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LOCALNEWS

MMIWG report deems a Canadian genocide

More than 2,300 people testified at the national inquiry

THUNDER BAY By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

fter more than two years and Athousands of stories shared by survivors of violence and family members of lost loved ones, the release of the findings of the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Inquiry has drawn mixed reactions from a local agency involved in the process.

"After many years of listening to families, listening to survivors, of wanting this call to action and for it come today, but recognizing the report does not bring back their loved ones," said Cora Lee McGuire-Cyrette, executive director of the Thunder Bay Ontario Native Women's Association.

But there is hope, she added, as the report is one part of a pathway towards a journey to create a different future for women and children in

"We do need reports like this to address the systemic violence that has plagued Canada in all of our communities," McGuire-Cyrette said. "That's why it's a mixed reaction."

Unveiled Monday

The two-volume, 1,200-page report entitled Reclaiming Power and Place was released during a ceremony at the Canadian Museum of History in Ottawa on Monday and was presented to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau during the closing ceremony.

The report called the level of violence directed at Indigenous

women, girls, and two-spirit, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, intersex, and asexual people a Canadian genocide.

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and the report includes 231 calls for justice directed at government, institutions, social service providers, industries, and all Canadians.

The Ontario Native Women's Association was one of the parties with standing during the inquiry and McGuire-Cyrette participated in the closing oral submissions on behalf of



TRAGIC: Photos of missing and murdered women at the Valentine's walk.

its membership and survivors engaged in the process.

"What the survivors told us about what they want to see in the report is calls to action in addressing the child welfare system and the prevention of apprehending children," she said. "As well as to address sexual violence against Indigenous women and girls through human trafficking. Every community has a role and responsi-

> bility to play to create safer spaces for all women and children."

> A survivor-led report released by ONWA last week detailed women's experiences with human trafficking and sexual exposition and the need to create safe spaces for Indigenous people.

McGuire-Cyrette said there are many issues in Northern Ontario specifically that need to be addressed; including remoteness, racism, and discrimination, but she also said it is an opportunity to come together as a region.

'To be leaders once again and to work together in unity to create safe spaces for everyone," she said.

And while the report offers more than 200 calls to justice, McGuire-Cyrette said change is already taking place across the country with communities taking on a leadership role and focussing on healing.

Following the release of the report, Trudeau said the government of Canada will implement a national action plan to address the calls to justice.

Taking action

Minister of Employment, Workforce Development, and Labour, Patty Hajdu, said the action plan has to have concrete steps to build on the work already being done by the government.

"Things like reforming child and family services that recognize the inherent rights of Indigenous peoples, protecting Indigenous languages, and continuing to invest in things like women's shelters housing and education that is equitable for Indigenous people and women, and safety in terms of transportation routes that are remote or difficult," she said.

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LOCALNEWS



STILL LOOKING: Thunder Bay Police Det. Jason Rybak says this image may be a representation of Baby Doe's mother.

Image of Baby Doe's mother made public

POLICE By Matt Vis - TB Source

nvestigators are optimistic 21stcentury technology will help crack the Baby Doe cold case, 25 years after the newborn boy's frozen body was found in a garbage bag near Boulevard Lake.

The Thunder Bay Police Service on Thursday released a DNA-predicted image of Baby Doe's mother, using forensic evidence collected at the scene to generate a composite snapshot of the woman's possible appearance.

On March 9, 1994, police were called by young teenagers who found the black garbage bag that contained

the body of the baby boy five days earlier on the east side of Boulevard Lake. After initial curiosity, one of the teens finally looked in the bag and discovered the body.

Det. Jason Rybak said the boy was born alive and healthy, just hours or days prior to his death, leading to the case being investigated as a murder. The cause of death was determined to be hypothermia.

'Thanks to the advancement of technology and

these revolutionary services, solving the case of Baby Doe is no longer a question of if, it's a matter of when," Rybak said at a news conference.

"We know there are people out there who know what happened but

for whatever reason have chosen to remain silent for 25 years. The time for silence is over. It's time to come forward and speak to us to better understand the circumstances surrounding the death of Baby Doe."

Along with the body, investigators found what Rybak described as "articles in the garbage bag" that contained DNA believed to belong to the baby's mother.

Rybak said investigators ran the DNA through the national databank, but without success.

Investigators sent the DNA to Parabon NanoLabs, a Virginia-based DNA technology company that uses its Snapshot DNA Phenotyping Service to predict physical appear-

ance and ancestry.

"We

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JASON RYBAK

"This snapshot produced trait predictions for the associated person of interest the mother of Baby Doe," Rybak said, calling the image a scientific approximation of appearance based on DNA and not likely to be an exact replica, adding that it can't determine age, body type, hair style or other appearance features determined by lifestyle choices.

"Individual predictions were made for the subject's ancestry, eye colour, hair

colour, skin colour, freckling and face shape.'

The technology recently helped solve a 20-year-old Sudbury cold case homicide, which piqued the interest of Rybak and the police force's senior leadership in pursuing it for Baby Doe.

"This is another tool in our toolbox," Rybak said. "I've seen the successes they've had in the United States and as well as in Sudbury. I believe this is hopefully going to trigger people to come forward and provide that last piece of information."

"We essentially need a name. We're hoping this picture is going to get us that information to lead us to some more investigative avenues.'

Rybak was unable to answer how much it cost to generate the DNApredicted image.

"To me, the death of a baby or the death of anybody, costs shouldn't really come into the equation," he said.

The heartbreaking discovery captivated the city, with fundraising efforts made to help support mothers in distress and a funeral was held for Baby Doe, drawing a large crowd.

"This case has had a tremendous impact on the community," Rybak said. "Many attending this funeral describe the sight of six uniformed Thunder Bay police officers carrying the tiny infant as haunting. Also troubling for the community is the fact that no one has broken their silence surrounding the death of Baby Doe even 25 years later."

Police have established a specific telephone tip line for the case, asking anyone with information to call (807) 684-5001. People can also provide information anonymously through Crime Stoppers.

MPP bashes beer plan

Monteith-Farrell says spending \$1 billion to end contract early not fiscally sound

POLITICSBy Leith Dunick – TB Source

A billion dollars could be put to much better use than paying off beer companies to allow suds to be sold in corner stores, says a local MPP.

Judith Monteith-Farrell, who represents Thunder Bay-Atikokan at Queen's Park, says she'd prefer Premier Doug Ford to wait for the contract between Ontario and the Beer Store consortium – three of the world's largest brewing companies – to run out before making the move and risking paying out early termination penalties that could amount to as much as \$1 billion.

The contact ends in 2025.

"This is one of the most bizarre arguments that we've seen from this government," Monteith-Farrell said. "They're selling it as fairness because these three companies, they own the Beer Store and they own the rights to the Beer Stores.

"But we also sell beer at the LCBO. We also sell beer at grocery stores. It's not like we have a shortage of beer accessibility. Why not just wait out the contracts? They're not long, and then you can do what you want"

Monteith-Farrell suggested the decision, if it goes ahead, is a bit hypocritical for a government obsessed with slashing the bottom line and already under fire for cuts to



SPEND LESS: The NDP's Judith Monteith-Farrell.

health care, education and autism supports.

"When you say you don't have money in this province for all sorts of things, like education and health, how can you say you have money to pay for things like fines for the Beer Store?"

Molson owns 51 per cent of the Beer Store, with Labatt holding 45 per cent of the shares and Sleeman four per cent

Four years ago, under the 2015 Master Framework Agreement, the Beer Store did open ownership opportunities to Ontario breweries, also adding four independent directors to its board of directors at the time. It also appointed an ombudsman.

Ford's plan would open the door to allow every grocery and convenience store in the province to sell beer.

According to a recent CBC report, beer sales in Ontario are worth \$3.6 billion a year. That same report showed the Beer Store's profits dipped 2.3 per cent the year after the province opened beer sales in limited fashion at select grocery stores.

Finance Minister Vic Fedeli this past week announced a plan to scrap the Beer Store contract, claiming it would not only expand access to beer, but also protect taxpayers.

"The unfair agreement with the Beer Store puts the interests of three large global brewers ahead of Ontario consumers, taxpayers and small businesses," Fedeli said in a statement.

"It's a bad deal for people in Ontario who want more choice and convenience, and it's deeply unfair to businesses who want to compete in this sector."

Fedeli said he's hopeful the two sides can reach an agreeable amendment to the 2015 deal that would allow wider beer sales in Ontario.

"It's my hope the multinational brewers who own the Beer Store will put the interest of their customers and Ontarians first and join us as we build a modern, equitable system that opens up more places to buy beer while we create a model that also allows small businesses to grow and create jobs," Fedeli said.

The Conservative governent has already expanded the hours of sale for alcohol in Ontario, as well as enacting legislation making tailgating legal.

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Editorial

EDITORIAL

Beer battle expensive

ntario Premier Doug Ford is a master at distraction.

With the latest polls showing he's less popular than former Premier Kathleen Wynne when she was swept out of office a year ago, Ford has once again found an alcohol-related issue to try to rally public support. Only this time it could cost taxpayers \$1 billion.

Ford is determined to offer Ontarians the opportunity to buy beer and wine in convenience stores, which taken on its own merits, isn't necessarily a bad thing. It works rather well in the United States and elsewhere in the world.

But what's the rush?

In 2015 the Liberal government signed a new framework with Labatt, Molson and Sleeman, the brewery giants who own all but a small percentage of The Beer Store.

Under the terms of that deal, if Ontario wants to terminate the contract early and allow beer to be sold in more locations, including convenience stores, the province is on the hook for hefty penalties, all of which will be deposited into the multinational breweries' bank accounts.

Ford, who routinely complains how broke the province is, seems all-toowilling to spend the \$1 billion to spread the sale of suds to every other street corner, something not many are standing on their soapbox demanding.

Why not wait until 2025, when the contract runs out, and make it happen

It might make a great (and fiscally responsible) campaign promise.

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We can do this

To the editor:

We have so much work to do as a board who represents a municipal service.

Though complex, some things are relatively straight forward. We need to put our personal and political aspirations and allegiances aside and get on

Otherwise we will spin wheels at the expense of our valued constituants and safety which does not promote certainty and stability locally, regionally or nationally for that matter.

I'm more than transparent with my views in this regard and at times may lack popular opinion, but never intentionally in disrespect.

I believe the public's, along with police services employees, goals should be applying pressure to the board to demonstrate our abilities to lead and direct the public institution collectively, objectively and rebuild trust and stability within our community which will inevitably improve safety for all our sakes.

I'll gladly continue this discussion and engage with anyone seeking to strike a balance and define priorities based on realistic expectations, meaningful community and police service involvement (as a whole, not just select one or few), police association, stakeholder agencies, municipality and indigenous communities.

I have no allegiances to anyone person, nation or group nor do I have any personal gain or loss.

Who's gains or loses is our community, police officers, citizens and regional rights holders. Let's get on with it.

Or we'll never move the yardstick forward.

Success will be largely defined by the proactive support and solution based contributions of the community at large and the board's willingness to engage meaningfully, acknowledge and confront inherited and/or new challenges to repair the broken trust that has plagued our city.

We are all accountable.

We can do this Thunder Bay, I know

My personal, humble and minor thoughts. I am not and cannot speak on behalf of the board. I speak as a citizen of Thunder Bay.

> Georjann Morriseau, Thunder Bay Via Facebook

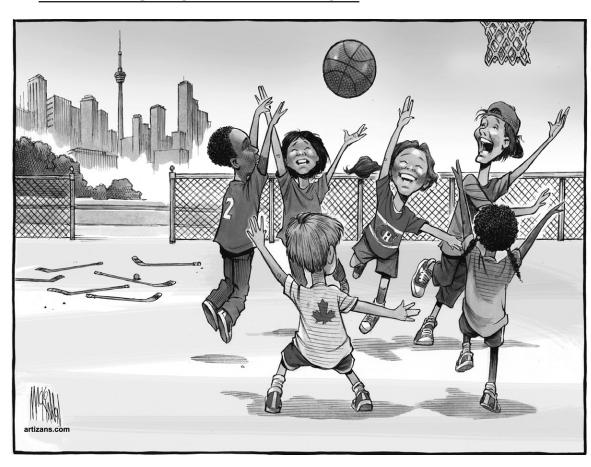
Never forget D-Day

To the editor:

On June 6, 1944, I arrived by boat on Juno Beach in Normandy, France, with the Canadian Scottish

My role was in the mortar platoon.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



On June 17, I was based in a barn, anticipating an attack that never came. I went into a nearby shed to disarm the grenades when one exploded, resulting in the loss of my right arm.

When I returned to Canada, I became a member of The War Amps, which was started by amputee veterans returning from the First World War to help each other adapt to their new reality as amputees.

Through the years, we have made it a goal to remember and commemorate our fallen comrades, and to educate youth about the horrors of war.

In Normandy, many Canadians died or suffered wounds that they had to carry for the rest of their lives.

As we mark the 75th anniversary of D-Day, it's important that we never forget.

Allan Bacon,

Report was worth it

To the editor:

A2014 report by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, ordered by the Stephen Harper administration, stated 1,181 Indigenous women were killed or went missing across the country between 1980 and 2012. Of the cases analyzed by the RCMP, 67 per cent were murder victims, 20 per cent were missing persons, four per cent were suspicious deaths, and nine per cent were unknown.

Almost 800 Indigenous women murdered in Canada in a 32 year span. And these statistics are only from RCMP cases, they do not include any of the other non-RCMP police forces. And because missing persons statistics are not tracked, we do not even have clear statistics about how many Indigenous women go missing.

Indigenous women are seven times more likely than other women to be victims of homicide, according to Statistics Canada.

They are 12 times more likely to be victims of violent crime, and the violence is usually more severe.

And contrary to most other types of crime, where perpetrators are either known to the victim, or tend to perpetrate crime against those of the same community or cultural group, Indigenous women are more likely to be victims of sexual assault, assault, and other violent crimes by non-Indigenous and Indigenous people (typically men).

They are also disproportionately likely to be victims of serial killers. These statistics hold true in both Canada and the U.S. LGBTQ folks are also included in the MMIWG inquiry, as they are also much more vulnerable and likely to be victims of

Of course other women, men, boys, etc. also face violence and are victims of homicide. Yes, we should demand justice for all of those who face violence, abuse, and exploitation. So do just that.

Rather than being upset that people started demanding justice for Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA folks, demand justice for whichever other people you are concerned about.

There is room for everyone.

Asking for justice for this group of people in no way detracts from, ignores, or suggests that other groups don't face violence or deserve justice. So rather than getting offended by the very real fact that these people ARE more likely to be victims, accept that it is true, and if you still feel the need to advocate for those who aren't as marginalized, go out and actually advocate for them.

> Jen Patola, Via Facebook

Sav no to indoor turf

To the editor:

Do the right thing and can this overpriced, self serving, limited endeavour. The yearly maintenance and upkeep costs alone are staggering and we all know that the proposed costs are usually a fraction if the actual costs. And you people refused to update a pool for a marginalized neighbourhood? You should be embarrassed.

> Beth Chase, Thunder Bay Via Facebook

<u>Perspective</u>

Fires ramping up

Heavy smoke blankets Pikangikum First Nation

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

was enjoying the brisk Canadian air one evening last week, wearing my down parka and drinking hot coffee

I wondered how many more frosty nights we would have to endure as I watched a vivid and unusually red

There is a well-known cliché that many people use to predict the weather.

"Red sky at night, sailor's delight" is the surprisingly accurate refrain that predicts a sunny day for

But a red sun and a glowing crimson sky can also indicate another, more troubling weather event.

We have been witnessing some spectacular sunsets recently and sometimes the entire western horizon seems to be ablaze.

And it really is - active wildfires in Alberta and B.C. (and northern Ontario) are producing the smoke that reddens the sunset.

That eerie evening glow is spectacular but it's a horror show as Albertans escape with their lives but lose everything else to the flames.

Tinder-dry conditions and hot weather have led to an explosive growth in wildfires and thousands have been evacuated.

In B.C. the same conditions are fueling the fires – 230 blazes reported since April 1st amid an extended drought and extreme conditions.

The billowing smoke is drifting across the country as far west as Ontario, resulting in outstanding sunsets and the distinct smell of wood

That's nothing new for folks living around here – we know what happens when a dry forest is struck by lightning or contacts a hot spark.

Here in Northwestern Ontario we feel empathy for our fellow Canadians because we are living in the middle of our own tinderbox.

Forest fires are essential to the life cycle of the Boreal Forest even if dry weather, rising temperatures and strong winds fan the flames even more.

We are all familiar with the scenario - as I write this The Pikangikum First Nation has declared an emergency due to heavy smoke.

Military personnel have already air lifted some residents to host communities around the region, including Thunder Bay.

As traumatized families arrive, many with young children, they are relieved to be safe but still fear for their community and relatives left

Thunder Bay and many other municipalities have always welcomed emergency evacuees with generosity and kindness.

We know what our fellow Canadians are going through because as I already mentioned, we are nestled in the middle of our own gigantic tinder box.

And as the planet heats up and the forest dries out, wildfires will occur more frequently, start earlier in the spring and burn more intensely.

Since the 1970's the area of Canadian forests lost to fire has doubled to about 2.5 million hectares every year.

Research suggests that losses could double or even quadruple as the planet heats up and northern forests

One Queen's University environmentalist describes our Boreal Forest as "born to burn" - northern wildfires are threatening the Arctic tundra.

Once peat moss is ignited and the fire spreads underground the blaze is difficult to fight and may burn for

We can manage the devastating fires in the Boreal Forest but burning tundra is a unique challenge, tough to

The danger became apparent after a 2007 blaze burned through 100,000 hectares of Alaskan tundra in three

Then, in 2017, scientists were surprised to discover a 1200 hectare fire burning uncontrollably, forty miles from Greenland's massive ice

Arctic wildfires are about to become the new normal in the Canadian north while Boreal wildfires continue to challenge communities here in the Northwest.

Be kind to our visitors from Pikangikum – share the burden and lighten the load for these families in need.

FLAG RAISING



TIME TO REMEMBER: Injured Workers' Support Group vice-president Ted Bobrowski (left), Coun. Rebecca Johnson raise the Injured Workers' flag outside of Thunder Bay city hall last week.

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NDP choose Won to take back riding

POLITICSBy Doug Diaczuk – TB Source

The New Democratic Party will be looking to return the Thunder Bay-Rainy River riding back to the party in the upcoming federal election and party members feel the candidate to do so must be a voice for the people of Northern Ontario.

Yuk-Sem Won was voted as the party candidate following nomination meetings held in Atikokan and Fort Frances on Saturday and Thunder Bay on Sunday.

Won was chosen over Jason Storkson, an 11-year member of the Nishnawbe-Aski Police Service and the only other candidate to put his name forward for the nomination.

"She has a lot of wonderful skills, a lot of experience, she is well known in the community," said Judith Mongrain, president of the Thunder Bay-Rainy River NDP Riding Association. "Both candidates were awesome in those respects. The membership chose Yuk-Sem Won and I am just thrilled."

Born and raised in Hearst, Won graduated from Lakehead University and has worked as a teacher in the public school system and is currently a faculty member at Confederation College in the Human Resources Program.

Won served as Local president and regional grievance officer within the Ontario Public Service Employees Union and she describes herself as a labour activist.

Going into the upcoming federal election next fall, Won said she will advocate on behalf of Northern Ontario by listening to the people and what they need.

"I think having politics that focus solely on divisive issues is a problem," she said. "We're all Canadians and we really need to take care of our communities, our people, and our resources. It's one of the things the NDP values really



NEW CANDIDATE: Yuk-Sem Won will stand for the NDP in Thunder Bay-Rainy River.

support."

As a labour activist, Won said she often served as a voice for those who feel like they don't have a say and she said she will continue to do that on behalf of the people of Northern Ontario.

"I think being present and active and going and talking to the people and ensuring that it is not a one size fits all, that our needs and our voices are heard for things like access to health care and education, being sure that our resources are taken care of, it's something Northwestern Ontario really deserves," she said.

"One of the things with the NDP is they really do represent who the people are in Northwestern Ontario," Won continued. "That is something I've always been able to stand with and I am proud to be able to represent now."

The NDP held the Thunder Bay-Rainy River riding under John Rafferty from 2008 until 2015 when Don Rusnak of the Liberal Party won the seat.

"The members certainly had a lot more service when the NDP had the MP position," Mongrain said. "They have been very disappointed and feel that they have been neglected under the current MP and they are very pleased to hear the NDP has candidates running that they can support."

Won said running as an NDP candidate

felt like the right fit because she calls it a party that has values and policies that support people.

"I think by showing that we really are a party that supports the people, to have a representative that is active and present and out there talking with the people, to see what the issues are," she said. "As well as being a representative who brings those issues back to Ottawa."

"People want to talk to the person they are going to vote for," Mongrain added. "They want to be able to go to their member of parliament and get the help they need. They want to see the person and they want the help. I think she will do a tremendous job."

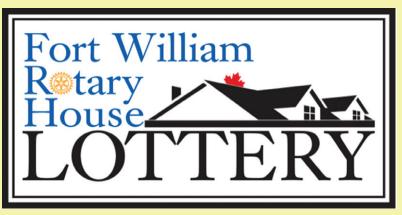
Former Thunder Bay city councillor, Linda Rydholm, will be running for the Conservative Party, while city councilor Shelby Ch'ng and physician Marcus Powlowski have announced intentions to seek the Liberal Party nomination after Don Rusnak said he would not be seeking re-election.



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LOCALNEWS

Lakehead honours grads

EDUCATION

By Michael Charlebois - TB Source

riday marked a special day in the lives of many young adults, as they were recognized for their years of hard work at Lakehead University's convocation ceremony.

Former *Chronicle Journal* publisher Colin Bruce, who was honoured as a fellow during this year's ceremony, urged students to embrace the day.

"I would like these graduate students to accept that this is a terribly exciting day for them," he said. "It's a new door opening."

Approximately 1,800 students walked across the stage at Lakehead's convocation ceremonies this past weekend.

Last Friday, the graduate students of this year's class filled the Thunder Bay Community Auditorium.

Masoud Manzouri, the honorary student

speaker, had the opportunity to express his thanks to the school.

Manzouri, originally from Iran, received a

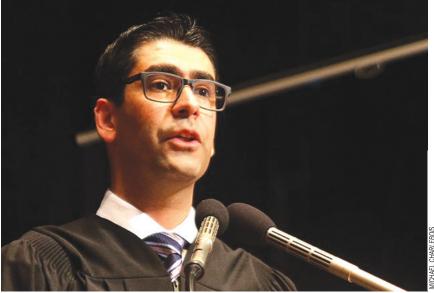
master's degree in environmental engineering on Friday.

In his speech, he thanked who he felt were the most important people in attendance: his parents.

"They came all the way from Iran. It's their first time being here in Canada," he said. "I'm so happy they could finally make it happen."

Manzouri said being an international student came with a number of struggles, but overcoming it was another challenge that made him grateful for his convocation day.

"Language barrier, culture shock... And on top of that, financial struggles that could set anybody back," he said. "But one thing I benefited from here, was the welcoming



SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT: Masoud Manzourl, an International student from Iran, and LUSU president was named this year's honourary speaker at the convocation ceremony, held last Friday.

community. I felt welcome and I felt accepted."

Manzouri was also the first graduate president of the Lakehead University Student Union. He said one of his friends put the idea in his mind, and at first he was apprehensive.

"I slept on it. But I looked on it as another challenge. As a graduate student it's kind of unusual... but it was a wonderful experience and challenge that will help me in the long term."

Gwen O'Reilly hasn't been at Lakehead since the 1980s, but has used her education to help the community at the Northwestern Ontario women's centre for over 30 years. On Friday, she received an honorary Doctor of

Laws.

"I am not someone who expected to ever receive another degree," she said.

O'Reilly enrolled in Lakehead in 1977 in the forestry program. She entered a program as only the fifth female out of 100 students.

During her time on campus, O'Reilly helped develop the first women's centre at Lakehead. From there she began working at the Northwestern Ontario women's centre, and has worked in the field since.

"When I was in school... we were basically told it was unlikely we would get good jobs because there's no places for us. I now work in area where there are many women. Social justice is dominated by women." IN BRIE

Bar assault injures customer and staff

Police are hunting for a suspect wanted for assault and public disturbance following an incident early Monday morning at a north-side bar.

In a release, police say they were called to the Sovereign Room

at about 2:30 a.m. after reports of a large fight inside the establishment. Police said a group of males were reportedly outside the bar, threatening staff and patrons, but took off before police arrived.

According to the release, a male suspect, part of a larger group

According to the release, a male suspect, part of a larger group at the bar, started an altercation with other patrons and assaulted a woman.

At this point a staff member intervened and was then assaulted by the man now wanted by police.

Police say the suspect is a black male with a thin build, high cheekbones, a silver grill on his front teeth and had large, shiny diamond rings on his hands.

He also has cornrows.

The accused is described by police as violent and the public is urged not to approach or confront him, but instead to contact police at 684-1200 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-22-8477 should one have any information about the suspect.

The female assault victim did not require medical attention, but the male employee did, for non life-threatening injuries.

Giant Tiger coming to city

A Giant Tiger Stores spokeswoman has confirmed the company will open a Thunder Bay location on April 25, 2020.

Cassandra Estrade on Monday confirmed the decision to CKPR Radio via email that the 20,700 square-foot location will open at 349 Main St., in the Thunder Centre.

The Canadian-owned discount retailer first opened in 1961 in Ottawa and today has more than 250 stores in eight provinces. The company sells food, clothing and household goods.

Fire breaks out at Murillo landfill

A fire at a Murillo landfill left firefighters fighting the blaze for the majority of the evening on Saturday.

Fire crews were notified of a fire at approximately 5 p.m., and were still attempting to put out flames approximately four hours after arrival.

Shane Zimmer, captain of the Oliver Paipoonge Fire Department, said landfill attendants notified officials of a fire in the woodpile area, which spread into the pile of tires, and eventually into the tree line.

"The fire is under control. It's just a hot spot in the tree lines. So we're in the process of using forestry (equipment).

The flames which engulfed the tree line were the source of the prolonged blaze.

Firefighters continued to battle the flames as of 9 p.m.

Roughly 15 firefighters from the Oliver Paipoonge Service, and Conmee Fire Department helped contain the blaze.

No injuries were reported.

The estimated cost of the damage is unknown.

Driver sentenced in fatal crash

Adriver involved in a Lappe crash that claimed the life of a 28-yearold motorcyclist will spend four years behind bars.

Randall Nault, who previously pleaded guilty to dangerous operation of a motor vehicle for the August 2017 crash that killed Nicholas Berardi, was sentenced in a Thunder Bay courtroom earlier this week.

On July 31, 2017, Nault was driving a pick-up truck westbound on Kam Current Road when it struck Berardi's motorcycle, which was travelling on Dog Lake Road.

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In addition to the four-year prison term, Nault was also sentenced to a five-year driving prohibition and must submit a DNA sample.



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TEARFUL: Natasha Nault lays a stone at the Ogden-East Simpson Community Garden commemorating her son, Tristan Webb, who died suddenly last year.

Tree planted to honour memory of Tristan Webb

THUNDER BAY
By Leith Dunick – TB Source

Tristan Webb loved hockey, loved the outdoors.

It's those happy thoughts his mother Natasha Nault held close to her heart on Wednesday, as she helped a group of children plant a weeping willow in the nine-year-old's memory at the Ogden-East Simpson Community Garden.

The ceremony came 13 months after her son died suddenly, the tree a lasting legacy to preserve his memory at a place where he loved to spend time with his family.

"He loved to be active and he was crazy fun," Nault said, pausing to wipe away a flow of tears.

"He loved to climb and have adventures and be in the country. He was a little boy." Surrounded by her family and friends, Nault said she's happy that Tristan's tree, which includes a stone at its base with the youngster's named painted in bright blue letters, will be such an integral part of the garden, a labour of love for so many in the nearby neighbourhood for the better part of a decade.

"It means so much," she said.

"We live down the street and we already came to the garden."

Linda Bruins, executive director of Evergreen, A United Neighbourhood, helped organize the planting ceremony.

She said she knew Tristan, a regular at the community centre, since he was just a tot and wanted to do something to honour his memory in conjunction with a victim's walk held each year to honour those who

were victimized over the years at the former Hell's Angels clubhouse her group

now calls home.

"It means so

much."

NATASHA NAULT

"He was a lovely young boy and his life ended too soon. We're still reeling. It's a tragic thing, but we're all still here to support the family and I hope the tree brings them some comfort," Bruins said.

"I think when something happens to

someone in our community, we need to be there for each other. I think that's hugely important. Because we're all going to have hard days and hard times, and that's really what Evergreen is all about, having that extra support, even if you have family and friends, you still have bad days and you need someone else to lean on."

Tristan, who died on April 12, 2018, was also survived by his

father Jason and siblings Briana, Charlie, Brooklyn and Olivia.

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LOCALNEWS

Greening of spring has finally begun



inally, the trees are greening up. The buds on the poplars and birch trees have burst forth into leaf. Unfortunately, where we live in the country, so too, have the black flies. For the horses, summer schedule has arrived.

We used to have a friend who I would interview on my radio program on CBC. He was the chairman of the Outdoor Recreation Department at Lakehead University. We talked outdoorsy things. He once told Laura, my wife, that when the buds on the poplar trees reach the size of a mouse's ear, then the black flies come out. Well, this year, with the cold, they were late. But they are here now at least on our land, with a vengeance.

The summer schedule for our equines as I have written before, means that they come in to their stalls for the day until the nasty biting things go to bed, somewhere around ten o'clock at night. In the morning the weather dictates when we bring the horses inside the barn.

If it is cold, we can delay opening the gates to allow them to head for the barn. If it is still fairly cool, with the flies beginning to harass the horses, then when I open the gate to their paddock, they might amble toward the barn door.

If it is warm, then the flies are out in clouds around the horses' heads, then when I open the gate, they charge toward the barn shaking their heads and swishing their tails to rid themselves of this menace. I open the barn door and in they move into their respective stalls. All, then, is well.

For two days this past week, scenario number two took place: very warm morning with lots of head shaking and tail swishing. On the weekend, however, the mornings were cool such that we could wait a while, then turn in the horses so that they could have their grain and for those who require it, medicine. Sunday, after feeding the grain and meds, we tossed the horses back out it was so windy and cold. So, much depends on the conditions outside.

Spring brings back the flush of green on the bushes and trees. The ravens' nest was easy to see until the weekend. Seemingly overnight, the leaves sprouted and the nest disappeared. It now takes me a while to locate it. Having a parent raven fly up to the nest helps me spot it hiding in the foliage. They definitely have a squawker or two who start up a racket each time 'mum' or 'dad' fly into the nest.

Speaking of the newly-hatched, Sunday morning after grabbing my firstof-the-day coffee, I walked over to the living room windows just to see if we had any cranes or geese grazing. No cranes, but there was a pair of geese. And something else.

I detected movement beneath one of the adults. What's this? Goslings? Yup, fetching my binoculars I beheld two grey fuzz-balls moving around their parents. Very cute.

Eventually, the parents began to usher their brood back across the paddock and into the beaver pond where they were hatched. I suspected that we had a pair of geese nesting there and so did not venture down to the pond with our pooch, Baxter, so as not to frighten the

But then later in the same morning, I again saw a pair of geese but this time without any young. There is another pond to the east of our property on an adjoining piece of land and I suspect that this second pair are nesting there. Laura emerged from our bedroom to re-fill her coffee mug and when I regaled the tale of two geese families, she wondered why the gosling-less pair hadn't hatched a

I began talking about the 'greening' of the land. Another type of 'green' appeared in our vegetable garden: an owner-home-built greenhouse constructed from a couple of dog pens that belonged to our late dear friend, Wendy.

With long and short pieces of wood, polyethene, and tuck tape, Laura and our son, Doug, slapped together a greenhouse that Laura has wanted for two years. Okay, it isn't green; it is opaque, but now The Gardener can begin to transport plants grown inside Casa Jones outside and stuff them (gently, now, Fred) into the ground. The cold weather has necessitated keeping the veggie plants on the shelves that block any view through our living room windows longer than usual. When the transplanting takes place, at least the inside of the greenhouse will be green.

When the plants and shelving units are gone, I can again have a room with a

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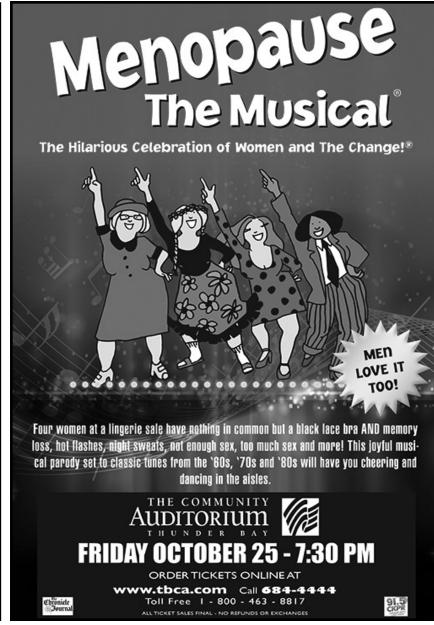














RUNNING FOR A CAUSE: Melissa (left), Amanda and Andrea Haclo ran in support of their late father Chris.

Relay for Life back, event raises \$80K

Cancer fundraiser returns after rejuvenating iteslf

THUNDER BAY

By Michael Charlebois - TB Source

he Relay for Life made its return to Thunder Bay in a The Relay for Life made to recurr to rejuvenated fashion, shattering its fundraising goal by more than \$30,000.

On Saturday at the Legion Track, more than 330 people participated in the cancer research fundraising event, which returned from its three-year absence.

"They showed up in droves," said Maria Cabral, regional manager of the Canadian Cancer Society's Northwest region.

Three years ago, Cabral and the Cancer Society decided to pull the event because of declining participation.

"This budgeted 150 participants," she said. "It's pretty amazing."

Better than expected

The donations and participants far exceeded Cabral's expectation, which she says is going through a revitalization locally.

"This is a fundraising event, and with every event comes expenses," she said. "Sometimes when you pull something it makes people miss it. This year it came back with such a rejuvenation."

Out of the \$80,000 raised, almost 20 per cent came from Team Hacio.

They were relaying in support of Chris Hacio who died earlier this year from brain cancer.

His daughter, Andrea Hacio, said the community support has been overwhelming.

"It was very emotional seeing everyone's stories. Seeing how everyone else was touched by (cancer)."

"The research is huge for us," she said. "We went to Princess Margaret Cancer Centre for the treatment. It was so intense with the research and clinical trials. That's what gave us so much hope when he was going through it.'

Leading the way

Andrea and her two sisters, Amanda and Melissa, have been leaders in the community for cancer fundraising.

Beanies for Brain Cancer, launched in February as a fundraiser for brain cancer research, has raised more than \$33,000 since its launch.

"Obviously we wish our dad was a survivor here with us. But knowing by him passing we're making a difference, we're raising money and supporting everyone here," she said.

To honour the memory of her father, members of Team Hacio wore a shirt with a picture of Chris wearing a balloon hat.

"It just represented who he was. Goofy and down for whatever."

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Local hopeful relishes chance on MasterChef

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t was only half a year ago that Cryssi LaRocque was working in the aviation industry with no plans of a career change.

After a life-changing experience on MasterChef Canada, LaRocque reflected on her time on the show, and a new chapter at Daytona's Restaurant & Sports Bar.

"Amazing, amazing, amazing," she said. "I'm starting to get recognized more and more when I get groceries."

For those following LaRocque's journey on season six of MasterChef, her run came to end during the ninth episode that aired on

Out of the season's 17 contestants, LaRocque finished fourth, and says her greatest sense of pride is with the city.

"I wanted to represent Thunder Bay to show our food scene is amazing, our people are kind... I wanted to make everybody proud. I'm very proud to be from Thunder Bay."

After surviving and advancing through a number of challenges and elimination rounds, LaRocque was ousted during a dessert challenge.

LaRocque, who has fibromyalgia syndrome, experienced a flare-up the morning before the show.

"I had a lot of pain in my neck and numbness in my arms," she said.

The challenge involved making an intricate chocolate sphere cake and LaRocque felt she was limited in her ability physically.

"At a certain point I almost wanted to say 'I'm done," she said.

Instead of quitting, she approached the challenge with a different strategy, and while the judges loved the taste, the aesthetics didn't quite cut it.

"Josh had a perfect sphere and mine was pretty ugly."

Ultimately, it was the last dish LaRocque made on the show, but her resilience is something she's proud of.

"At the end of the day I'm still glad I put a plate forward."

LaRocque said the experience helped her grow as a chef.

"I have never had a challenge that compares to any of the challenges I faced on MasterChef," she said. "There's a lot of things I did on the show that I would never normally try.'

Challenges such as mystery boxes, which requires contestants to invent a dish using a random selection of ingredients, helped expand her creativity.

"You see these ingredients and my mind just constantly went to my childhood, to the happiest time of my life. I just wanted to elevate those dishes.

After her success on the show she landed a job back in Thunder Bay at Daytona's four months ago. LaRocque said she's looking forward to her new and exciting career path.

"This has proven to me that this is what I'm meant to do," she said. "The last thing Chef Claudio (Aprile) said to me when we said goodbye was: 'I better find you in a professional kitchen.' I messaged him as soon as I got hired here."



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Information Age, but not informed

ow, more than ever before, the U.S. is enthralled in its politics: To impeach or not to impeach. To run or not to run. Everyone's got an opinion. But at least they're informed. Sort of.

Growing up, I tried to learn about the world by watching the six o'clock

But listening to the news anchors was like joining a movie mid-way through the plot. I didn't understand the players or the backstory behind their current actions.

Early interest in news

During the 1979 Iran hostage crisis, I was mystified by the idea of 52 people being held for over a year.

Where would they keep them? I'd seen bank-heist movies and figured it involved a lot of pizza deliveries.

But I couldn't fathom the logistics of keeping everyone in a single room with

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the authorities outside on a megaphone negotiating for 444 days. And the "Shaw" of Iran? I'd been to the grocery store. I thought he was a baker.

Of course, such confusion was understandable given my tender age, limited life experiences and the lack of current information.

Today, that could never happen. We've got the Internet, social media

And yet, late-night pundits interviewing the general public continue to find mostly ill-informed sheep. During a recent episode of Full Frontal with Samantha Bee, people on the street

offered a lot of opinions they'd heard from their friends about politics.

Then they were asked to name some of the more than 20 Democratic candidates running for the presidential nomination.

Few could name more than one. Other didn't recognize the candidates? names.

Some didn't even realize that Trump was Republican.

Given the magnitude of information available at our fingertips through every possible type of media, how is it

that people are just as ill-informed perhaps more – than ever before?

They should be absorbing information exponentially.

Everyone certainly seems to be glued to their phones while they

walk, drive, even ride their

They pull them out the moment they have to wait quietly for a few seconds for fear they'll be forced to take in their surroundings.

Or worse yet, talk to someone in real life.

But apparently, instead of using that moment to seek information on the world in which they live, they're simply keeping up with the

Kardashians, playing games or checking out a new vegetable emoji. Now, we could easily mock Americans for their ignorance. After all, they are an easy target. But do you know about the SNC-

Lavalin affair or why Trudeau's Liberals are abandoning him like rats jumping ship?

Why are we involved?

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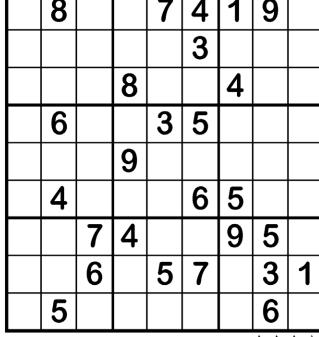
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Falcons take soccer crown

SOCCER By Leith Dunick - TB Source

our minutes into Thursday's championship final, the St. Ignatius Falcons got the wake-up call they needed.

That's how long it took Ben Furtado to blast the ball past keeper Adam Cieslik, giving the St. Patrick Saints an early 1-0 lead.

It only took the Falcons, winners of 18 of the past 21 high school boys soccer championships, seven minutes to get back on even ground.

Collin Mackett scored in traffic deep in the St. Patrick zone, tying the game in the 11th minute, then Jag Arena put the Falcons in front for good in the 23rd, tipping home a long free kick from midfield to make it 2-1.

"We knew as soon as that ball crossed into our net

"We bounced back right away." JAG ARENA

that we weren't giving up," Mackett said. "We were going to keep on fighting and getting that goal back really pushed out mentality to encourage us to keep going.'

Arena later score a penalty kick in the 29th and the Falcons went on to down the Saints 4-1, giving them back-to-back titles.

"Two years in a row to win, it feels good," Arena said, his team already prepping for another OFSAA run in Sarnia,

Ont. starting on June 6.

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

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It wasn't the start they were looking for, but they didn't let it get them down, he said.



"We bounced back right away. We created opportunities, played solid D and scored when we had the chances," said the 17-year-old, his team entering the playoffs as the top seed with a 4-0-1 record.

Contributing to the victory made it all that much

sweeter, Arena said.

"I knew he was going to play it in the box. I saw it coming in, tried to get a foot on it and it just went past the goalie."

The penalty-shot goal was the result of a handball inside the penalty area and pitted the midfielder against keeper J.J. Blackburn, a familiar face.

"I know the goalie really well. He knows I go to the one side, so I went to the other side," Arena

Mackett said it wasn't easy getting to this point.

"It's been a tough season. We definitely came out here wanting to give it our best shot and we wanted that OFSAA chances to be down in Sarnia. It feels great to be back at OFSAA again. We were there last year, had the chance to get third place and we're just looking forward to the next step. It's not done vet."

The Falcons Daniel Peace had the lone goal of the second half, scoring in the 63rd minute of the chippy contest, that saw several yellow cards handed out and a frightening collision that left St. Ignatius defender Michael Carpino's arm in a sling as the medals were handed out at Fort William

St. Ignatius coach Frank Ianni said the team stayed true to its identity after the slow start.

"We hadn't been down all year. This is the first time we were down a goal, and a lot of teams would have changed the way they played, chased the game. We just stuck to our plan, continued to do what we were doing and I knew opportunities would fall our way," Ianni said.

"Sure enough, it didn't take long to tie it, and once we tied it, I feel like things shifted."

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Saints dominant in title wi Voca, St. Patrick's leading scorer.

"I think the difference today is we really wanted it and we put our all on the field. That's how we got our

Voca, whose goal was her 14th of the season, scored from 10 yards out, slicing a beautiful cross that soared over the outstretched hands of Falcons keeper Jasmine Tracz.

"My coach said go one-on-one and I didn't know what I was going to do. I tried to get around her, took the shot. It went in and got a 2-0 lead. It was good for us to take a little chill pill, relax and get regrouped. When we got the third goal, we tried to just secure ourselves and I think DRITA VOCA that's what helped us get through to the win," Voca said.

Earning a second straight championship took a lot of work, she added.

It was worth every second.

"I think partly because it's my last year it's more exciting and it was just awesome to get that last win

before I leave. But it's also because of the community at St. Pat's. There are the best teachers, the best coaches and they overall made this school year amazing," Voca said.

St. Patrick coach Adam Augruso, a former player with the Thunder Bay Chill, said he thought his troops played a solid all-around game from start to finish.

"I thought the girls played awesome today. I think today was a great culmination of everything we've been working on all year. We got the chance, everyone got to play, everyone did their job and that's the reason the final was so convincing," Augruso said.

The Saints chances were few and far between, the best coming in the 66th minute when Sabrina Agostino broke through on

keeper Karina Metz, who took over from Erin Szturm at the half. Metz calmly collapsed on the ball to preserve the shutout, the Saints only giving up a single goal all season long.

Voca said the team is determined to be a contender at the Alliston event.

t really shouldn't have come as any real surprise that the high school girls soccer championship came outcome." down to the St. Patrick Saints and the St. Ignatius

After all, heading into Thursday's finale, the two teams had combined to win the past 20 Superior Secondary Schools Athletic Association titles, the Saints owning eight championships, the Falcons an even dozen.

But it was the defending champion and undefeated Saints who added to their trophy haul in 2019, scoring three first-half goals and playing smothering defence in the second half en route to a 3-0 win that earned them a berth at next month's OFSAA championship in

Brookie Chicorli, in the sixth minute, Drita Voca, in the 26th, and Olivia Wilde, in the 39th, scored for the Saints, who improved to 10-0-0 with the win.

"I'm really happy about it," said Walsh, whose goal came courtesy of a perfect pass up the middle from

Chill stay optimistic, despite 0-2 start

SOCCER By Leith Dunick – TB Source

The road to the United Soccer League 2 playoffs just got a whole lot bumpier for the Thunder Bay Chill.

The team, celebrating its 20th season, last weekend dropped its opening two games on the road, the 0-2 hole already putting them in must-win territory in the highly competitive Heartland Division.

It's not an impossible task, by any means, with a dozen games remaining.

But with four games against the always tough Des Moines Menace on the schedule – and four with league doormat WSA Winnipeg too – the Chill can't afford to make many more deposits in the loss column.

It'll be all hands on deck this coming weekend when the team opens its regular-season home schedule against WSA Winnipeg.

"We didn't start on the right foot," said newly minted captain Mattia Rolli on Friday, as team officials introduced



TOGETHERNESS: Thunder Bay Chill coach Gio Petraglia wants his squad to play as a team.

the 2019 roster, a team less than two years removed from the league championship game.

"Unfortunately we are a completely new team, so there are 20 new players so it's not that easy getting all together

and knowing each other in such a short time," said the 27-year-old Rolli, one of the few veteran returnees back with the team this summer, a group that also includes Sullivan Silva, Pedro Adan, Marco Kummerle, Evan Suwala and Liam Ezzard.

The Chill scored first in their opener against Kaw Valley FC, but surrendered three straight and lost 3-1. They followed with a 1-0 loss to the St. Louis Lions.

Adan said it all starts this weekend, when nothing less than a two-game sweep will suffice.

He added it'll be up to the veterans to provide the spark.

"When the losses happened, we got together, we got the young guys in and we said we want to win all the games, but sometimes you can't," said Adan, who turned 30 late last month.

"So let's group up again. Here we go. We've got exhibition games and then we hit the league again, so we'll take it from there." Adan added last year didn't exactly go as planned, but after a slow start, the team did manage to pull itself back into contention, despite falling short at 6-7-1.

"We almost made the playoffs, so it's just a matter of us hitting the pitch again and moving forward," he said.

Fifth-year coach Gio Petraglia said the team needs to get used to playing a different system.

But most importantly, they need to play together.

"We need to become a team. We weren't a team yet and that's the first thing we need to do," Petraglia said.

"Tactically we are going to change something. We are going to try to have more identity on the last 30 yards, so we have to change a little bit, which was the Thunder Bay Chill philosophy over the last 10 years. So we have to attack a little bit more."

The Chill and WSA Winnipeg play Friday and Saturday night at 7:30 p.m. at Fort William Stadium.







Vikings capture track and field title

TRACK AND FIELD By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Paced by strong performances by Amy Stieh, Kieran KeagStrong and a record-setting four-by-100 relay team, the Hammarskjold Vikings are NWOS-SA track and field champions for a fifth straight year.

Stieh, who plans to attend junior nationals later this summer and has already committed to run for Lakehead in the fall, captured the 200-metre, 400metre and 800-metre titles, while KeagStrong outpaced the field in both the 1,500-metre race and the gruelling 3,000-metre competition, in which he soared to victory on Wednesday.

The Vikings took the overall title with 869 points, easily out-distancing the runner-up St. Patrick Saints, who collected 539 points. St. Ignatius was third, with 326 points, edging out Fort Frances and Westgate, who rounded out the top five.

In the boys' category, the Vikings also won for the fifth straight year lapping the field with 537 points, 322 more than the 205 collected by second-place St. Ignatius. St. Patrick took the female title for a second year in a row with 400 points, 68 more than Hammarskjold's

The Fort Frances Muskies took third with 171 points.

"It was a really good meet, I'd say," said Stieh, who tied St. Patrick's Jocelyn Ertl for top senior female honours.

"I set a new personal best in the 200,

which is awesome. My 400 was pretty good. I'm happy with it. It's a season best. The 800 was just a fun run and the relay was awesome, it was so much fun to run with the team.

Stieh, who started the four-by-100 relay buried in last place, managed to overcome much of the gap, but had to settle for silver on Wednesday.

She's got bigger goals in mind.

"I really want to win the 400 at OFSAA. It'll be a tough race and there are lots of other girls down there that are really fast, but I'm competitive for that title and by running a fast 200-metre race, it sets me up so that I have the speed and I'm able to do it and perform," Stieh said.

Teammate Tyson Mayer, who anchored the senior-boys' four-by-100metre relay team, said it felt great to set a new standard, crossing the finish line in 44.56 seconds.

"We had a really good start with my teammates and I kind of just carried through the lead that we had," Mayer

"We have Niko Dowhos, who I think is top three in Canada for the 60-metre indoor."

The winning lineup also included Colton Dowhoszya and Devin "We were really wanting to crush this

record, because we knew the people that set it before," Mayer said.

Winning as a team topped it all, he

"We're all such close friends, it's just such a big win for us," Mayer said.

NWOSSA TRACK RESULTS

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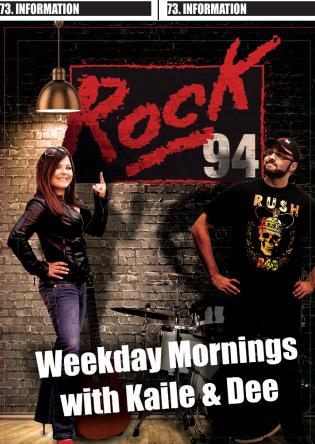






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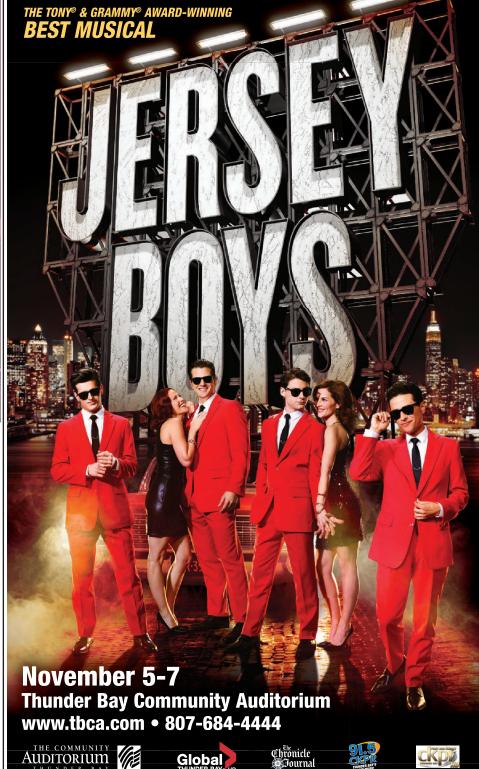
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