark on hockey in his home town at the Junior A level.

"It was just something to me that was impossible

to pass up," Valley said. "It was a dream job come true, as a young head coach."

Valley, who turns 30 next month, has been with the Kings as a coach since 2018, following four years as a player at Wisconsin's Northland College.

He said he's got a firm vision for the Fighting Walleye moving forward, including a couple of championship rings, he hopes, but for now plans to take things day by day as he ramps up for the team's first SIJHL season.

"I don't want to get too ahead of myself. Obviously we have a lot of work to do. For one, it'll be a lot of blood, sweat, tears and true dedication, true caring, true relationship building with players – understanding that not everyone's on their game that day," Valley said.

"One thing I can say is that my team will compete. We might not be the most talented team out of the gates. We might not win a championship their first year, but they will give it everything they've got, much like the minor midget team I

coached this year."

General manager Kevin McCallum said they had plenty of interest in the position, but after tossing names around, it kept coming back to Valley, who played for McCallum in 2009-10 with the K&A Wolverines, a former SIJHL franchise.

"It was definitely Matt's passion and shared vision with our ownership group about developing junior hockey players moving forward," McCallum said.

"We wanted a younger guy who identified he wanted to be a head coach in college or junior hockey, someone who needed to gain experience in the SIJHL, as I believe it's a developmental league, not only for players but for coaches and staff as well."

Valley already has his first four players. Graduating Kings defenceman Trystan Goodman and forward Bryce Cataldo have signed letters of intent to play for the Fighting Walleye next season, while veterans Jayden Mrakic, who spent parts of the past two seasons with the Thunder Bay North Stars, and Albertan Carson Gorst also intend to suit up for Kam River in 2020-21.

"It was just something to me that was impossible to pass up."
MATT VALLEY



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Kings, Walleye forge partnership

HOCKEY

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

When Greg Johnson landed in the National Hockey League in 1993, he kicked off a golden error for the game in his hometown of Thunder Bay.

Soon to follow him to the big leagues were the likes of Alex Auld and Taylor Pyatt and his brother Ryan, followed in no short order by Patrick Sharp and the brothers Staal, Tom Pyatt, Robert Bortuzzo and Carter Hutton.

But lately, the pipeline appears to have dried up. Last year, there was a lot of chatter about Thunder Bay North Stars forward Keighan Gerrie, who was paid visits by several NHL scouts.

Ultimately he wasn't drafted and has just four goals in 42 games with the United States Hockey League's Waterloo Blackhawks.

Michael Power wants to turn Thunder Bay's hockey fortunes around.

The president of the Thunder Bay Kings, Power and his board of directors have forged a partnership with the expansion Kam River Fighting Walleye of the Superior International Junior Hockey League.

The goal is to keep the best 16- and 17-year-olds playing top tier midget hockey and out of Junior A, reserving the junior ranks for 18- to 20-year-olds.

"The Kings organization was thriving. It was winning Air Canada Cups ... and at the same time the (Thunder Bay) Flyers organization, as a Junior A winner, was winning Anderson Cups, Clark Cups and Centennial Cups," Power said.

"One of the key reasons hockey fans will recognize is the relationship between the midget organization and the junior organization was very strong. It was a very formal relationship. It was one where the junior organization would encourage the best 16- and 17-year-olds to stay in midget hockey, play U18 hockey, get stronger, get bigger, develop.

"You could see the fruits of that labour. The best players were graduating at 18,



NEW PARTNERSHIP: The Kam River Fighting Walleye have forged a partnership with the Thunder Bay Kings program, a plan to return the city's elite hockey program back to its former glory by keeping the best 16- and 17-year-olds in midget, rather than in Junior A.

moving into the Flyers organization and winning on the national scale. We've gotten away from that in Thunder Bay."

Power said often that mean their development was compromised.

"Yes, the Robert Bortuzzos did well, but many of them didn't. What today signals is a strong rejuvenation of a working relationship between junior hockey, a team, the Kam River Fighting Walleye that wants to win the Centennial Cup ... and they're committed to winning with 18-, 19- and 20-year-olds," Power said.

The agreement essentially creates a synergy between the two organizations, the younger players getting a chance to learn the Fighting Walleye way as they come up through the ranks. But it's more than that. The Walleye have agreed to donate the 50-50 proceeds to the Kings program, allowing the team to provide spots for several talented players who otherwise might not be able to afford the five-figure cost to play competitive AAA midget hockey.

It's a win-win for both organizations, said Fighting Walleye general manager

Kevin McCallum.

"I think if you look at all the national champions in the last 25 to 30 years, those rosters are built with 18-, 19- and 20-year-olds. We have 15 scouts working all over North America right now to find the best 18-, 19- and 20-year-olds. There will be that special circumstance if an OHL team wants one of their draft picks playing Junior A hockey and he wants to be home, he'll play for us.

"But to fill our roster with 16- and 17-year-olds, to be honest, that's me not doing my job and our scouts not doing their job."

What the agreement won't do is lock Kings players into playing for the Walleye if they want to play Junior A. They'll still be allowed to sign with the team of their choosing, including Kam River's cross-town rival, the Thunder Bay North Stars.

The hope, however, is that by being integrated into the Walleye system from an early age, that's the team they'll choose. The Kam River Fighting Walleye begin their inaugural SIJHL season in September.

Everyone's safety more important than sports

The unthinkable has happened. Around the world, sports has shut down. From the Masters to the National Hockey League, from NASCAR to our local rinks, the games won't go on.

At least not now, and not for the foreseeable future.

And it was the right move.

As much as I'll miss watching the Toronto Raptors defy the odds or Tiger Woods chasing major No. 16 at Augusta National, throwing darts to formulate a March Madness bracket that doesn't reveal my total lack of knowledge about college basketball or seeing if the Thunder

Bay North Stars have enough left in the tank to bring home another SIJHL championship, we're all better off safe than sorry.

The revelation that Utah Jazz forward Rudy Gobert had tested positive struck home. One analyst was able to tie the Jazz to all 30 teams within a two-week period before he was diagnosed with the coronavirus.

Players interact with coaches and fans and arena employees. Just like that, the virus can spread. And it only takes one infected person or COVID-19 to start infecting others.

That's how pandemics spread.

If no further champions are crowned in

2020, life will go on. Eventually, the coronavirus threat will pass, and things will somewhat return to normal. Kyle Lowry will continue to take charges and complain to officials when he doesn't get the call. Alexander Ovechkin will continue his march toward Wayne Gretzky on the all-time goal list. And haters will continue to say Woods is washed up and should retire.

Your kids will get back on the ice or the ball diamond and start creating those memories all over again.

Trophies will be won and lost, tears will be shed and life lessons learned.

Most importantly, by hitting the pause button on sports for a few months, hopefully we'll all be there to watch it all unfold.

Stay safe, Thunder Bay.



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