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LOCAL NEWS

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# Support police, says mayor in annual talk

**CITY HALL**  
By Jon Thompson – TB Source

Mayor Keith Hobbs called upon citizens to support the city's police service in his annual State of the City Address on Monday.

His support for the Thunder Bay Police Service, with which he served before taking office, shone alongside his accolades for those fighting racism in the city as he wove the issues together.

"Often, the men and women of Thunder Bay police bear the burden of our societal problems, be it mental health issues, drug and alcohol-related crime, or domestic violence calls. It is time that our citizenry get behind our officers, as they work hard to keep us safe," Hobbs said.

"We need to work with them and support them and our Crime Prevention Council in making Thunder Bay a safer, more welcoming city. That must include improved social conditions for all through a unified approach by all orders of government.

"That is the 'test.' That is the opportunity of our future."

Hobbs began the address by honouring the Robinson Superior Treaty and recognizing the city was built on the traditional lands of the Ojibwa people of Fort William First Nation.

He praised the Anti-Racism and Respect Advisory Committee, whose members are working toward a spring release of an incident reporting and referral service.

He condemned racism as a problem that "exists in Canadian society and every city across the country and the



**TOGETHERNESS:** Mayor Keith Hobbs called for unity in his state of the city address.

globe," as he urged citizens to stand up for respect as a human right.

"Leaders are standing up to make it known racism is unacceptable."

In clarifying comments the mayor made after the meeting, he said he rejects the systemic racism accusations that have been leveled at the local police service and its leadership just as he separates the alleged notion of ongoing colonialism when he speaks of police and societal problems.

"I'm talking about drug and alcohol addictions, homelessness, housing, they take the brunt of it. They're just there to clean up society's messes," Hobbs said of the city's police officers.

"These are men and women who have families in Thunder Bay. They do community service work like I've

never seen before. They're not to blame for the messes governments have left."

Hobbs expressed admiration for Ontario Regional Chief Isadore Day in his address for suggesting a four-corner table be established between the governments of Canada, Ontario, municipalities and First Nations.

Hobbs called Fort William First Nation's flag permanently flying outside of city hall "an important step in the right direction.

"For the last 150 years, our communities and peoples have lived side by side," he said

"We can continue to plan for a future where our two communities grow together, and succeed together, to establish a more formal and collaborative relationship where we both benefit."

JON THOMPSON



**Bill Mauro, MPP**  
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Thunder Bay Source will not publish an issue next week in order to spend time with our families and friends over Christmas.

Merry Christmas and Happy

New Year to one and all from Leith, Doug, Jen, Pepper, Scott, Jon, Nicole and Nancy.

Hopefully Santa is good to each and every one of you. We'll return

on Jan. 5 with our annual Year in Review edition. Look for our top 10 stories from each month, plus a look back at the year's top 10 news and sports stories.

## Weather Forecast

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LOCALNEWS

# Province shortlists new district jail

**THUNDER BAY**  
By Jon Thompson – TB Source

The nearly century-old Thunder Bay District Jail could be replaced with a facility that would be regional in scope.

The province has notified the local corrections officers' union that Thunder Bay is shortlisted with Ottawa, Sudbury and North Bay as cities under consideration for new institutions to be funded in the 2017 budget.

"All the tools we've been asking for for years, they're talking about investing if we become the successful candidate in Thunder Bay," said OPSEU 727 president Shawn Bradshaw.

"We've been buried under this old, decrepit jail for a long time and staffing models are antiquated. It's a step in the right direction but we're still not even the successful city."

A preliminary proposal envisages a

facility of 450 beds that would replace the Thunder Bay District Jail, as well as both male and female dorms at the Thunder Bay Correctional Centre.

Bradshaw said such an institution could serve as a regional hub, relieving pressure on the Fort Frances and Kenora jails, the latter of which can run up to 80 per cent over capacity at times.

He pointed out Thunder Bay's remoteness by Ontario standards, advocating a new jail would service a clientele that would be best served close to home. Such a project would centralize resources, he argued, which would give inmates access to better programming and create better opportunities for rehabilitation.

"If successful, it would give us the tools to provide the programs offenders need, which in turn, makes it safer in the jails, makes it safer on the streets and really contributes to the

justice system overall."

City council has formally endorsed the construction of a new jail, as have both of the city's members of provincial parliament.

Thunder Bay Superior North MPP Michael Gravelle would not commit to a timeline for a new jail's construction but he said events of the past year have made it as much of a priority for the province as it is for him.

"This is a huge priority for us, it's a major priority for me as an MPP and I'm going to continue to put the pressure on my colleagues to see that it happens as soon as possible," Gravelle said.

Twelve new, local corrections officer recruits graduated on Friday but Bradshaw suggested it would only be a "drop in the bucket" compared to the minimum 20 to 30 more officers that will be necessary over the next few years "to keep our heads above water."



JOHN THOMPSON

POSSIBLE: OPSEU Local 727 president Shawn Bradford says a new jail could be on its way.



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# LOCAL NEWS



NICOLE DIXON

**DEADLY CRASH:** A 50-year-old man was killed last Wednesday in an early morning collision on the Thunder Bay Expressway.

## Horrific crash kills 1

Gary Maki, 50, dies after being ejected from pick-up

**POLICE**  
By Nicole Dixon & Leith Dunick – TB Source

A 50-year-old man is dead after a three-vehicle highway crash on the Thunder Bay Expressway.

Ontario Provincial Police, who attended the scene, said Gary Maki was ejected from his pick-up truck and pronounced dead at Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre. The incident, which closed the busy

highway for several hours last Wednesday morning, occurred just after 7 a.m. between John Street and Oliver Road.

OPP Provincial Const. Diana Cole said officers are investigating the scene in order to get all the details.

“Three people were transported to the hospital,” Cole said. “One male driver was transported and pronounced dead at the hospital.”

Another male driver sustained serious, but non life-threatening

injuries, while the extent of a female driver's injuries is still unknown.

A preliminary investigation revealed police believe the driver of a north-bound SUV crossed the centre line of the highway and collided with a south-bound Chevrolet pick-up truck. A second south-bound passenger vehicle was also struck in the collision.

The driver of the heavily damaged Mazda had to be extricated using the Jaws of Life.

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# Editorial

## EDITORIAL

### New jail is a necessity

Thunder Bay has been shortlisted for a new jail.

Here's hoping the province takes the need seriously.

In recent months we've seen three shining examples why the time has come to replace the aging facility, which has reached the nine-decade mark.

The first was a riot that saw overcrowded prisoners snap, endangering the lives of inmates and guards alike.

The second is the much publicized case of Adam Capay, a murder suspect who spent four years in solitary confinement because the jail officials say they had no viable option to house him.

Finally, in October, a prisoner simply walked away from the jail, leading to a two-week manhunt.

Philip Robert Crosby was finally arrested in Alberta and taken back into custody.

Three incidents in the span of a year should be setting off alarm bells that can be heard all the way to Queen's Park.

Prisoners deserve to be treated humanely, regardless of the crimes they've been accused of committing.

Guards and other jail staff deserve to enjoy safety on the job and not be worried they're walking into a powder keg each and every day. And the public deserves to know they are protected and criminal – many of them potentially dangerous – aren't going to be able to slip away from custody, with nothing left to lose.

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### City auditor required

To the editor:

I attended budget open mic meeting at the Italian hall hosted by Councillor Pullia in November.

I asked any Councillor in attendance, if they would be open to having an auditor general examine the city's operating budget.

This was after pointing out how the operating expenses of core of Senior Administration increased by approximately 200% over the last 14 years.

Coun. Frank Pullia dismissed this proposal implying, the city already has an auditor to examine the budget by provincial mandate.

What he failed to point out was that these are only compliance audits which only documents where expenses go, not whether or not they are wasteful.

City manager Norm Gale dismissed my claims as being false.

This provoked me to send him the 2003 and 2012 city budget summaries to show the source of my claim in the city's financial statements.

Over those 10 years the following increases occurred: The city manager department (city manager's office, city clerk's office, human resources) increased its budget by 165 per cent.

The finance and corporate services department increased its budget by 315 per cent.

The city solicitor and corporate counsel department increased its budget by 200 per cent.

Mr. Gale's response to my email was that these decisions were made by council(s) with good advice and information provided by administration.

You know, decisions by the ones that increased their departmental budgets!

The City of Brampton brought in an auditor general to review needless expenses.

The City of Ottawa is also moving in that direction.

What I am suggesting is an efficiency audit in senior administration and clean out positions and expenses that are not really needed.

Perhaps a good start would be to list all the positions in 2003 in these departments and note how many positions were added and what the pay raises were for each of these positions.

Andy Wolff,  
Thunder Bay

### Driver program shout out

To the editor:

It's a time of year to express gratitude, so in that spirit I want to give a really big shout out and thank you to all the volunteer drivers at the Canadian Cancer Society Volunteer Driver Program.

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Joyce Michalchuk,  
Thunder Bay

### Political misstep

To the editor:

Once politicians get into office it's all about, what can I do for me, me, me and screw everyone else.

They totally forget about the people out there with little to no money and what about the ones living on the streets because of government's bad decisions that go on and on about spending money on themselves rather than handing out money to those who need it.

It's always the rich get richer and the poor only get poorer.

Aileen Harju,  
Thunder Bay  
Via Facebook

### Evacuation done well

To the editor:

I can say as a parent of a child that I was directly involved in last week's email threat at St. Patrick High School, no matter what the reason was for the evacuation it is still extremely scary.

I was at work to have the two texts come through my cell from my son.

As a parent, I think it was handled the best they could with timing to react and get the whole entire school evacuated in such extreme cold temperatures as well.

There were kids without sweatshirts or jackets on having to brace the cold weather. Ya no joke. But I am happy with the result.

Liz Brown,  
Thunder Bay  
Via Facebook

### Good job, school staff

To the editor:

I'm sure, staff, police and other services did what was appropriate.

Thank you for putting kids first and following through on procedures.

Jenn Davis,  
Thunder Bay  
Via Facebook

### Wynne getting desperate

To the editor:

Kathleen Wynne is so desperate to make it look as though the books are close to balanced in this province in time for the next election, she is selling off assets for a short term, one-time, lump-sum payment. Hydro and casinos are cash cows that keep producing revenue for the province year after year.

But to make it seem the province isn't broke, she is selling them off for short term cash at the expense of long term sustainability. Whatever gets them elected one more time.

Jim Smith,  
Thunder Bay  
Via Facebook



# Perspective

# Christmas Clichés

## Holiday traditions still bring cheer and joy

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

It occurs to me when I listen to popular Christmas songs that they often contain helpful insights.

At this time of year, especially this year, we could all use the comfort that many well-known Christmas clichés can provide.

Canadians know how it feels to need a little Christmas and are happy for the memories of a few favorite things.

Because as you know, brown paper packages tied up with strings can turn even the grumpiest frown upside down.

So for the next week or so let's take some comfort and solace from those quirky little habits and traditions that make Christmas, Canadian.

We can join with the two billion others around the globe who will be having Christmas along with us.

Some of my fondest memories stem from childhood and many of these have been immortalized in the TV movie, "A Christmas Story".

Although this holiday favorite portrays an American family, the sentiment is universal and in fact, there is a Canadian connection.

Much of the movie was shot in Canada including the Chinese restaurant, Ralphie's school, all the interior scenes and of course, the swearing sequence.

That grumpy, trash-talking, big-

hearted Dad adds a heart-warming taste of Canadian Christmas reality.

The Nutcracker ballet is another cherished Canadian tradition and here's an interesting factoid.

Canada's National Ballet used 5,548 pairs of pointe shoes while staging the Nutcracker between 1995 and 2011.

That's a lot of bruised Christmas toes – I wonder if that's how mistletoe got its name.

I was always too shy to take advantage of missed mistletoe opportunities in my youth - I shied away from kissing booths too.

Every year in Canada 5.5 million Christmas trees are grown, harvested and decorated in Canadian homes, and many others around the world.

We export over two million of those trees to other countries including Japan, the U.S., Mexico and Jamaica.

The Christmas tree cliché has followed Santa all around the world.

If we really are what we eat, Canadians are real turkeys because every Christmas Day we consume about 3.9 million of those juicy, succulent birds.

And while most of us don't hunt for wild turkeys anymore, those hunting for frozen, eviscerated, twenty pound birds in this town can expect competition.

Speaking from personal experience, there are a limited number of large turkeys available each year

and they are a coveted commodity.

A dedicated group of local turkey consumers is on the hunt every Christmas and they stalk poultry counters with ruthless intentions.

They will sweet-talk the meat manager or offer bribes – they could elbow you away from the freezer or even steal your turkey from your cold, trembling hands.

These hunters are driven by memories of succulent birds in the past and by the hope that one day they will find the most magnificent gobbler of all time.

But I digress – as you can probably tell, at our Christmas table we are very particular about the turkey dinner.

We are also fond of another gastronomic Canadian custom – the traditional Christmas cookie platter.

Whenever the cookies come out at our house the sight and smell of the sweets triggers memories of Mom, Grandma and even Great Grandma.

It always brings a tear to my eye although I might just be delirious from all the sweets.

This time of year there is plenty of happiness to go around and no shortage of cheerful clichés.

Make sure you share a little bit of both over the holidays with everyone you meet.

I love Christmas – it makes me feel and behave like a little boy.

I wish it was Christmas today, today and every day.

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**STUDENTS MAKING A DIFFERENCE:** Westgate High School students, Jaime Adams (right) and Calle Hill, collected more than 280 toiletries and toys for the Beendigen Crisis Home.

DOUG DIMAZIUK

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LOCAL NEWS

# Christmas Cheer hands out hampers

**THUNDER BAY**  
By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

The need for Christmas Cheer hampers in Thunder Bay has gone up from last year, but luckily, so has the generosity of the community.

Volunteers with the Christmas Cheer Fund were handing out holiday hampers again on Wednesday at the CLE Coliseum to north side families. Hampers included a toy for children, a turkey, and a week's worth of non-perishable food and fresh produce.

According to Jolene Kemp, chairperson of Thunder Bay Christmas Cheer, a little more than 3,600 children received a toy this year and their families a holiday hamper.

"Unfortunately, the need has gone up instead of gone down," Kemp said. "Last year we dealt with 3,400 children, so we are up over 200 children and I'm not sure how many families that translates to. At the end of the day we will be down to next to nothing in our food items, and we are putting a week's worth of groceries in, so that is a big need."

Luckily, the demand has been met by an outpouring of support from the community, who raised between 35 and 40 per cent more non-perishable food



**GIVING TIME:** Volunteers fill a Christmas Cheer hamper last Wednesday at the CLE.

items this year compared to last year. Kemp believes the increase was due to the success of the stuff-a-bus campaign and the giving spirit of the city's younger population.

"Our children were setting an example

and raising the bar because it was really the school children who brought in the majority of the food," Kemp said. "They are really saying to the rest of the community that we understand and we get it because we know the people

sitting beside us who might be in need, or maybe I'm someone in need."

"The school children get it because they know what happens when you have healthy foods and when you come to school not hungry, you learn and you're a much happier individual," Kemp continued. "So the children get it, but some adults don't get that if you just helped a little bit, if everyone gave a little bit, we could really make a difference."

Kemp is hopeful the people of Thunder Bay will be able to assist the Christmas Cheer Fund with reaching its financial fundraising goal of \$128,000.

"We are at the 50 per cent mark but we disappear from front and centre tonight at 7," Kemp said. "People still continue to donate and we are optimistic that we will make our target, but it just becomes a little more challenging."

There has already been a lot of support from the community and Kemp said every donation helps them get closer to their goal.

"We had a really wonderful anonymous couple who made a very substantial donation to us that really touched our hearts," she said. "It's a large sum of money so that really has helped us and there are others that hope-

fully will come forward and do the same thing."

Kemp said all the money raised is used to cover the costs of providing fresh produce and turkeys and all money goes back to the families in need because all the work is done through volunteers.

During the last week, there were more than 800 volunteers working to sort and organize all the donations, including between 300 and 400 volunteers helping on Tuesday and Wednesday hand out the holiday hampers.

"People come in smiling and they leave smiling," Kemp said of the many volunteers. "They feel like they've done something. You can't change the world but you can do one kind act and if you feel good, you will remember that, and maybe you will do another kind act and another."

For those who picked up their holiday hampers this week, the kind acts will not be forgotten, because they were given more than just a hamper of food and a toy.

"We've had lots of people crying yesterday and even this morning because they are so grateful that they can have Christmas for their children," Kemp said.

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## LOCAL NEWS



**HUGE TOTAL:** The city employee campaign is the largest contributor to the local United Way.

# United Way gets \$213K from city

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

City of Thunder Bay employees continue to go above-and-beyond for the United Way.

On Thursday it was revealed municipal workers had combined to collect \$213,141 through three employee campaigns, topping last year's total by nearly \$17,000.

It's a staggering number, said United Way of Thunder Bay executive director Jered Zieroth of the amount, which represents about eight per cent of the organization's \$2.65-million goal in 2016.

"For them to be able to pull off that number is fantastic," Zieroth said, shortly after the total was revealed.

"They did some really neat things this year. They kept it close to the heart, knowing where the money is coming from and how much money they'd raised. And we really needed it, to get us that boost in our campaign."

United Way officials say at present they've collected about \$1.79 million, 67.7 per cent of

this year's target.

Zieroth said employee campaigns like the city's – collected through municipal workers and staff at Superior North EMS and the Thunder Bay Public Library – are the backbone of the United Way's annual campaign.

"Close to 50 per cent of the dollars that come in are from employee campaign donations. Many employee campaign donations are matched by their employer, so that gives it even more of a boost. It's the bread and butter of our campaign," Zieroth said.

"Everybody doing a little adds up to a lot."

Kerri Marshall, who co-chaired the municipal canvassing effort, said city workers know how important a role the United Way plays in the lives of Thunder Bay residents, with one in three accessing their services at some point in their lives.

"We truly care about our community," Marshall said.

"We want to support our community and certainly everybody at the city is very generous and we're very pleased with the outcome today."



LOCAL NEWS

# Thomas gets 4 years for manslaughter

Charges stemmed from a January 2014 stabbing death at a southside residence

**COURT**  
By Doug Dlaczuk - TB Source

**A** local woman will spend nearly another two years behind bars for her role in the 2014 death of 35-year-old Jeffrey Munroe.

Priscilla Thomas was sentenced to four years in prison and three years of supervised probation in Thunder Bay Superior Court Monday afternoon. Thomas pleaded guilty earlier to manslaughter in connection with Munroe's Jan. 25, 2014 death.

With two years and two-and-a-half months served in pre-sentence custody, the 41-year-old who originally faced a charge of second-degree murder will serve another 657 days.

The incident took place in an apartment building on the corner of Kingsway Avenue and Walsh Street, where Munroe and Thomas lived. A domestic altercation took place, which resulted in Thomas stabbing Munroe three times in the chest.

**Passed away**

He later died in hospital. Thomas was found to have fresh facial wounds as a result of the altercation. Alcohol was determined to be a factor.

In Apr. 2016, Thomas pleaded not guilty to second-degree murder but

pleaded guilty to the lesser charge of manslaughter.

Citing similar cases, the Crown sought a sentence of three-to-five years, while Thomas' defense requested she receive a sentence of three years imprisonment or less.

During sentencing, Justice W.D. Newton said the fact the victim was a spouse was an aggravating factor and the sentence must be proportionate to the gravity of the offence and the degree of responsibility of the offender.

Newton also recommended that Thomas attend the Algoma Treatment and Remand Centre to participate in the Understanding the Journey and the Healing Journey.

Thomas is a member of the Longlac No. 58 First Nation and was born in Thunder Bay. During the

sentencing, Newton outlined Thomas's history with alcohol and drug abuse, as well as mental health issues relating to depression, anxiety, and several suicide attempts in her teens and later after her arrest.

**Remorseful**

In a letter to the court, Thomas expressed how "this ordeal has changed my life," and how hurting the man she loved has traumatized her.

"Ms. Thomas does not have to be isolated to keep others safe," Newton told the court. "Indeed, the person most at risk to harm from Ms. Thomas is Ms. Thomas."

Thomas will be required to report to a probation officer upon release and attend psychological or psychiatric assessments as directed.



**VERDICT IN:** Police investigate the 2014 death of Jeffrey Monroe.

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# TB Life

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**BUSY DAY:** Grade 3 teacher Melissa Gray co-ordinates the removal of more than 200 boxes from a transport truck Monday at Sherbrooke School.

## Students get Helping Hand

**EDUCATION**  
 By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Christmas just got a little brighter for students at Sherbrooke Public School.

On Monday children and teachers at the Northwood ward school helped unload a transport truck full of present-laden boxes, shipped to Thunder Bay from Helping Hands Cobourg, a southern Ontario charity that helps provide people in need with gifts for the holiday season.

Organized by Grade 3 teacher Melissa Gray, who first worked with the organization last year while teaching at McKellar Park Public School, she said she was overwhelmed when the truck's driver swung open the doors to reveal what was inside.

"Over the last few months they've been collecting all these amazing items for us, from sporting equipment to books to toys to outdoor clothing and indoor clothing ... so that our kids can have a nice Christmas this year," Gray said.

"It's amazing. It's more than I expected for sure. It's an unreal experience and I think it's something these kids have never had before that makes these hard times around Christmas really nice and happy for them."

Students had no idea what they were helping to unload, though some of the older, more savvy students could read the labels on the boxes and might have started to piece things together.  
 Gray said the plan is for teachers and school



**HELPING OUT:** Kendra Perkins, 6, helps carry in a box of gifts for students at Sherbrooke School.

administrators to unpack the boxes over the next couple of days, then to invite families to the school to pick out things they might want or need.

School principal Robin Tabor-John said she was blown away by the generosity exhibited by Helping Hands and Cassidy Trucking

Services, who transported at least eight pallets full of boxes to Thunder Bay.

"I was totally overwhelmed," she said.  
 "Melissa has been organizing this for quite awhile, but it's gone completely beyond what we expected would be on the truck. It's incredible."



TB Life

# Christmas and Solstice



**FRED JONES**  
RURAL ROOTS

Twelve is the number of months in the year so the ancients whooped it up for twelve days with each one symbolising a month.

In northern climes (so I have read) meat was a-plenty because farmers couldn't feed all of their livestock through the winter; so they slaughtered them.

Also the beer and wines would be fully fermented by this time so there was meat on the table and something nourishing with which to wash it down.

Unfortunately, January to April was known as the Famine Months when food was very scarce.

We recognize Winter Solstice as the first, official day of winter.

But in many cultures this day of least daylight was seen as Midwinter. Solstices and Equinoxes were thought to occur in the middle of a season.

So winter in Ireland, for example, began November 1st and ended at the end of January. Not in this neck of the woods, b'gorra!

So we acknowledge the Solstice as the first day of winter regardless of what has been happening outside, of how much snow and how cold it has been lo' these many weeks.

Now everyday hereafter we will be seeing more daylight, albeit creeping very slowly, until one day sometime in spring, we will suddenly say to each other: "Have you noticed it is light at seven?"

A good friend of mine once told me that when she was a young girl her English grandmother would re-assure her that: "It won't always be dahk (dark) at seven." We count on that,

Ma'am.

But we are here; this is now; and it is dark at seven and will continue to be so for what would seem a very long time.

We finally got the tree inside Casa Jones. I had cut it and brought it back to the house the previous week but my wife, Laura, wanted to steam-clean everything in the living room to within an inch of its life prior to me dragging the Tannenbaum inside.

Looks good standing in front of the main window that overlooks the southern expanse of our property.

I love getting up early in the morning, trundling down the hall to make coffee and then sitting in my rocking chair with only the lights of the decorated tree on and a fire crackling and popping in the fireplace.

Speaking of the crackling and popping of burning firewood, one of the celebrations of Winter Solstice involves the Yule Log.

The Yule Log comes from the Old Norse 'Feast of Yuul' when a special log was lit in the hearth in honour of Thor.

I like that part about the 'Feast'.

So we have Winter Solstice; we have Hanukkah; and we have Christmas. And then we will have a New Year in which, hopefully, it "won't always be dahk at seven."

Hopefully we'll get a bit more snow to cover and properly insulate the septic field and permit me and mine to head out on snowshoes to relish this winter wonderland in which we live.

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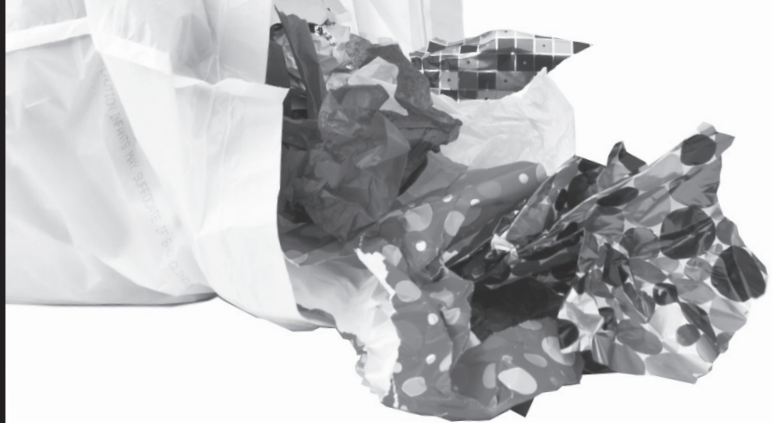
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## TB Life



**OPENING SOON:** Halfway Motors management is excited to open a power sports dealership in January on Balmoral Street.

# Power sports a new venture for Halfway

## BUSINESS

By Doug Dlaczuk - TB Source

**A** popular car dealership in Thunder Bay is expanding again, taking their latest product line off-road.

Half-Way Motors will be opening a new power sports facility in the New Year, selling Bombardier Recreational Products.

"We are really excited to add this dimension to the Half-Way Motors group of companies," said Half-way Motors president, John Trevisanutto. "It's the first time for us to be in the power sports industry and we are really looking forward to bringing our philosophy, our customer commitment to Thunder Bay and to the power sport industry."

Trevisanutto said the Half-Way Motors family has always been interested in the power sports market and were interested in the diversification of the BRP product line, which includes ski-doods, sea-doods, and the Spider motorcycle.

"It's very diverse," Trevisanutto said of BRP. "A lot of the power sports industry is either summer or winter, but with BRP we've got pretty much everything covered, including a semi-motorcycle in the Spider. So we will be able to have an operation that will be busy and running all year round."

Half-Way Motors Power Sports will be located on Balmoral Street next to Fresh Air Experience. The show room is one of only two other platinum dealerships in Canada and is more than 9,000 square feet.

"We will have two full time techs, a fantastic sales staff, parts, accessories and clothing," said incoming

general manager, Peter Provenzano. "We will be able to offer a full line of clothing for all aspects of the business."

Provenzano added that the new dealership will employ 10 staff including himself and is expected to open early Jan., 2017.

Provenzano believes the strong commitment to the customer, which has been a staple of Half-Way Motors group of companies, will help set apart Half-Way Motors Power Sports from other recreational dealerships in town.

"Customer service is number one in the Half-Way Motors group, as well as myself coming over," he said. "The customer is always first in our eyes and we will do everything we can to make them happy and to keep them satisfied."

The newest addition to the Half-Way Motors family follows the recent acquisition of Target Motors in August. Trevisanutto said it has been a really exciting year for the company, which has grown into a strong family business.

"Years ago, when I was basically on my own, I focused on the one facility, but now with my sons and my son-in-law, and my daughter, we can spread it around a little bit," he said. "They believe strongly in the philosophy that I've always had, which I learned from my dad about treating customers properly."

"Not that we're perfect, not that we don't make mistakes, but as we've always told our staff if you make a mistake, that's okay, but show them how good you are by fixing that mistake. I think my children and my son-in-law live by that philosophy as well."

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# Lock it or lose it, police warn shoppers

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

For crime-minded Grinches, Christmas is often a crime of opportunity.

Thunder Bay Police want to remind residents and motorists that sometimes out of sight is out of mind for crooks looking for a quick backseat grab.

Simply putting just-purchased gifts in the trunk and remembering to lock vehicle doors is often more than enough to convince would-be crooks to move on to the next potential victim.

On Thursday police spent the day educating the shopping public at Intercity Shopping Centre about the dangers of leaving bags of gifts in sight and leaving doors unlocked.

Better safe than sorry, said Const. Lori Wright.

While it's a year-round issue in Thunder Bay, Christmas is an exceptionally hectic time, she said.

"This time of year you're doing a lot more shopping than perhaps traditionally and you may have some more packages in your vehicle," Wright said.

"We want to ensure that those are put away, that they're not visible from the exterior of the vehicle. We don't want anyone to be a victim, this time of year especially."

Looking at the statistics, Wright said thieves are much more likely to break into vehicles that are unlocked than they are to conduct a smash-and-grab, which can draw unwanted attention on their nefarious activities.

"Most vehicle thefts occur specifically when the vehicle is left unlocked," Wright said. "People are not smashing into these vehicles unless there are items of value visible. For the most part people are leaving the doors unlocked and it's a crime of opportunity."

"We've all done it and that's why we're here, a friendly reminder to keep yourself safe."



**OUT OF SIGHT:** Volunteers Nickolas Knought and Solade Nicol join Thunder Bay Police Service Const. Lori Wright last Thursday at Intercity Shopping Centre, warning shoppers to keep vehicles locked and Christmas gifts out of sight of would-be thieves.

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## Mutts make holiday movie debut

Training academy celebrates the holidays with a special canine movie

### PETS

By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

**Y**ou are invited to a very special Canine Christmas this year, courtesy of some well-trained and festive pups.

The All-Star K9 Academy was showing off some of the tricks being taught to area dogs in their newest Christmas video released last Sunday.

The video is part of the training course, Mutts in the Movies, taught by All-Star K9 Academy trainer, Tara Monahan. Part of the video was filmed at Vanderwees Home and Garden and it highlights a group of eager pups as they get ready for the holiday season, including getting the invitation, collecting ornaments, and decorating a tree.

"It's going to be a dog version of Christmas," said Barb Moore, whose Australian Sheppard, Cheers, appeared in the video. "They found their Christmas tree, they pulled it out of the bush, they've decorated their Christmas tree, they fetched their ornaments and they are very excited to put their Christmas together for everybody."

The Christmas video follows the success of a Halloween movie, 'Twas the Night Before Halloween, released last month.

While the videos are a lot of fun to make for the owners and their furry friends, they really highlight what the dogs are capable of learning and how a special relationship can be formed between pet and owner.

"It's just a lot of fun with your dog and they enjoy it too," Moore said.



DOUG DIACZUK

**LIGHTS, CAMERA, BARK:** Cheers, an Australian Sheppard, performs some tricks for the All Star K9 Academy movie, A Canine Christmas.

"My dog really likes to do tricks. She really does enjoy it and the atmosphere is just so much fun. The people have fun and the dogs have fun too and it's something we enjoy together."

Alison MacGillvray's seven-year-old Yorkshire Terrier, Porter, also appeared in the video and she said her dog loves the training program.

"He gets all excited when we pull into the parking lot, he is barking away," she said. "It's his favorite place to be, training and doing tricks."

MacGillvray said she decided to enter Porter into training to improve the behavior of the three-pound terrier who sometimes thought he was the boss.

"Yorkshire terriers can be quite bossy dogs, but I find that if I keep him busy and working and doing things, he is better behaved," she said. "He really enjoys it and that's the other reason I've kept with it because I see how much he loves it."

When it comes to actually training the dogs to do tricks like fetching, carries, turns, and bounces, it takes a lot of patience and practice.

"It takes a lot of time, for my dog anyway," Moore said. "She really enjoys it, but it takes a lot of time, a lot of repetition, a lot of rewards, and a lot of encouragement."

But all the hard work pays off, for the dogs and their owners. MacGillvray said it is always interesting to see what the dogs are capable of and how much fun they have learning new things.

"The other part I really enjoy is that we are working with other people," she said. "Normally you are doing your tricks, you are practicing with your dog, but with this you get to meet people, you get to have fun with other people. I hope people see that in the video. It's a lot of fun more than anything else."

"There's an awful lot of potential out there," Moore added. "Any dog can be trained. If you enjoy it and if the dog enjoys it, no dog is too old."

The video of a Canine Christmas can be found on the All-Star K9 Academy website and Facebook page.

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# Students bring holiday mystery to life

**THEATRE**  
By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

It's a holiday whodunit, as students at a local high school presented a very festive mystery for audiences in support of a good cause. The senior drama class at St. Ignatius High School brought *The Jingle Bell Mystery* by Dan Belanger to the stage last week, with a portion of the proceeds being donated to Thunder Bay Shelter House. The holiday mystery is a homecoming of sorts, with sisters Lillian and Molly returning to their father's home on Christmas Eve one year after his death. It turns out, the remaining \$1 million in their father's will is up for grabs, and an eclectic cast of characters, including a butler and maid, a lawyer, friends, and a

reporter, will judge who gets the inheritance. "It's going to the daughter who most exemplifies the spirit of Christmas, so it's sort of like a sibling rivalry, but the money ends up going missing, so that's why it's called *The Jingle Bell Mystery*," said grade 12 student, Shea Niemi, who played Myrtle the Maid. According to Thomas Mihaljevic, who played Basel Stammers the lawyer, the heart of the play really demonstrates what the holiday season is all about. "The play deals with a lot of themes of charity and selflessness and changing as a person," he said. "It really shows the Christmas spirit and people will come out and feel changed and inspired to be a better person no matter what their circum-



**A HOLIDAY WHODUNIT:** Woja Kenyi (left), Shea Niemi (middle), and Thomas Mihaljevic (right), rehearse a scene in *The Jingle Bell Mystery*, presented by the St. Ignatius senior drama class.

stance," added Woja Kenyi, who played Spencer the Butler. The senior drama class worked on the play throughout the semester as a class project. While there are only 10 cast members on stage, Niemi said the

project was a complete class effort. "It's not only the actors who get the whole experience, we need everyone involved in the play, so that's lighting and sound crew, and back stage," she said. "Our class has been working really hard and it's going to be a really satisfying feeling to have all these faces in the audience watching us perform our project." A portion of the proceeds from ticket sales were donated to the Thunder Bay Shelter House. "We chose the Shelter House because around the holidays we want to keep the money local and in Thunder Bay we know the need is high during Christmas time and because it's a Christmas themed play, we felt that Shelter House would be a good charity to donate to," Niemi said.

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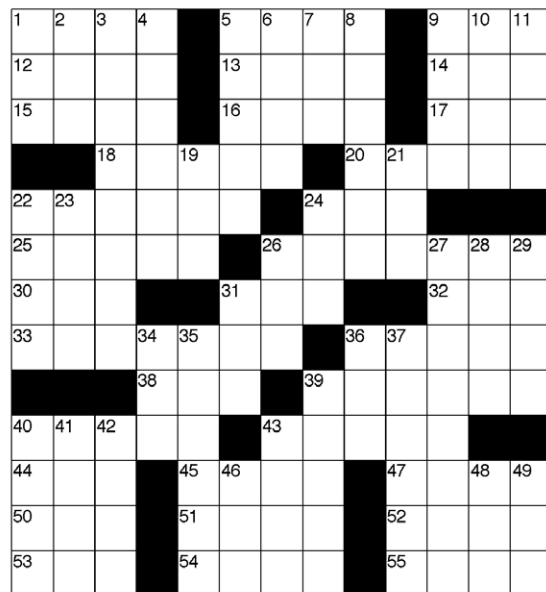
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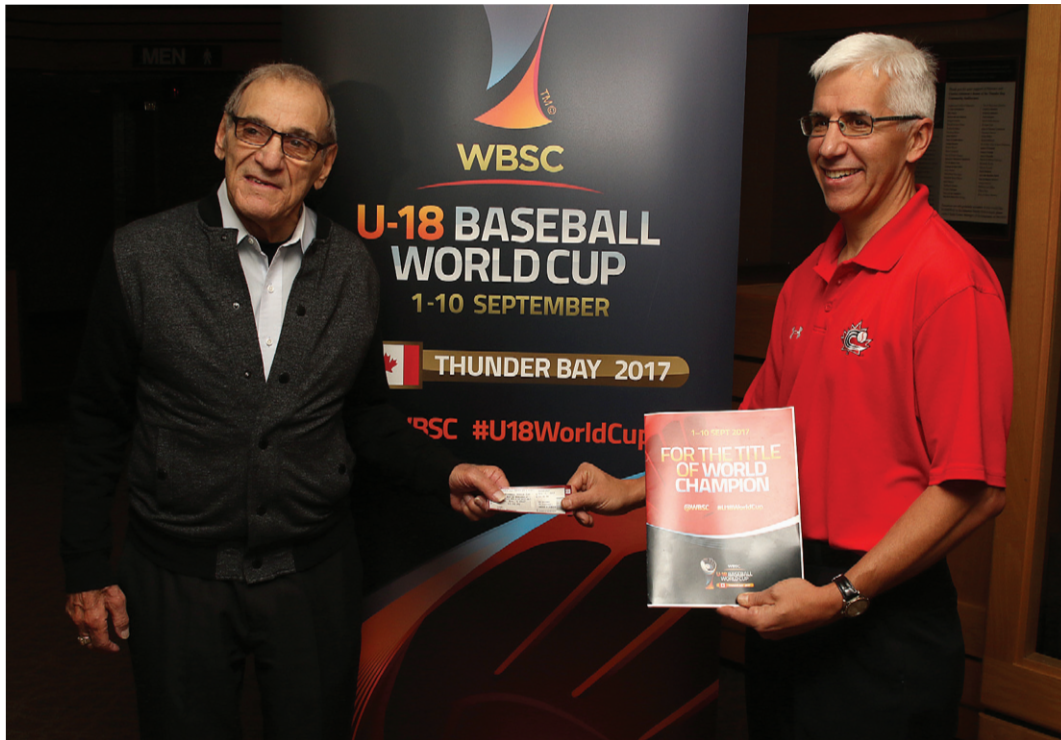
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UP FOR GRABS: Ab Cava (left) accepts the honorary first ticket to the 2017 U-18 Baseball World Cup from Warren Philp.

# U18 Baseball World Cup tickets on sale

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**BASEBALL**  
By Leith Dunick – TB Source

By the time Canada's semifinal game began at the 2010 World Junior Baseball Championship, tournament organizers were forced to add additional seating to Port Arthur Stadium.

Tickets were a hot commodity six years ago and with Japan likely joining 11 other teams in Thunder Bay next September at the recently rebranded 2017 U-18 Baseball World Cup, it's likely they'll sell even faster when the event lands in the city for the second time.

Tournament director Warren Philp on Wednesday announced launch of ticket-package sales, through the Thunder Bay Community Auditorium box office, just in time for the last-minute Christmas shopping rush.

"People remember the lines waiting at our ticket trailer," Philp said. "We did not have an automated ticket-selling system in 2010, just by the nature of where we were at the

time.

"Now we're set up and ready to go and there's no need to wait in lines, if you lock in right now, for one of about 1,000 seats we'll be selling (right now)."

The packages, which start at \$199, include all 50 tournament games, at both Port Arthur Stadium and Baseball Central. Vouchers for the stadium games will be provided to purchasers, who can then select their reserved grandstand seats starting in April.

They include seats to both the bronze-medal game, which Canada dropped to Cuba in 2010, and the gold-medal game, which six years ago pitted Australia against the eventual winner, Chinese Taipei.

"Get it before Christmas. Get it as a stocking stuffer. You'll come away, in April, with 50 tickets to 50 games," Philp said.

The talent should be unbelievable, he added.

Nine players from the 2010 event have gone on to play major league baseball, including all-star shortstop

Francisco Lindor of the Cleveland Indians, outfielder Jorge Soler, who won a World Series with Chicago last month before being dealt to Kansas City, and Dalton Pompey, an outfielder with the Toronto Blue Jays organization.

Past participants include the likes of Texas starting pitcher Yu Darvish and Blue Jays catcher Russell Martin.

Ab Cava, who in 1951 was the mascot and bat boy in the first game ever played at Port Arthur Stadium, was first in line to purchase his tickets.

He was involved with the 2010 tournament and can't wait for Sept. 1, 2017 to arrive.

"It was really good baseball," said Cava, who acted as an ambassador for the Italian team six years ago.

"It was so much fun. I enjoyed the team and I really enjoyed the baseball. I think it was a success then and that's why it's back year. I know it will be a success again."

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# Romick a proud Grey Cup champion

Ottawa Redblacks defensive lineman gives clinics to his hometown fanbase

## FOOTBALL

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

It was tough for Nigel Romick to watch the Grey Cup from the sidelines.

So after a whirlwind couple of weeks that saw him win a Canadian Football League title, get fitted for a championship ring and return home to Thunder Bay, the 25-year-old Ottawa Redblacks defensive lineman was back on the field on Saturday, getting back into game shape.

He was joined at the Hanger by about 40 minor football players, all taking part in PRO Kids' Training with a Pro session.

Romick, who missed all but two games this season because of two separate injuries, said it was a chance to help the next generation of player learn what it takes to play at the professional level.

"I'm just showing them football drills and how important it is to be part of an



TEACHING THE GAME: Injuries limited former St. Patrick Saints star Nigel Romick to just two games with Ottawa this past season.

athletic program and be enrolled in sports," said Romick, a three-year CFL veteran who started playing the sport in Grade 10 at St. Patrick High School.

"It's great to give back to football."

Drafted by Ottawa in 2014 out of the Saint Mary's Huskies program, Romick

played 11 games with the Redblacks as a rookie, suiting up for all 18 games in his sophomore season in 2015 - when an Ottawa team reached the Grey Cup for the first time since 1981, losing both times to Edmonton.

Nine-year-old Noah Battistel, whose

father Dave coached Romick in high school, said it was pretty cool having a chance to learn from the best the game has to offer.

"It's very special because he's such an experienced player, so he can teach us so much," the youngster said, taking a

breather from the drills.

"We've learned how to tackle better and defence and stuff like that."

Romick, a potential free agent hoping to extend his career now that his broken thumb has healed, said being sidelined for 16 games and the Redblacks entire post-season run was difficult - but it made him stronger, a message he was trying to pass along on Saturday.

"It was really frustrating and tested my mental toughness, for sure," Romick said. "I got back for two games and broke my thumb. I saw a light and it just closed up on me. It was stressful watching the Grey Cup on the sidelines. I couldn't do anything. I was like every other fan watching, stressed out."

Like the kids at this weekend's camp, with the Redblacks Romick also has had a chance to learn from some of his own football heroes, including future hall-of-fame quarterback Henry Burris, who tossed the Cup-winning 19-yard touchdown pass in overtime to receiver Ernest Jackson.

"If a guy was a rookie, or an older guy, he treats them the same," Romick said. "The first time I met him he was very inviting, a great guy. He didn't treat me like a rookie. He came up to me and talked to me, which is great."

It's a lesson players at every level can take to heart.



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# Raines has one final shot at hall of fame

I'm not a baseball hall-of-fame voter, but I occasionally play one on Twitter.

Every December the hall of fame presents its ballot, which is sent out to members of the Baseball Writers Association of America who have covered the game for 10 or more years.

Every December fans like me flock to sites like BaseballReference.com to remind ourselves what this year's hopefuls accomplished during their playing days.

And then we make a list.

And like Santa, we check it twice. OK, we probably agonize over it for days and check it dozens of times.

At first glance, it's an easy exercise – pick up to 10 players who are worthy of induction.

How hard can that be?

Well, one look

at this year's class shows just how tough the ballot can be.

Sure, guys like Orlando Cabrera and Matt Stairs stand no chance, two former Expos who are near and dear to my heart – and one the long-time starting shortstop on my Strat-O-Matic team.

But there are at least a dozen guys who deserve consideration this year, the steroid era be damned.

Here's my hypothetical ballot.

● **1. Tim Raines:** The long-time Montreal Expos outfielder is generally regarded as the second –best leadoff hitter of the modern era, if not all time. It's a shame he's not been voted in yet. He's a seven-time all-star, stole 808 bases, won a batting title and finished with 2,605 hits. He had a little power and ended his career with a WAR of 69.1 It's his last chance, as he's reached the 10-year threshold before his name is dropped. And, well, I'm an Expos fan.

● **2. Barry Bonds:** Bonds was the best player of his generation, period. Yeah, he's got the steroid allegations hanging over his head, but I'm not going to hold it against him (or the generation he played in) He's the career leader in home runs (762) and runs (2,227), fourth in RBI (1,996), a five-time 30-30 guy, seven-time MVP and was regularly walked – with the bases loaded.

● **3. Roger Clemens:** Like Bonds, he's been tagged with the PED label, which is why he's still waiting for Cooperstown's call. A five-time 20-game winner, only Cy Young (he won seven of the awards named for him) and Walter 'Big Train' Johnson have a better WAR than Clemens' 139.2. He's third all-time in strikeouts. It's time.

● **4. Jeff Bagwell:** Hitting 449 home runs while playing most of your career at the cavernous Astrodome alone merits induction. He walked, hit for average and power, stole bases and had a pretty good glove at first. Bagwell ended his career with a 79.6 WAR and helped Houston to its only World Series appearance in 2005, his final season.

● **5. Ivan Rodriguez:** Pudge helped redefine the position. He's among the career catching leaders in all offensive categories and rivalled last year's inductee Mike Piazza in the battle to be called the game's best backstop.

● **6. Mike Mussina:** Winning 270 games in any era is worthy of hall consideration. Doing it between 1991 and 2008 should be all but automatic. He never won a Cy Young, but was always in the running and his career



**EXPOS STAR:** Tim Raines played in Rickey Henderson's shadow, but is regarded as one of the all-time best leadoff hitters.

WAR topped 80, well above Cooperstown's standard of 70.

● **7. Edgar Martinez:** Yeah, he was mostly a DH, but man could he hit. A two-time batting champion, he topped .300 on 10 occasions, displayed plenty of power and was a seven-time all-star. Like Raines, he's running out of time in his eighth year on the ballot.

● **8. Vladimir Guerrero:** It would have been nice to see him hang on for a couple more seasons, but 449 long balls and 1,497 RBI aren't too shabby. A nine-time all-star, he won the 2004 American League MVP, his first season with the Anaheim Angels, after eight in Montreal.

● **9. Trevor Hoffman:** I'm a little reluctant to include a reliever, but Hoffman was one of the all-time best, retiring as the career saves leader with 601. *Hells Bells* on the stadium sound system usually meant the end of days for opposing batters.

Voters are allowed to choose 10 potential inductees, but I think I'll stick with nine.

Near misses included Curt Schilling, whose post-baseball career has soured me on his worthiness for enshrinement. At least for now. Maybe I'll cast an imaginary vote for him next year.

Fred McGriff is nearing the end of the line, but like Gary Sheffield, just doesn't feel like a hall-of-famer. Same with Larry Walker, whose numbers were improved by several years at Coors Field. Jorge Posada? Not quite. Manny Ramirez, not on the first ballot. To many failed drug tests.

My prediction is Raines, Bagwell and Rodriguez get in this year, with Clemens, Bonds, Hoffman and Guerrero as near misses.

Lastly, follow @NotMrTibbs on Twitter to keep up-to-date with his real-time hall of fame ballot tracker that tallies every vote that's been made public – the source of my prediction with 66 ballots counted as of Monday night. I'm at @LeithDunick.



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# CCM Showcase a first-year success

## HOCKEY

By Doug Dlaczuk - TB Source

Up-and-coming hockey players from Northern Ontario, Manitoba, and across the border were showing off their elite skills during Thunder Bay's first hockey showcase.

This weekend, the Thunder Bay Kings hosted the first annual CCM Showcase, presented by One Hockey. The three-day tournament was held at the Fort William First Nation Arena and saw 14 AAA teams in action.

The showcase wrapped up on Sunday, and Sebastien Fortier, owner and founder of One Hockey and former Thunder Bay Senator, said despite the late start in planning the city's first tournament, there were still a lot of high caliber teams out on the ice.

"For the first year it's a success," he said. "It's going to get a lot bigger and a lot better."

Fortier said that the idea to start a showcase in Thunder Bay largely came from the former equipment manager of



**TIGHT QUARTERS:** The Thunder Bay Kings face off against Shattuck-St. Mary's.

DOUG DLACZUK

the Thunder Bay Senators, Gary Linquist.

As president of Thunder Bay Kings Hockey, Linquist often made the trip with the Kings to Minnesota to partici-

pate in showcases.

"We got to reconnect, we had a discussion about why not doing a tournament in Thunder Bay," Fortier said.

"The showcase is set up for the Kings

so some of the teams that play away, probably 95 per cent of the games, they have some home games for their families to watch," Linquist added.

All four of the Thunder Bay Kings AAA teams hit home ice on the weekend, facing off against teams from Northern Ontario, Manitoba, and Minnesota.

The Shattuck-St. Mary's Sabres Prep School under 16 and under 18 travelled from Faribault, Minn. to participate, as well as the Kenora Thistles in the Manitoba AAA Midget Hockey League.

Fortier said One Hockey and CCM have been putting on tournaments for the last 14 years and have hosted teams from more than 20 countries.

"Of course the teams want to go to a good event and we are known to put on a very well organized tournament," Fortier said. "We have a good reputation in the tournament business."

While fans of the Thunder Bay Kings got a chance to see the teams in action on home ice, there were other people in

the stands watching the players putting on a show.

"This weekend, we saw several scouts here," Fortier said. "We have several junior teams here scouting. The older level kids they want to get exposure and I think this weekend they got that."

"The Kings are pretty much used to that," Linquist said of scouts. "Our minor midgets and our major midgets play in the NAPHL, so there are 300 scouts walking around the building the whole weekend watching them. The minor midgets when they play in tournaments in Toronto, that's what they are going there for, basically to being scouted for the OHL."

Cody Bruchkowski, right winger with the Thunder Bay Major Midget Kings, said knowing scouts are in the stands does add some pressure, but it's important to just focus on what is happening out on the ice.

"It's a little bit added pressure going out there, but once you get out there, you just play your game and do what you do best," he said.

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