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Santa Claus pays an early visit to Brady, 2, and Bryar Solomon, 4, at a Christmas party for education workers and their families earlier this month.

Happy Holidays

As a child back in my home community of Kasabonika, I used to cling to my kookum as she went door-to-door visiting other families to check in and say hello every Christmas season. I don't think she missed a home. We entered the homes carrying gifts, whether it was a pound of lard or a little bag of flour, because it was a tradition to bring a gift when we went visiting. Often, I would leave with a gift of my own.

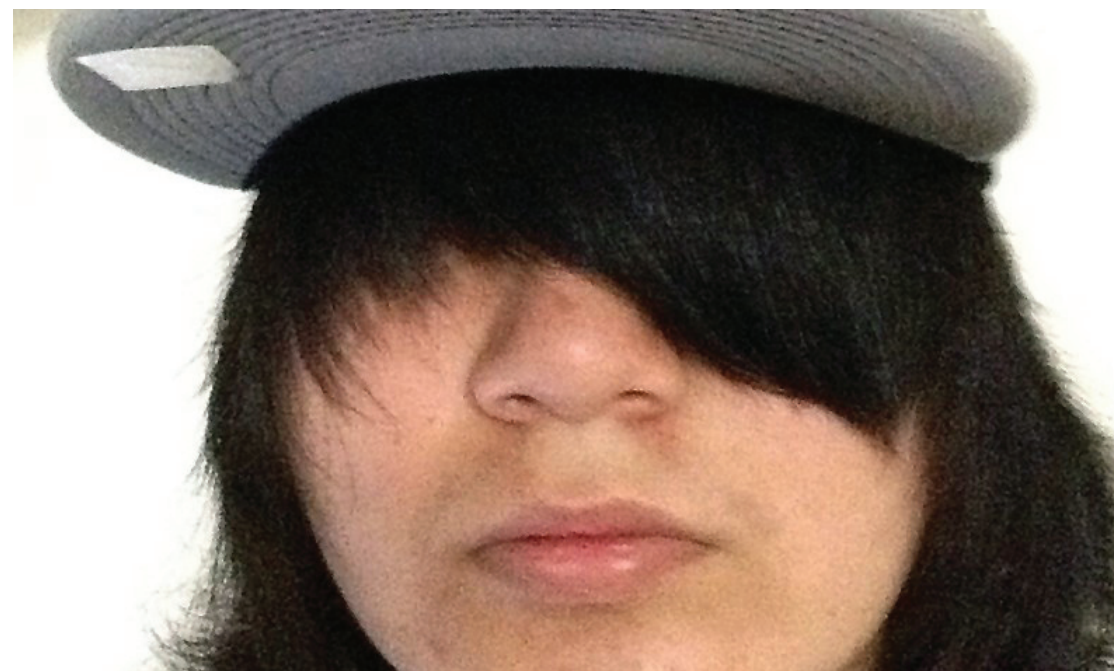
My kookum wasn't the only one who carried out this tradition in my community. I also saw our Chief doing the same, checking up on the homes. He showed love and compassion to everyone.

Today, this is the same approach we take here at Tikinagan. As we visit and work in our communities, we show our love and compassion for the children and families we work with. The holiday season is always a special time when we come celebrate our togetherness – a perfect parallel to our service model Mamow Obiki-ahwahsoowin, which means “everyone working together to raise our children.” Being together and celebrating children at a time like this also makes me think of the Wise Men from the Gospels, who traveled to visit Jesus and his family (Matthew 2:1-11) upon his birth. They, too, also brought gifts when they visited!

This Christmas season, we celebrate how our staff have worked together to keep families and communities safe through this pandemic by following health guidelines. We also continue to work toward the reunification of families and keeping them connected to the family, culture, and community. And as we move closer to a new year, we look forward with faith, hope, gratitude, and joy. Faith that we are on the right path with our families, children and youth we work with. Hope that work that we continue to make a positive impact on someone's life. Gratitude to our Creator for our abilities to be apart of the work we do at Tikinagan. And let us be mindful of the joy that is coming and that is here.

On behalf of our Board, Elders, and Staff, Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to you and yours.

Thelma Morris, Executive Director



Jarett Sainnawap will spend another six months in jail after pleading guilty to accessory after the fact to murder in Kayliegh Ivall's death.

Accessory plea in killing of teen girl

Jarett Sainnawap was involved in Kayliegh Ivall's death

By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

The parents of 14-year-old Kayliegh Ivall say they are haunted by the thoughts of her last moments and are now left with the void her death has caused, and while one of the accused in her murder did not participate in the attack, they believe he still has a responsibility to bear.

"She would be 16 now. She would be in high school. All we can do is imagine what she would have become. All we have is past memories," Kayliegh's mother Keri said.

"There was one person who could have stopped this. You Jarett could have stopped this but you let it happen."

Jarett Sainnawap, 23, appeared before Justice Helen Pierce via video from the Thunder Bay District Jail on Monday where he pleaded guilty to one count of accessory after the fact to murder in the death of Ivall and one count of aggravated assault for an attack on another victim that occurred three days prior.

Justice Pierce agreed with a joint sentencing submission on behalf of defense counsel Gil Labine and Crown attorney Trevor Jukes of three years.

With pre-sentence custody of 20 months enhanced to 30 months, Sainnawap will remain in custody for an additional six months, which is to be followed by three years probation upon his release.

Sainnawap was first charged on May 6, 2020 with

first-degree murder along with a 14-year-old co-accused who cannot be named in accordance with the Youth Criminal Justice Act arrested on May 4.

On April 27, 2020, a passerby discovered a body located in a wooded area near Lyon Boulevard and Arundel Street. Police were notified and the deceased was identified as Kayliegh Ivall.

According to an agreed statement of facts read into the court record, Sainnawap and the youth met with Kayliegh near the Current River baseball field on the evening of April 26 and then proceeded into a wooded area nearby to look at a dead animal.

It was then that Kayliegh was hit on the head with a bottle and stabbed numerous times.

"At that point, knowing she was dead, Mr. Sainnawap broke off part of a tree to cover the body of Kayliegh Ivall," Jukes read before the court from the agreed statement of facts.





A post-mortem examination revealed Kayliegh died as a result of multiple stab wounds.

The accessory after the fact to murder charge relates to Sainnawap attempting to conceal Kayliegh's body, discarding her belongings, and sheltering the youth.

Kayliegh's parents said the thought of their daughter's last moments are unbearable.

"This is our life now and the void where she was will always be there," Kayliegh's mother said. "The pain Kayliegh experienced is over but not for us, we carry it now."

THIS WEEK'S WEATHER FORECAST

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City OKs digital strategy

By Ian Kaufman – TB Source

The City of Thunder Bay has adopted its first digital strategy, fulfilling a recommendation of the program and services review it passed in 2020.

The document calls for the city to roughly double its investment in Information Technology over several years, in order to modernize city services for the digital age.

City councillors unanimously endorsed the strategy Monday night, but the increased spending it lays out will still need to be approved in city budgets beginning in 2023.

The city's Corporate Information Technology department had a roughly \$4.5 million budget in 2021. That lags behind peer municipalities like Sudbury as a percentage of the city's budget, consultants Perry

Group found.

The increased investment will support the addition of several new staff in the IT department, including a manager, GIS and data coordinator, project managers, app developers, and a data engineer, phased in over four years.

In the draft 2022 budget, corporate IT manager Jack Avella said administration proposed to add close to \$1 million to implement the strategy, split about evenly between operating and capital spending.

Coun. Rebecca Johnson said she'd keep an eye on assurances the strategy would bring efficiency-related cost savings of up to a million dollars a year, along with the added expenses. Avella also said the city would pursue further funding, after receiving \$125,000 from the province to develop the

strategy.

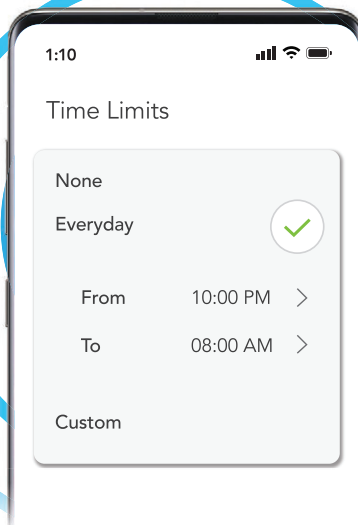
Coun. Brian Hamilton shared Johnson's concern, but said cities must begin treating digital infrastructure more seriously.

"[That's] a significant budget driver, but the city's really behind – this is critical infrastructure, I get that," he said.

The strategy commits the city to a "digital first" approach to city services, through actions like expanding public wifi, developing an online tax portal, and offering online payments for services like water billing, parking tickets, and municipal camping.

Those who prefer to be served off-line, however, can still count on the city to offer "traditional channels of service delivery," a report from city administration reassured the public.

Rebecca Johnson wants assurances a digital strategy will create promised savings. (FILE)



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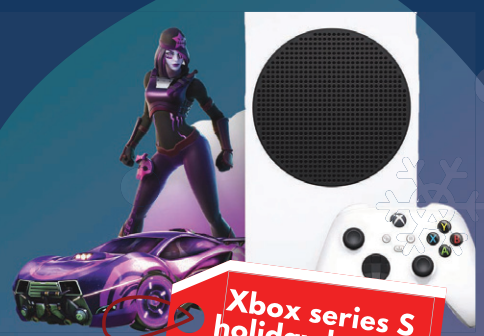
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Police and PR

The push by Thunder Bay Police is on to build a new \$56-million headquarters.

Interesting that Police Chief Sylvie Hauth has hired an outside public relations firm to help sell her version of the project.

Last week the police chief held a public meeting, with softball questions lobbed at her by a paid-for 'interviewer'.

The project has already gotten the approval of the Thunder Bay Police Services Board, and will be presented officially to city council in January.

Why the need for a PR campaign?

Why the need for a slick sales pitch to the community, using taxpayer dollars to sell the controversial plan.

The need for a new police station should stand on its own.

Hauth says the public needs to understand the reality facing officers working out of the Balmoral Street facility, built a little more than three decades ago.

The police chief needs to understand the reality that taxpayers are all but maxed out, facing higher-than-usual inflation and increasing costs across the board. Does the police solution really have to cost \$56 million?

Dease Pool's legacy To the editor:

Dease Pool was loved by the people of Thunder Bay and the fight to "Save Dease Pool" was one we can be proud of.

Although we were unable to save the pool, the legacy of the Dease Pool site will continue as the city will turn this site into a new Skateboard Park. Hopefully this will be a positive addition to the area and something the kids can enjoy.

Ray Smith,
Thunder Bay

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Ford and Woolf stories make you think

A Multitude of Sins is an amazing collection of short stories by Pulitzer Prize winning author Richard Ford. Whenever I read a Ford short story it makes me think really hard. There are so many layers. And at the end I can only say 'Wow'. Every time.

Only a story teller as agile and serious as Ford could produce this set of stories that are rich and deep and diverse on a single theme - love, intimacy, and their dramatic failures. These stories delve into human relationships and look at them from every conceivable angle.

Ford is an unflinching chronicler of modern life and examines love relationships both inside and outside marriage. In North America it seems

that men and women live alone together. They never really know each other.

In Colorado two realtors have an affair and the woman decides she wants to see the Grand Canyon. For her it is a spiritual experience. For him it is just a hole in the ground. There is literally an abyss between them.

In Connecticut an unfaithful wife tells her husband that she had an affair with the man whose house they are going to for a party.

In Maine a couple try to reignite

the passion in their marriage, that is slowly but surely falling apart, by taking a weekend trip to the coast.

In Montreal a woman thinks about how she can end an affair so that it feels like there was something there in the first place.

Monday or Tuesday by Virginia Woolf was originally printed at her Hogarth Press in Richmond. It is the only collection of short stories that Woolf published during her lifetime, providing a fascinating insight into the early stages of development of themes that would

blossom in her later manuscripts.

Monday or Tuesday, appearing as it did in 1921, came at a crucial point in her artistic development after the conventional *Night and Day* (1919) and before the experimental *Jacob's Room* (1922). The eight pieces contained in this collection all explore the non-narrative side of fiction, all of them experimental yet highly structured.

The title story *Monday or Tuesday* uses the motif of a heron's descent to juxtapose various images and investigate the relationship between perceptions and truth. 'A Haunted House' contrasts the perceptions of a couple with those of the ghosts that also inhabit their house.

Kew Gardens interweaves detailed descriptions of features of a botanical garden such as a snail's progress and flower beds with the conversations of a small group of characters. *A Society* is a satirical description of an upper class party which gives rise to various vignettes.

An Unwritten Novel follows the musings of the narrator as she engages a fellow commuter in conversation on a train and speculates on her life. 'Blue and Green' is an exploration of colour and its objective and subjective associations. *The Mark on the Wall* uses the eponymous mark as a Proustian starting point for the narrator's reminiscences. Modernism at its best.



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Small celebrations in 2021

By JR Shermack -
For TB Source

Lately I've been hearing those sleigh bells jingling and ring tingling too.

Even though I've heard them hundreds of times before, those often repeated songs and clichés during the holiday season still have the power to stir the imagination.

It is hard to envision Christmas without the music, the season's greetings and all the fond memories that come to mind when we hear those familiar old refrains.

"Tis the season to be jolly," is one of many commonly used festive phrases that continue to renew our Christmas spirit and spread good cheer.

And even those who have never roasted a single chestnut on an open fire are familiar with that well-worn and thought provoking nugget of nostalgia.

These sentiments will be especially welcome for Christmas,

2021 as it appears we may be dealing with some of the same challenges and choices we faced a year ago.

To help us cope with the prospect of troubling times ahead we need a little Christmas right now to lighten the load.

Our family has been safe and healthy since last year's little get together and our reward for avoiding the naughty list is having two more family members join us at the table this year.

It may seem like a small thing, but it is an encouraging step in the right direction and little by little it's beginning to look more like Christmases long, long ago.

Christmas has always been a good time to spread peace and good will among the most important people in our lives.

After the burden of restrictions and lockdowns for almost two years we have gained a new appreciation for the family and friends we may have taken for granted.

There were lessons learned

during our scaled back Christmas celebrations last year and while there is still cause for concern there are also reasons for hope and optimism.

Many months of forced separation and distancing have given some Canadians a much greater appreciation of the personal relationships we rely on for comfort and support.

Now after extended lockdowns and isolation we have come to realize who these people are and how they enrich our lives - absence makes the heart grow fonder.

Canadians now have a new perspective on Christmas and the new attitudes are reflected in a recent Angus Reid poll.

More Canadians are planning in-person celebrations with family and friends this year but most of them will only party with fully vaccinated people.

The number of people attending work or office parties this year is down by more than half.

Most Canadians will have a



Little by little Christmas is getting back to normal, though new restrictions are in place.

family dinner but still fewer than pre-pandemic levels - 28 per cent are planning inter-provincial travel compared to 51 per cent

before.

In general, the vaccinated seem a little wary of the unvaccinated.

The poll did not determine how many Canadians would have a holly, jolly Christmas this year but there'll be much mistletoeing and hearts will be glowing when loved ones are near.

As for me, I won't be rocking around the Christmas tree this year, but I will be frolicking with loved ones and we will do our best to have ourselves another merry little Christmas.

I trust most Canadians will do the same in small celebrations across the country - there are plenty of Christmas clichés for everyone.

And this time next year, who knows - we can deck the halls and fa la la like it was 2019.

In the meantime, may your days be merry and bright and may all your Christmases be white (and shared with ten people or less).

And now that I think of it, maybe hold off on the mistletoeing.

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December 24

Christmas church service

The United Churches of Thunder Bay are presenting a special livestream Christmas Eve service for people reluctant to gather in places of worship because of Covid-19.

The livestream event involves a number of the city's United Churches joined together live using the unique video-conferencing technology developed at Trinity United.

The service will feature a variety of Christmas readings including the story of the birth of Christ from the Book of Luke. You will also be able to sing along as the United Church choirs of Thunder Bay perform a number of carols pre-recorded using Zoom technology, including O Come All Ye Faithful, Away in a Manger, Joy to the World and Silent Night.

There will also be a special performance by Peter and Marino Cosbey on piano and cello and a handbell duet. The service will meet all provincial



A virtual Christmas Eve service is scheduled.

Covid-19 protocols.

Many of the city's United Churches will be open for worship that evening. However, Shane Judge, the chair of Trinity United's multi-site committee, says many people have come to depend on the streamed service prepared jointly by the city's United Churches.

This service will begin on Christmas Eve at 7 pm and can be found online at trinityunited.church/livestream/

Similarly, there will also be a regular online Sunday service on December 26th beginning at 10:30 pm.

December 24

Santa arrives

Jolly old Saint Nick's big night finally arrives. Starring Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner, Blitzen and of course, Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, Santa will be hitching them to his sleigh, loading it down with toys and heading out on his annual global voyage to deliver toys to all the world's good little girls and boys. He's checked his list, and checked it twice. Have you been naughty or nice?

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from our families to yours!

We're taking next week off, and will return on Jan. 6 with our sold-out Year in Review edition.

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Suspect arrested in city's latest murder

Shane Kruchak, 47, taken into custody in stabbing death

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

A 35-year-old Thunder Bay man is dead in Thunder Bay's sixth homicide of 2021.

Thunder Bay Police say they were called to a laneway in the 200 block area of May Street South at about 8:30 a.m. on Saturday following reports of a man in need of emergency medical attention following a physical altercation.

Injured

Police say they arrived to find a man suffering injuries consist-

tent with a stabbing.

He was taken to hospital, where he was later pronounced deceased.

Later, a male suspect was located and arrested, and taken to Thunder Bay Police headquarters on Balmoral Street.

Shane Franklin Kruchak, 47, of Thunder Bay has been charged with second-degree murder and breach of probation.

The victim has been identified as Brian Wyer.

Police noted the victim and the alleged assailant were known to each other.

The major crimes unit and forensic identification unit are involved in the ongoing investigation.

Police say that though the area is known to have drug activity,



Police hold the scene near an alleyway off May Street South on Sunday. (Ian Kaufman)

the incident did not appear to be drug related.

"So for the sake of the commu-

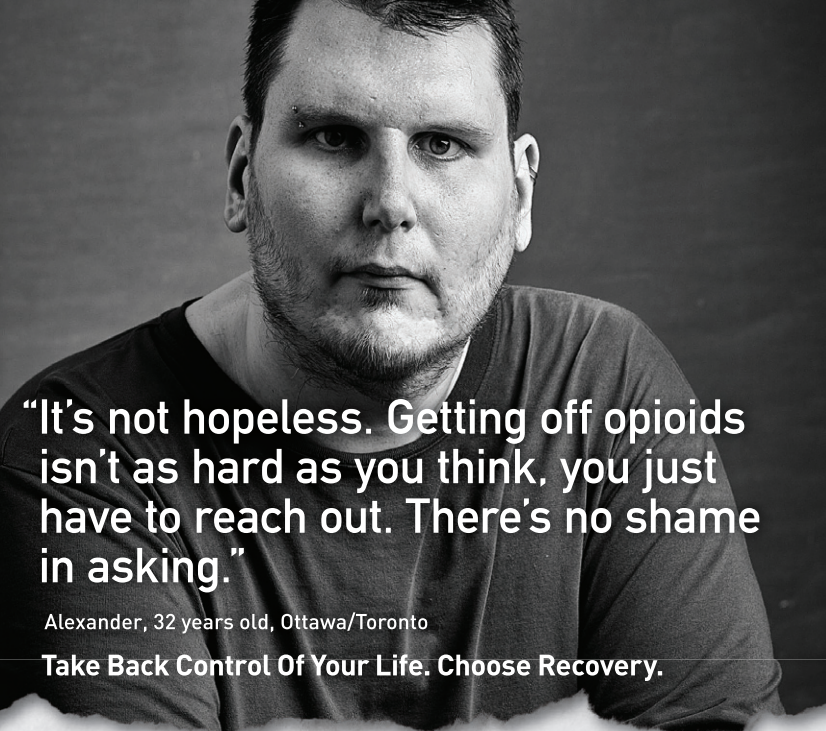
nity and everything that we've been doing lately, I can acknowledge that yes, we have

previously been to that address and reported that we've done drug warrants in that area. This particular one appeared to just be not quite drug related to persons that knew each other and unfortunately, got into a bit of a dispute." said Det.-Insp. John Fennell.

Exam scheduled

A post-mortem examination was scheduled to take place in Thunder Bay on Monday. The accused appeared in bail court on Sunday.

Anyone with information that could assist this investigation is asked to call police at 684-1200, or submit tips anonymously through Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477, online at www.p3tips.com.



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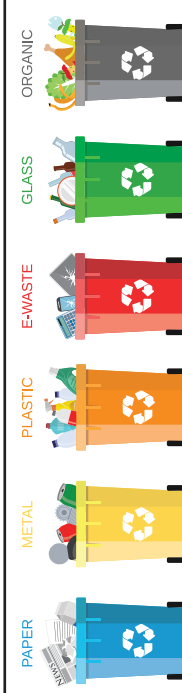
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There are plenty of great Christmas presents out there for anglers of all ages and skill levels.

Good Life gift guide

There is no doubt that we all have at least a few outdoorspeople on our Christmas lists. For those who love to spend time outside, the best gifts will not have a screen, or require charging, and they won't sit on a shelf gathering dust. For our friends and family who fish, hunt, pedal, and paddle, the best gifts are the ones that inspire outdoor adventures to create memories with family and friends. Now, more than ever, people are turning to the great outdoors to find balance, harmony and joy. So naturally, anyone who appreciates nature would love to find an outdoors-inspired gift under the tree this Christmas. With that in mind, here are some last-minute shopping ideas for the outdoors enthusiast on your list.



Keith Ailey
the GOOD LIFE

For the boater: If someone in your family owns a boat, chances are they have some old, smelly Personal Floatation Devices that only serve as aseat cushions. Swap one out for a new inflatable PFD. Chances are good this minimalist life vest will actually be worn on the water because it is so comfortable and if it is even needed a single time, it will have been the greatest gift ever given.

For the angler: We have spent a lot of money on a truck, a boat and fuel just to get to the fish, but anglers often get stingy when it comes to buying lures for fear of breaking off a ten dollar investment on a snag. However, if we want to have the best chance to catch some fish, we need to have the best possible lure. An easy upgrade for your favourite angler would be a stocking full of baits from proven fish-catching brands to replace the cheap knock-offs in their box. Better yet, pick up some Mighty Mitch &

Jungle Joe's Jigflies.

Hand-tied in Terrace Bay, these are a great upgrade over the old twister tail jigs that are melted to the bottom of the tackle box.

For the hunter: Every solo grouse hunting trip I made this fall was on a bike. Parking the truck and putting the miles on my legs was a real joy and only once did I fail to come home with a limit. If it is in the budget, get your favourite hunter a fatbike and revolutionize their small game hunting experience.

For the mountain biker: Fresh bike tires are a great way to upgrade the ride for the adventurous athlete on your list. If they have not yet made the switch to tubeless tires, taking their bike to a local bike shop and having them do it could be a game-

changer. The ride quality of tubeless is infinitely more comfortable because of the lower air pressure and I cannot overstate the awesomeness of having the sealant instantly plug a puncture mid-ride and save the day.

For the paddler: Gliding across the lake at camp or exploring the backcountry of Quetico in a canoe is one of the true pleasures of living in Northwestern Ontario. Surprise the paddler in your life with a bent shaft paddle. These paddles allow the stroke to be more efficient and can make long trips much more enjoyable.

These presents are more than just material items and they each promise to enhance the outdoor experiences so many of us crave. As we head into a new year filled with endless possibilities, these gift ideas will all encourage more time in nature, and with that a healthier body and mind.

Do you have an opinion to share?
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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28	8 AM - 6:30 PM
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Preparing the stuffing for the turkey is an annual tradition in many households, but it comes with its own set of cooking rules.

Stuffing the turkey

We been talking sides on “Here’s Cookin at You Kid” for the last few weeks.

Today we are going to tackle the most controversial of the sides, the stuffing or “dressing” if you’re a weirdo.

We all know what stuffing is typically, cut up bread with turkey drippings and vegetables and seasonings stuffed into your bird to soak up all the delicious essences.

Here’s the thing though, for your stuffing to be optimum, its best not to stuff it in the bird. Your first reason, safety.

When cooking poultry, it is crucial to follow proper temperature guides for doneness. Other meats can be enjoyed at different levels of doneness, but poultry is done when it’s done.

Turkey is fully cooked when a thermometer inserted into the thickest part of the thigh reads 165F. At that point the turkey should be removed from the oven and left to rest for 15 to 25 minutes.

When cooking a stuffed turkey, it is very important that a thermometer

also be inserted into the thickest part of the stuffing. The thermometer should also read a minimum of 165 F.

As a turkey cooks, juices that may contain salmonella will have been absorbed into the stuffing, therefore it is necessary to reach this temperature to kill any potentially harmful bacteria. This increased temperature can cause your turkey to dry on the outside before your stuffing is safe to eat. It can also drastically affect the quality of your turkey.

Stuffing cooked in the bird can be great, however, it can often have a slightly soggy texture. This is understandable given that bread is porous and continues to absorb the moisture of the bird as it cooks.

If you have browned your stuffing it will still be caramelized and crispy, vegetables can remain fork-tender without being overcooked, if you are using fresh herbs they will still be bright and full of flavour.

If you absolutely need the flavour of the turkey juices in your stuffing, you can stir some of the cooked drippings into your stuffing just prior to serving.

If you’re a person that gets stressed about timing your dinner, Stuffing can be prepared a day in advance and stored in your refrigerator.

To reheat, be sure to arrange your racks appropriately prior to baking your turkey ensuring you save room for your dish of stuffing.

To reheat your stuffing, you can bake it on the lower rack under your turkey, alternatively you can reheat in a stand-alone toaster oven or crockpot.

While stuffing that is cooked in the bird can taste delicious, it often lacks a little something in the looks department.

After all it’s been sweating inside a turkey for hours.

A separate stuffing that accompanies the bird allows your dish to shine and can be a great visual eye appealing attraction for the dinner table this holiday season.

Happy holidays to all of you, lets have a very gluttonous holiday season and regret it in January!

Derek Lankinen is an award-winning chef, author, and restaurateur. He is the Owner/Operator of Beefcake’s Burger Factory and Co-Owner of Elite Beef, Eat Loco Tacos and Brick and Mortar Food Co.



Derek Lankinen

Here’s Cooking at You Kid

Christmas lights uplift holiday spirits

Yes, finally we got the tree into the house and decorated. I trundled on my ancient tractor, Big Red, to the 'back 40', now festooned with all sorts of conifers – white pine, jack pine, spruce and balsam.

My wife, Laura, and daughter Beth wanted a balsam this time not a spruce.

Maneuvering the trails with a large, seven-foot snow blower attached to Red's rear required careful negotiation of corners. It had been a while since that trek, so I had to motor around some trees until I saw it.

The tree wasn't big. It was not as 'bushy' as the spruce. Surprisingly, when I did get it set up it was tall, about twelve feet. "We should snip off about a foot-and-a-half at the top

since it is very sparse," advised Laura.

I had the tall ladder inside and after setting it close to the tree, climbed up with clippers to remove the top section.

"That's much better," Laura said.

Stringing the lights is my least favourite task. It took a couple of tries since this year we decided to start at the top and thread them

down. Very pretty when plugged in. Next came the ornaments. We soon realized that unlike in previous Christmases, the sparseness of the tree meant that we couldn't hang as many of our decorations. Besides balsam branches aren't as sturdy as those of spruce so heavy ornaments had to stay in their boxes.

Laura did most of the final touches climbing up the ladder to affix small things like hand-made snowflakes, beautifully tatted by our late friend Wendy.

While this was going on, I played appropriate Christmas music on the stereo. Outside lights presented a different set of problems.

Laura had bought a roll of string lights that she wrapped around the two posts that support the roof of the front stoop.

But we have strings of larger outdoor lights that needed to be attached to the eaves.

The problem of attaching the strings presented itself almost immediately: the plastic clamps still attached to the string would break when I tried to insert underneath the eavestrough. Now what?

It meant a trip to town to buy proper hooks. Almost all of the

stores that carry Christmas lights and their paraphernalia were sold out. The shelves were bare.

Then I hit upon what I thought was a brainstorm: buy "s"-shaped hooks that can be looped through the string of lights and clamped over the ridge of the eavestrough.

I bought a lot, but when I got home I realized that they were far too small. Rats. Next day we drove back to town to buy larger hooks.

On Sunday when I strove to climb the ladder, lean way back and attach the hooks it worked. Except I'd bought too few and the weight of the line with those lights caused the hooks to slide along the eavestrough. Visually, the string sagged in two places. But when I went to plug in the lights, nothing happened.

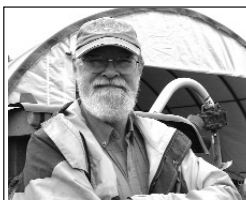
I thought I might take the extra string and see if tightening the bulbs might cure the problem.

It did. On Monday I clambered up the ladder and hand-tightened each bulb three at a time before I had to reposition the ladder and do it all over again. But again, success.

I've been impressed with all the outside decorations I've seen when driving our backroads and also in the city. Seeing these lights on eavestroughs, on bushes and, on front yard trees does lift my spirit as it does when I return to see the lights shining on Casa Jones.

We've finally arrived at Christmas that traditionally lasts for another week or so. If you are of the Christian persuasion, then the holiday lasts until Epiphany which is Jan. 6. Twelve days of Christmas indeed. I want to wish you all a merry one, a happy one, a jolly one, to you and yours from me and mine

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Toys for Tots a success, raises \$162K this year

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Thunder Bay's generosity knows no bounds.

The annual Thunder Bay Professional Firefighters' Toys for Tots campaign is a shining example. The public stepped up with a recent record contribution, turning over \$162,199 to the organization, allowing them to provide Christmas presents to nearly 4,000 children this year.

It's unbelievable said campaign chair Paul Penna on Monday, after unveiling this year's total outside their makeshift fire station adjacent to the food court at Intercity Shopping Centre.

"Christmas is just so important

to children. It's important to families and it's probably important to most people. Just the thought of any child going through Christmas without any sort of significant gift under the tree is really not that nice," Penna said.

"For us to have a chance to make a difference in 4,000 children's lives, it feels really good. It makes it all worthwhile."

The number surprised Penna, given the ongoing pandemic that has reduced foot traffic at Intercity Shopping Centre at various times over the past two years.

"Last year was our first year doing this through the pandemic and we were so uncertain last

year what was going to happen. Thunder Bay came through for us with \$144,000 and change for us last year. We were kind of striving to hit that this year, so this kind of blew our minds that Thunder Bay stepped up this much," Penna said.

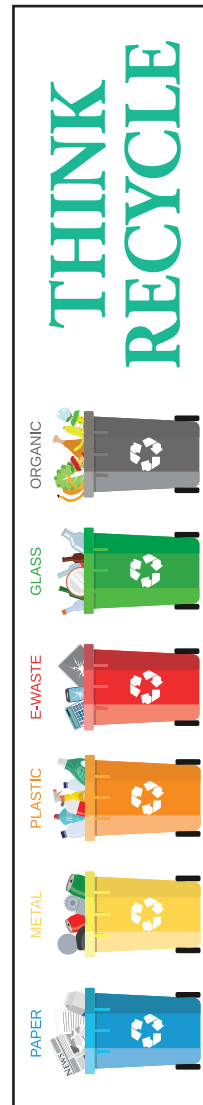
"I don't know what it is about the hearts of Thunder Bay, but they're generous, especially at Christmas time."

Toys for Tots partners each year with the Christmas Cheer Fund, the toys and presents handed out over a two-day period each December when the hampers, containing a week's worth of groceries, are given out to families in need.



Toys for Tots surpassed last year's total by about \$18,000. (Leith Dunick)

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Cate Blanchette and Bradley Cooper star in Guillermo Del Toro's *Nightmare Alley*, about a carnival mind reader and his femme fatale.

A fascinating anti-hero

Nightmare Alley brings director Del Toro back to familiar dark territory

Director/screenwriter Guillermo Del Toro's *Nightmare Alley* (SilverCity) is based on a 1946 grim novel by William Lindsay Gresham.

Bradley Cooper plays Stanton Carlisle a grifter who falls in with a carnival and picks up enough carnie tricks to create his own act as a mind reader, achieving great success, only to fall prey to a femme fatale and his own self-delusion.

At the film's beginning, Stan leaves behind a house he has set ablaze containing a corpse encased in canvas. This becomes a recurring image that haunts him, with a slowly revealed backstory.

Arriving in a new town, Stan gets work as a labourer in a travelling carnival. He's introduced to the fascinating world of scammers and freaks, convincingly played by Willem Dafoe, Toni Collette, David Strathairn, Rooney Mara and Ron Perlman.

Initially, Stan comes off as enigmatic but soon his naked ambition surfaces. He's a quick study.

After learning tricks in clairvoyance scams

from Collette's Zeena and Strathairn's Pete, Stan goes out on his own, becoming successful as a so-called mentalist, a tin-plated psychic, assisted by Mara's naïve Molly.

They're playing in posh nightclubs. But that's not enough for the ambitious, overly self-assured Stan.

Folly comes in the form of a slinky blonde psychiatrist, Dr. Lillith Ritter (Cate Blanchett) who tries to challenge his act. She proves to be even more unscrupulous. She has access to the rich Stan craves, those made vulnerable by their secret need for hope and closure. She also punctures Stan's guarded psyche which unnerves him.

Warnings abound for Stan, including a fateful Tarot reading by Zeena, but his arrogance over-rides caution. He's drawn like a moth to a flame, playing a dangerous game with the rich and powerful when he goes up against his ultimate mark, formidable Ezra Grindle (Richard Jenkins). Then Stan's unsavory plan blows up in spectacular, desperate fashion.

Del Toro draws the viewer into this lurid

story, populated by vividly sketched characters. Through his customary sumptuous, detailed production values and lush cinematography, Del Toro creates two visually fascinating worlds; the carnival: grubby, shady and shopworn; high society: art-deco elegance, opulence conveying power, the latter making the protagonist's ultimate fall all the more precipitous and ironic.

Bouncing back from his overly fanciful *The Shape of Water*, Del Toro returns to familiar dark territory, minus apparitions. He focuses on his anti-hero's dark motivations, a self-absorbed, driven soul blinded by hubris, hounded by guilt, headed for a bleak fate.

Cooper trades on his swaggering charisma. Despite a sense of doom, we are drawn to this compelling character, following him down his fateful rabbit-hole in spite of how he treats others, making poor choices.

He sees the madness in his ironic comeuppance. Blanchett, meanwhile, chews up bewitching sophistication with aplomb.

Fans can compare this with the 1947 version starring Tyrone Power, available on YouTube. Del Toro's *Nightmare Alley* though stands on its own as an intriguing entry in film noir.

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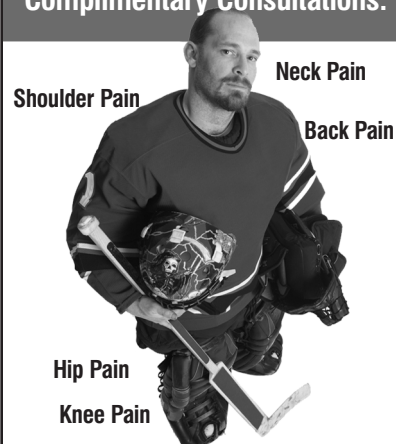


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Top 10 sports of 2021

By Leith Dunick – TB Source

It was probably the most unusual sports year we've ever had.

Locally, not a lot happened until later in the year, when the floodgates finally opened. The return of sports was clearly the No. 1 sports story of 2021.

Here's a look at our top 10 sports stories of the year:

1 After taking most, if not all of last season off, team sports returned with a flourish as summer gave way to fall. High school sports, including football, were back, as was the Superior International Junior Hockey League and Ontario University Athletics, which brought back the Lakehead Thunderwolves basketball, hockey and volleyball programs.

2 The news wasn't all good for sports teams in Thunder Bay. Because of the continued closure of the American border, both the Thunder Bay Border Cats and the Thunder Bay Chill chose to sit out a second consecutive summer. Both teams have pledged to return in 2022. The Ten Mile Road Race was also cancelled, moving to a virtual model.

3 Krista McCarville knows how to come up big under pressure. The Thunder Bay curler and her teammates – Sarah Potts, Ashley Sippala and Kendra Lilly – were the first team to qualify to move on at the Olympic curling pre-trials in Liverpool, N.S., and made it all the way to the semifinal at the actual trials in November in Saskatoon, falling 8-3 to eventual champion Jennifer Jones.

4 Thunder Bay's Eric Staal found new life with the Montreal Canadiens, helping them advance all the way to the Stanley Cup final in one of the most surprising NHL runs in recent history. Unfortunately, it looks like it may have been the end of the line for the eldest Staal, who has yet to hook up with a new team. Youngest brother Jordan hit the 1,000-game mark, which middle brother Marc could reach by the end of 2021-22 after re-signing with Detroit.

5 The Dairy Queen International Speedway made its debut, holding a weekend of dirt-track races attended by thousands. The plan



St. Ignatius Falcons running back Tyler Robertson benefited from the return of sports, leading his team to a senior football title.

going forward is a series of weekly races in 2022 and beyond.

6 The St. Ignatius Falcons returned to the winner's circle in high school football, edging the Hammarskjold Vikings in the final. The Vikings did manage to win the junior crown, ending a 12-year title drought. The Falcons won the senior girls basketball title, while Westgate captured the senior boys' volleyball crown.

7 First-time champion Conor Carr defeated Jeff Hunter in a match that went the distance to capture the Strathcona Invitational, a tournament that took the year off in 2020. Jeremy Kirk captured the district's other two majors, winning the AON District Open in July and the Canadian Tire District Amateur in a playoff over the Labour Day Weekend.

8 It's been a bit of a roller coaster year for Thunder Bay's NHL goaltenders. Matt

Murray, signed to a four-year, \$6.25-million deal by Ottawa, found himself in the American Hockey League after a disastrous start. Carter Hutton, signed by the Arizona Coyotes, allowed 15 goals in 115 minutes before going down with an injury. Mackenzie Blackwood took some heat for not being vaccinated, but ultimately got his shots and is splitting time with Jonathan Bernier in the New Jersey Devils net.

9 Lakehead University opened its brand new athletic facility, complete with a state-of-the-art weight room, a new gymnasium and plenty of meeting spaces.

10 The Thunder Bay Kings made the move to the Greater Toronto Hockey League, a decision made to increase the team's competition level and the exposure of its players to other levels of hockey, including the Ontario Hockey League and university scouts.

OUA hits pause button until Jan. 24

By Leith Dunick – TB Source

University athletes in Thunder Bay will be getting an unexpected extended Christmas break.

Ontario University Sports on Friday announced it was pausing all sports through Jan. 24 as a way

to combat rising COVID-19 cases, in particular those caused by the Omicron variant.

All programming, which was scheduled to resume on Jan. 6, is affected.

"This decision and corresponding timeline have been

established in an effort to better allow member institutions to assess the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on student-life programming and allow for student-athletes to have sufficient time to properly train and prepare for the winter champi-

onship stretch run," reads the release.

The OUA board of directors plan to continue to assess the state of the COVID-19 pandemic and will be prepared to extend this pause beyond Jan. 24 if necessary.

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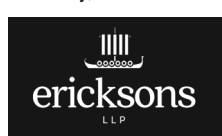
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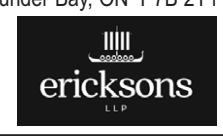


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ANSWERS TO THIS WEEK'S PUZZLES

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9	6	5	3	2	8	7	4	1
3	8	1	7	4	9	5	2	6
7	4	2	5	1	6	9	3	8
5	9	3	1	8	4	6	7	2
8	2	6	9	7	3	1	5	4
4	1	7	6	5	2	8	9	3
2	5	8	4	6	7	3	1	9
1	3	4	8	9	5	2	6	7
6	7	9	2	3	1	4	8	5

PREVIOUS SOLUTION:
"We must all suffer one of two things: the pain of discipline or the pain of regret or disappointment."
— Jim Rohn

THINK RECYCLE

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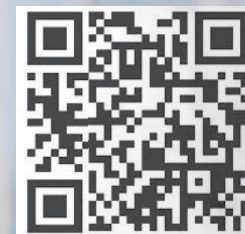
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