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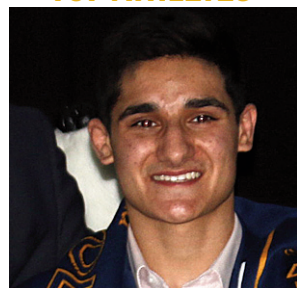
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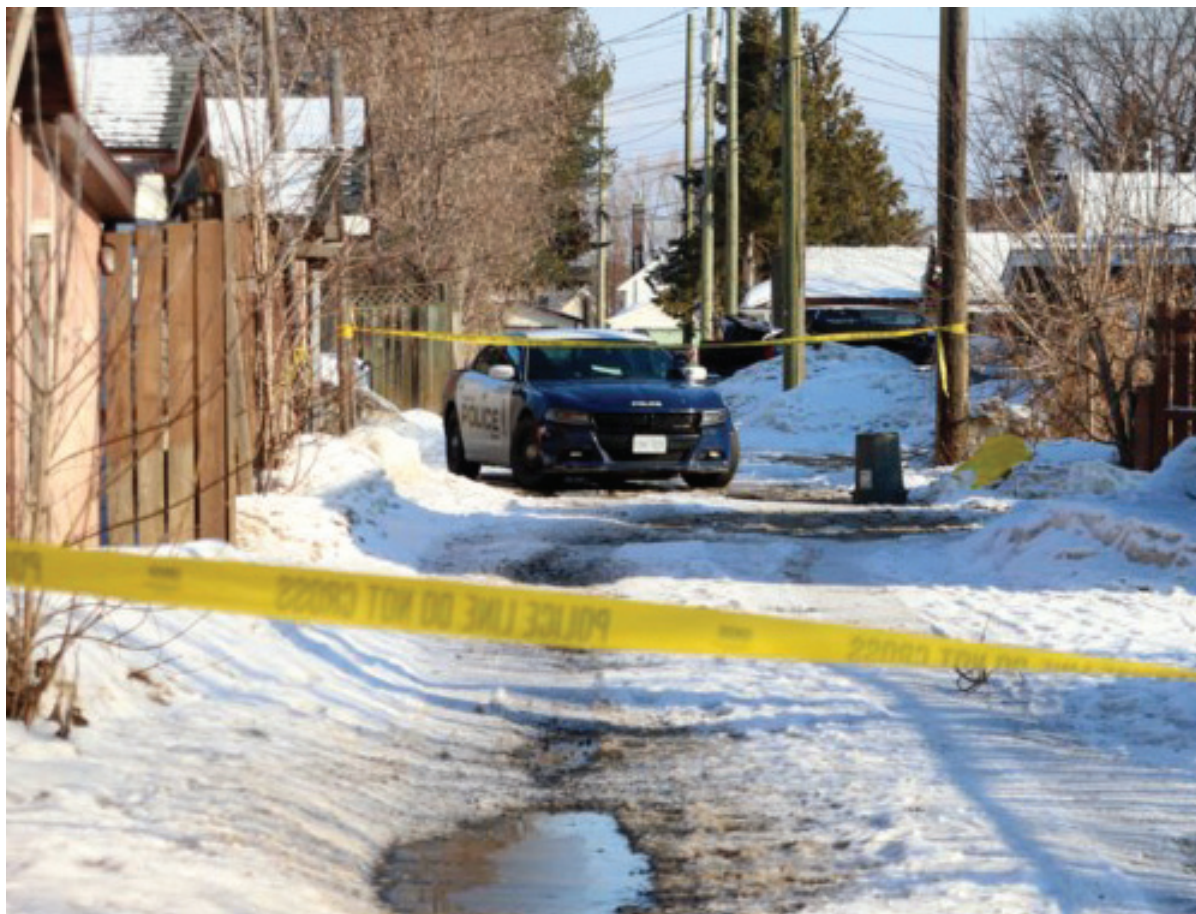
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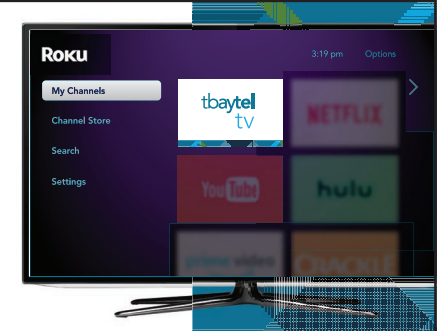
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LOCAL NEWS

# Police investigating city's fourth homicide

Toronto man dies in hospital after shooting incident on May Street

**CRIME**  
By Karen Edwards - TB Source

Police are currently speaking with witnesses in connection with an incident that left a 28-year-old Toronto man dead.

Officers were dispatched just after 2:30 a.m. on Monday, March 23, to the 500-block of May Street North. When officers arrived, they located an adult male with significant injuries who was transported to the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre.

The male, later identified as 28-year-old Adrian Kadeem Drysdale of Toronto, died from his injuries just before 3:30 a.m., according to a Thunder Bay Police Service media

release.

Police did confirm a firearm was used in the incident.

No arrests have been made yet, according to police Det. Insp. John Fennell, but persons of interests have been identified.

He also says it appears Drysdale and a suspect somehow knew each other and that early stages in the investigation indicate the incident was drug-related. An autopsy of the deceased will be performed Tuesday by a pathologist in the city, instead of going to Toronto due to the current public health crisis surrounding COVID-19.

Police say they are also dealing with misinformation regarding this incident and encourage members of the public not to jump to conclusions from any information that hasn't been verified or confirmed by police.

This is the city's fourth homicide of 2020.



**MURDER SCENE:** Thunder Bay Police were called to a North May Street residence early on Monday morning after a shooting.

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LOCAL NEWS

# Act like virus here

Health Unit head urges public to help stem spread of COVID-19

**HEALTH**  
By Leith Dunick – TB Source

“These are not normal times,” says Janet DeMille, the medical officer of health at the Thunder Bay District Health Unit.

In a video address to the community posted Sunday night, DeMille said the COVID-19 outbreak is a serious situation and the public all needs to pay attention and take appropriate actions to prevent the spread of the disease in Thunder Bay and surrounding communities.

“We all need to collectively take measures that will reduce the impact of the virus here in Thunder Bay, in the Thunder Bay District and beyond,” DeMille said.

She began her address by confirming there have been no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the area, noting all tests have come back negative.

“Unfortunately, the ability to process and analyze the tests is limited provincially, and even nationally, so we are experiencing a considerable delay in getting the results back. It should be noted though, that people that are getting tested are self-isolating at home,” DeMille said.

“So even if they had COVID-19, they’re likely not spreading the virus, especially in the community.”

**Happening elsewhere**

However, DeMille warned there is community spread happening elsewhere in Ontario, notably in the Greater Toronto Area.

It’s not surprising and something that experts assumed would happen eventually. DeMille said people living in the Thunder Bay District shouldn’t take the city’s relative isolation as a sign of safety.

“This will only give us a delay in the virus being here and spreading. It won’t stop it,” she said. “Right now we need to act like the virus is here and that it is spreading here.

This may be in the early stages of community spread here. However now is the time we need to act, to slow the spread of the virus in our communities.”

The first goal is to identify those with high risk of having the virus and putting in measures to ensure they don’t cause its spread. The second is the above-mentioned flattening the curve, a means to prevent sharp spikes in incidences.



**STOP THE SPREAD:** Janet DeMille, medical officer of health at the Health Unit.

in place to stem the spread of the disease, most notably social-distancing recommendations. It includes the closing of schools and daycares, bars restaurants and theatres, the cancellation of sports and limitations on gatherings.

“In addition we’ve seen many organizations implement measures to reduce people being able to congregate, or gather together. And while there still may be people coming together, these measures help increase the distance between people.”

DeMille also asked returning travelers from out of country to strictly adhere to self-isolation strategies, to reduce the chances of spreading

COVID-19 locally.

“Returning travelers must self-isolate for 14 days upon their return. Self-isolation means staying at home, not going out and limiting your contact and proximity to other people,” she said.

DeMille said friends and family can play a role, offering to pick up groceries or other supplies.

**Stay home**

Individually, she encouraged the public to stay home as much as possible and avoid non-essential travel within the community.

“Work from home, if you’re able. Plan ahead for what you might need. For example, plan your meals and your grocery shopping so you don’t have to do this very often,” DeMille said, noting she’s adhering to a once-a-week grocery trip.

**“Returning travelers must self-isolate for 14 days after their return.”**  
JANET DEMILLE

# Weather Forecast

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## LOCAL NEWS



**TOUGH CALL:** Premier Doug Ford plans to close all but essential services in Ontario for two weeks.

# Province closing businesses down

Premier says only essential outlets can remain open

### POLITICS

By Doug Dlaczuk – TB Source

**S**tarting on Wednesday, all non-essential services and businesses were ordered to close by the province of Ontario for 14 days.

Premier Doug Ford made the announcement on Monday afternoon from Queen's Park.

"This was a very tough decision, but it was the right decision," he said. "It is not the time for half measures. The gravity of this order does not escape me."

Businesses were given 36 hours to prepare for the mandatory shutdown or prepare contingency plans, such as having staff work remotely.

Ford said there is a long list of businesses classified as essential and many as non-essen-

tial but did not go into detail of the distinctions on Monday.

A total of 74 categories of businesses were permitted to stay open, including construction, grocery stores and pharmacies, media outlets, the LCBO and the Beer Store, hotels, telecommunications and others.

A full list can be found on [tbnewswatch.com](http://tbnewswatch.com).

"As I said from day one, we will and we must take all steps necessary to slow the spread of COVID-19," Ford said. "The health and safety of every Ontarian comes first."

The mandatory shutdown could be extended beyond the 14 days.

"Some people will ask why or why now," Ford said. "The answer is clear, we must get ahead of this virus to beat this virus."

**"The answer is clear, we must get ahead of this virus to beat this virus."  
DOUG FORD**

## LOCAL NEWS

# Council eyes taxpayer relief

## CITY HALL

By Ian Kaufman – TB Source

Financial relief, including deferral of municipal taxes and water bills, may be on the horizon for Thunder Bay residents and businesses as city council weighs its options in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. Council is set to decide on some steps March 30, after directing city administration to report back on a range of possible actions.

As much of public life grinds to a halt, city hall showed signs of the unfolding crisis at Monday night's meeting. The meeting was closed to the public, with council chambers rearranged to allow more distance between councillors.

City hall itself was announced closed to the public part-way through

the meeting. And for the first time, councillors were able to participate remotely, thanks to legislation recently passed by the Ontario government.

Councillors unanimously approved a resolution to consider financial relief for residents and businesses Monday night. This could include deferred taxes and water bills, waiving user fees, penalties, and interest, and other measures. Council directed city administration to report back on March 30.

Coun. Aldo Ruberto pressed council to discuss the city's wider response, raising possibilities like offering up city arenas, as has been done in Sudbury, to provide a venue for food aid.

Other councillors, thought it best to allow city administration to take the

lead on specific responses, with council providing direction.

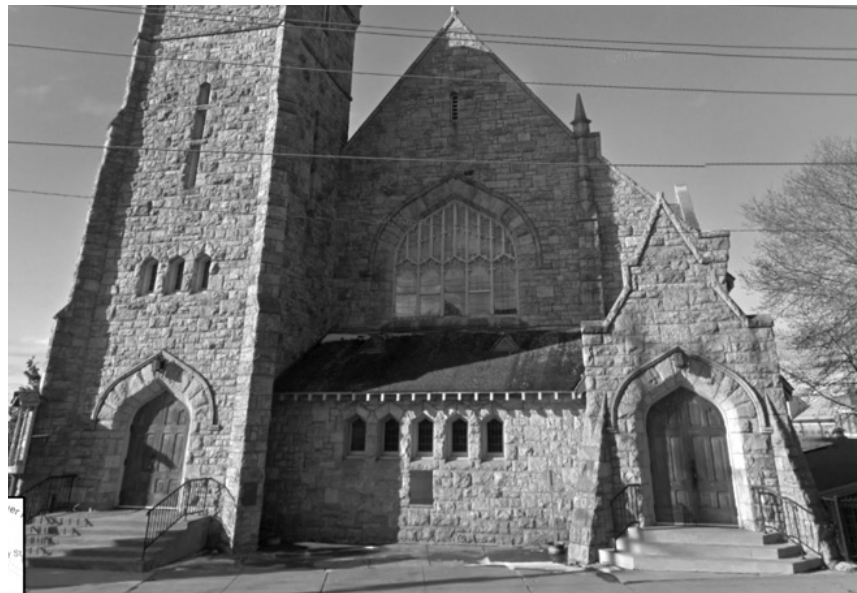
"We need to be thoughtful," cautioned Current River Coun. Andrew Foulds, saying quickly-moving events are putting enormous pressure on city administration.

City manager Norm Gale outlined the city's response.

While the constantly changing situation is challenging, he reassured councillors the city had mobilized to stay on top of it and consider all options in responding.

"There's a lot going on and it's moving very quickly, and we're staying on top of it," Gale said.

The city has established two groups charged with responding to the emerging crisis, which include the mayor, Gale, and other high-level staff. The groups usually meet daily.



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CLICK HERE: Trinity United Church has entered the digital age during the recent global pandemic.

# Churches go online

## RELIGION

By Gary Rinne – TB Source

With in-church services curtailed by the COVID-19 pandemic, members of Thunder Bay's seven United church congregations held a joint worship service online this past weekend.

Nearly 6,000 people logged on, including residents of communities across Canada and the U.S.

Reverend Randy Boyd of Trinity United, the host church, said there were some anxious moments before the service began, but things turned out well in the end.

"The distribution provider that we used experienced an incredible slam of bandwidth usage. When we went to do the pre-stream, we had nothing," Boyd said.

However, the connection was made just in time for the start of the service at 10:30 a.m.

"We did a lot of stuff in the city and beyond the city to make sure people knew the stream would be available," Boyd said.

"We got a lot of appreciative comments," he said.

"I was looking at the stats, and there were 5,833 views of the service.

Viewers also included people in B.C., Manitoba, southern Ontario, Arkansas, Illinois and Virginia

"Our content provider would have a portal where people from the States could choose where they wanted to go and what stream they wanted to watch. I assume there was some of that as well," Boyd added.

Ministers and lay leaders from all seven local churches participated.

They gathered at Trinity, but practised social-distancing throughout the service.

Music was provided by Thunder Bay's well-known Cosby family, who also performed in the church as the choir.

Boyd said as long as the authorities continue to allow smaller groups to gather together, the churches hope to continue online services every Sunday.

"We have a skeletal group putting this together, and they are serving the spiritual needs of thousands of people. I would hope that this is seen as a worthwhile and valuable contribution to what's going on" in Canada, he said.

Trinity has the experience and the equipment to host an online service, including multi-camera and multi-microphone connectivity.

Boyd explained that the church regularly streams its own Sunday services.

"It was just a matter of offering it to the other churches who were closing down, and having people from those churches participate, so that it was seen as a city-wide endeavour."

**"We got a lot of appreciative comments."**

**RANDY BOYD**

# Fire displaces two families

## THUNDER BAY

By TB Source staff

Two families have been displaced after a structural fire broke out on Brodie Street Monday morning.

Thunder Bay Fire rescue responded to a fire at a home in the 300 block of Brodie Street South around 1:30 a.m.

Fire crews reported smoke coming from a basement apartment.

Fire fighters were able to knock down most of the fire from outside the building. The fire was then attacked from within the building and brought under control.

As a result of the fire, two families with pets were displaced, but accommodation arrangements were made by Red Cross.

## 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

# What you need to know to help you and your family stay healthy.

- Only visit an assessment centre if you have been referred by a health care professional.
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- Be prepared, but avoid panic stocking.
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- Order your prescription medication.
- Practice cough and sneeze etiquette in transit.

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# Editorial

## EDITORIAL

### Using your time wisely

We're going to learn a lot more about ourselves in the coming weeks and months.

And that's not necessarily a bad thing.

Self-isolation is a great chance to really get know the people you live with.

It's a chance to put the little things aside and remember why you're friends or lovers in the first place.

It's a great opportunity to spend some real quality time with your kids, who may or may not understand why they can't go to Grandma's or have a sleep-over with their friends.

Use the time to catch up with old friends who may have slipped through the cracks in recent years, see how they're doing and what's been going on in their lives until the COVID-19 virus arrived.

We can't change the reality we're in. That ship has sailed.

But we can make the most of the time we're given.

Check in on that neighbour who lives alone. Maybe offer to pick up groceries for them.

If you can afford it, order a meal for pick-up or delivery at a local restaurant and make sure you tip them well. Who knows how long they'll be allowed to remain open.

Most of all, don't panic. We'll get through this. We're a strong country and a strong city. Stay safe, everyone.

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### Help foreign students

To the editor:

All of us know the deadliest effects of COVID-19.

Our city authority has taken a lot of preventive measures to control the situation. We hope everything will be alright.

There are a lot of international students in Thunder Bay. All of them are staying home like others for their own safety. Most of the students used to do part time jobs to support themselves.

Unfortunately, the city went lockdown and everything got closed. So, there is no way to support their monthly expenditure.

They tried to seek help from their parents back in their home but their parents are also in quarantine. Situation is not helping anymore. Now, if the city authority can help them on the rental issue, it would be really great.

As an international student, I am helpless now. I used to do a part time job but that got closed. So, I don't have enough to pay my rent. Same situation is applicable for most of the students. We are requesting the authority to consider this situation and help us.

Abu Hena Mostofa Kamal,  
Thunder Bay

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



# Time to take things seriously



**LEITH DUNICK**  
TALKING POINTS

If there's one thing that's good to see, it's that different levels of government seem to have put their political difference aside and agreed to work together throughout the coronavirus crisis.

It's sad that it took a global pandemic and the threat of millions dead to make it happen.

But it's a start.

Putting away partisan feelings, both Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, and Ontario Premier Doug Ford, a conservative, have done a fabulous job navigating the province and the country through these unprecedented times.

It's the exact opposite of what's happening south of the border, where it appears U.S. President Donald Trump is more concerned about how the COVID-19 outbreak will reflect on his upcoming election chances.

Have Trudeau and Ford been perfect on this file?

No, they haven't.

But both men have seen the dangers

posed by the outbreak and are working diligently to ensure the fallout to both our people and our economies is minimal.

Ford on Monday made the tough call to close all businesses not deemed essential, as a way to stop the virus.

Trudeau's health minister, our own Patty Hajdu, on the weekend, essentially said if people aren't going to listen to social distancing suggestions, it may have to be legislated.

Neither one of those things is going to make Ford or Hajdu politically popular.

Why? Because clearly there is a far-too-large chunk of the Canadian population who aren't taking the threat of the pandemic seriously enough.

All one had to do was look at the beaches in British Columbia this past weekend.

Crowds of people flocked to the waterfront, with seemingly not a care in the world.

That's precisely how the disease spreads.

As Mayor Bill Mauro said last week, we're only as strong as our weakest link.

Too many people are returning from out-of-country trips and just stopping by the grocery store for a few staples or going to get gas.

Saskatchewan got it right.

They're fining people who don't self-quarantine from out-of-country trips up to \$2,000 if caught.

Prince Edward Island is forcing people to self-isolate for 14 days, regardless where out of province they're coming from.

This isn't about you and me.

This is about humanity. It's about our eventual return to normalcy, whatever that looks like down the road.

And the more people can't be bothered to follow the best practices put in place to help stem the spread of COVID-19, the longer this is going to last.

Face it.

We're looking at months of continued self-isolation.

And it's going to hurt. Businesses that were here last week may not return when Ford gives the OK to reopen.

That's reality.

Those of you who have lost your jobs in all of this are scared.

That alone should convince the rest of us to stay inside and do our part to ensure this goes away as quickly as possible.

If we don't, the orders will remain in place and there will be thousands more out of work for a lot longer than they need to be.

Don't be afraid to go outside and take

a walk around the block, if just to break up the monotony of being inside all day long.

Just stay six feet away from anyone not in your household.

If you're stuck at home all day, it's a great time to start on that spring cleaning, or catch up on that latest TV show or movie you've been meaning to watch.

If you're a country music fan, or a fan of Jason Isbell, his wife, Amanda Shires, has been streaming a half-hour concert on YouTube every day at 6 p.m. Jason's been dropping by lately and performing his own stuff too.

Other artists are doing similar things.

I've also started doing online jigsaw puzzles. There are plenty of free sites on the old world-wide web.

I've also found time to power read. Just finished up *American Dirt*, a great novel about a Mexican mother and son forced to flee a cartel hell bent on murdering them.

Also just finished *Son of a Trickster*, one of the Canada Reads books being contested by our friends over at CBC.

Luckily I've got a stash of books ready to dig into.

Oh yeah, Mr. Isbell (my favourite) recommends a new Netflix show, *Tiger King: Murder Mayhem and Madness*.

Give it a whirl!

# Perspective

# Travelers stay home

## Self-isolation after an out-of-country journey a must

**OPINION**  
By J.R. Shermack  
Special to TB Source

As Canadian snowbirds and spring break vacationers make their way back home we can only hope they take all the necessary precautions to protect public health.

Social distancing, self-isolation and quarantine may be considered a major inconvenience to some returning travellers but irresponsible behavior puts everybody at increased risk.

It is upsetting to hear about the foolish actions of some returning tourists who ignore the warnings and refuse to accept our new reality.

One of the most effective ways to protect ourselves is conscientious handwashing with soap and water, or hand sanitizer if necessary.

This is not rocket science – as kids we were taught basic hygiene by our parents and if you still aren't regularly washing your hands, shame on you.

We know what happened in other parts of the world when simple, proven safeguards were not taken seriously or if the response was too little, too late.

In Canada the situation is serious but across the country many Canadians are doing what is necessary to keep themselves and their families safe.

International borders are tight-

ening, international flights are curtailed and suddenly, hunkered down at home is the safest tourist destination on the planet.

This is enough to keep most of us from booking a vacation but if you have a few extra millions in your travel budget you might consider an off-planet getaway.

Space tourism is not for the faint of heart (or light of wallet) but reservations for this adventure of a lifetime are now available.

The first space tourist blasted off in 2001 when American businessman Denis Tito shelled out \$20 million for a ride aboard the International Space Station.

He got there aboard a Russian Soyuz spacecraft and enjoyed a 8-day excursion, orbiting the Earth 128 times and ushering in the commercial space race.

One projection puts the global space tourism market at \$34 billion by 2021 which is incentive enough to encourage the growth of commercial passenger services into space.

Over 600 people have already booked their journey into sub-orbital space and back with Virgin Galactic on their six-passenger SpaceShip Two.

The spacecraft will rocket into suborbital space where paying customers can see the curvature of the earth against the blackness of space.

After experiencing a few exhilarating minutes in a weightless environment the ship brings its passengers back down to Earth for a runway landing.

The current price for this brief ride into suborbital space is \$250,000 per space tourist – book early if you want a window seat.

Blue Origin is offering a similar experience aboard its New Shepard rocket, an eleven minute thrill ride 100 kilometres above the Earth for less than a quarter million dollars.

But for the ultimate in space tourist packages (and the ultimate cost) consider the mission planned by Japanese billionaire Yusaku Maezawa.

Elon Musk, CEO of SpaceX, has accepted a "sizeable" deposit from Mr. Maezawa for a trip to the moon and back for him and a few friends.

The exact cost was not released but the down payment for his seven day flight to orbit the moon and return aboard a SpaceX Starship is "not a trivial amount".

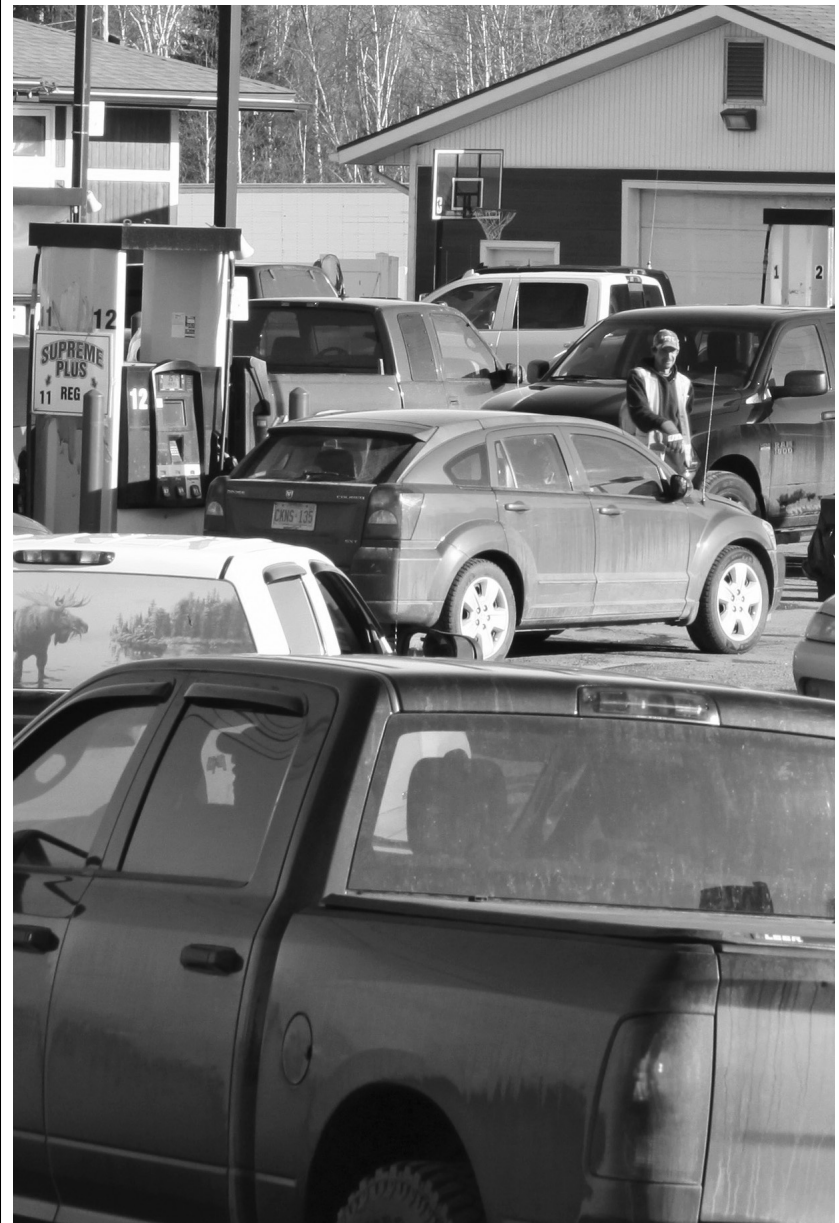
If you have to ask, you probably can't afford it and besides, couldn't those billions be better spent on more immediate challenges?

There are almost 8 billion earthlings trying to stay healthy – that's close to 16 billion hands that need washing to prevent the spread of infection.

Stay home and stay healthy - soap and water is not rocket science and you don't have to be a billionaire to wash your hands and keep your loved ones safe.

**"This is not rocket science."**

## LONG LINEUPS



**PANIC:** Motorists began to line up for gasoline at K&A Gas Bar on Monday night after word Fort William First Nation was closing its borders. Businesses on City Road will be minimally impacted.

JAY KAUFMAN

*A look back in history:*

## Current River Park

Twin City residents have enjoyed Current River Park for decades. This photograph of a celebration of all ages was captured at Current River Park in 1932. It's nice to see not too much has changed over the years.



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LOCALNEWS

# Bombardier suspending all work

Workers will be furloughed until April 26 as the company follows government's COVID-19 recommendations

**BUSINESS**  
By Doug Dlazuk - TB Source

**B**ombardier has announced it will temporarily suspend work at all Canadian operations due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The shutdown, which will take effect at 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday and last until April 26, will include the Thunder Bay Bombardier plant.

"Employees impacted by these temporary shutdowns will be placed on furlough, as will corporate office employees whose support functions are less critical in the short-term," the company said in a statement posted to its website.

"During this furlough period, Bombardier's CEO and senior leadership team will forgo their pay, and the Chairman and members of Bombardier's Board of Directors have agreed to forgo board compensation for the remainder of 2020."

According to Dominic Pasqualino, president of Unifor Local 1075, the local Bombardier plant was already into a second week of a two-week shutdown, with only 70 workers of the 400 still working at the plant doing inventory.

But with the news just coming out today that all operations in Canada will be suspended, Pasqualino said all the details were not completely worked out.

"This is all really new and doesn't seem like everything has been worked out yet," he said.

Pasqualino added there is a possibility the shutdown could extend beyond April 26 because it is such an evolving situation.

"This could all change dramatically. It's a big difference," he said. "Where it is going to be in another week or months from now, no one really knows."

The company is also suspending its 2020 financial outlook in order to evaluate the impact the temporary shutdown will have on its operations.

"Since the corona virus outbreak, the company has been focused on keeping our employees safe, serving our customers to the best of our ability during these difficult times and taking the necessary actions to protect our business for the long term," said Pierre Beaudoin, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Bombardier Inc.

"In addition to the actions announced today, Bombardier has cut all discretionary spending, is continuing the work on closing the previously announced transactions and is pursuing additional measures to enhance liquidity."

According to Pasqualino, there are concerns from workers about conditions in the plant and maintaining proper social distancing.

"A lot of members have reached out to me and are concerned about going back," he said. "Once we get back working in the plant, there is a lot of two man jobs that has to hold a part up, while another one drills it. I don't know how that will work out."



**SHUTTERED FOR NOW:** Bombardier says it will shut down its Canadian operations during the coronavirus outbreak.



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# LOCAL NEWS



SHUT DOWN: Mayor Bill Mauro says social and physical distancing is the best tool to stop the virus.

## City hall closes

Some services still available by appointment only

**CITY HALL**  
By Leith Dunick - TB Source

City Hall is closed, effective immediately.

Thunder Bay municipal officials made the announcement on Monday night following Premier Doug Ford's decision to close all non-essential businesses at 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday.

"I am aware of Premier Ford's decision to close all non-essential workplaces in Ontario to slow the spread of COVID-19," said Mayor Bill Mauro in a release issued by the city.

"While there will be significant economic impacts from this decision, this underscores the importance of social and physical distancing as the single best tool we have to address the spread of the virus."

**"We are preparing to respond and will continue to provide service where deemed essential."**  
**NORM GALE**

A full list of what can and cannot remain open was unveiled on Monday night by the premier.

City manager Norm Gale called it a proactive move. "We are making decisions about city services on a daily basis, and reviewing Premier Ford's announcement and will await his list tomorrow," said Mr. Gale. "We are preparing to respond, and will continue to provide service where deemed essential."

To accommodate the closure, city hall services, including the city clerk's office, commissioner of oaths and marriage and lottery licence enquiries will be available by appointment only at 625-2230.

## DSSAB reducing its hours

**THUNDER BAY**  
By Leith Dunick - TB Source

The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Board says essential core services will continue during the coronavirus outbreak.

However, starting on Wednesday, office hours are being shortened. The public will be allowed in from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

As well, the number of phones and computers will be limited in an effort to comply with social distancing guidelines.

The organization's Schreiber office will be closing.

In a release issued on Tuesday morning, the TBDSSAB said essential services including

the issuing of social assistance payments and new applications for programs will continue - although it's strongly recommended this be done by phone.

Inquiries and applications are also requested to be done remotely.

Payments will be accepted, but where possible, should be made remotely.

Also, community housing properties will continue to be maintained and health and safety issues will be addressed.


"We continue to prioritize the safety of the people we serve, our staff and our communities while maintaining essential services during this serious pandemic," says TBDSSAB CAO Bill Bradica.




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## LOCALNEWS

# City's sunshine list contingent now 452

**THUNDER BAY**  
By Leith Dunick – TB Source

The City of Thunder Bay tops all local contributors to the annual public-sector salary disclosure list, with 452 employees earning more than \$100,000 in 2019.

That's 81 more than the 371 at Lakehead University and 209 more than the 243 crossing the threshold at Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre. It's also 28 more than the 424 the city had the previous year.

Outgoing hospital CEO Jean Bartkowiak topped all non-medical publicly paid earners in the city, taking home \$369,447 last year, about \$2,000 less than he earned in 2018. At St. Joseph's Care Group, president and CEO Tracy Buckler earned \$343,078, down more than \$3,000 from the year before.

He was followed closely by Lakehead University

president Moira MacPherson, who was paid \$360,045 in 2018. Northwest Local Health Integration Network CEO Rhonda Crocker-Ellacott made \$353,164.

Her Confederation College counterpart Kathleen Lynch, by comparison, earned \$226,923, identical to what her predecessor, Jim Maddar, earned the year prior.



JEAN BARTKOWIAK

City manager Norm Gale topped all municipal employees, with \$256,390 in earnings last year, slightly more than the \$249,251 taken in by Police Chief Sylvie Hauth.

Fire Chief John Hay, who has been off the job without public explanation since November, earned \$172,909.

Turning to local school boards, Pino Tassone, who heads the Thunder Bay Catholic District School Board, earned \$207,578, while Lakehead Public Schools counterpart Ian MacRae was paid \$204,282.

Province-wide, there were 166,978 people listed.

## IN BRIEF

## Bus fares suspended

Thunder Bay Transit is implementing major adjustments to its service in order to protect drivers and the public from COVID-19. The city has said it intends to continue operating the service, while many other municipal services have been shuttered.

Starting last Saturday, transit stopped collecting fares and transfers. The service will also block the seats directly behind the operator's compartment, in an effort to provide a safe distance for its drivers. Passengers are instructed not to cross the yellow line near the operator's compartment, or approach the operator.

"The health and safety of our residents and employees is paramount," said Mayor Bill Mauro. "We are being responsible and acting out of an abundance of caution as the COVID-19 situation and our response continues to evolve."

The city also asked passengers to maintain a one- to two-metre distance from other riders and refrain from riding if feeling sick. They also reiterated an earlier call to only

use public transit for essential trips.

## ETFO reaches deal

The Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario has reached a tentative deal with the Ontario Public School Boards Association and the Council of Trustees Association.

It marks the second of four major teachers' unions to come to an agreement with the province, potentially putting to rest months of labour unrest that saw union members walk off the job multiple times.

"Despite the many challenges caused by the current pandemic situation, all of the parties continued to work towards reaching a deal that will help to bring some stability to our system during what is obviously an unprecedented and rapidly evolving situation," said OPSBA President Cathy Abraham in a release issued on Friday night.

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## Indigenous communities could be hit hardest by coronavirus

### INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS

By Ian Kaufman – TB Source

**S**ol Mamakwa says he understands the anxiety many people feel over the COVID-19 pandemic. The Kiiwetinoong MPP recently spent some time in self-isolation himself on medical advice, before testing negative for the virus.

“It was tough,” he says. “I was alone, and by about the third or fourth day I started feeling kind of anxious.”

It’s an unprecedented situation that Mamakwa acknowledges is challenging for political leaders. The MPP splits his time between the north and the provincial legislature in Toronto. He says seeing the nation’s largest city in near-shutdown mode brought the scale of the crisis home.

“When you see the streets are bare, it’s almost like from a movie,” he says. “There’s no playbook on how to handle this, that’s the issue we’re facing. As elected officials, we have to work together and try to provide the best pandemic plan to minimize the impact of the coronavirus in our communities.”

But while the first-term MPP has been spending time at Queen’s Park working to address the crisis, much of his focus is on how the pandemic might affect remote First Nations communities in his riding. Mamakwa says while their relative isolation may help slow or prevent the spread of the virus, many are particularly vulnerable should COVID-19 arrive.

“I think they’re in a very unique situation – because of the isolation, the remoteness [of fly-in communities], that’s the advantage,” he says. “But on the other side, if it hits it’s going to have a big impact.”

That’s because many First Nations communities lack the resources and amenities many other Canadian communities take for granted, he explains.

“Some communities don’t have clean drinking water. So when we talk about those precautionary measures – washing hands, social distancing, even self-isolation – those are things you can’t really do in our communities, especially when they’re overcrowded.”

Mamakwa says around 15 First Nations in the region have implemented travel restrictions designed to prevent the spread of the virus.

The crisis also highlights long-standing issues of access to medical care in remote First Nations, Mamakwa says.

“Not every community has 24-hour access to physician service, and there’s limited service of nurses as well,” he says.

Earlier this month, doctors in Sioux Lookout raised the alarm over how “critical” nursing shortages in the region leave First Nations vulnerable to COVID-19. 42 doctors signed an open letter to



**WORRIED:** MPP Sol Mamakwa says he’s concerned about the effect of COVID-19 on the Indigenous in Ontario’s north.

federal Minister of Indigenous Services Marc Miller, calling for immediate funding for additional nurses.

“A grossly under-resourced nursing service in the north which has existed over many years is going to be even more taxed, perhaps to the point of collapse,” the letter warns. “Staffing shortages render our northern Indigenous patients disproportionately

vulnerable to COVID-19”

Mamakwa says while now is the time to focus on emergency response to the pandemic, it exposes the need to address systemic underfunding of care for First Nations.

“We cannot just react when there’s a crisis,” he says. “We need to have a plan on how to have equitable access to health care.”

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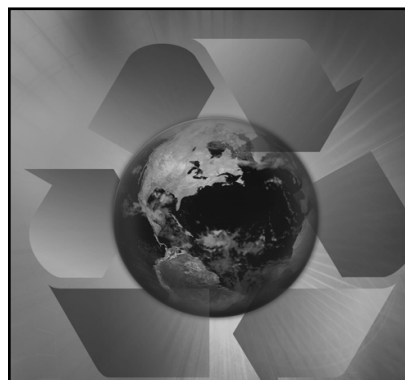
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# COVID-19 virus very worrisome



**FRED JONES**

**RURAL ROOTS**

**A** point of clarification: in last weeks column I used a title that was not meant to be flippant given the current global circumstances with COVID-19.

I had written "What, Me Worry?" an editor (I think) had perhaps misread my column and added to that title "...Not likely".

Nothing could be further from the truth. I am worried.

## In the age range

Both my wife, Laura, and I are prime candidates for this virus. What I tried to convey was that we are taking the recommendations of

self-isolating seriously, of only doing the minimal amount of shopping.

Interestingly, Laura had begun to stalk up on food stuffs before the virus was more than something that was happening elsewhere.

What concerned her were the railroad blockades and fearing that there might also be blockades to truck traffic due to the pipeline protests, the primary means of getting food and medicines to our city.

Then the virus hit Canada, first in B.C., now in every province.

When I wrote my last column, we hadn't learned about the first death from the virus in Ontario in the Muskoka area. But every day the news reveals how quickly this virus is spreading. And as I am writing this column (Sunday morning) there is no news of the virus being discovered in Thunder Bay. I'm sure that by the time you read this bit of

scribbling, we will have learned of a case or two having been discovered especially as people return from outside the country.

But we take all of the necessary precautions here at Casa Jones and life goes on: the taking care of horses, ploughing the driveway when it snows, getting the firewood cut, split, and stacked; and when the snow melts, cleaning the debris off of the lawns, and then fixing fences in the paddocks.

The virus has authored some big changes in routines: daughter Beth and son Doug have not yet finished their terms at the university.

But the university has set up so that students can work from home.

They are doing their projects, essays, possible discussions, etc., thanks to their computers and on-line access made available by their professors and fellow students.

A very important bonus that I am hearing is how people are being

encouraged to reach out, to help neighbours.

Laura has called a couple of senior folks for whom getting around isn't that easy and asked if they needed anything, if we could do a shop for them.

## Seemed OK

They thanked her but said that they were able to fend for themselves. So, volunteerism has risen sharply as neighbours help neighbours.

It was always thus in rural life. You helped your neighbour, your neighbour helped you.

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I read about even here in our township how people were ready to assist in all types of situations - weddings, funerals, fires that would wipe out a family, etc.

You assisted your neighbour because the next time it might just be your turn for that assistance.

# Ticket sales still ongoing

**THUNDER BAY**  
By Gary Rinne - TB Source

**T**icket sales continue, however the Fort William Rotary Club has suspended the open houses it runs in conjunction with its annual house lottery.

An open house scheduled for the weekend of Mar. 21 and 22 was the first to be affected by the suspension, which the club says will last for an indefinite period of time.

It said it was taking the step because of the COVID-19 situation, in the interest of the safety of its members, volunteers and the greater community.

Tickets for the \$590,000 home in the River Terrace subdivision can still be purchased via mail-ins.

The Rotary Club also said it is working with the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario to explore alternate opportunities for ticket sales.

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**WORK OF ART:** Artist Wes Bender has taken his passion for float fishing to a new level, with these hand-made floats.

# Artist combines love of fishing with his art

Float fishing has been called an art form. Exceptionally long rods, center-pin reels, dangerously thin lines, complicated split-shot patterns, and undulating river currents all add to the mystique of float fishing. Anglers who choose to float fish for trout, salmon, or steelhead tend to be passionate about their craft.

Thunder Bay fisherman Wes Bender has taken his passion for float fishing to another level altogether. A seasoned angler, Wes started making his own hand-made floats in 2014, and in the years since, he has created several thousand for anglers all across Canada and the US as well as New Zealand, Finland and Sweden.

When Wes gave me one of his very first floats to try back in April of 2014, I didn't have the heart to tie it on, as it was just too beautiful to put in the water, for fear I might lose it in battle. I've since purchased dozens of Bender's creations, appropriately called Superior Floats. They have become my favourite brand to fish with, but I also have a growing collection that I intend to display on my mantle one day.

Recently, I had the opportunity to ask Wes some questions about his unique floats:

**KA:** There are lots of good floats available for purchase, why did you decide to start making your own?

**WB:** I'm always looking to make improvements in the gear I use. The floats we can buy off the shelf work as designed, and some work very well. But, I always appreciate something more if I made it with

my own devices. Plus they are exceptionally durable and well-suited to withstand the abuse our north shore rivers put them through.

*What materials do you use in the construction?*

**WB:** The main body is made of balsa wood and the shaft is graphite. The finish coat is a UV resistant epoxy.

*They look like they came off a production line.*

*How do you get them to look so perfect?*

**WB:** I shape them with a power carver and then sand each one smooth on a modified lathe.

*The graphics on your floats are stunning. How do you make these?*

**WB:** These are original designs created on a computer and printed onto decal paper. Typically three decals are applied to each float before the epoxy layer.

*Has the design changed at all after fishing with them over the last few years?*

**WB:** From my very first batch, the shape has changed considerably. After testing them for several years I now make seven different styles, including a loafer that seems to work especially well in our local rivers.

*In terms of your time, what kind of investment is put into each one?*

**WB:** I don't want to talk about it. Probably less than minimum wage.

In addition to the floats, Wes creates some absolutely stunning hand-carved landing nets made from oak, maple, ash and walnut. You can visit [www.superiorfloats.com](http://www.superiorfloats.com) to admire all his different designs and get a peek at his latest creations.



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# Firearms, ammo sales have spiked

**THUNDER BAY**  
By Ian Kaufman – TB Source

Firearm and ammunition sales are up at Thunder Bay's D&R Sporting Goods, but owner Adrian Hagar says the increase isn't because people are fearing for their safety amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

Instead, says Hagar, the bump in sales comes down to concerns over supply chains heavily dependent on American suppliers. American gun retailers have seen a surge in ammunition sales in recent weeks, one Canadian hunters and target shooters worry could impact consumers in coming months. Most ammunition sold in Canada is produced south of the border.

"With the firearms and ammo industry driven by the U.S., when there's a shortage down [there], there's a ripple effect up the road," explained Hagar.

## Happened before

Hagar says the current situation isn't unprecedented. At times of crisis, it isn't uncommon to face a backlog of supply.

"At times when the U.S. mentions war, [or after] 9/11, sometimes there's up to a year backlog getting what you actually want – and a lot of avid hunters have their favourite bullet or

load picked out," Hagar said. "A lot of guys have been through this before, and just want to make sure they have ample stuff for either recreational shooting or hunting."

D&R has already sold about half of a large order they received last week, Hagar said, and he's now working with suppliers to order additional stock.

"We've kind of sold through our summer sporting ammo supply, we're dipping into the fall supply," he added. "Suppliers have been calling us all week, getting us topped up, so we have some filler orders coming."

## Other hot items too

Firearms and ammunition aren't the only items the store has been selling more of. Hagar said fishing licenses and equipment, food preserving supplies, and other items have been more popular recently as well. He said activities like hunting and fishing that can be undertaken alone or with family, and promote self-sufficiency, are appealing to many at this uncertain time.

"With an extended three-week March break and people being encouraged to get away from crowds, people are renewing hunting and fishing licenses early, packing their family up, getting out on the lake, trying to get away from the crowds."



**HIGHER THAN NORMAL:** D&R Sporting Goods owner Adrian Hagar says firearms and ammunition sales are up, but not out of fear.



## Magnus Theatre

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.

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In light of the extraordinary circumstances, we turn our attention to current films on the small screen.

One such title available on various platforms is the much talked about *Jojo Rabbit*.

Written, directed by and starring Jewish-Maori filmmaker Taika Waititi *Jojo Rabbit* engendered considerable buzz during the Toronto International Film Festival last fall, which ultimately translated into one Oscar win for Waititi for Best Adapted Screenplay, a best supporting actress nomination for Scarlett Johansson, and other nominations including best picture, costume design, production design and editing.

The film ultimately won 32 other awards, while garnering 144 nominations.

Set in the dying stages of WWII in an unnamed German city, the film centres on 10-year-old Johannes Betzler (an impressive Roman Griffith Davis) who earns his derogatory titular nickname after he fails to dispatch a rabbit as ordered by his Nazi youth camp leader, Captain K (an endearingly resigned Sam Rockwell) who seems to be presiding over a group of clueless cub scouts rather than steely-eyed Aryans.

The film's irreverent intentions are established immediately in the opening sequence as we hear the Beatles singing in German.

The unlikely premise then proceeds to engage us with its breezy, cheeky sensibility, especially in the opening sections, as Waititi seems to be melding the absurdism of Wes Anderson with shades of Mel Brooks' broadside, *Springtime for Hitler*, with a dash of Roberto Benigni's *Life is Beautiful*.

Young Johannes derives some solace from his imaginary pal, Der Führer, played by Waititi himself, who spouts anachronistic dialogue, is rather self-centred and eccentric, while ostensibly serving to build up Johannes' confidence as an aspiring but naïve Nazi youth, giving way to a darker spirit as the narrative progresses.

Johannes is dealt a curveball when he discovers that his free-spirit mother, Rosie (a playful Johansson) has been harbouring a young Jewish girl,



**IMPRESSIVE ACTING:** Roman Griffith Davis stars as Johannes Betzler in *Jojo Rabbit*

Elsa (Thomas Mackenzie, *Leave No Trace*) in a cupboard in their home, who initially looks like Anne Frank.

Over time, Elsa appears to take the place of Johannes' mysteriously missing sister. Johannes' father is also absent, rumoured to be either fighting on the front or helping the Resistance.

We are introduced to more quirky characters, most notably Stephen Merchant's malevolent but shallow Gestapo leader and a host of oddball situations.

The film stalls in the middle section though as the narrative zeroes in almost exclusively on Johannes and his growing attraction to the somewhat

older Elsa. He begins writing fake letters from her MIA boyfriend in an attempt to disrupt her romantic fancy and interviews her earnestly as he assembles an addled journal on what Jews are really like. Over time, Johannes' Nazi fervor begins to wane.

The proceedings pick up in the final act, as grisly reality encroaches upon Johannes' life. The German cause is fading as the Allies invade and Johannes and Elsa look to embrace freedom, dancing fancifully in the streets to David Bowie's *Heroes* sung in German as the credits roll.

Understandably, *Jojo Rabbit* may offend some but give Waititi props for bravely trying something audacious, despite uneven results.

**"The film's irreverent intentions are established in the opening sequence..."**

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# Story of British Home Children amazes



**JOHN PATEMAN**

**BOOK BANTER**



**M**y aunt Doris was sent to Canada as a British Home Child, aged 11, in 1931.

British Home Child Day is celebrated in Canada on Sept. 28, but many people still do not know the full story of the children caught in a scheme to rid England's streets of destitute children, and the lifelong impact this had on them and their families.

Their story is now told in *The Forgotten Home Child* by Genevieve Graham. It is 2018 and ninety-seven year old Winnifred Ellis knows she

doesn't have much time left, and it is almost a relief to realize that once she is gone, the truth about her shameful past will die with her.

But when her great-grandson Jamie, the spitting image of her dear late husband, asks about his family tree, Winnifred can't lie any longer, even if it means breaking a promise she made so long ago.

The novel flashes back to 1936 when 15-year-old Winny has never known a real home.

After running away from an abusive stepfather, she falls in with Mary, Jack, and their ragtag group of friends roaming the streets of Liverpool.

When the children are caught stealing food, Winny and Mary are left in Dr. Barnardo's Barkingside Home for Girls, a local home for orphans and forgotten children found in the city's slums.

At Barkingside, Winny learns she

will soon join other boys and girls in a faraway place called Canada, where families and better lives await them.

But Winny's hopes are dashed when she is separated from her friends and sent to live with a family that has no use for another daughter.

Instead, they have paid for an indentured servant to work on their farm. Faced with this harsh new reality, Winny clings to the belief that she will someday find her friends again.

There are also some true life stories of British Home Children.

Marjorie Arnison was one of the thousands of children removed from their families, communities and country and placed in a British colony or commonwealth to provide 'white stock' and cheap labour.

In Marjorie's case she was sent to Prince of Wales Fairbridge Farm School, just north of Victoria, British

Columbia, in 1937. As a child, Patricia was angered that her mother wouldn't talk about the past.

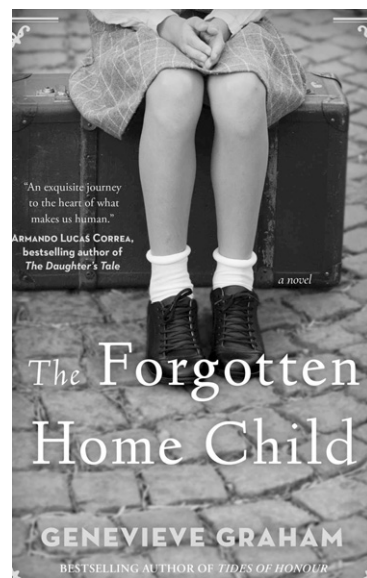
It took many years to discover why – it wasn't because she was keeping a dark secret, it was because she had 'lost' her childhood.

For 10-year-old Marjorie, forgetting her past, her family, and England was the only survival tool she had at her disposal to enable her to face her frightening and uncertain future.

Marjorie: too afraid to cry, a Home Child experience, is Marjorie's account as told by her daughter Patricia Skidmore.

It is a story of fear, loss, courage, survival and finding one's way home.

For more information about British Home Children see *Nation Builders: Barnardo Children in Canada* by Gail H. Corbett and *The Little Immigrants: the orphans who came to Canada* by Kenneth Bagnell.



**SENT AWAY:** *The Forgotten Home Child* tells a tale of England's past.

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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  - Windstorm
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  - Hairdo
  - Low (Fr.)
  - Well (Fr.)
  - Sawbill duck
  - Fr. month
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  - Choral music
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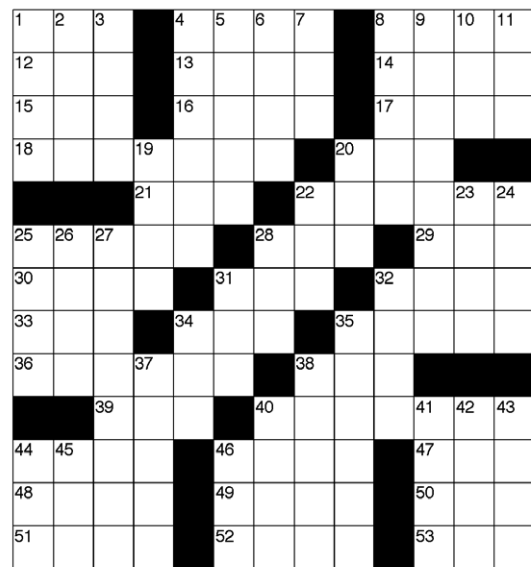
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- Spirit of air
- Freedman in

- Kentish law
- Poetic contraction
- Enough (Ital.)
- Mnemonic (2 words)
- One hundred square meters
- File
- Welsh symbol
- Comparative ending
- Jewish scholar
- Black
- Counsel
- Volcano crater
- Concert halls
- Hades
- Sheep's cry
- No (Scot.)
- Beat rapidly
- Luzon people
- Cotton fabric
- Chemical compound
- Biblical tower
- Long piece of wood
- Mayan year
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# Sports

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## Lam, Palermo, MacLean tops at LU

### THUNDER BAY

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Lock Lam was the defensive player of the year in Canada.

Marco Palermo didn't have a point scored against him in either the OUA or USport championships.

In the end, it was too tough a call to distinguish one from the other as Lakehead University's male athlete of the year.

So the school gave both competitors the award.

Lam, who led the nation in blocked shots, with 77, and Palermo, who captured his third straight national title, on Friday were named co-winners of the trophy, which normally would be handed out at a gala awards ceremony that brought all student athletes together.

In 2020, things are different, the COVID-19 pandemic forcing the university to unveil the winners electronically.

Skier Alannah MacLean was an easy choice on the women's side.

MacLean captured three gold medals at the OUA Nordic Championships, capturing the 10-kilometre freestyle, the 15-kilometre classic and the women's three-by-five-kilometre relay.

Lam's freshman teammate, Laoui Msambya, was named the male rookie athlete of the year, while runner Amy Stieh took home the female athlete of the year award.

Stieh, who routinely set Lakehead

records all season long, was third in the women's 300-metre race and fifth in the 600-metre event at the OUA championships, and took seventh in both distances at nationals.

Msambya was named to both the OUA all-rookie team and the USport all-rookie team in his debut season with the Thunderwolves.

The Argus Award, presented to the graduating athlete who best demonstrated leadership and sportsmanship throughout their career went to basketball's Isaiah Traylor, while the Hank Akervall award was co-won by basketball's Lily Gruber-Schulz and hockey's Brett Wolframe.

The award goes to the graduating athlete who combines excellence in athletics and in the classroom, while also proving to be a well-rounded individual.

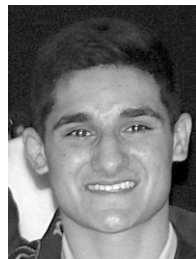
LU athletic director Tom Warden said they were left with little choice but to cancel the awards ceremony, given restrictions put in place to fight the pandemic.

"Because of the new restrictions, we have decided to cancel our annual Athletics Awards event. Instead of a face to face celebration of your accomplishments this season, we have posted the information on our website. I know this isn't the way we thought the season would end, but I still think it's important that

we celebrate the accomplishments of our athletes and rejoice in your success," Warden said in a release issued by the school.



ALANNAH MACLEAN



MARCO PALERMO



TOP DEFENDER: Lakehead's Lock Lam (right) led the nation in blocked shots and was named USport defensive player of the year.

## A look at my top five Expos players of all-time



LEITH DUNICK  
SPORTS SHOTS

Been seeing a lot of sports lists being sought online of late, while we're all hunkered down trying to keep the coronavirus at bay.

My favourite one was the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame asking to list the Montreal Expos all-time 25-man roster.

It was a tough task. There were so many great players who just didn't make the grade - at least not trying to build a realistic roster.

I had to leave off guys like Delino DeShields, Randy Johnson, Ken Singleton and Moises Alou.

Anyhow, with limited space on the page, I'll list off my top 5, in no particular order.

**Gary Carter:** The Kid is probably my all-time favourite athlete, so I'll start with him. A great defensive catcher with plenty of pop in his bat, Carter was a fan favourite everywhere

he played.

That double hit in his final at bat in Montreal, off the Chicago Cubs, and the reaction of the crowd, still sends shivers down my spine.

He was one of the best catchers of his era, and some say in the top 10 of all-time.

**Andre Dawson:** The turf at the Big O did a number on his knees, but Dawson was a perennial 25-25 before leaving for the Cubs and an MVP campaign in 1987.

The Hawk covered plenty of ground in centrefield, and was later inducted

into the Baseball Hall of Fame, a well-deserved honour.

**Tim Lincecum:** Though he played in the shadows of Rickey Henderson throughout his career, and had his share of off-field troubles, Raines was about as good as they came in left-field in the early '80s.

Raines won a batting title and led the NL in steals from 1981 to 1984. He also hit above .300 five times during his Expos tenure.

**Pedro Martinez:** As big a Steve Rogers fan as I was in the late '70s and early '80s, Pedro was the man. In just

four seasons he went 55-33 and struck out 843 in 797 innings, winning the Cy Young Award in 1997.

**Vladimir Guerrero:** The Expos all-time home run leader with 234, a five-time all-star before leaving for the Angels and possessed a cannon of an arm in right field.

Guerrero, in 2002, came a homer shy of joining the exclusive 40-40 club. He had five straight seasons of 30 or more homeruns and never hit less than .300 in any of his first five full seasons.

Feel free to let me know who your top five are on your favourite team.

# Walleye launch new website

SIJHL

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

The Kam River Fighting Walleye have entered the digital age.

The expansion Superior International Junior Hockey League franchise on Friday launched its team website, its latest step in the team's effort to reach out to fans across Ontario's northwest.

"The Dorsal Fin Entertainment Group and the Kam River Fighting Walleye are extremely excited to be launching our new destination. This will allow our fans from the #WalleyeNation to stay up to date with all things Walleye. I would like to thank our director of Media and Communications, Michael Hughes for the time he put into making this an incredible website," said group president Derek Geddes.

"Our next order will be to launch our season ticket packages and engaging local businesses with the Fighting Walleye brand."

Geddes promised plenty of original content will be uploaded to the site, including the work of experienced hockey writers who will provide a unique perspective on all things Walleye.

It's the latest milestone in a wild ride over the past couple of months.

"We are extremely excited to be launching our new site which will help in branding our identity. The work Michael Hughes and our web team have put in to make this happen quickly is tremendous. We have had an exciting couple of months," said general manager Kevin McCallum.



**NEW SITE:** The Kam River Fighting Walleye website can be found at [www.fightingwalleye.com](http://www.fightingwalleye.com).

"We are continuing our aggressive recruiting and work to bring the best possible junior A product to Thunder Bay."

The team also plans to include video content and contests on their new site.

# T-Wolves ink first 2020-21 prospect

UNIVERSITY HOCKEY

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

The Lakehead Thunderwolves have started to retool in preparation for next season.

The OUA men's hockey club on Monday announced the signing of defenceman Colin Van Den Hurk, of Havelock, Ont. who will join the club in 2020-21.

Van Den Hurk spent last season with the Trenton Golden Hawks of the Ontario Junior Hockey League, scoring 13 goals and 29 assists in 50 games.

He spent the 2018-19 campaign playing for the Charlottetown Islanders of the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League, and spent parts of two seasons playing for the Ontario Hockey League's Kingston Frontenacs, splitting time with the Kingston Voyageurs.

"I'm really happy to be coming to Lakehead University to continue my hockey career as well as my education. I'd like to thank everyone who has helped me get this far and I'm looking forward to the next step," the 20-year-old said in a release issued on Monday by the team.

T-Wolves coach Andrew Wilkins said Van



**NEW ARRIVAL:** Colin Van Den Hurk spent last season with the OJHL's Trenton Golden Hawks.

Den Hurk's addition will strengthen Lakehead's blue-line going forward.

"Colin has impressed me with his speed, skill and work ethic, and he fits in with how

we want to build our back end. He's a great kid with strong character and will be a welcome addition to our dressing room," Wilkins said.

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