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NEWS RELEASE

O'Gorman High School Student Wins Third Place Award in Stephen Leacock Student Short Story Competition



Timmins, June 7, 2010: O'Gorman High School student, Matthew Sheculski, has won third prize in the Stephen Leacock Student Short Story Competition. The prize, worth \$300, is sponsored by Sun Media and Thor Motors of Orillia. On Friday, June 11, a soiree will be held at the Stephen Leacock Home in Orillia to honor the student winners. Matthew has been invited to read his poem at the gathering in Orillia.

Background on The **Stephen Leacock Student Short Story Competition**

The Stephen Leacock Student Writing Contest was first introduced to the Secondary Schools in 1976. The Archives show that the purpose of the competition, as outlined at that time, was "to encourage high school students in their writing, to recognize publicly some of the best student writers in our City and to promote understanding of the Leacock writing technique."

The requirements were as follows:

1. It should be a minimum of one thousand words in length
2. It should be of a humorous or satirical nature.
3. It should, for its subject, focus on some local topic - politics, society or some aspect of small town life.

With the help of sponsors, Thor Motors of Orillia and Sun Media (Orillia Packet and Times) they have been able to increase the prize money offered to the winner and extend the contest to include monetary awards for the second and third place finishers.

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