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LOCALNEWS

Pro-pipeline convoy rolls through city

Anti-Trudeau truckers fight for oil and gas jobs too **THUNDER BAY** By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

isa Kleinsasser, who calls herself a proud oilfield wife, believes the federal government needs to do more to support workers in Canada's oil and gas industry to bring more jobs to Canadians across the country.

"I think its important for Canada to stand together and show the government that we need to make some change and need to support areas like Alberta that may have different needs than eastern areas," she said.

Kleinsasser was one of more than a dozen local supporters of the United We Roll convoy that arrived in Thunder Bay late Saturday afternoon.

The convoy, in support of the oil and gas industry, including building pipelines, eliminating the carbon tax, repealing Bill C-48 tanker ban, and stopping Bill C-16, departed Red Deer, Alta. on Feb. 14 destined for a demonstration in Ottawa.

More than 200 trucks are expected to arrive on Parliament Hill later next week and on Saturday more than 75 vehicles stopped in Thunder Bay. Originally scheduled to pass through the city earlier in the afternoon and stop in Sault Ste. Marie, organizers said supporters on the road caused

delays.

Angie Reid, the east coast coordinator of the convoy and leading the way in a pace car, said the cross-Canada trek is about sending a message to the government of Canada.

"Canadians have issues that need to be dealt with that we feel are being ignored and we feel it's time he pays attention to us," she said. "Some of us are from Alberta and we want the pipeline built. Some of the bills are absolutely ridiculous."

The convoy is also in opposition to

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the United Nations global compact on migration. Reid said she is not opposed to legal immigration, but believes there are a lot of struggling families in Canada and doing away with pipelines is hurting them.

"People from across Canada have gone to Alberta for prosperity, so I think the rest of Canada should stand up and help them," she said. "There are multiple reasons

for our people to be here and everybody has their own reasons to be here."

The idea to use a convoy of trucks started in Alberta where convoys were once used to transport oil for the pipelines. "It looked like a good idea, it got a

lot of attention because they are big and loud and proud," Reid said.

According to Reid, the convoy has

received a lot of support throughout the Prairie Provinces. There was a small demonstration in opposition near Winnipeg and Reid said there might more pushback the closer the convoy gets to Ottawa.

"This is going to happen no matter where we go, from here on out, but the Yellow Vests will be there," Reid said. "And we are taking the highway, so unless they want to jump out into traffic, there's not much they can do."

For Reid, the message behind United We Roll is taking advantage of Canadian resources and not relying on foreign markets.

"The fact that we are taking in Saudi oil but ours is not even being bought at the market anymore, it doesn't make sense," she said.

Kleinsasser agrees, adding that many people from Thunder Bay have travelled to Alberta to work in the oil sands, which is why she believes the United We Roll message resonates with people in the city.

"We need to be able to use Canada's resources and they are available to us and supplying jobs for people who want to work," she said. "This feeling of them coming through Thunder Bay is awesome. I think the more people that come through, they have no choice but to notice what is happening and they do need to make a change for these people and hopefully come October we can make a change."



ON TO OTTAWA: Dozens of truckers take part in the United We Roll convoy.

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MEMORY LANE: Tom Warden (from left), Diane Imrie of the NWO Sports Hall of Fame and Thunderhawks coach Bill McDonald.

Trophy mystery solved

Battered original Colonial Cup found cleaning out home "It was from a personal note, where I just fell in love

By Leith Dunick – TB Source

Nearly 27 years ago, Everton Blackwin scored a Game 7, triple-overtime winner that landed the Thunder Bay Thunder Hawks the inaugural Colonial Cup. What happened next is the stuff of legend.

The rag-tag team, which would go on to win Colonial League titles in 1994 and 1995 under the Thunder Bay Senators banner, took the trophy and started to celebrate.

And celebrate they did, dragging the spoils of their victory with them from bar to bar to bar. Along the way, the first-year trophy was dropped, dented, bitten and may have come off its wooden base. In any case, when all was said and done, team ownership looked at what remained and decided they couldn't give it back to the league.

So they bought another trophy – which now resides at the Hockey Hall of Fame in Toronto – and the original wound up in the home of team official Andy Morrow, collecting dust for more than a quarter of a century.

When Morrow died in November, locally owned Junk Away was called in to clean out his house, and the trophy was found and eventually donated to the Northwestern Ontario Sports Hall of Fame by Dan Cheal, Junk Away's owner. A few phone calls later and it became pretty clear they had been given the original Colonial Cup.

Tom Warden was a member of that 1992 Thunder Hawks team, and last Tuesday his gaze fell upon the battered relic for the first time since the championship celebration ended.

It brought back a flood of memories for Warden, who was suspended for Game 7 and was on the ice in a suit after Blackwin – only playing because Warden was not in the lineup – completed his improbable hat trick heroics that night.

"It's just cool. What I remember are the guys I played with. Immediately you go back to the memories ... and the challenges and that championship game and those playoffs," said Warden, who initially planned to stay in the city for two months, but never left, and is now the athletic director at Lakehead University. "It was from a personal note, where I just fell in love with this community and what hockey meant to this community."

More than that, it also brings back a memory of good times, Warden said, joking he's not sure anyone should be blamed for what happened to the original Colonial Cup.

"It's more of a situation," he said. "We were very happy about winning. There were a lot of very happy hockey players when we won that. We won in triple overtime in Game 7, so I know it travelled with us through our festivities and there were times when perhaps it was dropped or something else happened to it.

"I know the story is that at the end of a few days it became evident that there was an issue with the trophy. It was no longer going to be utilized as the official Colonial Cup Trophy. I just remember Andy Morrow, God rest his soul, how mad he was that we were going to have to buy a new trophy for the league."

Bill McDonald, who coached the Thunder Hawks, said he always knew the trophy was out there somewhere.

He's just not sure what happened in between.

"We won, and we got the cup and I gave it to (Warden) and his friends and they took it to celebrate and this is the condition it's in now," McDonald said, barely able to contain his laughter as he uttered the words.

"I knew we had an episode with it and it's not like it's uncommon in sports where they guys take the trophy and something happens with it. The same thing happened to me in Fort Worth when we won their first championship.

"I was there coaching and that trophy ended up on Highway 35 somewhere and we had to rebuild that one."

Cheal said he wasn't sure what he had at first, but after posting a picture of the trophy on Facebook, he had plenty of offers to purchase the chalice.

"My Facebook blew up," he said. "I knew I had something bigger than I originally thought. At that point there was only one thing to do, and that was to donate it to the Sports Hall of Fame."

Hall of Fame executive director Diane Imrie said the plan is to eventually put the trophy on display in the May Street museum.





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Local teacher: Haiti riots heartbreaking

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ERIN HENNEL

HAITI

By Doug Diaczuk – TB Source

As more Canadians return from Haiti after being Astrapped due to growing unrest and protests that blocked roadways to the airport in Port-au-Prince, one Thunder Bay woman, who is staying, says the tragedy of the situation is not just about foreigners trying to leave the nation, but how it is impacting those who call Haiti home.

"The reality is I have the opportunity to go home to a peaceful, democratic place with too much food, too much clean water, and too many resources," said Erin Hennel. "The people that live here and are being affected by the violent protests do not have this option. They cannot escape the multifaceted monster that is poverty in Haiti."

Hennel, who was born and raised in Thunder Bay, has travelled to Haiti five times since 2016 and she is currently volunteering as a pre-school teacher at a children's home in a community two hours north of Port-au-Prince.

For nearly two weeks, anti-government protestors have taken to the streets in the Caribbean nation, calling for President Jovenel Moise's resignation amid allegations of government corruption, a lack of transparency, rising inflation, and alleged misappropriation of money from the Venezuela-sponsored oil program, PetroCaribe.

According to Hennel, there has been tension in the nation since last July when similar protests were held over the announcement of potential gas price increases. A sense of calm and normalcy returned, but unrest began again in November and in February, protests were announced and have been ongoing for more than 11 days.

Currency crunch

The inflation rate of the Haitian gourde has been sky rocking, with the exchange rate at approximately 82 gourde to \$1 U.S. According to Hennel, an onion at the market that used to cost 20 gourde now costs 50, which is something most Haitians cannot afford.

"Inflation at this rate means people can't afford water or food," Hennel said. "Gas is almost impossible to find. Schools are closed as teachers either are not getting paid or are not showing up. Hospitals are closed because it has become unsafe, they can't pay their staff, or they are running out of supplies."

The demonstrations have turned violent at times and the Canadian government issued a travel warning, advising citizens to avoid all travel to the country. The Canadian embassy was also forced to close its doors last week due to growing unrest.

Most of the violent protests are taking place in the capital, Port-au-Prince, and Hennel said she is grateful to "have a little corner of peace here."

But the unrest is still being felt outside of the capital and Hennel said normally staff makes trips to Port-au-Prince once a week to pick up more supplies but they have not been able to for the last two weeks.

"We are running low on some things but we are OK," Hennel said. "We acknowledge that we have the luxury of being able to store our food. We have freezers and fridges. We clean our own water. We have solar power. These are things that the average Haitian just doesn't have. Most Haitians attend market every two or three days to get food for their families. When markets closed, people started to starve."

Students at the children's home have also not been able



REGULAR VISITS: Erin Hennel has been to Haiti five times.

to attend school for the past two weeks and have been greatly affected by the turmoil engulfing their country.

"We are fortunate to have a safe place for them, with families to love them," Hennel said. "They get three meals a day, fresh, clean water. They have a home that is safe. This is not the reality of their school mates."

Heading home

This past weekend, Canadians in Haiti, including missionaries, aid workers, and tourists have started to return to Canada after being unable to leave the country because protestors blocked roads in the capital.

> But for people living in Haiti who do not have a choice but to stay, the increasing violent nature of the demonstrations is making something as simple as travelling to work or going to the market much more dangerous.

OK." "A few of our staff came to work, not by taking the road, but by walking through the hills on the outskirts of the city," Hennel said. "Some had been exposed to teargas while seeking shelter in their homes. When teargas is released in the streets, it seeps into the homes of locals trying to seek refuge. Most Haitians don't have windows that seal."

"Last week, gunshots were heard on the road outside our

wall," Hennel added. "Shortly after we learned that it was police firing into the air to try to get people to clear a roadblock."

In the last three days, Hennel said she has heard traffic on the roadway again outside the children's home and there are reports that some schools in Port-au-Prince and other areas may open soon, so she remains hopeful these are signs of things returning to normal again.

LOCALNEWS

Educators rally over funding

LABOUR By Matt Vis – TB Source

ocal educators are joining their colleagues from across Ontario in hoping to take Premier Doug Ford to school about the perils of cutting education funding.

Dozens of Thunder Bay teachers and educational support staff gathered Tuesday outside the constituency office of Thunder Bay-Superior North Liberal MPP Michael Gravelle to hold an information rally about the importance of not taking money out of the provincial education budget.

Rich Seeley, the president of District 6A of the Ontario Secondary Schools Teachers Federation, said they are seeing some alarming trends coming out of Queen's Park with the Progressive Conservative government.

"We're very concerned for our students and for the state of our education system that Doug Ford is going to have some



WANT ANSWERS: Local educators gathered outside the constituency office of Thunder Bay-Superior North Liberal MPP Michael Gravelle last Tuesday.

disastrous effects on us," Seeley said. "We're trying to head that off at the pass. We're trying to convince people that public education is an important investment, probably one of the most important investments in our communities futures."

Seeley pointed to a Ford government

decision made in December to cut \$25 million in specialized programming in elementary and secondary schools across Ontario as a sign of things to come.

Recalling Ford's campaign promise to slash four per cent from the provincial budget, Seeley said that would translate to \$1 billion from education.

A \$1 billion cut would result in a loss of jobs and a massive loss of service, Seeley insisted.

"Here in Thunder Bay, we have a population where we have high needs students in almost every building we have. They're going to lose those supports," Seeley said.

"They're going to get lost in larger classrooms. They're going to get lost in the fact they're not going to have educational assistants supporting them. They're going to get lost in the fact they have fewer technical supports in the schools. We're going to lose custodial support, which is going to make the schools less clean and less safe."

Search called off by police

THUNDER BAY By TB Source staff

Police have said that the search for 51-year-old Brook Chaboyer has ended.

In a release issued on Sunday, police said Chaboyer had been located, but at the request of the family, no further details will be released.

Chaboyer was reported missing on Feb. 8 after not being in contact with his family since Feb. 4.

Family members said it was unusual for him to not be in contact with family.

Volunteers and police conducted searches for the missing man in the George Burke Park area last week and on Saturday.

Family said last Saturday that they anticipated there might not be a positive end to the searches, but did want to find closure.







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Convoy not inclusive

Dozens of people lined the streets last weekend as the United We Roll convoy made its way through Thunder Bay.

At the heart of the message its participants were delivering was its opposition to a federally imposed carbon tax and support for pipelines to deliver Alberta oil to market.

But underneath that message was an anti-immigration stance that echoes much of what we're hearing from south of the border and U.S. President Donald Trump.

Not surprisingly, in Trumpian fashion, some members of the caravan were openly hostile to media on hand to cover their arrival in the city, asking reporters how they planned to spin the story.

Make no mistake, Canada needs immigrants.

Most who come have a positive impact on our country, and make us a better place for their presence.

In Northwestern Ontario, there are hundreds, if not thousands of jobs that are going unfilled because there aren't enough qualified workers able - or willing – to fill them.

It's a message the anti-immigrant crowd conveniently like to overlook or wash over.

The convoy was nothing more than an election-year stunt, one that Premier Doug Ford and the rest of the Conservative leadership in this country should probably not jump into bed with quite so quickly.

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Resolute playing games

To the editor: The Ontario government has given this Abitibi/Resolute power and trees for over a century to build company and communities. Crown use doesn't mean Crown ownership, as former MNR Ministers Mauro, Gravelle and Ramsay would have you believe. The rights still belong to the people, or at least they should.

Intervention by current Minister of Natural Resources, MNDM and this new Ford government to stand up for the resource-based communities, as public stated, such as Fort Frances, need to occur and quickly. They cry their 'Stand for the People' and 'Open for Business' slogans but we have yet to witness that for Northern Ontario or in Fort Frances.

There are resource/economic based possibilities, with the buyer, with this Fort Frances mill, there is wood available, but Resolute holds the strings to its availability and does not want to allow supply. That is against the Competition Act of Canada, control of supply. We saw Ford holding hands with Resolute in Thunder Bay in October, what's with that, is that why the proposed Fort Frances operation can't get wood and go ahead?

Fort Frances needs to stand its ground, Northwestern Ontario communities and all Northerners stand up to these greedy Corporate Machines such as Resolute. One only need to look at Iroquoius Falls to witness the ruthlessness and callousness to their former loyal communities, people and Ontario. Needless destruction, intent-full, by 'Ruthless Resolute', now on the rampage again. Unnecessary, but again planned hurtful intent. We need corporate citizen's for Ontario and Northern Ontario, not the calamity show we are witnessing again.

> James A. Brown Former mayor, Iroquois Falls

Mental health solutions

To the editor:

ast Friday, I attended the Leaders Luncheon: City Hall Edition sponsored by the Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce. Our Mayor, Bill Mauro, was the keynote speaker. He graciously allowed for questions afterwards, and I used the opportunity to ask question about mental health. Specifically, I asked what the municipality of Thunder Bay doing to improve mental health outcomes for the citizens of our city.

Here are some of the statistics I shared:

• Half a million people missed work today in Canada due to their mental

health • 1 in 5 Canadians suffer from

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



mental illness

· The economic cost of mental illness in Canada is 51 billion dollars per year

• Indigenous people experience depression at twice the national average

· Suicide amongst youth, particularly Indigenous youth, is at epidemic proportions

• Opioid overdoses in Thunder Bay are twice the provincial average

I am a mental health counsellor in private practice working with Indigenous youth. Two weeks ago, we lost another youth to suicide. This child came to Thunder Bay from a remote First Nation community to attend high school. Ultimately, it was with this youth in mind that I queried our mayor.

I got to thinking about mental health and the role municipalities can play in improving outcomes. I did some research, and discovered that the Canadian Commission on Mental Health has a series of excellent recommendations. These include:

Strategic Partnerships

Mayor Mauro mentioned the donation of former city property to Matawa for their learning centre and future student dorms. This is an important partnership initiative. Helping high school students from out of town secure safe housing reduces student vulnerability and, as a preventative measure, will likely save lives.

First Response

Helping First Responders so they can appropriately respond to mental health related calls is crucial. According to Statistics Canada, approximately one in five contacts with police in Canada involve someone with a mental or substance use disorder.

We know that being a first responder, be it police, fire or ambulance, is a very difficult job, one that takes it's toll on the responders. Prioritizing their mental health not only results in better policing and response, but also reduces employee burnout, compassion fatigue and/or vicarious trauma. There is evidence to support, for example, peer debriefings amongst EMT providers after distressing calls to prevent PTSD. Addressing mental health in the workplace in a proactive way can reduce employee absenteeism and turnover, thus saving taxpayer money.

Social Services

The city administers important social services such as housing, child care and Ontario Works. Providing for more mental health and addictions related services on site for Thunder Bay housing residents could reduce some of the problems endemic to these neighbourhoods and avoid costly repairs and evictions, as well as the tendency for criminal elements to prev on the addicted and the mentally ill

Bylaws of support

I would also add that municipalities can enact bylaws to support mental health with the goal of reducing the immense cost of mental health incurred by the city.

The safe injection sites are the first step, although much more is needed to address the complex problem of opioid addiction.

Programs such as these are cost effective, and reduce the need for expensive ambulance, police, and medical services to address overdoses, not to mention the cost of a coroner, or the immense toll incurred by families who lose loved ones to addiction.

Mental health is a complex issue, and must be addressed through the public and private sectors.

In addition to public sector initiatives, private counselling practices such as mine have a crucial role to play in the amelioration of suffering.

I love my city. I remember when I was much younger, we used to refer to Thunder Bay as the city with a giant heart. Let's bring our hearts and minds together to craft innovative, compassionate and cost effective policies to address the growing mental health crisis plaguing our community.

> Louise McKissick, Thunder Bay

Perspective Parliament under heavy renovations

Modernization work at Ottawa's iconic House of Commons expected to last at least a decade

OPINION By J.R. Shermack Special to TB Source

This is an election year in Canada and if you plan to throw your hat in the ring there is something you should know.

The home of Canadian government is the centre block on Parliament Hill, under the peace tower.

It is an honor and privilege for any Canadian to sit in the House of Commons and bask in the afterglow of history and tradition.

Sitting MPs walk the same halls, surrounded by the same neo-Gothic walls as all their famous (or infamous) colleagues, past and present.

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Draws candidates out

The lure of public life is irresistible to some but if you are considering a first time run this fall, here's what could happen.

If you are elected – first of all, congratulations, but let's be optimistic and say you are re-elected five years later.

Even if you successfully serve for two terms you will never get to speak or ask a question in the House of Commons.

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WORK ONGOING A temporary House of Commons has been set up in a former courtyard at Parliament Hill in the nation's capital.

Question Period on the *National*, is closed for renovations.

Until further notice our elected representatives, including MPs Patty Hajdu and Don Rusnak, will be conducting business elsewhere.

In fact, the entire centre block is shut down and remains unoccupied until the extensive upgrades and improvements are completed. That is predicted to take about a decade although many estimates say the work will take longer than ten years.

Any new MP aspiring to a desk in the old House of Commons might need to be re-elected for even a third successive term.

In the meantime there is an impressive consolation prize including an

opportunity to become part of a newly renovated Canadian history.

Buildings can be shut down but government is relentless so before the centre block was closed a temporary home for the House was needed.

The west block also needed renovations so it was decided to build an addition to accommodate a temporary House of Commons. The \$863 million construction began in 2011– the west block was part of a three-stage revitalization on Parliament Hill.

The centre block is next and the east block, the most intact of all the blocks, will be completed in phases.

The work is necessary because our deteriorated 19th-century Parliament buildings do not meet the needs of a 21st-century government.

The challenge is to fully restore and modernize these heritage buildings inside and out while preserving their architectural character and legacy.

Going 21st century

Past meets present in an ironic technical twist – to help preserve their artistic and historical integrity the Parliament buildings will be electronically digitized.

It is the mother of all house renovations and the largest masonry conservation project in the world.

If you don't mind a little construction noise, go ahead and run for office this fall because the future awaits you.

The entire west block courtyard (about the size of a football field) has been enclosed and will serve as a temporary House of Commons.

As you look up from your seat you will see natural sunlight streaming through the vaulted, glazed roof of your new digs.

All that Canadian sunshine may even brighten up the mood and the quality of the debate in the House.

You can take a tour on line – to paraphrase Wilfred Laurier and our current P.M., maybe these are the sunny ways we've been looking for.



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United Way falls short

THUNDER BAY By Doug Diaczuk – TB Source

Despite falling short of its campaign goal, United Way Thunder Bay is still celebrating the hard work of its volunteers and fundraisers, who dedicated countless hours to help those in need, some of whom were once in a similar position.

"One in five use the United Way services," said Jason Beck, Union Gas northwest district United Way chair. "I'm one in five. I've used the United Way service and now I'm in the position where I can give back, so I am just thankful I can help."

During a celebration last Wednesday, United Way Thunder Bay revealed that the 2018 campaign brought in \$2,042,662, more than \$230,000 short of the \$2.28 million goal that was already reduced from the \$2.55 million target of 2017. The United Way Thunder Bay has not met its fundraising goal since 2014.

Martin Wyant, who took on the position of chief executive officer at United Way Thunder Bay last December, said there is a downward trend with respect to many fundraising campaigns, not just the United Way.

"I think that is part of the change we have to consider," he said. "We are moving forward into a different fundraising environment where traditional campaigns like the one we have, they are important to continue, but we need to look at new ways of getting messaging out to people."

Wyant said he would like to see future campaigns take a more modern approach in fundraising efforts and better utilize technology and focus on specific initiatives.

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MARTIN WYANT

"I think you are going to see some of that from us," he said. "That is part of the way of the world and I think we need to adapt and adjust and I think we need to make sure we are including that."

In the coming months, United Way Thunder Bay will look at allocating the funds raised to different programs and services in the city, but Wyant said the reduction in fundraising dollars will impact some services.

"People will feel the impact of course, no matter what," he said. "We will do our best to



WANT TO MAKE UPDATES: United Way Thunder Bay CEO, Martin Wyant, said the organization will have to look at ways of modernizing its fundraising efforts for future campaigns.

try and lessen that. Moving forward what we are going to be focusing on is getting at issues in our community and identifying key issues that United Way will be focusing its energy on."

"But \$2 million is still substantial money that will go a long way to helping people in our community," Wyant continued. "It will make a big difference."

No matter the dollar amount raised, Wyant said it's important to celebrate the people who work so hard during the campaign because often the people who are helped by United Way services don't know how or who they can thank.

"We want everybody to know that their time, their energy, their commitment I so valued by so many," he said. Beck, along with several others, were recognized with Workplace Campaign Awards last Wednesday for demonstrating leadership in the workplace for United Way campaigns.

According to Beck, Union Gas raised several thousand dollars through a companywide 50/50 draw and other events like luncheons and BBQs.

Next year, he will be working with United Way Thunder Bay on a new project that he hopes will be a big draw for everyone because he wants to see more people helping the community, just like the United Way helped him.

"United Way services impacts everybody on every level, regardless of your economic background or poverty level," he said. "Every dollar that can be raised by the community and given back to the community is a positive."

Viral video nets Shoppers Drug Mart security guard with an assault charge

COURT By Leith Dunick – TB Source

A security guard accused of detaining and slamming a suspected shoplifter to the ground earlier this months is facing an assault charge.

Thunder Bay Police say they were called to the Shoppers Drug Mart on Memorial

Avenue just before 6:30 p.m. on Feb. 3 after receiving a report of a theft from the store.

During the course of their investigation the learned of possible assault by an instore security guard that allegedly took place during the apprehension of the suspected thief, a youth.

A video of the incident was circulated

widely on social media.

Police said they reviewed the video footage and spoke to witnesses, which led them to charge the guard with assault causing bodily harm.

The 29-year-old accused, who was not named by police because the charges have not been sworn in court, was released with a promise to appear in court on March 22.

LOCALNEWS Walk honours murdered, missing women

Thousands of cases still unsolved across country, including Indigenous woman Sandra Johnson

THUNDER BAY By Matt Vis - TB Source

Sharon Johnson knows all too well the pain that is endured from losing a loved one to violence. In the 11 years since she first organized a walk to honour her sister and other missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls, Johnson has experienced the strength that can be felt from coming together.

"It's a good feeling to know that there are people out there that feel that way, that they get that strength from being a part of this and coming to take part," Johnson said before the start of the Valentine's Day Memorial Walk last Thursday.

"I know what it's like to be there. I know what it's like. When I lost my little sister, I couldn't talk about her for years. It was just here in my throat, like somebody took me and held my throat anytime I wanted to speak Sandra's name."

Her sister, Sandra Johnson, was found dead on the ice-covered Neebing-McIntyre Floodway on Feb. 13, 1992 at the age of 18.



TRAGIC: Dozens took part in last Thursday's annual Valentine's walk in support of murdered and missing Indigenous women and girls.

Nearly three decades later, the case Heritage Building. remains unsolved.

The walk had nearly 50 people travel from Thunder Bay city hall to the Canadian Lakehead Exhibition's

While the walk honours the memory of those who were taken too soon, it's also for those who are still grieving the loss of their loved

ones.

Johnson said it's overwhelming to see people continually coming out to lend their support.

"We're also walking for each other

as family members. We're here to support each other," Johnson said. "We know who's a family member and who's not. We all reach out to each other eventually or else after the walk we'll get together and talk."

The hour-long gathering at city hall that preceded the walk included speeches from Thunder Bay Mayor Bill Mauro and Thunder Bay Police Service Chief Sylvie Hauth, who each acknowledged

Ann Magiskan, the City of Thunder Bay's Aboriginal liaison, said the walk is an important event.

"This brings awareness to the broader community of Thunder Bay that we just need to honour the survivors that are with us and provide support and understanding and empathy to the families that have experienced losses of this magnitude," Magiskan said.

Magiskan, who lost a cousin to violence, said it's heart wrenching to hear the stories.

"It's hard sometimes to stand in front of people and share your story to talk about it but the more we talk about the losses that we experience, I think the more that we heal," Magiskan said.

It's important to keep the memories of Sandra and others who have been murdered or gone missing alive, Johnson said.

"It's just not fair what happened to her. It's not fair what happens to a lot of people," Johnson said. "It's hard on family members."



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TRAVELING CREW: Members of the Thunder Bay Police and Nishnawbe Aski police services, and the Matawa Learning Centre are headed north.

Police trek on ice roads

Law enforcement officers visit First Nations communities to build bridges

THUNDER BAY By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Members of the Thunder Bay Police Service and Nishnawbe Aski Nation Police Service spent Family Day travelling the ice roads of Northern Ontario to spread a little good will to First Nations vouth.

Insp. Ryan Gibson said planned to visit four Matawa First Nation communities, an attempt to engage students, elders and parents with safety presentations and age-appropriate activities as well as building relationships with youngsters who will be attending high school in Thunder Bay at some point in the near future.

"One, we want them to feel more comfortable when they come here

for school and with whatever services they might be asking," said Gibson, a long-time member of the TBPS.

"And also it's to show the families left behind their children will be safe for as long as they come here and that they can count on being treated well."

Although the trip was an extension of an ongoing attempt to connect with Matawa First Nation communities, it fell in the shadow of a pair of tragic 2016 deaths of two teenagers from remote communities who were visiting Thunder Bay for services not avail-

able in their home communities.

It's also on the heels of a report that delved into the deaths of seven Indigenous youth between 2001 and 2011.

The youth and their family need assurances tragedies like these won't happen again. And to re-assure them that police are there to help, Gibson said.

"We know that Thunder Bay provides a number of services.

We're a hub community, so education, health, etc. The police play a large role. We have encounters with everyone at some point," Gibson said.

"We want people to know they can feel safe and they'll be served properly when they

come here."

'That's why this is so important for our service and that's why we're so happy to have the other partners on board with us -Nishnawbe Aski Police Service, the Matawa Learning Centre, the Matawa First Nations communities and the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre."

Jackie Corbett, the vice-principal at the Matawa Learning Centre, said it's a great initiative for future students.

"I think it's tremendously important for our students to experience something like this with the Thunder Bay Police Service and with NAPS and all the partners involved, because they don't get to see this happen back home in their own community," Corbett said.

"Oftentimes a lot of times their experiences with police aren't exactly positive, truth be known. So this will help build those bridges and develop that relationship with our students, giving them a more positive relationship with police."

The entourage will also be bringing new floor-hockey equipment for youth in each community to use.

"The police play a large role. We have encounters with everyone at some point."

RYAN GIBSON

TBLife Lakehead law students capture title

THUNDER BAY By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Challenged to prove the innocence of a man charged with using a handgun to steal \$20,000 from a automated teller machine inside a convenience store, third-year students at Lakehead University's Bora Laskin School of Law showed they were up to the task.

Not only did they manage to successfully defend the suspect at a mock trial exercise at the federal courthouse in Toronto last weekend, they proved their case better than any other aspiring attorneys, taking home the prestigious Arnup Cup.

It was the first win at the event for Lakehead, and earned Amanda Gallo and Nathan Wainwright, along with alternates Phaedra Olinyk and Austin Nix, a spot at the Sopinka Cup, the national competition, next month in Ottawa.

Gallo said they didn't have a lot of time to prepare, partially because they spent first semester on placement. But the hands-on experience, which



SCHOOL FIRST: Bora Laskin Faculty of Law's entry won the Arnup Cup in Toronto.

many law students don't get in the classroom, will be invaluable once they pass the bar and start practicing. Gallo, who wants to be a criminal

defence attorney, said it taught them to think on their feet.

"It's definitely a little bit different when you're in a trial because a trial is

such a live creature. You never really know what's going to happen until you're in the thick of it," Gallo said.

"When Nathan and I are up at counsel table and we're working on the trial, we're listening to the evidence of witnesses and we have to make decisions at the fly as to when we need to jump in, how we need to change our strategy, depending on how that evidence comes out and really be flexible accordingly."

Wainwright said any time law students can get involved in a real practical exercise, the better. His other option was a bankruptcy course.

It was the behind-the-scenes work he found fascinating, sitting down with the team and strategizing for the trial.

"Planning and executing it makes it all worthwhile."

Wainwright said the evidence made it an easy case to prove. The Crown witness told one story to police, but was caught on a wiretap saying something completely different.

"It wasn't that large of a leap for us to say that this was a set-up," he said.

However, he suspects when they get to the Sopinka Cup, there's a good chance they'll have to take the opposite side of the case, that of the prosecution.

"It's difficult, we obviously are familiar with the facts and the witnesses in the case, and whatnot, but it's an internal struggle, where we've bought in so much with our theory that we've got to change it. But it's a fun exercise."

Kimberley Gagan, the founding director of Lakehead University's Community Legal Services, helped prepare the students for the mock trial and called it a great opportunity for the participants to practice the skills they've learned in two-and-a-half years of law school.

"(Students) come out of that lawschool education ready to hit the ground running. Our students are not required to article like every other law school in the province, because they have these hands-on exercises and skills built right into the program," Gagan said.

"As a result they're ready that much faster and I think that was reflected in their performances."

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TBLife

Seed swap scheduled for Saturday



A h yes, this is the time of year when A true and dedicated gardeners, itching to get their hands once again in dirt, gather around the fire (if they have one. We do...) pen in hand and their latest seed catalogues.

'Tis a ritual at Casa Jones as The Gardener – my wife, Laura, eyes glowing with excitement, cracks open the catalogue and peruses the types of veggies with which she wishes to festoon our vegetable garden.

Each growing season results in planting favourites: those varieties that always succeed and then stroking off the ones that didn't. Each year the garden becomes a bit of a laboratory as Laura tries new varieties just to see, doncha know. Last year Daughter Beth got the 'disease' for growing things and helped her mother immensely with the initial planting indoors and then later outdoors. They went a tad crazy with varieties of tomatoes planting 14 different kinds.

I seem to recall that when the tasting tests ensued, about five of the fourteen received gold stars and were noted as possible repeats this year.

There was even a variety of tomato that resembled a cluster of reddish nubbins. I think that they were called "cluster"

tomatoes. They tasted alright but not great so that

experiment will not be repeated. We were very fortunate this past

summer with an extended growing season.

Many of the tomatoes ripened on the vine. Those ones that didn't were duly harvested and boxed in cardboard boxes between layers of newspaper to be periodically checked to make sure that they were ripening and not rotting which some did, alas.

Much of the success for growing depends on soil type. Our soil out here is red clay – concrete when dry, sticky

when wet with little in-between. To condition the soil, we add composted horse manure that I gather with my ancient tractor, Big Red.

We use wood shavings for bedding in the stalls and it takes five years to decompose after which you have amazing soil.

Red and I dump a couple of buckets of the stuff into the vegetable garden and then we work it into the garden with the rototiller.

Over the winter I haul out small garbage pails filled with wood ash to distribute over the garden while the snow still lies on top. The ash, too, gets worked in come spring.

But all that takes place a couple of months hence.

Before preparing the garden soil and planting, many of the plants need to be started indoors. The dining room table is cleared of breakables; newspaper is spread across the table top; and a plastic tub, originally used to bathe daughter Beth and then son Doug when they were wee tots, has been reused as a potting devise into which Laura mixes potting soil and water. Then she stuffs those small, plastic seed cups with the mixture and proceeds to plant seeds.

Often my job is to cut up saved yogurt containers into strips and label them with a black marker as to the variety.

The trays of freshly planted seedlings are then put onto shelves that I've hauled into the house and place on top of plastic in front of the big, south-facing picture window in our living room.

For Christmas, I gave Laura a couple of grow lights to add to the one she already had, and they are wired to a shelf above where the trays will sit.

She also has a heating pad upon which she places trays that require extra heat. Like horses, gardening is an addiction with my Love although our stomachs benefit from the second one and the garden benefits form the first.

But the process of planting is all in the near future (Laura is an impatient gardener and wants to get her hands in dirt ASAP). For now, it is seed catalogue time.

There have been a couple of times when I've stumbled upstairs from my library in the basement of Casa Jones to go to bed only to discover Laura already under the covers but with her beside light on and a seed catalogue clenched in her hand, pen at the ready.

All of the above is to lead up to this weekend and the fourth annual Seed Swap that is taking place out here in Gillies Township in our community hall in the village of South Gillies on Saturday. Doors open at 1 p.m. until 4 p.m.

There are prizes and several different vendors dealing with all things gardening. Last year was a huge success with folks coming from all over the rural area plus from the city either to sell or swap seeds.

Included were a couple of seminars presented by different experts on subjects including backyard green housing (anyone can do it) and a Thunder Bay Horticulture Society person coming out to demonstrate flower arranging for Easter the result of which will be a door prize.

Admission is \$2 with proceeds going to support the Gillies Community Hall.



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IN THE bay



ARTISTIC VISION: Snow sculptures, including Michael O'Connor's team depiction of voyageurs, took over Marina Park on the Family Day weekend.

Snow sculptures take shape

THUNDER BAY By Doug Diaczuk – TB Source

Spending more than 30 hours carving, shaving, chiseling, and filing snow into a beautiful work of art only to watch it slowly melt away may seem tragic to some, but not the artists.

"It's part of the beauty of it," said sculptor Eric Heitman of Calgary. "Things start and things end and that's the way it's supposed to be."

Dozens of sculptors from the city and beyond have been busy at Prince Arthur's Landing carving works of art out of snow that were on display for SnowDay on Monday.

This year's theme was transportation and Heitman, along with Alia Shahad, also of Calgary, and Michel Gignac of Whitehorse, have been working since last Thursday on a sculpture of a 1950s pick-up truck with a large stalk of corn in the bed.

"We decided to go with food because they are connected at such an obvious level that it is sometimes overlooked," Heitman said. "But considering things will probably be changing soon, the way we transport things, and how much we transport."

Local sculptor Michael O'Connor and his team decided to create a voyageur atop the waves. For O'Connor, who has been carving for more than seven years, working with snow offers something no other medium does.

"It's large scale, it's easy to carve, when it's all white and when the sun hits it you get a lot of shadow play, it's a really nice medium," he said.

And looking around to see all the other massive sculptures taking shape and how the festival has grown is really exciting for O'Connor and his team.

"They're gorgeous," he said. "It's always been local, but this year we have a team from Calgary and from the states, so the word is getting out."

With backgrounds in sculpture, this is only the second snow sculpture festival Heitman, Shahad, and Gignac have participated in, having taken up the medium just last year.

And they are learning that working with snow does present some challenges, particularly in its pesky colour.

"When you want to show shadows or lines, you have to do very noticeable accents and details so they come through," he said. "It's easy for details to disappear in the whiteness of the snow."

But all the hard work is worth it in the end, not just for the large crowds who come out to see and enjoy the work, but for the artist, because when one work of art fades away, it just means it's time to start another.

"Being able to do something of this scale is super exciting," Heitman said. "Plus, it's fun to work with a material that is ephemeral. There is something very relaxing in a way about that, just knowing you are putting in that work and that it's going to end and we get to do it again later."







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IN THE **bay** Host or not host, Oscars still too long

his year's Academy Awards show which does not air until Sunday, has already made history. And I have to wonder why since every year, fewer people watch these self-aggrandizing spectacles.

In fact, 2017's Oscars show was the least-watched in Academy history. Are producers trying to artificially pump the ratings before the show so nobody notices the lack of interest from everyone outside Hollywood?

The drama began with Kevin Hart, the newly-hired host of the evening, quitting after old videos of homophobic jokes in his stand-up act resurfaced.

He apologized – and apologized again – but the damage was done. So Kevin's out.

After weeks of debate, it was decided there would be no host. Which led to further debate: if a host wasn't necessary, what have they been doing all these years?



Then came the discussion of the length of the show. Last year's was almost four hours. Four hours.

No wonder viewers don't tune in all night. Who can watch so much selfpromotion and inappropriate political diatribe and still get to work the next morning?

And that's the audience at home. What about the stars themselves?

I remember my butt going numb sitting through three hours of Handel's Messiah at Christmas as a child.



WHERE TO WATCH: The Academy Awards air on CKPR TV on Sunday at 8 p.m.

But at least I got to eat first. These actors have been starving themselves to fit into their borrowed designer gowns and likely haven't eaten for a week. (Although some have smuggled in a sandwich in their purse.) Finish the show and let them eat already.

So the Academy announced that this year, some awards will be given during commercial breaks and the edited-down footage shown later. This will cut the drawn-out walks to the stage.

It will also cut down the speeches.

And it's the second part that has so many upset. Because now some heartless editor will cut their eloquent "thank you's" to fellow nominees, parents, friends, spouse, producers, directors, writers, agents, publicists, key grips, assistants, the craft services guy, and even God, himself - for an arbitrary time clock.

That was the problem with the recent Grammy's. Some speeches were cut off mid-way and the show still lasted an almost interminable four

hours anyway. There was industry backlash for the former, but little acknowledgement of the latter.

So here's a suggestion to the winners: Give a shorter speech.

And to the producers: Don't put people like Michelle Obama on stage who are famous and inspiring, but have nothing to do with the industry. Stay on point and the show will be shorter.

This is the time of year when every facet of the entertainment industry is congratulating itself and finding new ways to do so.

Glenn Close was recently honoured at (and I'm not making this up) the AARP's Movies for Grownups Awards – not to be confused with the "Movies for Adults" you hide from your kids/parents.

Good for Glenn, but too much time is being spent on award shows. Enough is enough. To totally misquote last year's Oscars: Times up.

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Kajorinne powers Wolves to win

Thunder Bay guard hits team-record-tying nine three-pointers on seniors' night

By Leith Dunick – TB Source

There's nothing like going out in style.

By no means is either hometown favourite Karissa Kajorinne or Bahamian import Leashja Grant done. Not yet anyway, with the OUA women's basketball playoffs set to open this week, the No. 8 Lakehead Thunderwolves a top contender with as good a shot as anyone to make it to nationals.

But both players put on a show on Saturday night, their friends and family on hand to celebrate their short LU careers on senior's night.

Kajorinne tied a team record with nine three-pointers and finished with 32 points and Grant, the leading scorer and rebounder in the OUA – not to mention the reigning most valuable player – dropped 18 points and hauled in 17 rebounds and recorded her 18th double-double of the 2018-19 campaign as Lakehead downed the Brock Badgers 98-65 at the C.J. Sanders Fieldhouse.

Just do it

"Everyone just said, you know, it's your final year, just shoot your shots and every time I had a good look, I just shot it," said Kajorinne, the team's third-leading scorer in what will be her only season with the Wolves as the fifth-year transfer has run out of eligibility.

"I guess this feels better than not playing well, so it was good," she joked. "But it was a great team win all around. Anyone from our first player to our 12th or 13th person did awesome tonight."

Kajorinne was on fire in the opening half, burying seven of her nine from behind the arc as the Wolves built an early lead and just kept going.

It was the opposite of Friday's 37point win over the same Badgers squad, a game which saw 10 lead changes in the opening half before LU pulled away, building an 18-point lead by halftime.

Grant was her usual dominant self, adding four assists and two steals to her nightly resume, her father in the stands visiting from the Bahamas for her regular-season swan song.

"It feels amazing, it's was good that he could actually come and watch me



MOVING ON: Lakehead's Karlssa Kajorinne, her family and her Thunderwolves coaches celebrate her on seniors' night last Saturday.

and see his big girl perform, so it was a blessing," said Grant.

"I'm just really sad that it all had to come to an end so quick. Two years has gone by so quick and life after this begins."

The game was a mostly meaningless contest, neither the Wolves nor the Badgers able to move up or down in the OUA West standings.

But it was chance to pay tribute to two of his best players all season long.

"The girls today in their shoot were joking, saying that nobody's allowed

to shoot besides Leashja and Karissa," said coach Jon Kreiner, his team improving to 20-4 with the win. "That almost happened that way. But the two of them led the way tonight and Karissa was absolutely on fire."

The ease of the victory allowed Kreiner to give his bench a little more court time, resting his starters for a likely conference semifinal matchup against the Windsor Lancers, a team the Wolves split their season series with.

The bench responded.

Haligonian Julia Dunbar collected nine points in eight minutes, while Charlotte Clifford and Sofia Lluch collected six points apiece.

Former OUA all-rookie and second-team all-star Melissa Tatti led the Badgers with 16. Brock will host Guelph in one quarterfinal, while Windsor takes on Laurier in the other. The Wolves, by virtue of their second-place finish, earned a firstround bye and will host a to-be-determined opponent on Saturday at 7 p.m. in the second round.



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Falcons tame Saints in volleyball final

VOLLEYBALL By Leith Dunick – TB Source

he St. Ignatius Falcons have called themselves the comeback queens all season long.

They lived up to the moniker last Wednesday night.

The Falcons rallied from six points down in each of the first two sets of their senior girls high school volleyball championship against the St. Patrick Saints, and went on to a straight set victory to claim their sixth championship since 2010.

St. Ignatius took the opening set 25-23 at the C.J. Sanders Fieldhouse, trailing 16-10 at one point, then grabbed the second set 28-26, staving off a pair of Saints set points to go up 2-0 in the bestof-three affair. They wrapped up the title with a relatively easy 25-18 win in the third.

Rallying from behind is nothing new for the Falcons, who dropped just one game all season, a three-set loss to St. Patrick on Dec. 4.

"The mentality was just to keep going and not lose focus," said the Falcons Cayleigh Fossum-Martin, a Grade 11 student at the north-side school.

"We just had to keep pushing and fight for what we wanted," she said.

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Teammate and St. Ignatius captain Alex Comeau said it was a pretty crazy way to win.

"The first two sets were pretty rough, but we came back and fought hard. We came here to win and that's what we tried to do," Comeau said.

"We've called ourselves the comeback queens all year. We've had a couple of situations like that in many games

and (it's just) our total ability to come together in games and get done what needs to be done."

It didn't hurt that they were familiar with playing from behind, she said.

"I'd say we definitely have a lot of experience at doing something like that,

but as a team we know how to work through it together and finish it."

St. Ignatius coach Laurie Foster, who guided the junior team to a championship in 2018, said she wasn't too worried, given the Falcons depth and talent.

"We believe in them wholeheartedly and sometimes we just need to

fuel them with a little fire," Foster said. "We told them it was their

game, it's been their season the whole season. We we're 11-1 in the regular season and we were undefeated in the playoffs. It was our time."

The Saints faced a tough task in the double knock-out finale, forced to win two games to the

one needed by top-ranked St. Ignatius. The Falcons will hit the road next

weekend to take on Fort Frances in the NWOSSA final, the winner earning a berth at the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations championships this weekend.





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FLYING HIGH: The St. Ignatius Falcons started strong and coasted to a championship win over St. Patrick last Wednesday.

Falcons win 5th straight

St. Ignatius hoops dynasty rolls on with 99-47 win over St. Patrick Saints BASKETBALL Maki, a force under the rim, was one piece of a well-By Leith Dunick - TB Source

The St. Ignatius Falcons drive for five was never really in question.

The undefeated Falcons roared out to a 30-5 lead lastWednesday night at Lakehead University's C.J. Sanders Fieldhouse and cruised to a 99-47 win over the St. Patrick Saints, as their senior boys basketball dynasty continued to roll on, despite a new cast of characters leading the 2019 charge.

Jordan Maki, a 6-foot-6 forward who plans to return for a fifth and final high school season next year, said it was a pretty rewarding win.

"It's crazy. I heard it was a record. It's awesome. It's amazing. It's definitely great to carry on a legacy like that and I'm so happy to be a party of it," said Maki, who put up 10 points in the first quarter and finished with 18.

The strong start was a confidence booster, the game over before it really began.

Maki said they just stuck to the game plan the rest of the way, not wanting to get into any bad habits ahead of next week's NWOSSA championship, which St. Ignatius (8-0) will host.

"What we did is we just kept on going. We played out game," said Maki, praising the Falcons coaching staff for making five championships in a row a possibility.

"They've been amazing to us. They've been pushing us hard in games and in practice. And then from there, it was the guys. They do their jobs."

oiled hoops machine.

Ethan Willmore hit four three-pointers and collecting all 15 of his points in the opening half, while Isaiah Leonardi put up 19, while Llovd Kargbo scored seven and was a defensive force all night long.

"It feels great. I know the team worked really hard this year to get where we are," said Kargbo, moments before Leonardi doused him with water to celebrate the win.

"(The Saints) worked hard, so you've got to respect them getting to the final. But we just came out the better team.'

The Saints (3-5) struggled to put up points in the early going, the Falcons racing out to a 52-19 halftime lead. To make matters worse, St. Ignatius went on a 19-0 run that began late in the third and continued through much of the fourth - despite the fact Falcons coach Dino Buset emptied his bench for much of the second half.

Jordan Pozihum came on in a reserve role in the fourth and proceeded to bury a trio of three-pointers, while Logan Pelaia posted six second-half points.

St. Pat's, who edged second-place Westgate 71-67 last Tuesday to earn a championship berth, managed a 9-0 run in the fourth, powered by three Dan Curtis baskets, but were still down 44 when Michael Carpino scored to end it.

Buset said he's proud of the run the Falcons are on.

"We've been fortunate. We've had a ton of kids lately coming through the school who love basketball. We feed off them, they feed off us and it's just a good thing."

Wolves drop heartbreaker

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ohneil Simpson's reward for hitting a Johneil Simpson's reward to an again game-winning three-pointer with 10 seconds to go on Saturday night is a chance to do it all over again.

This time their playoff lives will be at stake. The Brock Badgers forward hit a higharcing shot with time running out last Saturday night to help scrape out a 73-72 win over the host Lakehead Thunderwolves, setting up a win-or-go-home one-game playoff between the two teams on Wednesday night.

It was a tough way to lose, said senior forward Nick Burke, who missed a go-ahead put-back at the buzzer that would have given the Wolves the win and a fifth-place finish in the OUA West.

"We definitely had a good chance to win at the end," said Burke, whose home-court finale saw him close with 11 points.

'We had a really tough shot in transition, but we see them again on Wednesday so it should be a different story."

Once again the Thunderwolves couldn't hold onto a lead in the final minute.

Davarius Wright extended LU's lead to five with 50 seconds to play, wrenching the ball away from Brock's Cassidy Ryan and racing down the court to make it a 72-67 contest. But the Badgers responded in a matter of seconds, Keascius Small-Martin nailing his fourth three-pointer of the night that closed the gap to two.

It was then that inexperience reared its ugly head.

The Thunderwolves worked the shot clock, fired and missed, Isaiah Traylor coming down with the rebound and seemingly able to burn another 14 seconds off the clock, which would have forced the Badgers to foul.

Instead Traylor went straight to the hoop, did not get the foul call and turned the ball over, freeing Simpson for his game-winning shot

Lakehead coach Ryan Thomson said it was unfortunate, but a learning experience.

"I think the intensity of the game maybe just overwhelmed a couple guys. They're young. That happens."



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