

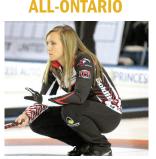
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SOLEMN DUTY: Cpl. Benjamin Deley stands as part of the honour guard on Sunday at Waverly Park.



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Police investigating shooting death

No one in custody after Sunday's Brodie Street killing

CRIME By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

Police continue to hold the scene at a south side residence that is now the focus of a homicide investigation but have not confirmed if a suspect is in custody.

Police responded to reports of gunfire Sunday evening just before 6:30 p.m. at a residence on the corner of Brodie Street and Arthur Street.

A man was found with life threatening injuries and transported to hospital where he was pronounced dead. The victim has been identified as 35-year-old Geoff Corbeil.

According to a witness in the area, no one was taken into custody on Sunday night because police could not obtain a statement from anyone about what took place.

Thunder Bay Police Service issued a media release about the incident on Monday morning but have not said if someone was arrested or if an armed suspect is at large. A spokesperson with Thunder Bay Police said there is no public safety concern but did not provide any details as to why.

No one from Thunder Bay Police Service has been made available to speak to the incident.

Several people living in the area said they did not hear any gunfire Sunday night and while the area is known for some strange activity, they said it is scary to know a shooting took place just down the street.

Police are asking anyone with information about the incident to contact them at 684-1200 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8677 or online at www.p3tips.com.



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WAR REMINDER: Silver Cross Mother Carol Klukie, whose son Josh was killed in Afghanistan in 2006, lays a wreath last Sunday.

Centennial celebration

Armistice 100th anniversary reminder of the ravishes of war

THUNDER BAY By Leith Dunick – TB Source

• ne hundred years ago, the con-flict dubbed the war to end all wars came to a close.

A century later, the world has yet to learn its lesson, future conflicts costing millions upon millions of lives and the threat of war constantly lingering over the political horizon.

Thunder Bay veteran Roy Lamore, who served at the tail end of the Second World War, said despite war

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ROY LAMORE

continuing as a reality, he was heartened to see such a large crowd turn out on Sunday morning to take part in the Remembrance Day ceremonies at the Waverley Park cenotaph.

Wonderful sight

"I've never seen anything so beautiful," the 92-year-old veteran said following the annual outdoor event paying tribute to Canadian soldiers, sailors and air personnel on the city's north side.

"After the war we had the same type of people coming. But it's just wonderful to see the kids and the spectators. It just makes you feel so great that they're here and they are the ones that remember."

Lamore said this year's ceremony was especially significant, given that it's been 100 years since the armistice to end the First World War was signed.

"I guess every war is important, but the First and Second World War, we lost so many young people. It just makes you wonder. Coming out today gives you that feeling, we still remember. And that's the biggest thing, to let these people know that

we do," Lamore said, adding he's been pushing for years to get more about Canada's role in war into Thunder Bay schools.

Robert Cutbush, the vicepresident of Manitoba/Northwestern Ontario Provincial Command, was the master of ceremonies on Sunday and said the 100th anniversary is important to remember, given how many locals went off to war overseas

and never returned. "A lot of young lads and lasses left the old Port Arthur and Fort William to go overseas and fight for king and country. We lost quite a few and quite a few came back suffering physical and mental disabilities," Cutbush said, the snow gently falling around him.

"Today it's very important on this 100th anniversary of the armistice that we remember the service and the sacrifice that those young lads and lasses laid down their lives for."

Lessons not learned

Unfortunately, he added, it doesn't look like the world has learned from its mistakes of a century ago.

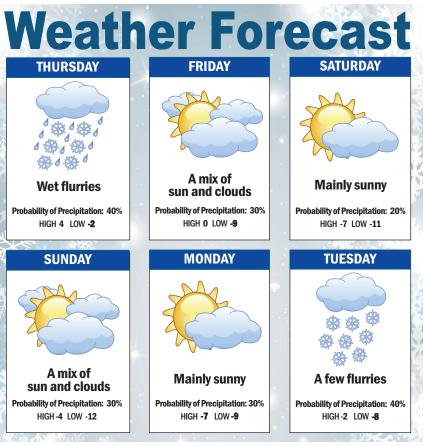
"We've had a couple more regional conflicts, so the short answer is, I don't think so," he said.

Also on hand for the ceremonies was retired naval reservist Les Newman who spent 42 years in service to Canada.

He said he was proud to have served and glad so many came out for the anniversary celebration.

"To mark the centennial as something so significant of the armistice is incredibly important when you look at the results of the First World War - the number of people that were killed, it was well over one million people killed," Newman said.

"It's something we have to keep remembering because there are none of those veterans left. So we have to remember on their behalf."



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Veterans remembered

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No Nelson, a 97-year-old veteran of the Second World War, said it was an honour to pass the torch to current Canadian Armed Forces service member, MCpl. DesJardins, while thousands of people applauded.

"I very much appreciate having the opportunity to do it," Nelson said. "This is quite amazing how well this is all organized and run. It's a great honour to all the veterans especially those who gave their lives for their country."

Nelson served with the Royal Canadian Volunteer Reserve during the Second World War. Stationed out of Newfoundland, he worked as an ordnance officer, ensuring the guns on ships returning from convoy duty were in working order.

"It's such a great honour to be here and be able to participate with all the others," Nelson said.

The passing of the torch was part of the Remembrance Day ceremony held at Fort William Gardens on Sunday. Thousands of people attended the ceremony this year to honour veterans of conflicts long ago as well as those who continue to serve.

This year marked the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War when the armistice to cease all fighting on the Western Front in Europe was signed on Nov. 11, 1918. "It's an important anniversary," said

Ken Milenko, one of the organizers of the local ceremony. "One hundred years. I don't know how to overstate it or understate it. The 100 years was at the end of the war that would end all wars. It didn't unfortunately. For us in the Royal Canadian Legion it is the continuance of remembrance. That means everything to us."

While Remembrance Day follows many traditions to honour soldiers who fought in the great conflicts of the 20th century such as the First World War, the Second World War, and the Korean War, Canadian veterans are still returning home from conflicts that continue to rage around the world.

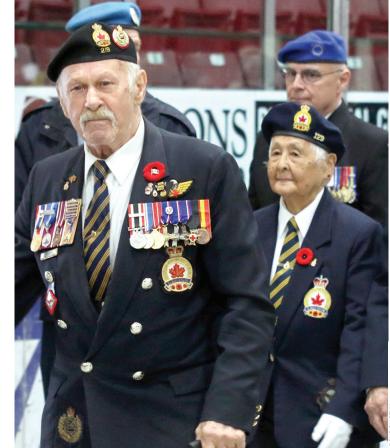
"It's important to keep remembering because the modern day veteran is still there," Milenko said.

One of those veterans is Mark Belanger, who retired from the Canadian Armed Forces 10 years ago and served in the former Yugoslavia during the Bosnian War.

Belanger was one of the guest speakers during the ceremony, where he shared his experiences serving with the United Nations during a conflict that saw one of the worst genocides in Europe since the Second World War, as well as what it means to be a veteran.

"A lot of our ceremonies are based on memories of the Great War," he said. "We look at the statues, we read the poems, and we see the poppy and they are all really reminiscent of the Great War. What's important to recognize is Canada's contribution internationally continues and service men and women are going into harm's way in various theatres around the world."

"It's important to understand that we have an absolute responsibility to remember all of the veterans of past conflicts but it's also important to know there is a changing of the guard," Belanger continued. "There are new veterans returning to Canada from overseas and it's important to remember their contributions and what they have done."



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ANNUAL TRADITION: Several veterans took part in the parade to the applause of those in the crowd on Sunday at Fort William Gardens.



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Fun Run & Elf Walk

Port Arthur General monument unveiled

THUNDER BAY By Matt Vis – TB Source

O ne of the city's former hospitals, which was shuttered when the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre opened, will have its contribution to local health care remembered.

The Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre on Thursday unveiled a monument commemorating the former Port Arthur General Hospital, which served the Lakehead for 74 years until its closure in 2004 and demolition in 2010.

The monument, which is in a courtyard outside the cafeteria features three stone blocks that had been predominantly displayed on the façade of the lakefront side of the building. One of the blocks has a letter G, while another has the letter H and the centre block bears the rod of Ascelpius, the serpent-entwined rod belonging to the Greek god associated with medicine.

Shirley King, a former nurse at the hospital, led the charge to have a monument in honour of the hospital since she asked construction workers to save the stone

blocks during the demolition process in 2010.

"It's an inspiration to young people, to nursing." SHIRLEY KING The Remember the General group has worked since 2012 to fundraise \$25,000 of the \$40,000 cost for the monument.

King said she felt a sense of accomplishment and pride when she first saw the monument.

"It's an inspiration to young people, to nursing," King said. "It

tells you our history. We've come a long way." The general hospital, which had been located at the corner of Algoma and Clavet streets, also included an on-site nursing school, from which King graduated in 1958.

"I couldn't have asked for a better training," King said. "That was one of the finest things I ever did, is to



HISTORY SAVED: Shirley King, a former nurse at the Port Arthur General Hospital, with daughter Sherry King in front of the monument commemorating the former hospital on the property of the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre

go into nursing at the general hospital. You mature very quickly. I always felt it was a real tribute to my parents, to myself and to the community."

It was at the Port Arthur General Hospital where Coun. Brian McKinnon, a member of the hospital foundation board of directors, started his life.

For those who lived in the former town of Port Arthur and now the north side of Thunder Bay prior to the new hospital opening, the general hospital served their medical needs.

"That would go for everything from a hangnail to birth to death," McKinnon said. "It was an absolutely critical part of our lives."



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Editorial

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

...I WAS TOLD IT WAS OKAY TO SEND CAUCUS PHOTOS...

Police too secretive

Oⁿ Sunday evening, a murder took place.

For the first time in six years, someone living in the city was shot and killed.

Police stormed the south-side residence and rushed the victim to hospital, but to no avail.

What they failed to do was notify the public about what was going on.

That is gross negligence on their part. With gun violence hitting the headlines on what seems to be a weekly basis in the city, Thunder Bay Police didn't issue a peep about the incident for 12 hours.

They've yet to say whether or not they have someone in custody, which leads one to believe they don't.

If that's the case, why weren't the media alerted to let the public know that there might be a gunman – one who allegedly isn't afraid to fire shots – possibly on the loose in Thunder Bay?

In a city that's already on high alert, thanks to a rise in violent gang activity, a simple statement from police would go a long way to calming fears and stopping the spread of misinformation on social media.

If this is a sign of how incoming Police Chief Sylvie Hauth's department intends to operate moving forward, her regime is not off to a good start.

The public has been promised openness and transparency. Let's start seeing some.

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Thanks from Peng You

To the editor: Thank you, thank you, thank you Thunder Bay voters for putting your trust in me and electing me as

councillor-at-large. The overwhelming amount of support that I received is truly humbling.

Being new to politics, I realize I have much to learn in order to meet the challenges that lie ahead and I ask for your patience.

A huge thank you to everyone that helped me with my campaign, especially my daughters, Sarah and Lily. I had the best team of people that anyone could ask for. Without their help, this result would not have been possible.

Thank you also to all of the candidates who put their names forward. I look forward to working with Council and will do everything possible to meet your expectations. I truly believe that Thunder Bay is full of potential and I will work towards solutions for the problems that our city is facing.

During my campaign, it touched my heart to be interviewed by grade 8 student Cooper Yesno for his school project.

I was very impressed by the questions he was asking. It is important to get youngsters interested and involved in politics since today's children are our future.

They have many good ideas and need to have opportunities to be heard and involved on an ongoing basis, not just during an election. In 1990, my late wife, Jing Su, and I immigrated to Canada. We put down roots in Thunder Bay, worked hard, developed successful businesses and made a good life for ourselves and our children, who were born and raised in our adopted hometown. The people of Thunder Bay gave us so much love and support and I want to give back to this wonderful community. I am honoured by your support during this election and look forward to working for you.

TELEMENT

Together we will celebrate our

diversity, grow our economy, improve our infrastructure and build a safe and viable community for all.

> Peng You, Councillor-elect, Thunder Bay

Environmental planning works

is that Regina's actions will encourage other munic-

ipalities to follow suit and develop their own plans.

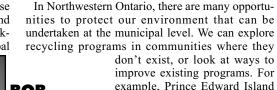
The solutions to combatting climate change can sometimes feel like large-scale solutions that are slightly out of our control. Reducing greenhouse gas emissions, moving away from fossil fuels, and limiting plastic use sound like large issues to tackle, but there are things we can do at the municipal

level to help. Earlier this month, the Regina city council voted unanimously in favour of being "100 per cent renewable" by 2050.

The city of Regina not only recognizes the importance of a renewable energy plan, but also

stands to be a world leader on the topic. City administration will take until the end of next year to work on an action plan, where the primary goal is to move away from the fossil fuels which are currently used to generate power for the city. It will also explore options for energy efficient infrastructure and buildings, electric buses, and banning bottled water.

These environmentally minded municipal changes have inspired residents to evaluate their own personal impact on the environment and as a result, many residents are investing in solar panel projects which often result in energy costs savings. The hope



improve existing programs. For example, Prince Edward Island has taken a provincial approach to prohibit retailers from providing single-use plastic bags, known as The Plastic Bag Reduction Act.

Victoria, B.C. has already passed a bylaw banning plastic bags and is looking to target more single-use products in the future.

Environmentally friendly planning also makes economic sense. The renewable energy job market is growing rapidly, so municipalities throughout the North can look at ways to bring new jobs to their communities.

It's an indisputable fact that Canadians are feeling the impacts and costs of climate change first hand. In Ontario alone, extreme weather is being felt in the heatwaves and floods this summer, and the devastating windstorms this fall. Just last week, Canada's Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Catherine McKenna, announced that as a result of the Ontario government's decision to cancel all climate action programs supported by the federal government's Low Carbon Economy Fund, the government of Canada will explore options for reinvesting the remaining Ontario portion of that fund to improve energy efficiency, reduce emissions, save money and create good jobs across the province.

These projects, cancelled by the Government of Ontario were helping individuals, universities, colleges, communities and businesses reduce carbon pollution, improve energy efficiency, and save money – it just doesn't make sense what they have done.

Developing a long-term plan to protect our environment is the smart thing to do, not only for our world, but for our country, province, and hometown as well.

The decisions we make on a local level will have a big impact on the future of our communities and on our planet.

As individuals, we can make a difference and we have an obligation to ensure that our children and theirs enjoy the benefits of a clean environment. **Bob Nault is the Liberal MP for Kenora.**



Perspective

Where's electoral reform?

Prime minister promised to make it happen, but did not **OPINION**

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

met with some of my community liaisons the other day and despite several interruptions we still achieved our goals.

My goal consisted of a large dark roast black and an old fashioned plain - others chose more whimsical, glazed goals.

At any rate, the meeting ran long due to the popularity of my coffee mates which prompted several wellwishers to stop and chat.

The coffee shop was full of community liaisons that day and every one had a story to tell.

When we finally got down to business I was expecting to get the inside scoop about our recent municipal election.

I hoped my three companions would have some colourful local stories to tell and possibly a few conspiracy theories to share.

After the 2015 federal election and again a few months ago after the Ontario vote, there were plenty of observations and JUSTIN TRUDEAU allegations.

Now I was primed for some good-natured city council bashing but believe it or not, local politics never came up, not even

once. In fact, I thought I would be leaving the meeting empty-handed when suddenly, I heard the Prime Minister's name uttered under someone's breath.

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A look back in history

My crush on the PM is wellknown, but in the absence of any other political dirt on the agenda that day, I was prepared for some Prime Ministerial mudslinging.

His name had come up before because of those adorable, fancy socks he wears and also for one specific unfulfilled promise.

Broken promises are nothing new in politics, but this one is personal for many voters - whatever happened to parliamentary reform?

This is the most common complaint I hear from friends, acquaintances and family members, not to mention my trusty, community liaisons.

Trudeau has some **Trudeau has** explaining to do about the promise he made to Canadians, giving us hope explaining to for change. do about the

We were told promise he that "first past made to the post" was Canadians... out after the federal election in 2015 and

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electoral reform was in for 2019.

Now, even fans like me are skeptical strictly speaking the promise hasn't been broken yet but he has

less than a year to do something. Apparently he has already done all he is prepared to do and he dropped electoral reform from his "to do" list in the best interest of Canada.

The prime minister believes proportional representation would be divisive for the country, as would a national referendum on the subject.

To be fair, any Canadian who is sincerely concerned for our country deserves respect for that view, and that includes Trudeau.

He claims to be open to other options, perhaps a preferential ballot, but there is no compromise, no consensus and no clear path forward.

We can only assume that he includes himself in his analysis of the situation.

He unapologetically refuses to reopen the conversation until after the next election and only then if he is convinced by Canadians to do so.

It's hard to tell if he is being coy or defiant when he challenges the country to make its best

case and prove him wrong. He is asking Canadians

to become a little more informed and participate a little more in their own democracy.

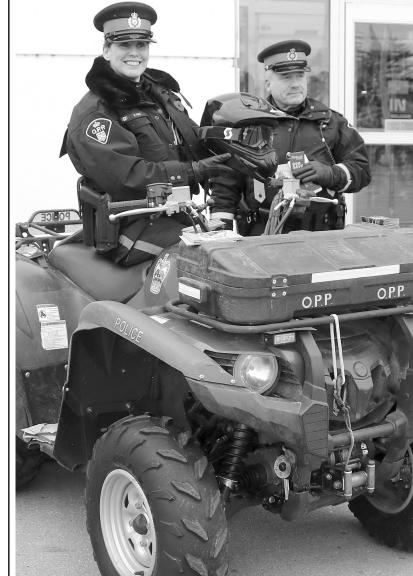
Fair enough, but the prime minister should access his sensitive side when speaking to Canadians about parliamentary reform.

He should respect our fellow Canadians in British Columbia as they prepare for their own referendum on proportional representation.

The answers Justin Trudeau seeks already exist in the hearts and minds of Canadians.

His job is to find them and use them wisely to fulfil his compelling promise.

At least that's the impression I got from my community liaisons.



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TOUGH SLEDDING: Const. Diana Cole of the OPP says off-road vehicle safety is an issue in Ontario, with 42 deaths since 2018. She reminds riders to wear helmets and refrain from drinking alcohol.

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Local police to test out body cameras

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small number of city police officers will be carrying an extra set of eyes with them for the next few months.

The Thunder Bay Police Service's six traffic unit officers will be wearing body cameras, along with in-car cameras in their vehicles, as part of a pilot project announced on Wednesday.

The body worn cameras can be affixed either to a pair of eyeglasses, on the top of a baseball cap or to the shoulder epaulette. They are activated by a device attached to the officer's vest.

Traffic Sgt. Gordon Snyder said the officers will be required and expected to record all interactions with people in public spaces and internal policies are being developed to regulate the use of the cameras.

"There's an overwhelming support from the policing community to have body worn cameras," Snyder said.

"Public trust and accountability for the police services is important. That's important for me, that's important for every officer in our service for the public to be able to see what we do on a daily basis if the need arises for that is very important."

Footage will be recorded beginning 30 seconds prior to the officer activating the cameras, until the officer terminates the recording at the conclusion of the interaction.

Snyder said the cameras could provide strong evidence in cases where officers observe a driver using a cellphone while



ON VIDEO: Sgt. Gord Snyder and Const. Michael Dimini demonstrate body cameras.

behind the wheel or when a vehicle runs a red light.

"It's going to enhance our ability to

collect evidence," Snyder said.

"As you can imagine, a picture is worth 1,000 words. When we have video of an offence that was committed and it's played for the court process, it makes it a lot clearer for a justice of the peace or a judge to see exactly what happened and what transpired. There is no question as to what did the officer actually see when it's a video of what the officer actually saw."

Thunder Bay police had previously explored having officers wear body cameras in 2012 and 2013, conducting similar pilot projects.

Snyder said one of the biggest hurdles to having cameras widely used was managing and storing the information and data they collected. This pilot project includes the use of an encrypted cloud storage system.

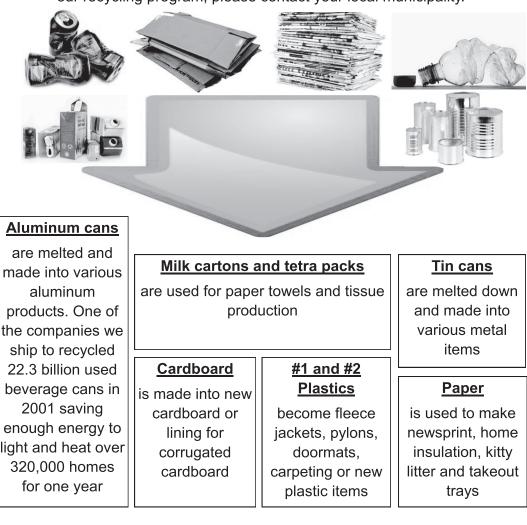
"As technology changes and as we have access to more technology and new ways of doing things, it's becoming easier for us to manage this information and manage large volumes of information," Snyder said.

"We're working closely with the Crown Attorney's office as well. Soon to be gone are the days where we're actually burning DVDs and CDs and forwarding them to the court. This is all going to be done electronically."

Officers are expected to start utilizing the cameras on Nov. 13 and the pilot is scheduled to run until the end of February 2019. The project is being run at no cost to the police service, as the equipment was provided by the manufacturer.

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Private pot stores likely

Majority of new council say they'll vote to opt into cannabis storefronts in city

CITY HALL By Matt Vis – TB Souce

One of the first major decisions facing the next term of city council will be whether to allow privatized storefront sales of cannabis in Thunder Bay.

Based on responses from a number of incoming councillors, it appears likely that it will get the green light. When polled on Monday, at least eight expressed varying degrees of openness to allowing private storefronts.

The Progressive Conservative provincial government has given Ontario municipalities a deadline of Jan. 22 to opt out of allowing physical storefronts. Municipalities that initially choose to prohibit physical storefronts can opt in at any time, but once approval is given municipalities can't change course.

When announcing the privatized retail model that is expected to begin on April 1, the province said

that it would be undertaking consultations to develop regulations for physical storefronts. There was a preliminary indication there would not be a cap imposed on the number of retailers, with licences granted to those who meet the application criteria.

Kristen Oliver, newly elected in Westfort, said physical retail could provide a boost to the local economy with jobs and add another property tax source.

"The government is looking at revenue generating of about \$100 million in taxation from the legalization and sales of cannabis,



KRISTEN OLIVER

of that \$40 million will be distributed generally well re amongst municipalities," Oliver said. The soon-to-b

"I think those resources are vital to helping us deal with some of the social issues we're seeing in Thunder Bay around mental health and addictions."

At-large representatives Trevor Giertuga, Rebecca Johnson, Aldo Ruberto and Peng You, along with McKellar's Brian Hamilton, also said they would be in favour of private retailers.

"It is a new business opening up which provides taxes to the municipality, as does

any other business. Whatever rules and regulations that need to be put in place will be done similar to any other business, whether it is government regulations or any other regulations," said Johnson, the chair of the Thunder Bay Drug Strategy. "If we don't open a store here in

Thunder Bay, we will continue to have people purchase on the black market as it will be readily available, one of the reasons why

we are making cannabis legal. Only allowing individuals to order online is not acceptable, nor will some people do."

Mayor-elect Bill Mauro said city manager Norm Gale has indicated administration is preparing a report that will go before the council either before Christmas or early January.

Mauro, who was a cabinet minister in the previous Liberal government that proposed a government-operated model with Ontario Cannabis Store storefronts, said the idea of government-run retail outlets seemed to be generally well received. The soon-to-be mayor wants to wait until receiving the report to make a decision.

"I think the opinion of the police service on this will be important. We know the product is here. We know people are using the product. We know there is a black market for the product," Mauro said.

"One of the intents of the initial (Liberal) rollout, whether it would have been accomplished or not, was to try and eliminate the black market on the product. That will be a consideration as we go forward with private retailing, whether or not people believe that will still be able to be accomplished."

In addition to Mauro, Neebing's Cody Fraser, Current River's Andrew Foulds, Northwood's Shelby Ch'ng and incoming atlarge councillor Mark Bentz all said they were undecided or wanted to wait until the report is received to reach or publicly communicate their decision.

Two new councillors – McIntyre's Albert Aiello and Red River's Brian McKinnon – said they preferred government-operated stores similar to the LCBO.

Aiello, the executive director of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Thunder Bay, said his staff researched online sales and found it would be easy for minors to buy through the website. It's easier for youth to get cannabis than alcohol, he added.

"There really are no safeguards. It's very easily accessible to anybody, children included," Aiello said. "By having a brick and mortar store, very similar to the LCBO, there will be supervised people in there asking for IDs, ensuring people that are purchasing cannabis are of legal age." **Do you have an opinion to share?** E-mail the editor at ldunick@dougallmedia.com







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Students build cardboard boats

THUNDER BAY By Leith Dunick – TB Source

f at first you don't succeed, build a better cardboard boat the next time.

That's just what Westmount Public School Grade 8 students Cameron Henny and Erica Geddes did on Friday, a year after taking part in their first cardboard boat competition.

Drawing on last year's vessel, the duo were part of the same team that entered this year's Lakehead Public School Board competition, using the Internet and past experience to construct a craft that traversed the length of the Churchill Volunteer Pool in a rapid 29 seconds.

"This week at school we came up with plans, so we took some of the strengths from our original plan, that we did last year, and we changed some of the weaknesses and came up with a better

design," said 13year-old Cameron. One key factor was buoyancy, Erica chimed in

how to work as a team and co-operate..." CAMERON HENNY

"We learned

"We added more air on the sides, so last year," she said.

space between the two (sheets of) cardboard, because there is an outer boat and an inner boat."

The competition, a long-standing challenge for Grade 7 and 8 students in Thunder Bay and around the region, was created to help introduce students to skilled trades, as well as how to problem solve. And of course, as in any construction project, there's plenty of math and science involved.

"We learned how to work as a team

and co-operate, and coming up with a good plan and following a plan." Cameron said.

"It also helps with measurement and constructing stuff." Erica added.

"It's different, because you make a whole plan and then you have to make it to scale, like when it changes from metres to centimetres."

valuable life lessons

"It either works or it doesn't work," Cameron said. "On paper it doesn't rip

Casey Charles, who teaches both grades at Westmount, said it's a great learning experience that opens students' eves to future possibilities.

"They come out here and get the And it's a good way to learn some opportunity to build these boats and

actually float them in the pool. It's ar opportunity for them to use their hands and get a little bit of experiential learning," Charles said.

Winners, judged on speed, design and how many students can fit into each craf before it sinks, will get to repeat their success later this month at the regional event, scheduled for the pool at Lakehead University.

Grocery Bus helps students achieve food security

THUNDER BAY

By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

Students often face a lot of stressors, but food insecurity should not be one of them. A new pilot project is looking to make shopping for healthy food more accessible to students living on campus by offering something as simple as a free ride to the grocery store.

"Access is one of the biggest factors in food security," said Rob Strachan, the bus to grocery stores on a weekly basis.

Students Feeding Change coordinator with Meals Exchange.

"As you can see from the campus, there is food available, but it's also expensive, it might not be culturally appropriate, and students want to be able to make their own food. It bridges the gap between access to good food."

The Grocery Bus Service pilot project is offering students at Lakehead University free transportation on a school

Meals Exchange, the Thunder Bay Food Strategy Committee, and Lakehead University Student Union have provided funding for the pilot project and Strachan said it was developed as part of a Students Feeding Change initiative.

"One of the things students highlighted the need for was a bus service to take them to and from grocery stores back to campus," he said. "It's difficult for them to carry grocery bags on a city bus or it's \$30 or \$40 for a taxi cab."

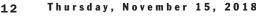
The first Grocery Bus left campus on Saturday and transported more than 15 students to Superstore, Walmart, and the Country Market.

The service will be offered on a weekly basis every Saturday, with the bus making two trips between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

The goal is to transport at least 15 students per busload and if those numbers are met, Strachan said it could become a permanent service to students.

WATER LOGGED: Grade 7 and 8 students at Lakehead Public Schools tested out their cardboard boat creations last Friday at Churchill Poor

that helped with the weight challenge and it did a lot better this year than it did "There's more





Has winter finally arrived?

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was going to write: "At last, winter hath arrived." Serious snow did arrive and it appeared that it would stay. Actually, I had to bring out Big Red, my ancient tractor and do a bit of ploughing.

It was beautiful: waking Saturday morning to see all and sundry covered in the white stuff and the snow still coming down, thickly at times. I probably didn't have to scrape the driveway since the ground was covered with only about four inches. The snow was light and fluffy, easy to blow off the window of a vehicle or sweep with a gloved hand; not like the first snowfall this autumn which saturated us with heavy, wet snowball and/or snowman snow. As I sipped my first mug of coffee, I smiled.

Winter is cool

I like winter. I don't like extreme cold or a prolonged frigid season.

I recall spring coming out here in the country by March each year in the '70's and '80's, the snow completely gone by April. Not lately, though, with spring coming later and later. Driving to town Sunday with Daughter, Beth, we left Casa Jones without any snow falling but as we got closer to the city, we encountered a light blizzard. Very pretty. "I hope the snow stays," Beth intoned. "Me too," I replied. "I want three feet," Beth

went on. "Me too," I said.

Of course, Beth doesn't do the ploughing; nor does she drive, so dealing with wintery driving conditions at the wheel has not been of concern to her.

She just trusts that the drivers in the family know what they are doing. We do.

The reason I have been tentative with regards to declaring winter finally here (forget the Solstice on Dec. 21) is that Sunday morning my wife, Laura, taking a sip from her first mug of coffee also happened to be looking at the weather forecast for the next two weeks.

Of course, we've learned that it can change from day to day but it didn't bode well for the snow staying on the ground. This coming week, the thermometer is supposed to be above zero. No-o-o!

Even if the snow melts slowly, it will make an absolute mess of the yard, the driveway, and the horse paddocks.

From a nice beginning for a base, the warmth will crate more mud, mud, inglorious mud. The minus temperatures have been doing a wonderful job of sealing the ground, the snow filling in the divots made by horse hooves. Is that all for naught?

Saturday, I went for a walk along the trails with our pooch, Baxter. When we reached the "back 40", I decided to seek out the abandoned harrow in the bush that I'd found purely by chance a year ago.

It appeared to be a horse-drawn piece of equipment but I could well be mistaken. Anyway, it was obviously left by the side of what was a field but over the fifty years since the fields were "farmed", trees have reclaimed much of what was once farmed.

There is a poplar tree growing up right

through the middle of this ancient implement. But I came at the search from the opposite direction and could not locate the harrow. The light was going and I had stomped all over the place where I thought it to be lying, scraping my head on branches laden with fluffy snow that fell on my head and my glasses with the merest jostle.

"Ah, Baxter," I said, "I will have to seek it out tomorrow coming from the original direction I took last year.

Sunday afternoon, we struck out earlier and trudged (me) due south from Casa Jones through the snow until we reached where I thought I had angled off the trail last year. We found the harrow.

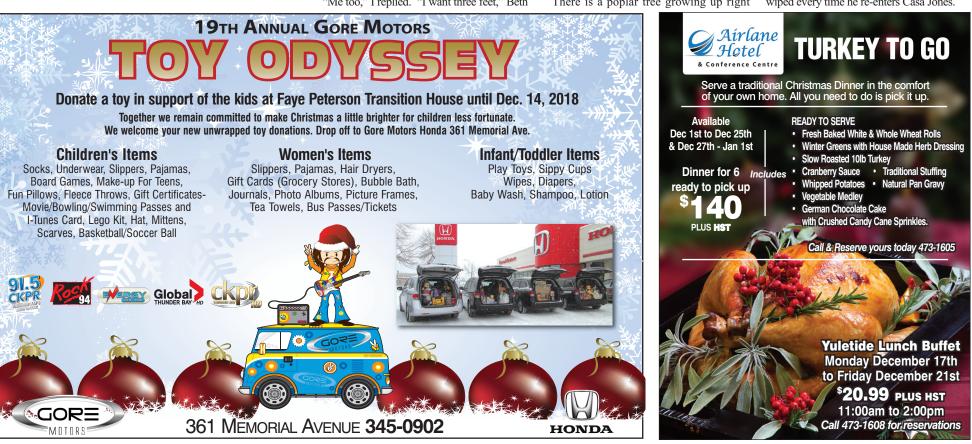
Uncovered

More of it was revealed as this was the first bit of snow of any depth, but not as much as last winter when I was able to locate the implement on an expedition to show Laura. She was impressed with this old piece of abandoned equipment hidden in the bush.

So, on my return trek, I would turn to see if I could identify unusual landmarks - a tall spruce near the site one can see from the original route or, coming at it from the other side, three young, white pine trees near the entrance to where the harrow lies.

Even if winter has settled in for the duration and we get the hoped-for amount of snow, Baxter and I will be able to locate the harrow to show friends we take on walks to the "back 40".

Just don't want this recent snowfall to be a false start and have to return to mud season. Baxter won't like it either because that means mud-paws and the torture of having them wiped every time he re-enters Casa Jones.



Japanese man happy to marry a virtual bride

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Crazy in love? The Japanese man 'married' to a hologram

None of Akihiko Kondo's relatives attended his wedding to a hologram of virtual reality singer Hatsune Miku

Akihiko Kondo's mother refused an invitation to her only son's wedding in Tokyo this month, but perhaps that isn't such a surprise: he was marrying a hologram.

"For mother, it wasn't something to celebrate," said the soft-spoken 35-yearold, whose "bride" is a virtual reality singer named Hatsune Miku.

In fact, none of Kondo's relatives attended his wedding to Miku - an animated 16-year-old with saucer eyes and lengthy aquamarine pigtails - but that didn't stop him from spending two million yen (\$17,600) on a formal ceremony at a Tokyo hall.

About 40 guests watched as he tied the knot with Miku, present in the form of a cat-sized stuffed doll. "I never cheated on her. I've always been in love with



Miku-san," he said, using a honorific that is commonly employed in Japan, even by friends. "I've been thinking about her every day," he told AFP a week after the wedding.

Since March, Kondo has been living with a moving, talking hologram of Miku that floats in a \$2,800 desktop device. "I'm in love with the whole concept of Hatsune Miku but I got married to the Miku of my house," he said, looking at the blue image glowing

He considers himself an ordinary married man - his holographic wife wakes him up each morning and sends him off to his job as an administrator at a school. In the evening, when he tells her by cellphone that he's coming home, she turns on the lights. Later, she tells him when it's time to go to bed. He sleeps alongside the doll version of her that attended the wedding, complete with a wedding ring that fits around her left wrist.

Kondo's marriage might not have any legal standing, but that doesn't bother him. He even took his Miku doll to a jewellery shop to get the ring. And Gatebox, the company that produces the hologram device featuring Miku, has issued a "marriage certificate", which certifies that a human and a virtual character have wed "beyond dimensions".

Kondo's not alone either: he says Gatebox has issued more than 3,700 certificates for "cross-dimension" riages and some people have sent

him supportive messages.

"There must be some people who can't come forward and say they want to hold a wedding. I want to give them a supportive push," he says.

Kondo's path to Miku came after difficult encounters with women as an anime-mad teenager. "Girls would say 'Drop dead, creepy otaku!'," he recalled, using a Japanese term for geeks that can carry a negative connotation.

As he got older, he says a woman at a previous workplace bullied him into a nervous breakdown and he became determined never to marry. In Japan, that wouldn't be entirely unusual nowadays. While in 1980, only one in 50 men had never married by the age of 50, that figure is now one in four.

But eventually Kondo realised he had been in love with Miku for more than a decade and decided to marry her. "Miku-san is the woman I love a lot and also the one who saved me," he said.

And while Kondo says he is happy to

be friends with a "3D woman", he has no interest in romance with one, no matter how much his mother pushes for it.

Two-dimensional characters can't cheat, age or die, he points out. "I'm not seeking these in real women. It's impossible."

Even in a country obsessed with anime, Kondo's wedding shocked many. But he wants to be recognised as a "sexual minority" who can't imagine dating a flesh-and-blood woman.

"It's simply not right, it's as if you were trying to talk a gay man into dating a woman, or a lesbian into a relationship with a man."

"Diversity in society has been long called for," he added. "It won't necessarily make you happy to be bound to the 'template' of happiness in which a man and woman marry and bear children."

"I believe we must consider all kinds of love and all kinds of happiness."

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The win is the eighth career Grand Slam tour trophy for the Homan rink, placing them only behind Jennifer Jones on the all-time list.

Homan, whose team represented Canada at the Winter Olympics earlier this year, showed why she is



Sports news information coverage

LONG WAIT: Ryan Harnden, EJ. Harnden, Ryan Fry and Brad Jacobs celebrate their Grand Slam of Curling Tour Challenge win.

But it's been two seasons since the former Brier and Olympic champion rink tasted Grand Slam victory, when he captured both the Champions Cup and The National.

Jacobs credited it to patience and mental toughness, especially after narrowly edging the Bottcher foursome in their opening match to start the week.

"We know what we're going to get

out of those guys. We knew that it was going to be a tough battle," Jacobs said. "They're a great team, they've been playing great all week. I think the back end has been performing very well, especially in the last six months. They're tough. They're a team that's here to stay, they're one of the top teams in the country."

The 26-year-old Bottcher, who was

making his Grand Slam final debut, said second place wasn't the result they were shooting for, but second's not a bad consolation prize.

"We did really all the things we wanted to do, we had a real battle with them in the first game and got on a roll there and had a real battle with them in the last game. That's all you can really ask for," Bottcher said.

Homan runs table at Tour Challenge

CURLING By Matt Vis - TB Source

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opportunity to win like that, it's always a great feeling. Even though the nerves are in there, that's what we live for,"

"To finish this game off is unbeliev-

able. Our team hasn't really won a whole lot in the last 18 months. So that

big celebration at the end was just 18

months of frustration pouring out of us

all at once and I'm just really proud of

the boys the way they played this

It was the fourth Grand Slam of

Curling title for the Jacobs rink, which

also includes lead Ryan Harnden,

second E.J. Harnden and third Ryan Fry.

ission accomplished for the Rachel Homan rink. Team Homan capped off a perfect week in Thunder Bay, capturing the Pinty's Grand Slam of Curling Tour Challenge title with an 8-4 victory in the championship final over the Tracy Fleury-led squad at the Thunder Bay Tournament Centre on Sunday afternoon.

Coming into the third event year on the Grand Slam of Curling circuit without a trophy after a loss in the semifinals at the Elite 10 and then a finals loss at the Masters last month, Homan was happy to finish this one off after running the table in group play and following it up with two playoff wins to reach the final. "The team played so well. I'm so proud of them,"

Homan said. "All week we didn't really have a blemish so it was a great, strong week by our team."



BIG WIN: Rachel Homan got her first 2018-19 GSOC win.

one of the best in the world, shooting at an 85 per cent clip in the final and third. Emma Miskew finished with a shooting percentage of 80 per cent.

Fleury, the Sudbury native now leading a team based out of Manitoba, also entered the final with an undefeated record.

In the first year with her new squad, Fleury was happy with how they came together during the week but said they weren't quite as sharp as they had been earlier in the tournament.

"It definitely felt good to get on a roll, especially because we're new and it seems like after each event we keep getting a little better," Fleury said.

Homan was given a gift in the first when Fleury had a chance to hit for two but her shooter spilled just outside of the rings, forcing her to settle for single.

"I really wanted that one," Fleury said. "In the first end, sometimes you're not quite sure what the ice is doing yet and unfortunately we just rolled out. Yeah, I want that one back."

Team Fleury then looked to put on pressure in the second end but Homan, facing a house full of Fleury rocks, nailed a triple takeout with her first that she said allowed her to think that they might be able to score with hammer.

Homan followed it up with a double on her last to come away with three.

"It was a really great finish to that rough looking end for a while," Homan said.

Saints capture junior football crown

FOOTBALL By Leith Dunick – TB Source

The St. Patrick Saints have put an end to the St. Ignatius Falcons junior football dynasty.

Led by Manerplaw Winning, who rushed for 212 yards, highlighted by a 77-yard touchdown run, and Jordan Malench, who carried the ball 12 times for 51 yards and a major and caught a 40-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Iene Auger, the Saints held off a Falcons team hunting for its seventh straight championship by a 21-14 count. It was St. Patrick's first junior title in 16 years.

What an accomplishment, Winning said, celebrating the win at Fort William Stadium with his teammates.

"St. Ignatius won six straight years in a row – since I was in Grade 3," the Grade 9 student said. "Just to stop that streak is amazing. Winning with these guys means a lot too."

It took the Saints offence two drives to



ROOKIE CHAMPS: lene Auger (left) and Manerplaw Winning holst the trophy last Saturday.

get rolling, and just two plays to cap the 92 yard drive, Winning racing up field for a 15-yard gain, then cruising 77 yards for the touchdown, the lone score of a tightly contested opening half. "T've just got to thank the (offensive)

line, because the whole year they played amazing for us. It's a treat to get to be

able to play with these guys and a great feeling. I was happy to win," Winning said.

"I thought it was just that we wanted it more. I'm just happy we broke the streak and we're champions now."

Fourteen-year-old Auger was thrilled to get a title at the high school level.

"I've played minor my whole life and won some of those. You don't get too many opportunities like this, so it feels good," said Auger, small by anyone's quarterback standards, but able to get the job done on the two passes he attempted, both to Malench, for a combined 52 yards.

The scoring strike, which came four minutes into the third, doubled the St. Patrick lead to 14-0 and put the Falcons in a deep hole.

"I just rolled out, had a good block from the o-line, saw one of my running backs open in the flat and just threw it too him," Auger said.

"I thought our defence played great today and kept us in the game."

The defence finally cracked on the opening drive of the fourth quarter, Falcons running back Michael Sheare running it in from a yard out.

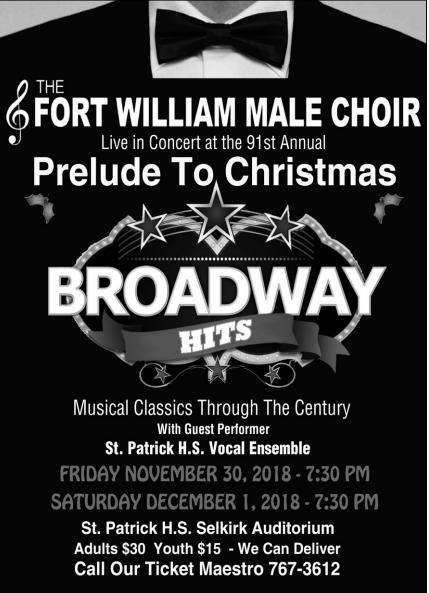
He'd finish with 144 yards on 20 carries, scoring later in the fourth on an eight-yard run to once again pull the Falcons within a touchdown.

Unfortunately for the Falcons, Winning set up Malench's second major of the day, taking the ball 55 yards to the St. Ignatius two, where the Saints other primary back had easy access to the goal line.

It just wasn't meant to be said Sheare, whose teammate Tyler Robertson also hit the century mark in rushing, running for 112 yards on 12 carries.

"They played good. They're a good team with a good offence," Sheare said. "Our defence put up a good fight though. It was a close game. It's disappointing, but our first year (players) coming up here will give them a good fight next year."





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Vikings rally for hoop title

BASKETBALL By Leith Dunick – TB Source

Danielle Charles saved her best for last. The Hammarskjold Vikings guard broke free in the final minute of Monday night's senior girls' high school basketball championship, took a pass from Esme Whalen and made no mistake on the lay-up, the bucket handing her team a come-from-behind, 43-42 win over a St. Ignatius Falcons squad that did all it could to retain the title it took from their cross-city rivals the year before, snapping Hammarskjold's four-year hold on the trophy in the process.

It capped a furious second-half rally, that saw the Vikings begin the third quarter trailing by 11, but slowly chip away at the St. Ignatius lead, focusing on playing a tighter defensive game as a way to create more offensive opportunities.

Charles, who turns 16 on Tuesday, was held to just one point in the opening half, but erupted for 11 in the final 20 minutes, including the game-winner.

"It means so much. It was really stressful though, having that pressure on me," said Charles, whose team will host the NWOSSA regional on Friday and Saturday.

"It was really special. It was hard being down the whole game, pretty much, but we knew we could win. We'd played them before so we knew we had to play our best, come together as a team."

It helped that guard Hana Whalen, who could only manage five first-half points, was able to escape the Falcons clutches in the second, pouring in 11 points of her own, including a statement three-pointer 15 seconds into the third that declared the Vikings weren't about to settle for a second



TOP NOTCH: The Hammarskjold Vikings won their fifth senior girls championship in six years.

chance on Tuesday, afforded the team as the No. 1 seed.

Whalen and Charles combined for a 6-0 run to close the third, the former hitting a basket to start the fourth that closed the St. Ignatius lead to 32-30.

"It was probably the most exciting game I've ever played," Whalen said. "It was definitely a great way to finish the season for both teams. I was very lucky to be a part of this game."

Whalen, who topped all scorers with 16, said they took things basket by basket in the second half, looking to retake the lead for the first time since they jumped in front of the Falcons 7-6 in the first.

"That's basically what we did and we had to have better defence to make one stop at a time and our offence took care of itself from there," Whalen said, adding she found a way to finish after the break, something she was unable to do for most of the opening two quarters.

"It wasn't really working for me in the first half and then I was able to get a little more open. I really wanted it, so I was really aggressive."

Amy Stieh regained the lead for the Vikings, with five minutes to go, but the Falcons fought back immediately, Erica Vidotto throwing up a prayer to put St. Ignatius back in front 39-38. She'd finish with 15 to lead the Falcons.

Esme Whalen secured the lead again for Hammarskjold on the fast break, but Andie Maylen took it back with 31 seconds left on the clock. Vidotto had a chance to up the lead to three, but missed a pair of free throws, setting the stage for Charles' heroics.



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WAIT IS OVER: The Westgate Tigers, buoyed by former Churchill players, captured their first senior boys crown since 2009.

Tigers end drought

VOLLEYBALL By Leith Dunick – TBSource

Adam Van Elburg says he came into the 2018 senior boys' volleyball season with no expectations.

Landing with the Westgate Tigers after the closure of Sir Winston Churchill Collegiate and Vocational Institute, where the Trojans ended their run with three straight Superior Secondary Schools Athletic Association championships, the 17-year-old simply hoped to contribute winning ways to his new program.

Along with four other members of the Trojans program and eight athletes from the Westgate program, Van Elburg on Monday night became a champion again.

The Tigers, brushing off a slow start, swept the St. Ignatius Falcons in three sets, winning 25-19, 25-16 and 25-17 to capture the first senior boys' title in nine years, the fifth in school history.

"Coming from a winning season at Churchill, I was hoping I could do well this year as well. To be able to come out with the win again, it feels awesome," Van Elburg said.

"I think we were able to come together as a team and play well. We haven't had much trouble with this team in the past and we were able to keep that going to secure another win."

The Tigers were heavy favourites heading into the match, needing a single win to secure the championship; the opposition Falcons needed back-to-back wins to hoist the trophy for the first time in four years.

Westgate, which heads to Kenora on Friday and Saturday to Beaver Brae in the NWOSSAA championship, rolled through the regular season with a 12-0 record, dropping just two sets along the way, one to St. Patrick, the other to Superior Collegiate.

Cody Beals, a Grade 12 student who came up through the Tigers system, said it was a fantastic win for the south-side school after nearly a decade of not taking home the trophy.

"We had a great year last year, came up short of the championship. Churchill won it, but it's a great time now that they're all here and it's a big win, for sure."

Beals said they were able to shake off a shaky beginning to the match, played at Lakehead University's C.J. Sanders Fieldhouse.

"We didn't have the greatest start in the world that we really wanted, but we got it done. We played as a team, did everything we needed to do and in the end got that championship," the Grade 12 student said.





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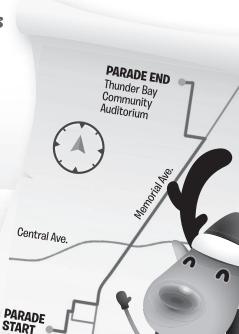
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