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BACK AT IT: City manager Norm Gale returns to the negotiating table on Tuesday morning.

## **Strike** delayed

#### LABOUR By Leith Dunick - TB Source

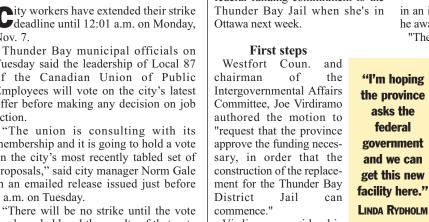
City workers have extended their strike deadline until 12:01 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 7.

Tuesday said the leadership of Local 87 of the Canadian Union of Public Employees will vote on the city's latest offer before making any decision on job action.

membership and it is going to hold a vote on the city's most recently tabled set of proposals," said city manager Norm Gale in an emailed release issued just before 3 a.m. on Tuesday.

has been held and the results of that vote are known.'

"The union has informed us that there is a new strike deadline of 12:01 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 7, 2016."



dental to the recent national media attention surrounding Adam Capay, an Indigenous man who was locked

## Who will pay for jail?

### City wants the province to look at new facility

LOCALNEWS

#### THUNDER BAY By Jon Thompson - TB Source

The Thunder Bay Jail needs replacing, city council says, and there's as strong a case to have the federal government fund its construction as there is for the provincial government.

As city council passed a formal memorandum on Monday that would lobby Ontario to replace the Thunder Bay Jail, the conversation turned to the potential role the Government of Canada could have in that construction.

"I'm hoping the province asks the federal government and we can get this new facility here," said Neebing Coun. Linda Rydholm, offering to raise the issue of a 50 per cent federal funding commitment to the

Virdiramo said his memorandum was coinci-



GETTING ON IN AGE: The Thunder Bay District Jail was built in 1926.

in an isolation cell for four years as he awaited trial.

"These people at the Thunder Bay District Jail are people who have been remanded. These are people who can't get bail. These are not convicted people. These are people who are in waiting and sometimes they wait four or five years," Virdiramo said.

"Sometimes, the people who are incarcerated and have been to trial and have been charged and whatnot, they live in better conditions than the people who

have not gone to court yet, have not been charged, have not been convicted."

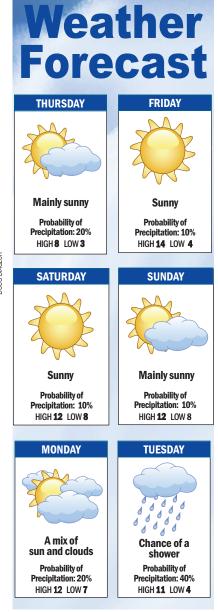
Coun. Iain Angus reasoned that while the province would be responsible to pay for operations at a new jail, the temporary and sorting function of that institution could have a case for federal funding.

#### **Big decisions**

"Although it's a provincial institution, the decisions of a court will determine whether or not individuals have committed federal crime, therefore will be incarcerated at a federal institution elsewhere," Angus said.

"It's quite right the federal government should help pay for the construction of a new remand facility because they receive - for the lack of a better word – the benefit of the facility."





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MONEY LESSON: Coun. Shelby Ch'ng wants better education on cost of pay-day loans.

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## **Pay-day loans targeted**

#### CITY HALL By Jon Thompson - TB Source

Repeat business is the hallmark of the trade for payday lenders. Over 93 per cent of loans are committed to customers who have already taken at least one other loan with the company.

Northwood Coun. Shelby Ch'ng sees an education opportunity. According to a Financial Consumer Agency of Canada survey, only 43 per cent of people are aware payday loans are more expensive than credit cards and she believes better education on the subject will change the industry's landscape.

Ch'ng wanted to ask administration to explore education and advertising limits as actions the municipality could take but in her own research, found companies and credit unions are already engaging the issue.

"Small businesses have actually contacted me saying that if they're a day or so behind paying their employees, they'll actually have these payday

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lenders calling their businesses looking for the money," Ch'ng said.

"It has prompted other businesses to actually offer micro-lending to their employees."

Ch'ng intends to collaborate with the Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce in a campaign that will encourage local companies to increase awareness among employees. She pointed to Copperfin Credit Union as an example of a regional business that's training trainers to help those who find themselves spiraling into debt.

"They're actually filling that need and there's some education around what payday lending actually means to people and how it affects communities," she said.

"My hope is we can curb the market trends and stop the stpread of the overuse of payday lending and I hope to have some good quality alternatives for financial literacy.

Although 20 per cent of the payday loan industry earns over \$80,000 per year, nearly three-quarters of those accessing payday loans are working class. Coun. Paul Pugh called the companies "anti-social" as he offered his support.

"This is relevant to poverty reduction because the payday lenders prey on the poor in my opinion," Pugh said.

"It's not a service for the poor, not in my view. I think these are parasites and it's a good thing if we can regulate this industry and try to, if not end it, at least regulate it so there can be alternatives."

Pugh echoed Ch'ng in observing local credit unions are providing those alternatives.

"The credit union is doing very good work in trying to assist people with this and I think with the participation of the municipality and other orders of government, hopefully we can see an end to this particular phenomenon."

Administration has committed to looking into what role the muncipality can play in an education campaign and limiting signage by the end of June 2017.





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## **Escapee caught**

#### RCMP arrest Philip Robert Crosby in Alberta POLICE

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Asharp-eyed witness at an Alberta bank helped land an escaped prisoner from the Thunder Bay District Jail Behind bars. RCMP on Tuesday arrested 48-year-old Philip Robert Crosby at a CIBC branch in Leduc, Alta., a community just south of Edmonton, after a tip was called in.

"There was a man inside believed to be wanted in connection with escaping lawful custody. Members of the Leduc RCMP immediately attended the location and arrested Philip Robert Crosby without incident," said Sgt. Jack Poitras, media relations manager with the Alberta RCMP's A Division, reached by phone.

Crosby slipped outside the District Jail on Oct. 11, walking out a service entry before taking off to temporary freedom.

At the time he was in custody for driving offences and was also charged with resisting arrest.

Poitras said Crosby is now wanted in western Canada on a laundry list of offences.

"He currently faces multiple charges out of Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia, which include robbery with violence, impersonation with intent, impaired driving, dangerous operation of a motor vehicle, breaching a conditional sentence order and criminal flight," Poitras



SLIPPED AWAY: Philip Robert Crosby walked out of the Thunder bay District Jall on Oct. 11.

He added he believes most of the new charges stem from after Crosby's escape from Ontario.

Crosby remains behind bars in the Alberta community, pending his next court date.

Local police are unsure when Crosby will be returned to Ontario to face his initial charges. None of the charges against Crosby have been proven in a court of law. – With files from Cam Hallas, CKPR Radio

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## **Paterson** pushing for grain museum

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

A man whose family has deep roots in the shipping industry in this city leads a not-for-profit corporation hoping to establish a Grain Elevator Museum at the Lakehead.

"It's just one of those things you really can't say no to," said Robert Paterson, president of the group which is now incorporated in the province of Ontario, explaining his and the other members' motivation for supporting the project.

Paterson said the story of the grain industry in Canada is a story that needs to be told because it's such an important part of the country's history, "and Thunder Bay is the place to tell it."

He estimates that the dream of establishing a museum was first raised a dozen years ago.

"We've been at this a long time," he said. "I think really that it's the site and what this project will look like in the end that's the big challenge for us."

Help with overcoming the challenges may come if the group's application for charitable status is approved, as Paterson said that will open opportunities for fundraising if they decide to pursue it.

Science North and the Canada Science and Technology Museums Corporation, chaired by former Thunder Bay resident Gary Polonsky, are also in discussions with the group.

The corporation operates three museums including an Agriculture and Food Museum.

For Nancy Perozzo, a main instigator of the grain elevator museum project, the effort she has put into it over the years have brought both hope and frustration, but she has seen some recent progress.

An application to the federal government for a marker to recognize the construction of the CPR between Thunder Bay and the prairies has been approved.



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#### **EDITORIAL**

## New jail is needed now

t's beyond time the provincial – and possibly federal – governments considered looking into a replacement for the Thunder Bay District Jail.

Built in 1990, the crumbling facility can no longer serve the purpose for which it was built.

The jail hit the national news twice in recent weeks, and both issues likely could be solved with a new facility.

First and foremost is the case of Adam Capay, who was awaiting murder charges for a 2012 killing at the Thunder Bay Correctional Centre.

Capay, then 19, has been held in solitary confinement almost entirely since the killing occurred.

Prison officials felt they had little choice, not wanting to put Capay into general population where his own safety might be jeopardized.

The second incident involved an Oct. 11 escape from the jail by Philip Robert Crosby, who simply walked out an unlocked door to freedom.

He was on the lam for several weeks before being taken back into custody by the RCMP in Leduc, Alta.

A new jail won't prevent every escape attempt. But it would tighten security, of paramount interest as the jail is located in a quiet north end neighbourhood and sits across from St. Ignatius High School.

The jail is overcrowded and prisoners still deserve humane treatment, not a third-world system.

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## **Retinal camera helps patients**

**HEALTH** By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences is a few steps closer to acquiring a much needed \$120,000 retinal imaging camera for its Lions Vision Care Centre.

On Tuesday the hospital foundation announced \$20,500 has been collected to date to kick off a fundraising drive, as the call went out for private donors to step forward and help the cause.

The machine is vital to eye care in Northwestern Ontario, said ophthalmologist Leland Dhurjon, noting the camera allows doctors to see nearly double the area of the retina as the centre's current camera can.

It also means treatment can happen closer to home, rather than patients having to travel to Winnipeg or Toronto for appointments.

Dhurjon said there are plenty of regionally prevalent diseases that affect the back of the eye, including high blood pressure and diabetes.

"To be able to treat these conditions, you need to be able to plan ahead. If you can take the pictures, you can plan your treatment effectively," he said.

"And you can also monitor the treatment."

The camera has other features in terms of diagnosis, he added.



EYE OPENER: Ophtamologist Leland Dhurjon says a new retinal image camera would allow Northwestern Ontario patients to seek eye-care treatment closer to home.

"You can consult with an expert anywhere in the world. It has the ability that allows you to train other doctors. Instead of looking into the back of the patient's eye consecutively you can put the image up on the screen and you can discuss it," Dhurjon said.

Having the latest equipment can also help with recruitment of new ophthalmologists, he said.

Lions Clubs throughout the regions

have already contributed to the effort, along with the Royal Canadian Legion's Fort William Polish Veteran's Branch and the Slovak Branch 129, who each gave \$2,500 to the cause.

Angela Sharbot, the advisory board chair at the Lions Vision Care Centre said when the charity decided to help found the eye-care facility it also took on the fundraising component.

"It is our commitment to make sure the Lions Care Vision Centre has upto-date equipment," she said. "Much of the equipment is 15 years old, but over the last two years we've replaced the majority of the equipment. This is one last piece of equipment to make sure we have a world-class facility based in Thunder Bay for the residents of Northwestern Ontario."

Patient Fin Cellick is plagued with an eye condition related to aging, and while she hasn't yet had to travel for treatment, it's always remained a possibility. Anything that can keep her closer to home is a good idea in her books.

"I know so many people so much younger than I am that are having difficulties," she said.

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## **Perspective**

## The original forester

#### Wally Z. spent decades working in area woodlands

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

was somewhat dismayed to learn that Shelley Vescio resigned after two decades as Thunder Bay's urban forester.

The timing couldn't be worse as the city faces an imminent onslaught from the emerald ash borer.

Ms. Vescio submitted a plan to combat the infestation but city council is considering another option -ignore the beetle and hope it goes away.

I guess she doesn't want to wait around while they determine the fate of Thunder Bay's urban forest.

Much of our city's history is told in colorful stories about lumberjacks, loggers and foresters.

#### **Old school**

Of course the stories are only as colorful as the people who tell them and I recently ran into one of the best.

I once had the opportunity to work with several professional foresters at Great Lakes Forest Products.

There are some men still living in Thunder Bay who can recall skidding logs along a frozen trail with a team of horses.

Wally is one of those men, a gifted raconteur who walked that walk and made a few observations along the way.

Those experiences have been spun into colorful yarns, recollections, embellishments and what he often refers to as "a pile of BS."

For example, he once described the cold winters by explaining what parts of his body almost froze off.

Wally also explained the etiquette of dining with lumberjacks in the old days when the cook ruled the kitchen.

The dining hall was small and appetites were many so there were four rules - sit down, shut up, eat your supper and get out.

If you started a conversation during your meal the cook would throw you out and somebody else would get your seat.

"Did you come to eat or did you come to talk?"

I'm sure Wally missed a few meals along the way.

It's hard to imagine sitting at the supper table next to him without his woodlands years visiting narrative to spice up the meal.

rooms, teach-He knows the faces and the names of hundreds of ing students bush workers and to hear him talk you would think he remembers most of the trees too.

Because when Wally

speaks about the forest and identifies the trees and describes how they grow, he is expressing his true passion.

Wally is always jovial, sometimes irreverent, and sensitive listeners beware - he is not afraid to occasionally use authentic bush camp expletives.

He is the original urban forester

and I'm not the only one who feels that way.

There are many young people living and working in Thunder Bay who fondly recall a special visit from Mr. Z.

#### **Classroom visits**

He spent years visiting city classrooms, teaching students about forestry and paper-making while nurturing a respect for growing things.

He led many entertaining and informative bus tours to cutting limits and area bush camps, including a hands-on introduction to camp food.

I was happy to run into Wally again and happier still to hear he hasn't lost his gift of the gab.

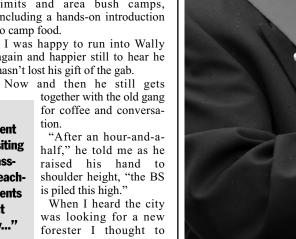
is piled this high."

myself, "Wally would be perfect for that job."

Too bad he's not looking for work right now, but he did leave a large reserve of young, enthusiastic foresters in his wake.

When the city replaces Ms. Vescio, and it must, it should look for a suitable replacement among the local ranks of Wally's army. After all, he is the original urban

forester.



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The FMP will take approximately three years to complete. During this time, five formal opportunities for public and Aboriginal involvement are provided. This first stage notice is to advise you that preparation of the plan has started and to request:

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- Your view of the desired forest condition and desired benefits which can be obtained from the forest.

#### How to Get Involved

Please provide any comments or information to the MNRF office listed below or if you wish to meet and discuss your interests and concerns with the planning team, plan author and/or the LCAC, please contact the individuals identified below.

Background information and sources of direction that are available for you to view includes the following:

- Description of the management responsibilities on the forest and of the forest industry that is supplied from the forest:
- Values Maps showing natural resource features, land uses and values;
- Description of the historic forest condition;
- A map of existing roads and their use management strategies;
- Management unit annual and audit reports and provincial audits and reports pertaining to forest management;
- Sources of direction for the forest such as past plans, land use plans, habitat regulations made under the Endangered Species Act, 2007, MNRF's provincial goals, objectives and policies for natural resource management, etc.

The background information will be available for the duration of plan preparation.

The general information regarding the FMP process as well as the information described in this notice, will be available at the MNRF Ignace Field Office (address shown below) and at the Ignace Public Library (36 Main St.) during normal office hours. Meetings with representatives of the planning team and the LCAC can be requested at any time during the planning process. Reasonable opportunities to meet planning team members during non-business hours will be provided upon request. If you require more information or wish to discuss your interests and concerns with a planning team member, please contact one of the individuals listed below:

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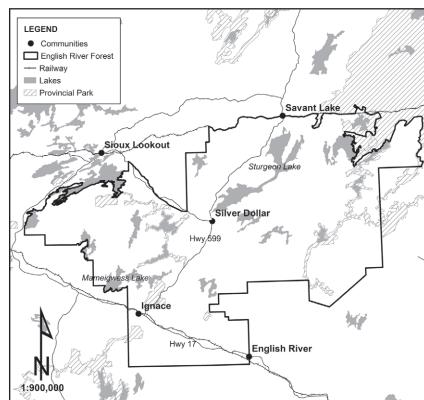
There will be four more formal opportunities for you to be involved. These stages are listed and tentatively scheduled as follows:

- Review of the Proposed Long Term Management Direction - July 2017 Stage 2 -
- Stage 3 -Information Centre: Review of Proposed Operations - February 2018
- Information Centre: Review of Draft Forest Management Plan Stage 4 -- September 2018
- Stage 5 -Inspection of MNRF-Approved Forest Management Plan - February 2019

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## LOCALNEWS **IN BRIEF** Budget is now balanced

A projected \$3.2-million municipal budget deficit is no more.

Budget chair Frank Pullia on Friday said city administration, as requested by council, has found savings in the capital and operations budget that will offset the overrun caused by higher than expected police and legal costs.

On Sept. 21 council passed a plan that eliminated \$3.02 million. Friday's announcement erases the remainder, Pullia said.

"There had been savings found in operations and deferrals in capital items, trips or small capital projects that didn't need to be done this year that can wait or positions that had not been filled that can wait to be filled," Pullia FRANK PULLIA said.



"But while we have found the savings, the challenge is to make the savings sustainable for the long term."

Council cannot keep pushing projects off the table, Pullia said, adding they tried to cut the costs without affecting service or personnel levels.

"Council has given direction to administration to find almost \$2 million in ongoing savings. The cost of operation, the cost of doing business is not sustainable and has to come down," Pullia said. "Those are long-term savings that our administration has been looking diligently at finding so we can live within our means.'

Pullia will host a public town hall meeting about the budget on Nov. 15.

#### **Robbery and assault**

Thunder Bay Police are on the hunt for suspects in a recent robbery in the Hodder and Dacre streets area.

In a release, police said a 37-year-old woman was approached on the morning of Oct. 23 by two men who demanded both money and cigarettes.

The victim handed over the cigarettes and was then struck by one of the suspects.

One suspect is described as an Aboriginal male with a small amount of facial hair and a pointy nose. He was wearing a black baseball cap with white lettering, and a black sweater.

A description for the second suspect was not provided.

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### LOCALNEWS

## Capay cell move temporary: union

#### **THUNDER BAY** By Doug Diaczuk – TB Source

Adam Capay, who has spent the last four years in segregation at the Thunder Bay District Jail, has been moved to a different cell, but jail officials say the move is only temporary.

According to Michael Lundy, a correctional officer at the Thunder Bay District Jail and president of OPSEU 737, Capay was moved to a new cell due to construction on the segregation unit at the District Jail.

"There is construction going on there right now," he said. "They are modernizing our segregation unit. They are adding a solid door and better observation for officers."

Capay's move to a new cell was mentioned by Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services, David Orazietti, during question period at Queen's Park on Wednesday.

"This individual has been moved from their cell," Orazietti said. "They are no longer in that same cell, they are in a different location with appropriate lighting, access to a day room, spending time out of their cell for showers, phone



LOCKED UP: Adam Capay has spent four years in solitary confinement at the District Jail.

calls, and access to TV."

"My understanding after I've been speaking with officials is that the inmate is satisfied with the conditions they are presently in," Orazietti added.

Lundy called the government's comments at Queen's Park a pretty good

sell job.

"I know it's a good sale story right now at Queen's Park, but [Capay] moved because there is a construction project going on, that's 100 per cent the reason why," Lundy said.

Capay was charged in connection with

the murder of 35-year-old Sherman Quisses during an altercation at the Thunder Bay Correctional Centre in June, 2012 and is still awaiting trial.

Capay has been in segregation for more than four years, which includes a cell with plexiglass, 24-hour light, and no access to natural light.

Lundy said construction on the segregation unit at the District Jail should be completed in roughly six weeks.

"When the construction project is done, [Capay] moves back to segregation I anticipate," Lundy said. "That's a management decision, but that is where I would anticipate he would end up."

The conditions will be much the same for Capay, with no natural light and 24hour light. Lundy added that Capay could even have less contact in the new units due to the addition of solid doors.

According to Lundy, the construction to the segregation unit was necessary from a health and safety standpoint.

"We advocated for it," he said. "Local management has engaged us every step of the way. As far as health and safety reasons we definitely advocated for what they are doing."

Capay's case sparked further debate in

Queen's Park around the length of time he has spent in segregation awaiting trial.

Last Wednesday, NDP MPP for Oshawa, Jennifer French, questioned the government about Capay's situation. French pointed out that the Supreme Court of Canada has ruled that a delay longer than 30 months to face trial is a violation of an individual's charter rights, and Capay has been held for 52 months.

"Can the premier guarantee that there are no more Adam Capays that have been lost in our jails?" French asked. "Can she guarantee that there are no more Adam Capays?"

Attorney General, Yasir Naqvi, responded by saying that Capay's case is a serious and challenging matter.

"We recognize that people have questions and concerns and our government takes the concerns being raised very seriously and of course obligations that are enshrined within the charter of rights and freedoms very seriously as well," Naqvi said. "I can share with you that, as you all know, Mr. Capay is facing some very serious charges. As the Attorney General, it is my responsibility to ensure that we do not influence the outcome of any prosecution that is ongoing."



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Hwy. 590 - from Hwy. 11/17 westerly for 23.5 km

- Resurfacing and drainage improvements including replacement/repair of three (3) structural culverts (see map for locations)
- Replace Whitewood Creek Culvert
- Replace Pitch Creek Culvert
- Repair Cedar Creek Culvert

Hwy. 588 – from Hwy. 11/17 westerly for 1.8 km and from Hwy. 590 westerly for 4.7 km

Resurfacing and drainage improvements

#### Detours

The culvert replacements at Whitewood Creek and Pitch Creek are scheduled to take place during the summer of 2018, and are expected to require a temporary, full closure of the crossing locations. A detour route along Highways 595 and 588 (see map) has been selected. Advance notice of the detour will be provided by road signs and a newspaper notice approximately 10 days prior to the temporary closure of Highway 590.

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### LOCALNEWS



OVER-SUPPLY: Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation analyst Warren Philp says there is an abundance of high-end homes for sale locally.

## Home market balancing out

#### HOUSING

By Leith Dunick – TB Soruce

t's a good time to buy for anyone looking to purchase a high-end home in Thunder Bay.

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation analyst Warren Philp on Wednesday said there's an over-supply of houses priced at more than \$300,000 on the market, adding overall the resale market appears to be a balanced one.

According to figures provided by CMHC, resale demand in Thunder Bay will range between 1,300 and 1,400 in 2017, with the average price ranging between \$230,400 and \$246,000.

Philp said for a five-year period ending in 2014 Thunder Bay was in a seller's market, which he attributed to a growth in mineral exploration and high expectations surrounding the mining industry.

"That was the era of bidding wars and homes selling quite regularly over the list price and very tight supply in the market and quite good demand," Philp said.

"We no longer have a seller's market, we have a balanced market and arguably in parts of the reseller's market in Thunder Bay, we've got a buyer's market conditions ... Which means there are little to no price increases, and in fact, some price adjustments are taking place, especially at the high end of the market."

Philp, quoting CMHC's annual housing market outlook, said the news is also not rosy for the new-home construction industry in town.

Single-family housing starts are expected to decline in 2017, a trend that will likely continue into 2018, a projection he also blamed on a stagnant job market and negative population growth.

However, there may be an uptick in multi-unit dwelling starts as developers look to replace the old-stock rental supply, much of which was built before 1990.

"We see single-detached starts being flat or potentially declining a little bit. Where there is some potential for growth and we see a little bit of volatility over the next two-and-a-half years is in multi-family starts," Philp said.

"There has certainly been interest in building small apartment blocks, some condominium units and even some row housing concepts and semi-detached units."

The total number of new housing starts next year is expected to range between 220 and 240. CMHC is projecting a high of 160 single-family starts, a low of 140. The forecast for 2016 is between 150 and 160. In 2013 the number was 193, and it's decreased every year since.

The number could drop to as low as 125 by 2018.

The report also projects the Thunder Bay census metropolitan area will drop from an estimated 124,000 in 2016 to 122,000 in 2018.

## TBLIFE people health home food leisure

## Haircut raises \$10K for cancer fund

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

**B**<sup>y</sup> the time Alex Haapa-aho was eight, he'd lost both his grandfathers to cancer.

At the second funeral his mother insisted he get a haircut.

But the youngster refused, instead seeing an opportunity to raise money for the disease that had taken his parents' parents far too young.

For more than a year he grew his hair, all the while raising money online for cancer research.

Last Friday, on his ninth birthday, having collected more than \$10,200 for the Northern Cancer Fund, he shaved the flowing blond locks, collecting the hair, which will be used to make wigs for cancer patients going through chemotherapy.

"It makes me feel very proud because I have raised so much money," Alex said, about 40 of his friends and family having watched his head being shaved at Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre.

"A lot of people are suffering from

cancer and both of my grandfathers too."

His mother, Jennifer Sigus, said she couldn't be more proud of her son.

"I can't believe it's gone as far as it has," she said. "We had a humble beginning. Five dump-trucks full of money is what he wanted to raise. I said we had to put that into a monetary value we could actually achieve and we ended up with \$1,500.

"We were happy just to have that. For it to snowball this far, we could never have imagined it. And our family has seen exactly where the money goes."

Hospital spokeswoman Heather Vita said donations like this are vital to fundraising efforts.

"They significantly help. We have more than 100 of these types of events that happen every year that people take their own time, their own effort to put into them. Certainly every dollar they raise goes right back into our community," Vita said. "It stays here. It funds essential equipment within our hospital and anytime anyone wants to do something like that, we're really grateful."



CLEAN SHAVE: Alex Haapa-aho, 9, grew his hair for more than a year and had it cut off last Friday to raise money for cancer research.

**Do you have an opinion to share?** E-mail the editor at ldunick@dougallmedia.com



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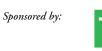
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## Having bad luck in the local bush



**S**o I got the chainsaw back and even though the day wasn't sunny and bright, my wife, Laura, and I loaded the saw into the cart we tow behind the quad and off we went, dogs dashing ahead, excited to be on the trails.

Our mission? To continue clearing our riding trails.

The devastating snow and ice storm of January had done a lot of damage to the trees.

The tag alder and thin poplar growing beside the riding trails had succumbed to the weight of the ice and were now forming an overhang, an arch through which no rider on a horse could ever get through.

In fact, in several places it was darned hard for a pedestrian to pass.

But now I had a chainsaw that started on command and a very willing partner ready to haul away the felled trees off to the side.

So with very happy pups running alongside or in front or behind, depending on how many interesting scents or sounds ("Squirrel?!") distracted them from the trail (yes, Todd the dog even began to bark at a squirrel in a tree we passed en route), we headed for the first set of overhanging trees.

#### Did its job

The saw behaved wonderfully and it wasn't long before we had that thirty-foot stretch cleared.

Laura had also brought along some loping shears the handles of which could be extended.

She told me to drive to the next spot as she wished to clear away overhanging branches from her "detour" path she occasionally uses when the section of trail we had just cleared gets too wet.

The soil out here is clay and thus it holds water especially where the horses have worn a groove in the ground. So she has made wee detours.

I arrived to see more of a tag alder overhang at the beginning of a planted area we call the Red Pines.

Back in 1964(or so said my late neighbour, Sulo Hakala), this section was planted with red and Scotch pine and spruce all intended as a future commercial crop. It was never harvested.

Long, even rows stretch north/south beside the lower beaver pond. We love to walk or ride through this part of the property.

I especially like it when the wind howls through the red pine needles.

I fired up the saw and cut the drooping tag alder branches. Next I drove to a major blockage in the red pines.

Entire trees had been blown down, mainly dead spruce.

But the tragedy was how many tops of red pine had been snapped off and were lying across the trail.

Laura arrived and began to haul off the trail the red pine tops that were small enough for her to manage.

I set about to saw the larger ones that were far too large to drag away even with the two of us pulling together.

The first tree was easy, a dead spruce that straddled the trail.

#### Downsized

I cut it up into "bite-sized" pieces suitable for the fireplace.

The next piece was a very long and large tree top belonging to a tall, mature red pine.

I began to trim off the branches when suddenly the saw fell apart. The chain, the blade, the side holding everything together had come apart. What the...?

Of course I immediately knew what had happened and was very angry at this interruption now that we were on a roll. The two nuts that hold the blade and chain in place had loosened somehow, somewhere, and now where were they?

I looked, carefully sifting through the pine branches but realized that it was fruitless. Talk about a needle in a haystack!

We moved what we could by hand and Laura then asked me to come and look at the detour in the pines she had made. We walked about checking where our next clearing with the saw was to take place and where simply wrenching the smaller tree tops would suffice. I was still upset (grrrr!) at what had happened but Laura was happy. Good!

Then we climbed onto the quad and retraced our steps, stopping to use the clippers on some overhanging alder and then trimming away spruce branches that, over the years, had grown over the trails.

Eventually we arrived at a junction where a back trail joins the back field. Laura wanted to assess how much work would be involved clearing that one.

Well, a fair amount actually; but all in good time. What amazed us was how much damage that January storm had wreaked in the bush. There are lots of downed and dead balsam and spruce. We just have to get at them. Yup, all in good time.

"We have years' and years' worth of fireplace wood now," observed La Laura. She's right. Just need to get at it. All in good time and with a working chainsaw.

## **TBLife** Woman brings health, hope to El Salvador

#### **THUNDER BAY** By Nicole Dixon - TB Source

n the 1970's El Salvador was brutalized by a civil war that saw 60,000 citizens murdered.

To escape the violence 14-year-old Cecilia Huezo and her family fled to Thunder Bay as refugees.

Huezo shared her story during a Medical Equipment Modernization Opportunities fundraiser last Friday and spoke about bringing health and hope back into the Tutulepeque community of El Salvador with the help of MEMO.

"I'm honoured that I could be part of this fundraiser," Huezo said. "I think MEMO is a great organization that is helping out, impacting and making huge dents in the world with people that are in need."

About six years ago she returned to the remote region she escaped as a young girl to help give back to her community. Using her own finances, and help from Canadians, she has built a successful

community development centre and program in El Salvador.

"One of my main motivations was the fact that I could identify with the children," Heuzo said.

"I was one of those kids that I now work with, I could identify with their poverty level, with the lack of resources, with many things, and I see myself in all of those kids.'

Heuzo added that she is going to do everything God allows her to do in reaching out to them.

During her time in El Salvador, she has developed tutoring programs for struggling school children, as well as running soccer and baseball recreational activities for the community.

Her help goes beyond the children of Tutulepeque, Heuzo has also provided math and literacy classes for illiterate farm wives, and sewing classes to provide ongoing income for families in need.

"It's interesting to go back to my own community, to where I was born and raised, and many people saw me grow up there," Heuzo said.

"I almost didn't want to go back there, I wanted to go somewhere else in El Salvador, but God lead me to that particular community for a reason.'

She added the community is filled with her family members, so it's an honour to give back to her family as well as being involved in the community.

For three years, MEMO founder Dr. Jerome Harvey, has been shipping recycled hospital supplies to El Salvador for Huezo to put to good use.

"We supply her logistically with things she requires for her community development project in El Salvador," Harvey said.

"We've shipped probably about four or five containers, everything from furniture for the community centre to an ambulance from Northwestern Ontario."

Harvey added only 43 per cent of people in Tutulepeque have medical care, and that was a big reason for all the shipments.



FLED HOME: Cecilia Huezo and her family escaped El Salvador when she was just 14.





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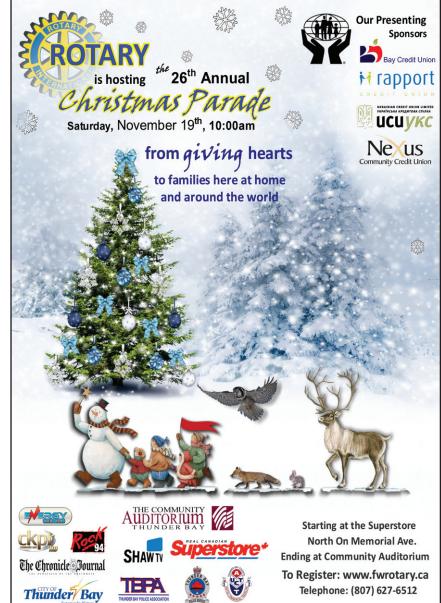
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ou spend more time indoors during the winter months, so it's inevitable that you might start to feel a little cramped, especially if you live in a smaller home. If that's the case, you may consider finishing your basement to increase your square footage. It can definitely add value and increase comfort, but there are a few things you'll want to do to ensure it's a surefire success:

Address moisture. I've seen a lot of poorly executed basement renos, where the contractor comes in, throws up some studs, tosses in some fibreglass batts and vapour barrier, then slaps on some drywall. Often, problems arise down the road. Inspecting the interior foundation and floors for moisture issues, water damage or mould problems and addressing areas of concern are vital to prevent the development of mold and mildew. Ensure that your job specifies moisture-resistant building materials for performance and durability of the living space.

Insulate wisely. First and foremost, you'll want to select a moisture-resistant and vapour permeable insulation that can dry if exposed to moisture and retain its full R-value over time. I prefer stone wool



insulation over fibreglass just for that reason. Canadian manufacturer Roxul makes a few products that are ideal for the job. I recommend installing Roxul Comfortboard 80 against the interior walls, before installing the studs. This continuous layer of insulation will prevent thermal bridging, reducing your energy consumption and heating costs. Build your studs against the Comfortboard 80, preferably with treated lumber, and fill the studs will R14 Comfortbatt to achieve a basement wall with an effective R20 R-value. Finally, finish with a smart membrane vapour control layer, tuck tape and moisture-resistant drywall. Don't forget to insulate basement header for maximum energy efficiency.

Soundproof - I am a big proponent of

soundproofing. It's easier to add during construction than realizing it's needed afterward and trying to remedy noise issues. Soundproofing is the ultimate solution to maximize your basement's peace, quiet and privacy. Look for a product called Safe 'n' Sound, also by Roxul. I like it because it's easy to install and adds important fire and moisture resistance. One layer should suffice. Simply press into place between the studs or joists. Use resilient channels before adding dry wall.

With the most important elements addressed to ensure proper performance, indoor air quality, and energy efficiency, you can start planning the finishes-flooring, paint, furniture, décor and accessories. These will show off your personality and really make the space feel like home.

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MISSED: Andy Coffey was a well-known businessman and philanthropist in Thunder Bay. He helped found the Children's Wish chapter in the city.

## **Andy Coffey** dies at 85

#### **OBITUARY** By TB Source staff

Thunder Bay businessman and philanthropist Andy Coffey died last Tuesday at the age of 85.

Coffey operated five clothing stores during a business career that spanned four decades, and was involved extensively in public service through memberships on numerous boards.

But his son, Rob Coffey, expects he will be remembered mostly for his charity work.

"He had a big heart and cared for all people. He spent tireless hours on the Children's Wish Foundation, raising money for them," he told tbnewswatch.com.

Andy Coffey founded the Thunder Bay branch of the Children's Wish Foundation and served as chair until 2014. His son said the local chapter raised more than \$1 million under his leadership. Just last month he received a lifetime achievement award from the foundation, and that was "one of the things he was most proud of," he said.

Coun. Iain Angus, who served with Coffey on the local airport authority, said he served the community in many ways over many years.

"He worked hard for the community and will be missed." A funeral service was held last Saturday.

## Wenjack honoured

FIRST NATIONS By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Nishnawbe Aski Nation officials have renamed the Oshki-Pimache-O-Win Education and Training Institute after Chanie (Charlie) Wenjack on the 50th anniversary of his death.

NAN Grand Chief Alvin Fiddler made the announcement on Friday, calling it a fitting and lasting tribute to the youngster, who died trying to escape a residential school near Kenora while attempting to walk to his home community in Marten Falls.

The newly named facility will be known as the Chanie Wenjack Pimachehowin Educational Institute.

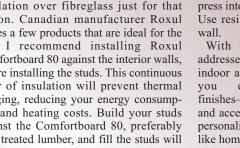
"This is a historic opportunity to honour Chanie's memory in an appropriate and significant manner and build on the momentum his legacy is gaining," Fiddler said.



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## IN THE Day arts entertainment culture With complicated company

Magnus Theatre's latest production, *Disgraced*, is a powerhouse not to be missed

#### **THEATRE** By Linda Maehans - TB Source

**M**agnus' second curtain rises to a production that has us first feeling buoyed, near to something exciting about to occur. Then plunged into the kind of silence where even the slightest pin falling onto a bare floor becomes a noise to sever solid foundations forever.

*Disgraced* by Ayad Akhtar earned the playwright a Pulitzer in 2013. Most of the story takes place in early September, 2011 in New York City: a significant time in and of itself; but when combined with the stories of ambitious, passionate professionals who are all careening out of control in one way or another...well, here is where we stop wondering why this complicated drama has the title it does.

This powerhouse play is not easy to digest. We are voyeurs in the upscale home of Amir and Emily where one fateful evening their



A FITTING SEND OFF: Magnus Theatre's latest production, Disgraced, marks artistic director, Mario Crudo's final time at the helm for a main stage production.

guests Isaac and Jory arrive for dinner. Amid the sophisticated swirling conversation we watch with increasing alarm as barbs and arrows begin to fly. Suffice to say racial, political and religious standpoints know no bounds when fuelled by alcohol and suspicious mistrust. Together with our protagonists we careen into a disaster that leaves us gasping. I'm describing it like this because, as said, this is

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one powerhouse of a play; it will have you turning over and over in your mind its dark corners and crevices.

Kudos to the entire cast: each member so integral to the story and so unwaveringly genuine in his or her role. I'll begin with Martin Sims, the only face audiences will remember from other strong performances at Magnus (Venus in Fur, The 39 Steps, Ethan Claymore,

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to name a few). Once again Sims gives us his signature taut portrayal of his character Isaac: foreboding, slightly dangerous, yet vulnerable in his emotions. His wife Jory, played by Malube, makes her debut at Magnus like a beautiful and equally dangerous lioness. Matt Raffy as Abe is perfectly naïve and impressionable at the start; in the end he is partly the reason we are left gasping with comprehension.

It is impossible to stop scrutinizing Daniela Vlaskalic's every move and expression, as Emily the artist and wonderfully-nuanced wife of an intelligent and charming corporate lawyer. We are worried for her; we wish we didn't notice how at times her pulse throbs along her lovely neckline.

Lastly, to Shelly Antony as Amir. It is difficult to recall an actor new to Magnus' stage with more impact on an audience. Antony's performance is gripping, and heart-breaking. Superbly played.

Disgraced marks the last time we have artistic director Mario Crudo at the helm of Thunder Bay's premiere professional theatre troupe: how fitting it is for an unforgettable human drama with such timely ramifications for us all. Go and be a witness to Disgraced;

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SUPER SHARING: The CW's Supergirl will be sharing the small screen with fellow network hero, The Flash, this December as part of a four series cross-over also featuring Arrow and Legends of Tomorrow.

## TV crossing over to a better story



Last summer, it was announced that the World of DC Comics was going to do a monster mash-up like never before seen on television. This December, there will be a three-part, four-show, week-long crossover between *The Flash*, *Arrow*, *Legends of Tomorrow* and *Supergirl*.

It sounds exciting for fans of the different series. It also means that if you only like just one of the shows, you absolutely, positively will have to watch the other three to get all the answers. It's a little annoying to be so blatantly manipulated by the entertainment industry. But Kanye and the Kardashians do that every day so I guess most of us are used to it.

I've always loved it when characters from other books that I've read suddenly show up in a new story. It's like seeing an old friend or being in on an inside joke. But a crossover should never feel forced. It should be organic.

That's one of the reasons that Dick Wolf's *Law & Order* and, more recently, his Chicago series – *Fire*, *PD*, and *Med* – have done so well. They regularly allow for characters from the other shows to briefly appear in scenes because that's what happens in real life. Police, fire and medical occasionally cross paths in their jobs. Not every day. But it happens.

So what if we allowed every show just a little extra room for a reasonable crossover with its neighbours? *Law & Order: SVU* has gone to *Chicago* a couple of times. Why couldn't *Man with a Plan's* Adam go to Long Island for a visit since Kevin Can (and will) Wait?

New York's *Blue Bloods* would make a great addition to Hayes Morrison's Conviction team of investigators. And there's nothing better than an extra dose of Tom Selleck at night.

The *NCIS* trifecta has also occasionally flitted across the studio floors. So how much fun would it be for them to require the assistance of Michael Weatherly's Jason *Bull* on a case?

Fox loves all things evil. Why not let *Lucifer* drive north in his snazzy little convertible from L.A. to Chicago have a chat with whatever big bad is misbehaving in the Rance household? Rather than an *Exorcist*, a visit from the Devil himself should clear things up quite nicely. Or there could just be one heck of a season finale-worthy showdown.

On his way back, ol'Lucy could check out a baseball game in Pasadena. After all, Hell must have frozen over for the Padres to sign a female to *Pitch* for them. Once home, he could roam the halls of Angels Memorial Hospital to help with their daily *Code Blacks*.

And finally, in his spare time, I'd send him to Cal Tech to mess with Sheldon (who doesn't believe in him anyway) and disprove *The Big Bang Theory*. (I can already hear his head – and the networks – exploding.)

See? We can all play the crossover game. And it doesn't even require DC super-powers.

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**OF THE WEEK!** 





he Churchill Trojans might have stood a chance had they been able to stop Kellan Steudle.

The St. Patrick Saints running back proved way too much to handle, torching the Trojans for 234 yards on the ground and three touchdowns as his team cruised to a 35-6 win at Fort William Stadium that strengthened thier claim on a playoff spot and strengthened their grip on third place in the high school senior boy's football standings.

Steudle also caught a pair of passes for 26 yards, giving him a combined 260 yards on the day.

The individual stats weren't all that important to the fifth-year senior.

"This win really means a lot to us. It (almost) cements us a spot in the playoffs. And it might not be the last time we play that school, so it was good to make a statement."

With the result the Saints are now 2-3 and just a game behind the second place Trojans, who slipped to 2-3

It's the right time to peak, he said. "We've got a lot of senior leader-

ship going on in the last week and it really showed on the field today," Steudle said.

Among those leaders was quarterback Eric Nisiou, who spent most of the game pitching the ball to his backfield, but managed a 50-yard run of his own, finishing off the scoring drive with a two-yard run, his first touchdown of the season.

Nisiou ran for 79 yards on the day against a Trojans team plagued by 115 yards in penalties versus just 168 in total offence.



SCORING PLAY: St. Patrick Saints quarterback Eric Nisiou (18) scrambles two yards into the endzone, Churchill's Connor Byerley (3) too late to stop him.

He was perfectly OK with handing the ball off and letting his backs do all the grunt work.

"I felt really comfortable giving it to Kellan. He's a fifth-year guy. He really leads us and he was on fire today, you know, getting at least 10 yards every play."

Actually it was 11.1, but who's counting?

The Saints scored twice in the opening quarter to burst out to a 14-0 lead, Cooper Petyk cruising in from five yards out at the nine-minute mark, Steudle scampering home 55 yards for the second major of the evening. Nisiou's score upped the St. Patrick lead to 20-0 before the half.

Churchill finally got on the board early in the third, Dyk Taw racing 67 vards untouched up the middle and the Trojans looked to have momentum on their side when St. Patrick turned the ball over on downs on its own 33-yard line later in the period.

But the Trojans were unable to capitalize and less than two minutes into the final frame Steudle was at it again, this time a 37-yard scoring run that made it 27-6 Saints.

Three minutes later a Xander Scriver pick led to Steudle's third of the day. He capped it with the twopoint conversion, Josh Swearengen under-handing it through the uprights to the surprise of the Churchill defence.

Hammarskjold 39, Westgate 13: Vikings quarterback Marti Martinez rushed for a pair of touchdowns and another help tossed to Hammarskjold (1-4) earn its first win of the season. Depite the lopsided loss, the Tigers clinched a playoff spot. Cayden Boucher had a pair of four-yard scoring runs for Westgate (2-3).

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### **Border Cats hire Feller as manager**

BASEBALL By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Mitch Feller is the Thunder Bay Border Cats' new field boss.

The Northwoods League team on Monday announced the South Dakota State University product will take over managerial duties of a team that won just 21 games in 2015.

"I am excited to get things going and arrive in Thunder Bay. I look forward to working with (GM) Dan (Grant) and the rest of the organization to build something great in Thunder Bay for the fans," Feller said in a release.

"It is an honour to be the new Border Cats head coach,

and in one of the premier leagues in the country the Northwoods League has become. I look forward to trying to bring a championship back to Thunder Bay."

Feller is a volunteer assistant at South Dakota State.

MITCH FELLER Grant said the team wanted someone with

baseball skills and understood the to pursue full-time employment.

need for the team to have an impact in the community.

'We weren't looking necessarily for what schools they are at or have been at. We were looking for someone who has proven they can manage through adversity and be a professional."

Former player Danny Benedetti held the reins of the team for most of the 2016 campaign, but left the team late in the season

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## Stars line finds touch

#### **SIJHL** By Leith Dunick – TB Source

**B**rendan Gillis and Jake Robinson Were starting to feel a little bit snake-bitten around the net.

Between them, they'd managed just one goal in 25 combined outings for the Thunder Bay North Stars, a team that has plenty of scoring at the top, but in need of secondary goal scorers to keep the pressure off highscoring forwards like Nicholas Nigro and Brad Arabia.

Gillis, in his second season with the North Stars, scored seven times in 43 games a year ago. The 17-year-old Robinson mustered 10 tallies in his rookie season.

Coach Jeremy Adduono sat the duo down this week and told them the goals will start to come, they just have to stop putting so much pressure on themselves.

The conversation worked, helped out with the addition of rookie Jett Leishman to their line, a move Adduono said he made on a hunch. The dividends were immediate.

Gillis and Robinson each scored and assisted on the other's goal on Saturday night, propelling the North Stars to a much-needed 5-1 win over the visiting Minnesota Iron Rangers (2-8-0) at Fort William Gardens.

"Playing with Robinson and Leishman has been pretty good for us because they're pretty young guys and quick like me," said Gillis. "We seemed to click and have just been doing really good lately."

Robinson said he's played with Gillis long enough to know his tendencies on the ice and the rookie Leishman has been a perfect fit to round out the line.



FINDING HIS TOUCH: North Stars forward Brendan Gilis (right) had a goal and an assist against Dalton Johnson and the Minnesota Iron Rangers last Saturday.

"We just find a way to grind together and get pucks to the net and it's worked out pretty good right now," Robinson said. Adduono said he knew the goals

would eventually start to come. "Brendan and Jake have had a ton

of chances in the last few games ... so I had a little chat with them and told them to simplify it a little bit and go to the net," Adduono said. "And lo and behold both of their goals come from within five feet of the net.

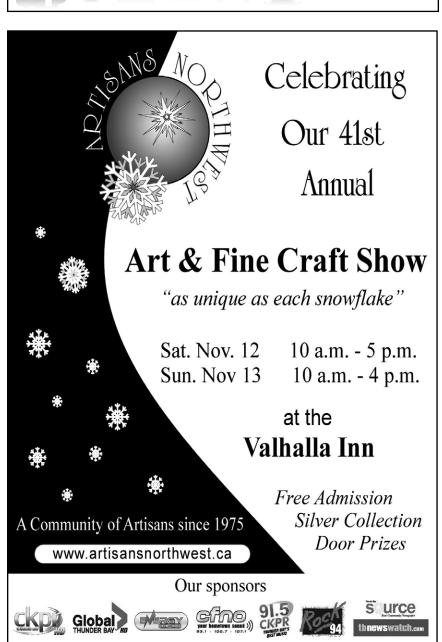
"Usually you get rewarded with hard work and perseverance and full marks to them tonight because we need a little bit more balanced scoring and it's good to see those guys contribute."

Robinson started the North Stars offensive push just past the midway point in the first, taking advantage of open ice with both teams down a man, pouncing on a rebound and firing the puck past Iron Rangers goalie Sean Angle for the only goal of the period.

Gillis fired a backhand home 8:54 into the second, again picking up a rebound kicked out by the Minnesota goalie.

Tyler Minoletti made it 3-0 early in the third before Jack Stensgard ruined Nathaniel Dupuis' shutout bid at the 4:40 mark, the only one of 25 shots that got past the North Stars goalie.

Ryan Walsh pushed the lead back to three midway through the period. Brad Arabia finished off the scoring, taking a cross-crease feed from Troy Sherman, switching to his backhand and depositing the puck into the Iron Rangers net.





#### sports NEWS

### SPORTS IN BRIEF T-Wolves blanked by Concordia Stingers

The Lakehead Thunderwolves just couldn't get their offence going on Saturday night. The seventh-place Wolves (3-4-0) fired just 20 shots at Concordia Stingers goalie Miguel Sullivan and not one got past as the host team blanked Lakehead 4-0 to complete the weekend sweep.

Philippe Sanche and Scott Oke staked the Stingers to a 2-0 lead in the fourth and Raphael Lafontaine scored twice in the second on goalie Devin Green, all the offence Concordia would need. Justin McDonald made seven stops on seven shots in a relief role in the third for LU, his first action of the regular season.Green was good on 18 of 22 shots he faced before hitting the showers.

#### Tree wins OUA silver

akehead runner Kevin Tree picked up a silver medal at last weekend's OUA cross country championship at the University of Toronto. Tree led the Thunderwolves to a seventh-place overall finish.

With two kilometres left, Tree and winner Cory Bellemore of the Windsor Lancers, began competing stride for stride until the final 400 metres where Bellemore made a hard move for the finish.

Tree finished eight seconds behind Bellemore and five seconds ahead of the bronze medalist, Jack Sheffar from Western. "Tree was great today," said LU coach Kip Sigsworth.



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GRIDIRON RETURN: Gryphons football players attend a pep rally.

## Football back at Superior

#### **FOOTBALL** By Leith Dunick – TB Source

After a year on the sidelines, next fall the Superior Collegiate Gryphons will return to high school football competition.

With school board administration recommending the north-side school close -- a decision later reversed by board trustees -- and the team unable to field full rosters at either the junior or senior level, Superior Collegiate officials chose to take a one-year hiatus from the sport and re-evaluate at a later date.

On Friday school officials held a pep rally at the school gymnasium, where they announced a plan to field football teams at both levels in 2017, spurred by a \$3,000 donation from Nissan's Kickoff Project.

"It means a lot to me," said Ethan Mauro, one of 16 students allowed to play football this season with the Hammarskjold Vikings, a compromise agreed to by both schools.

"I started playing at this school and the past two years are probably some of the best I've ever had. I was very bummed we couldn't have a team. I think that we'll be able to bring it back and we have all this extra support, it's phenomenal."

Teammate Justin Kundrat, also playing for the Vikings in 2016, said the move will boost school spirit.

"I've been going here since Grade 9 and I love this school," the Grade 11 student said. "Just to put on our colours and all the coaching staff, they give 100 per cent all the time. It means a lot."

The move comes at a critical time for the high school football leagues. Down to five teams, without Superior Collegiate it was starting to look like both junior and senior circuits would fall to four by next fall, when Westgate and Sir Winston Churchill high schools are merged.

Gryphons coach Warren Nieckarz said he didn't just want to put players on the field, adding he's hopeful the support from Nissan may attract more athletes to the school next year and beyond.

"It helps kids to realize that we are serious about football. Having more opportunities for the kids builds a stronger community inside the school," Nieckarz said.

The program has had a rocky history since Superior Collegiate opened in 2009.

The senior team was abandoned in 2014, only to return in 2015 for one season, when an 0-7 campaign stretched the Gryphons losing streak to 26 games.

The junior team folded for two seasons starting in 2012, returning in 2014 and 2015 when it posted a combined 1-9 record.

Principal Michelle Probizanski said it wasn't an easy decision to not offer football this school year, but she's glad to have it back and supported by so many students and teachers.

She sees big things for the program moving forward.

"I do feel confident that there are a lot of students that have shown interest in football at Superior and that we can build that back up."

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## **Churchill advances to semis**

Junior squad picks up first win of season in quarterfinal triumph over Westgate Tigers

#### **FOOTBALL** By Leith Dunick – TB Source

The Churchill Trojans' next loss will be their last.

But they weren't ready to give up just yet. Kieran Lemelin rushed for three touchdowns on Thursday night and Tristan Basalyga hauled in three interceptions, scoring on the final one from 17 yards out and the junior Trojans, heretofore winless in 2016, pulled off a stunning 48-8 Superior Secondary Schools Athletic Association quarterfinal win over the Westgate Tigers.

The two schools will merge to form one next fall, the students joining forces at Westgate.

Churchill faces a daunting semifinal task next week against the undefeated four-time champion St. Ignatius Falcons, but for now they'll revel in their accomplishment, finally posting a victory after an 0-4 regular season that saw the Trojans score just eight points.

#### Big win

"It's really a great honour," said the 14year-old Basalyga.

"Churchill has got such a good football history and it's just so honourable to be a part of that and to be advancing in these playoffs."

Lemelin agreed wholeheartedly with his teammate.

"It just feels great to keep it going and being part of the last Churchill Trojans team."

What a history it's been.

The Trojans have captured 18 junior titles since their first in 1968, though it's been six long years since their last championship. But right off the bat it appeared the Tigers



SPEEDY: Churchill's Kieran Lemelin (right) charge's past Westgate's Tanner Lange last Thursday.

just might be too much to take.

Westgate return man Brendan Hall took the opening kickoff 99 yards to the end zone, the two-point conversion giving the Tigers a quick 8-0 lead.

But it was all Trojans from there, helped of course by the Tigers lack of a kicking game, which forced the team to go for it on third down all game long.

When they failed, it tended to lead to Churchill scoring plays.

Lemelin started the comeback early in the first quarter, scoring from 35 yards out to pull the underdogs within two.

Then, after Westgate failed to convert on third-and-four from their own 16, the Trojans took the lead for good when Lemelin bounced off a couple of tackles and scampered five yards left for his second major. Two possessions later Churchill took over on the Westgate 33-yard line and one play later Lemelin had his third major of the night and the Trojans led 18-8.

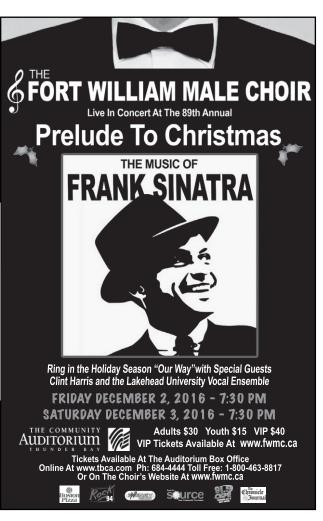
"Our o-line and our QB played an amazing game out there," Lemelin said. "I don't think I'd be able to make it through those holes if it wasn't for the o-line."

#### Equally good

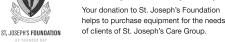
Churchill quarterback Cam Vanderwees was also on his game, firing a 66-yard score to receiver Greg Blekkenhorst to end the first half. Then, three minutes into the third, he hit Cooper Dubuc for another touchdown strike from the Westgate 10.

After Basalyga found his way to the goal line on a 17-yard pick-six, Jared Holroyd fell on a fumble in the Tigers end zone late in the fourth to wrap up the scoring.











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