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Orleans Ward Coun. Bob Monette keeps his eye on the ball during the ball hockey game at the Winter's In Motion event last Saturday. See story page 3. Fred Sherwin/Photo

## LRT revival movement in for rough ride

By Fred Sherwin  
The Eastender

Efforts being made to revive the cancelled north south light rail line may not come to fruition unless a majority of councillors can be convinced that an offer to settle out of court for \$175.3 million constitutes new information.

Talk of reviving the north south light rail project reached a fever pitch last week after councillors received a letter from the LRT Consortium

offering to settle out of court for an amount of \$175.3 million – \$25.3 million for costs already incurred and \$150 million in lost opportunities, profits and/or damages.

If the city wants to avoid a costly settlement, the consortium also proposed to fulfill the original contract if the city was willing to pay a \$70 million penalty for wrongful termination of the contract. The letter gives the city until Feb. 28 to respond.

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## Groups line up to make final pitch for funding

By Fred Sherwin  
The Eastender

With city council scheduled to start their final budget deliberations next week, residents and representatives of various special interest groups kicked off three days of presentations on Monday aimed at giving the public one last kick at the budget can.

One of the first people to speak was Richard Clayman, vice-chairman of the Ottawa Chamber of Commerce which supports a “zero means zero” policy.

“We support the principle of a ‘zero-increase budget for 2007 because it is the right – and necessary – thing to do for the future,” said Clayman.

The vast majority of the

other presenters had a different message for Mayor Larry O’Brien and the rest of council. While they supported the idea of a tax freeze, they argued against a funding freeze.

Most made the case that a funding freeze actually meant a budget cut for many of them.

Speaking on behalf of the city’s subsidized day cares, Shelley Bird noted that they have to deal with increased costs for everything from rent to heating and food.

“Many day cares struggle each day to provide their kids with healthy food. Most are serving more soup than ever and more things like crackers for snacks,” said Bird who asked the councillors to consider a cost of living funding increase.

Throughout the day, presenter after presenter beseeched the councillors to modestly increase their funding. Representatives from the city’s arts and culture groups made their pitch for council to adopt the recently released Arts Investment Strategy. Two years in the making, the strategy calls for an additional \$2.5 million in arts spending over the next four years with \$1.5 million coming in 2007.

Arts supporters like Orleans Young Players artistic director Kathi Langston and Cumberland resident Susan Flemming reminded the councillors that the Arts Investment Strategy was initiated under their own direction.

Other presenters tried to convince council to reject a number

of staff recommendations including the controversial recommendation to increase OC Transpo fares. Supporters of the city’s museums asked council not to suspend the museum sustainability plan that was passed last year and calls for an additional \$300,000 in spending in 2007. More than \$3.8 million in capital funding is also at risk, with \$1.2 million slated to be spent on the maintenance and upkeep of buildings at the Cumberland Heritage Village Museum.

Representatives of the city’s disabled community addressed the councillors as well, calling on them not to accept a staff recommendation to defer the subsidized bus pass program for disabled riders.

## Community briefs

### Pair of fun-raising events set for this Friday

**ORLEANS** – Local residents looking for a diversion from the mid-winter doldrums have two events they can choose from to take their mind off things for a while. First, the St. Peter High School Parent Council is hosting a fundraising casino and bingo this Friday night from 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 at the door which includes “play money” to be used during the event. St. Peter High School is located at 750 Charlemagne Blvd. The second event which will take place this Friday as well, is the 13th annual Queenswood United Church “Time and Talent Auction” being held at the Orléans Legion on Taylor Creek Road. Over 100 items will be up for auction include handmade wood crafts, quilts, knitted items, a VIA Rail package, professional services for home and business and entertainment packages. Viewing is at 6 p.m. with the live auction to follow at 7 p.m.

### Attorney General’s office to review Kilrea affidavit

**OTTAWA** – The provincial Attorney General’s office says it will review an affidavit sworn to by former mayoralty candidate Terry Kilrea in which he claims Ottawa Mayor Larry O’Brien offered to cover his campaign expenses if he agreed to pull out of the mayor’s race. According to the information provided in the affidavit, the offer was made during a meeting last summer. Although Kilrea didn’t accept the offer, he eventually pulled out of the mayor’s race claiming he didn’t have enough money to finance a successful campaign. Instead he decided to run for city council against Alex Cullen in Bay Ward. Kilrea swore out the affidavit on the insistence of the *Ottawa Citizen* which ran a story about Kilrea’s claims two weeks ago. They also asked him to take a lie detector test which he reportedly passed with “flying colour”. The request for the Attorney General’s office to review the affidavit was made by the Ottawa and District Labour Council.

### Legion to host International Food Fair and jamboree

**OTTAWA** – The Orléans Legion is holding their annual Heart and Stroke Jamboree and International Food fair this Sunday from 1 pm. to 5 p.m. Enjoy the sounds of local Ottawa area entertainers including an Elvis impersonator while experiencing food from around the world. All proceeds go to the Heart & Stroke Foundation. The Orléans Legion is located at 800 Taylor Creek Rd. near Trim Rd. and Hwy. 174.

## Mayor faces possible non-confidence vote over LRT

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Several nervous councillors including Gloucester-Southgate Coun. Diane Deans and College Ward Coun. Rick Chiarelli say the letter constitutes new information and they want council to review their decision to cancel the \$770 million project.

To that end, Deans and Chiarelli submitted a notice of motion at the end last Wednesday’s council meeting which will come up for debate at a special meeting this Friday.

But before the motion can be debated, the mayor must first rule whether or not the letter and offer of an out of court settlement constitutes new information. Since he’s unlikely to do that, one of the councillor who support the light rail project would have to challenge his ruling. To successfully challenge the chair takes 50 per cent of the councillors present plus one.

If the challenge is successful, the motion to pay the consortium the \$70 million penalty and proceed with the north south light rail project would be brought on the floor

and debated. Reinstatement would require 50 per cent plus one. Considering the original motion to scrap the project passed by a margin of 13-11, it would only take two councillors to swing their vote to reinstate the project.

If the challenge of the chair’s ruling is unsuccessfully, reconsideration of the north south light rail project would require the support of three-quarters of the council or 18 councillors, something that is unlikely to happen. Most of the councillors who voted to scrap the project including Innes Ward Coun. Rainer Bloess and Cumberland Ward Coun. Rob Jellett don’t want to have anything to do with reopening the debate.

Ottawa Mayor Larry O’Brien and others are putting a positive spin on the consortium’s offer, noting that they only identified \$25.3 million in costs incurred. The city’s own estimates hax put the figure in the \$70 million range. O’Brien is hopeful the \$25.3 million figure is closer to what the city will end up paying.

## Calling all youth!

By Fred Sherwin  
The Eastender

Organizers of the Orleans Youth Centre are looking for youth interested in being part of a youth advisory committee that will be charged with the task of providing direction to the youth centre and all of its various activities.

In its initial stage, the as yet to be named youth centre will simply have a cyber presence where youth will be able to come to check out what’s going on, sign up for various activities or submit ideas of their own.

The job of the advisory committee will be to meet once a month to develop ideas and activities that will attract a wide variety of youth

from the east end such as a skateboard/ BMX festival, a volleyball tournament or a day long concert featuring local bands.

The youth centre already has a board of directors that can supply the advisory committee with advice and help bring the committee’s ideas to life.

In time, the youth centre will be able to make a case to the community’s political leaders to build a permanent home.

Youth interested in joining the advisory committee can submit their names at [www.blank.virtuo.ca](http://www.blank.virtuo.ca). Area youth can also visit the website to submit possible names for the youth centre.

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# Nursery school teacher receives Award of Excellence

By Fred Sherwin  
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When Donna Byrnes moved to Orléans from Edmonton 11 years ago, she was looking for a job that would combine her love of children with her love of teaching.

After working in the social service sector for two years, the former pediatric nurse successfully applied for a job as an early childhood educator at the Charlemagne Nursery School in Fallingbrook. Nine years later she's still doing what she loves to do most.

"It's very satisfying to work with young children and help them learn to be social individuals and broaden their minds. You get to watch them grow and change," said Byrnes. "There's nothing else I'd rather be doing."

On Monday, Byrnes was presented with the Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Early Childhood Education for her nine years of dedication and commitment to her profession and the more than 600 pre-school children she's cared for over the years.

"To be chosen as one of 25 across Canada is really special, and very humbling, too, to know that other people out there feel what I'm doing is important as well," said Byrnes.

Two of Byrnes' biggest fans are parent Elena Gudyrenko who nominated her for the award and Charlemagne Nursery School

director Laura Massie.

"My son, Philip, has special needs because of autism, and because of Donna's special abilities, Philip's participation can be considered a model for what can be accomplished for a special-needs child in a nursery school," Gudyrenko wrote in her submission to the selection committee.

Massie summed up the feelings of many of the parents whose children, Byrnes has cared for over the years.

"She's a very loving teacher," said Massie. "She approaches her children, and her class, with extreme affection. And she treats every child as an individual."

Byrnes received her certificate, a pin and a cheque for \$1,000 from Ottawa-Orléans MP Royal Galipeau during brief ceremony at the nursery school.

Byrnes was singled out for her work with special-needs students and for developing activities to nurture and inspire all of her students such as taking field trips, organizing concerts, and teaching sign language and speech development.

During her acceptance speech, Byrnes shared the praise with the rest of the nursery school's staff and especially the school's other two early childhood educators, Lauren Dupres and Catherine Martinelli.

"I did not earn this award on my own," said Byrnes. "We're really one big team. We



Charlemagne Nursery School teacher Donna Byrnes was one of 25 early childhood educators across the country who received the Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Early Childhood Education on Monday. Fred Sherwin/Photo

support each other and we encourage each other all the time."

# Pair of local community events attract winter worshippers

By Fred Sherwin  
The Eastender

Mother Nature decided to bless a pair of local community events with outstanding weather on Saturday, which was good news to organizers and participants alike.

At Sir Wilfrid Laurier Secondary School on Tenth Line Road, more than 70 young people joined in celebrating the season during the first ever "Winter's In Motion" fun day organized by a group of east end high school students called "Student's In Motion".

Among the events were snow volleyball, ball hockey and an art exhibit for students in Grade 1 to Grade 5. There was also traditional maple taffy rolled on the snow, a BBQ, hot chocolate and entertainment provided by a line up of local bands.

The event was kicked off by an exhibition ball hockey game between the students and local politicians including Cumberland Ward Coun. Rob Jellett Ottawa-Orléans MP Royal Galipeau, Innes Ward Coun. Rainer Bloess, Ottawa-Orléans MPP Phil McNeely and Orléans Ward Coun. Bob Monette who provided the impetus in setting up the Student's In Motion committee.

What they lacked in youth the politicians made up for in experience as they somehow managed to pull off the 5-3 win. Bloess got in on the scoring as did Ottawa-Carleton District School Board trustee John Shea who was the youngest member of the group by a long shot.

Besides the various activities, participants were also invited to drop off food for

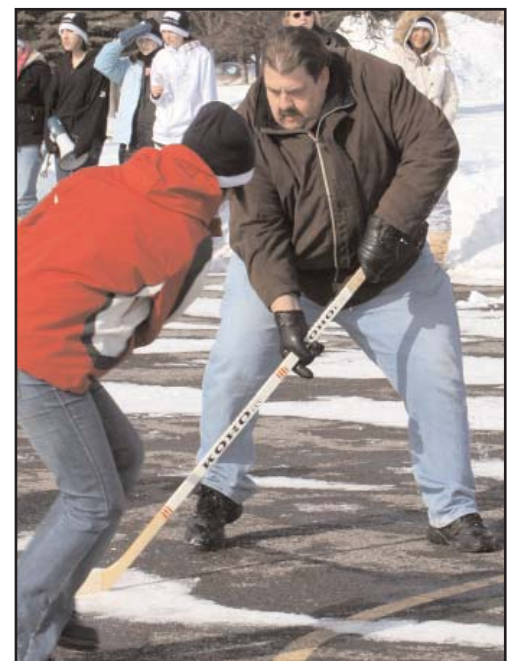
the Cumberland Emergency Food Program and purchase raffle tickets with the proceeds to go to the Candlelighters Foundation for children suffering from cancer in honour of Hannah Billings and Eric Shaw, two local kids who recently passed away from the dreaded disease.

While the Winter's In Motion event was the first of what organizers hope will become an annual event, the Blackburn Hamlet community came out in force to celebrate the season at the fourth annual Blackburn Winter Family Fun Day at the Hornet's Nest and the Green's Creek Tobogganing Hill.

Besides tobogganing, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing, many of the participants also got to enjoy a warm cup of hot chocolate and take a round trip wagon ride from the Hornet's Nest to the Green's Creek Toboggan Hill, but the highlight of the annual event is the chili contest which this year attracted eight entries. Judging the chili was left up to Ottawa-Orléans MP Royal Galipeau, MPP Phil McNeely and Innes Ward Coun. Rainer Bloess who had all worked up an appetite during the Winter's In Motion ball hockey game.

In the end, the three judges selected the chili made by Helen Rosseau as the winner. Ironically, it was the first time that Rosseau had entered the contest.

The long time Blackburn Community Association executive member bought all the ingredients including a crock pot to cook her chili in at the last minute.



Cumberland Ward Coun. Rob Jellett takes a pass during the ball hockey game at the Winter's In Motion event last Saturday. Fred Sherwin/Photo

"I was shocked. I only entered the contest because I wanted to make some extra money for the food bank," said Rosseau.

As in the past, Fun Day participants were given the opportunity to buy a cup of their favourite chili for \$1 with the money collected going to the Gloucester Emergency Food Cupboard. By the end of the day the chili pots had been scrapped dry.



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## Foreign doctors

After years of paying lip service to the inability of foreign trained physicians to practice medicine in Ontario, it looks as though the McGuinty government is finally ready to address the problem.

A number of years ago I wrote a story about the plight of foreign born professionals who've come to Canada in search of a better life and instead have been beaten down by a system that's inherently racist.

One gentleman I met had worked as a neurosurgeon in the former Soviet state of Georgia. After being in Canada for six years the only job he could get in the field was sweeping the floors at a research lab at the University of Ottawa even though he learned to speak near flawless English.

At the time I was both shocked and angered. Then reports started appearing on a regular basis about the chronic shortage of family physicians in Ontario, especially up north and in the province's rural communities.

Every time I read a new story about the shortage, I couldn't help but think about my friend from Georgia and the hundreds of other foreign trained physicians out there who would jump at the chance to practice their profession in the farthest reaches in Ontario.

I wrote that story about 10 years ago now. In 2004, the Liberal government promised to spend \$1.7 million over three years on programs designed to help international medical graduates assess their skills, find work in the health sector, boost their communications skills and better grasp the profession's legal and ethical issues. Unfortunately, the program ignored older doctors and other medical professionals who are years removed from medical school.

The biggest part of the problem is that before any doctor can practice medicine in Ontario they must serve a two year residency first. The problem with that is that there are only 200 positions available to foreign trained doctors and international medical graduates. That's because the province sells residencies to doctors who come to Ontario from elsewhere in the world, perform a residency and then go back to wherever it was they came from.

The province recently announced that it plans to increase the number of residency positions available for international medical graduates currently residing in Ontario to 550. It's a major step in the right direction and hopefully one that will address the issue of foreign trained physicians being able to practice in Ontario once and for all.

– Fred Sherwin, editor

## Principles behind 2007 draft budget fundamentally wrong

After listening to the ongoing budget debate, it's about time that someone out there put the whole thing in perspective, and since I haven't heard anyone do it so far, I thought I'd take a crack at it myself.

First and foremost, there are two key factors that come into play above all others – the mayor's steadfast position to freeze taxes and the continuing pressure wages and compensation increases pose on expenditures.

In 2007, wages and benefits will increase by an average of 4.3 per cent, amounting to a total of more than \$27 million.

To pay for the increase through the tax base would require a 2.7 per cent tax hike. But the mayor doesn't want to raise taxes, he wants to cut costs instead. A laudable pursuit if you were going to cut costs by reducing the compensation envelop through a reduction in non-frontline staff.

But that's not what they're going to do. Instead, they're threatening to defer much needed service enhancements such as subsidized bus passes for the disabled and increase bus fares for everybody else.

The city's subsidized day care centres need an inflationary increase in funding just to afford cleaning supplies and healthy food for their kids, but they're not going to get it because the city's two busy giving its workers a raise well above the rate of inflation.

During the last few days a number of public delegations have complained to council that the budget process is pitting funding for the arts against funding for ambulances or community housing.

But that's not where the line should be drawn. The real line is between funding for the arts, or more money for ambulances and staff salaries.

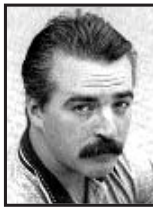
It is fundamentally wrong to cover the cost of salary increases by cancelling subsidized bus passes for the disabled or refusing to increase funding to arts groups and day cares at the rate of inflation so they can maintain the same level of service they provided last year.

To any reasonable person the choice is clear, you either increase taxes to cover the cost of the salary increases you negotiated in the first place, or have the backbone to reduce compensation costs by eliminating vacant positions or laying off non-frontline staff.

On another point, there's no question council should endorse the recently released Arts Investment Strategy and approve the recommended increase in funding. After all, they initiated the process in the first place and they did so unanimously. What sort of message does it send out when you ask residents to take time out of their busy lives to come up with a plan and then turn around and say, "Thanks, but no thanks." I'll tell you what sort of message it sends out. It sends out the message next time they ask don't bother.

Here's the city's problem in a nutshell. It's no secret that the city has been lagging behind when it comes to lifecycle maintenance of things like roads and sewers. The funding gap heading into this year was about \$150 million. The proposed budget would further widen that gap by another \$40 million.

You would think that the gas tax revenue the city is getting from the province would go towards repairing the roads, but instead its being used to cover operating costs so that the mayor can fulfill his zero means zero campaign promise. Where's the sense in that?



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# Local athletes prepare to go for gold at Canada Winter Games

By Fred Sherwin  
The Eastender

Ivanie Blondin is going. So is Natasha Coté, Erin Mitchell, Ashley Rheume, Rachel Homan, Nicholas Bean, Joel-Colin Demers, Samantha Morrison, Braeden Elliot and Caitlin Renneson.

All 10 local athletes will soon be traveling to Whitehorse to take part in the 11th Canada Winter Games along with more than 3,500 athletes, coaches and officials from every corner of the country.

The Canada Winter Games take place every four years. The last Winter Games were held in Bathurst, New Brunswick. The 2011 Winter Games will take place in Halifax. This year's event kicks off on Friday and runs until March 10.

For many athletes, competing at the Canada Winter Games represents the zenith of their athletic careers. For others, the experience is merely a stepping stone toward bigger and better things to come.

For Orlean's speed skater Ivanie Blondin, the Canada Winter Games represents a chance to add to her already impressive list of accomplishments this year which among other things includes making the national senior team and competing in three World Cup events.

The short track specialist has a chance to win five gold medals in Whitehorse, further establishing herself as one of the top young speed skaters in the country.

Blondin will be joined in Whitehorse by two other short track speed skaters from Orleans – national junior team member Nicholas Bean and Joel-Colin Demers who finished fourth at the Winter Games selection trials in October.

Two Gloucester Concordes members will also be there – Kingston native Brian Pye won the Winter Games trials and fifth



**Rachel Homan**



**Nicholas Bean**



**Ivanie Blondin**



**Erin Mitchell**



**Ashley Rheume**



**Natasha Coté**



**Joel-Colin Demers**



**Caitlin Renneson**

place finisher Braeden Elliot is going as an alternate.

Long track specialist Erin Mitchell made the long track speed skating team after finishing third at the Winter Games trials. She'll be joined in Whitehorse by fellow Gloucester Concorde member Samantha Morrison who made the long track team as an alternate.

Natasha Coté and Ashley Rheume are going to Whitehorse as members of the Team Ontario ringette team. The two girls were the only members off last year's provincial champion Gloucester Devils Belle 'AA' team to make the Winter Games squad.

The last two athletes with an east end

connection are Rachel Homan, who'll will be skipping Ontario's women's curling team, and Caitlin Renneson who made the wheelchair basketball team.

Homan and the rest of her City View Curling Club team were selected to represent the province after winning the Ontario bantam championships last year.

Renneson is a former Blackburn Hamlet resident who is no stranger to big competitions. She represented Canada in track and field at the 2000 Paralympics in Sydney, Australia where she won a bronze medal in the 400 metres and she won a bronze medal at the World Rowing Championships last summer for which she was honoured at the Ottawa Sports Award last month.

## Local business

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and Renovations, in 1999.

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Away from the job site, Tim is a husband and father of two adolescent daughters age 10 and 12. He also volunteers his time as a ringette coach for the Gloucester-Cumberland Ringette Association.

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## Local sports

# Gloucester Blackhawks add three more RepB regular season banners to their collection

By Fred Sherwin  
The Eastender

The Gloucester Blackhawks clinched three more regular season RepB championships during the past week, adding the Pee wee, Minor Pee wee and Major Bantam banners to the Minor Atom East Division title they won earlier this month.

Three weeks ago, the Minor Pee wee Blackhawks were five points behind the Nepean Red Raiders with four games left to go in the season. With Nepean having already played out their schedule, the task for the Blackhawks was clear – they needed to win two of their remaining three games to move past the Red Raiders and clinch the regular season banner.

Leaving nothing up to chance the Blackhawks went out and hammered Kanata 8-2 on Feb. 8 and then beat a tough Nepean White team 3-2 two days later to clinch the regular season championship. Then, as if to add an exclamation point to their accomplishment, they downed East Ottawa 3-2 last Saturday in a warm up to their opening round playoff game against the East Ottawa the next day which they won 8-0.

Head coach Stephen Guest says the team has really stepped up their play during the past week to 10 days thanks in part to a rash of illness and injuries which has helped forge them into a tight knit, cohesive unit.

Over the course of the 30 game regular season the Blackhawks held their opponents to two goals or less 28 times, including six shutouts. In the other two games they allowed three goals and four goals respectively. Offensively they scored four goals or more in 16 games, including six games where the margin of victory was six goals or more.

Leading the way in the goal scoring department are Nathan Hamlin and Josh Rector, while Simon Martel has added more than 10 goals in joining his two teammates among the top five point getters in the division.

Similar to the Minor Pee wee Blackhawks, the Major Pee wee team had to win two of their last three games to beat out the Goulbourn Rams for first place. After winning the first game against Kanata to move to within two points of the Raiders, they stumbled against the Russell River Rats last Monday, losing 4-1 on home ice at the Blackburn Arena.

With one game remaining against the eighth place Nepean Raiders, the Blackhawks knew they still had an excellent chance to finish in first place.

When the two teams meet at the Fred Barrett Arena on Sunday, the Blackhawks got the job done skating to a 5-2 win. Although the Blackhawks and Rams have the same number of points with 47, Gloucester was awarded first place based on the fact they had one more win than Goulbourn even though the Rams were 2-0-1 against Gloucester during the regular season.

Offensively, the Blackhawks were led by Daniel Giguere who had 24 goals and 14 assists heading into the final week of the regular season, while teammates Andrew Soulsby, Garth Ogilvie and Eamon Lahey were all in the double figures in the goal department.

The Blackhawks fourth regular season banner was clinched by the Major Bantam team which pulled off the trick with a 5-1 win over the Metcalfe River Rats on Saturday. In order to even put themselves in a position to clinch first place, the Blackhawks had to first win a pivotal game against the Mississippi Thunder Kings last Thursday.

Heading into the game, the Blackhawks were four points back of the Thunder Kings who they have a history with. It was just a year ago that the Blackhawks had to settle for second place behind the Thunder Kings. The two teams would later meet in the final round of the playoffs with Mississippi emerging victorious.



Members of the Gloucester Blackhawks Minor Pee wee RepB team pose for photo after clinching the regular season championship last Sunday. Fred Sherwin/Photo

Heading into this season the Blackhawks had three goals, two of which had to do with avenging their second place finish and playoff loss to the Thunder Kings. Their third goal is to win the Tournament of Champions which pits the top teams from the various districts in Eastern Ontario against each other.

They also went into the game against the Thunder Kings having already felt the agony of defeat when they lost in the final of the regional Silver Stick Tournament in December to the Orleans Blues.

Not wanting to experience the same feeling again and with their first pre-season goal in mind, the Blackhawks went out and beat Mississippi 3-1 in workmanlike fashion. They then downed the River Rats to claim the banner they failed to win last year.

“The kids were a pretty happy bunch,” head coach Bill Kerr said after the win. “We have probably one of the strongest offensive teams in the league and we have a solid defense. There really isn't any overall weaknesses.”

The statistics would seem to bear out Kerr's comments. Not only did they lead their division in goals for with 144 and goals against with 55 they had the third best goals for and against

ratio in the entire league at +89.

The Minor Bantam Mississippi Thunder Kings led the league with a +100 ratio and the Major Midget Metcalfe River Rats finished second at +97.

The Blackhawks also have three of the top scorers in their division in Nick Kerr, Nick Martin and Martin Denis all of whom have were nearing the 20 goal plateau heading into the final week of the regular season.

Turning to the playoffs, the Blackhawks and the Thunder Kings are heavily favoured to meet in the finals again. The two teams finished 10 points clear of their nearest rivals and are firing on all cylinders.

The four regular season championships represent a major achievement for the organization which brings together the best RepB players from Gloucester Centre Minor Hockey Association, the Leitrim Minor Hockey Association and the Blackburn Hamlet Minor Hockey Association.

But more impressive still is the fact that they finished second in the Minor Bantam division and a close third in the three remaining divisions – Atom, Minor Midget and Major Midget – which speaks volumes to the quality of the coaching the program enjoys and the talent of the players themselves.

## Local sports

# Local skaters shine at Eastern Ontario STARSkate event

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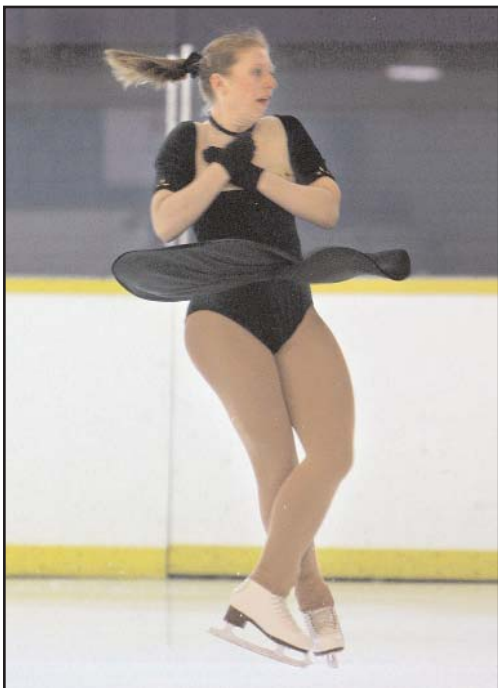
The Gloucester Skating Club welcomed hundreds of skaters from across Eastern Ontario on the weekend as the club hosted the annual Eastern Ontario STARSkate Invitational Championships (EOSIC).

Skating in the friendly confines of the Orleans Recreation Complex, no fewer than 20 Gloucester Skating Club members made the finals in their respective categories at the EOSIC meet, including Kyle Carriere, Harmony Madill and Nikki Mattocks who walked away with a gold medal hanging around their necks.

The STARSkate program is a Skate Canada sanctioned initiative aimed at allowing figure skaters who are not in the national stream to compete on a sectional, provincial and national level.

The program allows individuals to master their figure skating skills at four different levels – pre-preliminary, preliminary, junior and senior. Skaters are graded on the elements they can perform at each level in four different areas – skating skills, ice dance, free skate and interpretive. The junior and senior levels are also broken down into three different categories – bronze, silver and gold. Each category is based on the degree of mastery a skater achieves in performing a variety of elements.

The goal of most of the skaters competing on the weekend was to make it to the finals in their respective event. The top three in each event earned an invitation to the Trillium STARSkate Championships in Waterloo next month.



Harmony Madill performs a double jump during the free skate portion of the Senior Gold Women's Triathlon at the Eastern Ontario STARSkate Invitational Championships on the weekend. Fred Sherwin/Photo

For those skaters who finished in first place in the triathlon events made up of three separate components – skating skills, an interpretive routine and a free skate – there was the additional incentive of qualifying for the Canadian STARSkate Championships in Calgary from March 22-24.

For 25-year-old Harmony Madill, the EOSIC competition represented a second chance to get back to the STARSkate nationals where she finished a disappointing fifth last year after falling during her interpretive routine.

Despite placing second in Sunday's free skate after falling on her last double lutz, Madill still walked away with a golden ticket to Calgary thanks to a pair of first place performances in the skating skills portion of the competition and the interpretive skate.

"I was extremely nervous I put a lot of pressure on myself and I really wanted to go to Calgary," said Madill who's been training with the Gloucester Skating Club since moving to Ottawa four years ago to work at the Ministry of Environment.

During her two and half minute free skate routine, Madill completed five of six double jumps including a difficult double lutz, double loop combination that's given her problems in the past.

Like many of the competitors in action on the weekend, Madill is a product of the CanSkate program which she joined almost as soon as she could walk. She still skates because of her love of the sport.

"I skate because I love it. I don't want to quite," says Madill.

Nineteen-year-old Kyle Carriere will be joining Madill in Calgary thanks to his first place performance in the Senior Silver Triathlon.

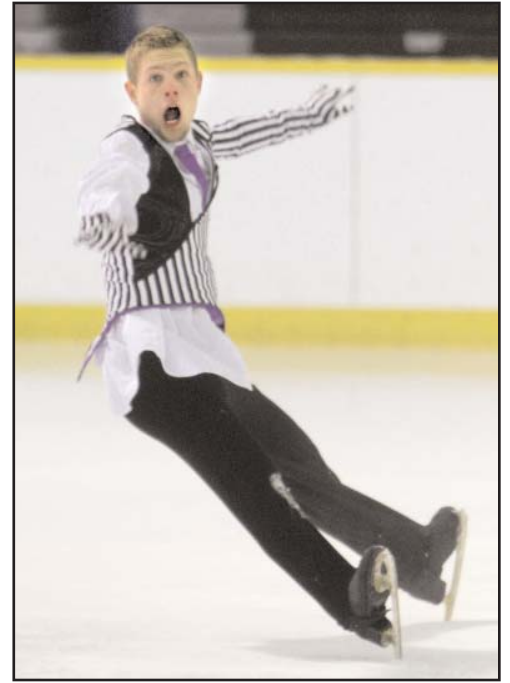
"I'm very excited. It'll be the first time I've ever taken a plane to a competition," said Carriere, who earned a ticket to Calgary after wowing the judges with his Beetlejuice performance during the interpretive portion of the competition.

After graduating from high school this year, Carrier plans to audition for Disney on Ice in Florida. If he doesn't make it, he sees himself balancing his own skating with coaching.

While Madill and Carriere are heading off to Calgary for the STARSkate nationals, fellow Gloucester Skating Club member Nikki Mattocks qualified for the Trillium STARSkate Championships in Waterloo thanks to her first place performance in the Junior Bronze Women's Freeskate final.

All told, the club placed five skaters in the final round of 15. Besides Mattocks, Michaela Feibel placed sixth, Laryssa Powidajko placed seventh, Sydnie Baker placed 10th and Nicole Francki placed 15th. Some 52 skaters started off the competition in four flights.

Sarah Jaworski may be heading to Waterloo as well after she finished fourth in



Kyle Carriere feigns falling over during his Beetlejuice routine in the interpretive portion of the Senior Silver Men's Triathlon event at the Eastern Ontario STARSkate Invitational Championships last weekend. Fred Sherwin/Photo

the Junior Bronze Women's Freeskate Final. If one of the top three performers can't make it to the Trillium STARSkate Championships for whatever reason, Jaworski would take their place.

Joining Jaworski in the top 10 in the freeskate final were teammates Sarah Bernabe-Pascua who placed fifth, Sonia Tang who finished seventh and Sarah Kelly who placed 10th. Placing four skaters in the finals represents a tremendous accomplishment for the skating club considering that 112 skaters started out the competition in the division.

In the Junior Women's Bronze Triathlon, Arianne Gosselin and Karina Boisvert placed seventh and eighth respectively after both of them had difficulty with their free skate. Heading into the final portion of the triathlon, Boisvert was in fourth place and Gosselin was sixth, but they placed 16th and 14th in the free skate which caused them to tumble in the standings.

Boisvert would bounce back to place fourth in the Silver Biathlon Dance event with partner Catherine Paquette.

Other Gloucester Skating Club members who fared well include Nadine Slupeikis who placed seventh in the Pre-Preliminary Women's Freeskate Final out of a field of 112 competitors; Celina Salamani finished ninth in the Preliminary Women's Freeskate Final out of 80 skaters; Malcolm Jones and Jeremy Ploughman placed eighth and ninth respectively in the Junior Bronze Men's Freeskate Final; and Marc-Alexandre Hudson and Jocelyn Poisson placed fourth in the Junior Bronze Pairs Dance event.

## Local sports

# Host Wolverines win three gold medals at B-ball tourney

By Fred Sherwin  
The Eastender

Home court advantage proved to be just that for the Gloucester Wolverines last weekend. The hosts of the Mike O'Connor Tournament won all three of the finals they were in, including an exciting 47-42 overtime win over Blessed Sacrament in the Juvenile AAA final.

The defending provincial champions were led by Danielle Ranger who scored 26 points, including six three pointers. Teammate Genevieve Lalonde earned the Outstanding Hustle Award. Both players were on last year's championship squad along with Shauna Kent, Tauralee Tenn and Katie Chase. In fact, Lalonde and Kent were teammates on the Wolverines team that won the Major Midget provincial championship in 2005.

This year's major midget team rolled through the round robin portion of the tournament, winning all three of their games by nine points or more. After decimating the Kingston Fighting Irish 64-28 in the semi-finals they took on Goulbourn in an incredibly physical gold medal game.

After spotting Goulbourn an eight point lead in the first quarter, the Wolverines went on a 13-2 run in the second stanza to take a three point lead at the half.

Gloucester continued to pour it on after the break, extending their lead to 33-23 by the end of the third quarter. Goulbourn managed to cut the Wolverines lead to six points with just over three minutes left to go in the game before Gloucester then went on a 6-1 run to win the game 43-32.

Trish Grey led all scorers with 16 points included eight in the pivotal third quarter.

Wolverines head coach Beth Resch chalked up the major midget team's first tournament win of the season to their finally coming together as a cohesive unit.

"The girls are starting to get in sync. They're starting to believe in themselves and they're starting believe in what each player brings to the team," says Resch.

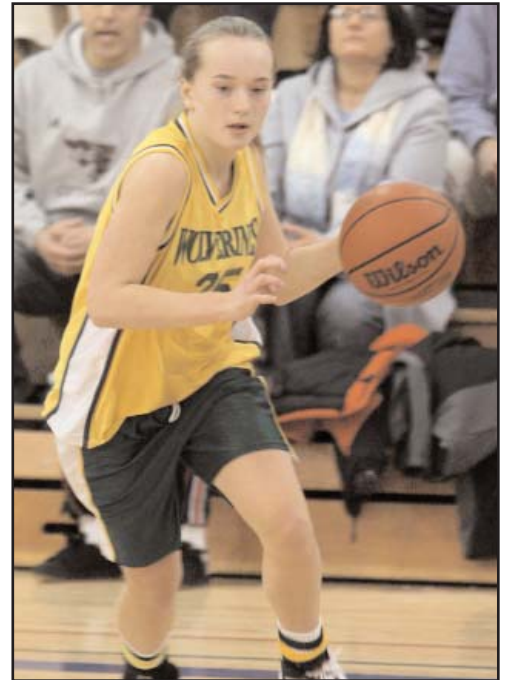
The Wolverines' third gold medal was won by the Major Bantam team which avenged a one point last minute loss to Hamilton Transway in the round robin portion of the tournament by winning the final 44-34.

Gloucester hit the floor running in the gold medal game, jumping out to a 19-7 lead before both teams settled down in the second quarter. The score at half-time was 27-16 in favour of the Wolverines.

Transway managed to whittle Gloucester's lead down to a single point with just under three minutes to go in the third quarter before the Wolverines went on a 6-0 run to take control of the game. They extended their lead to nine points early in the fourth quarter and then managed to maintain their advantage through to the final buzzer.

The win was truly a team effort with six players factoring in on the scoring led by Rachel Nicholson with nine points, Fergene Sheehy had eight and Magan Kent added seven while picking up the Outstanding Hustle Award.

Head coach Al Horton said the team's success in the tournament reflected their



The Gloucester Wolverine Magan Kent pushes the ball up court during the Major Bantam 'AAA' final on the last day of the Michael O'Conner Tournament on Sunday. Fred Sherwin/Photo play of late.

"We've had a few difficulties with not everyone able to practice, but the girls have been stepping up their game each and every tournament and they stepped up their play in each game this tournament," said Horton who wants to continue building on their recent momentum right through until the provincial championships in April.

# Orléans swimmer ends U.S. collegiate career with a splash

By Fred Sherwin  
The Eastender

Orléans swimmer Danielle Béland ended her stellar career at the University of Akron on Saturday by winning the 200 yard butterfly event at the Mid-American Conference Swimming and Diving Championships.

It was Béland's second win of the meet, having already finished first in the 100-yard butterfly on Friday. The former St. Peter High School and Béatrice-Desloges student also picked up First Team All-MAC honours for the second year in a row and was named as the most outstanding senior swimmer in the conference for her accomplishments during the past year.

More importantly, she swam under the NCAA 'B' standard in the 200-yard event which means she may get an invitation to

the NCAA championships in Minneapolis next month. Béland touched the wall in 2:02.06 in the 200 fly, which is nearly a second under the 'B' qualifying standard of 2:02.55. The 'A' standard is 1:58.99.

Before packing her bags for Minneapolis, however, Béland must first wait until she finds out how many swimmers in the country made the 'A' standard. The field of 32 is then filled out by swimmers who made the 'B' standard based on their times.

Even if Béland doesn't make it to the NCAA championships, she can still look back on a successful career in which she was undefeated in the 100 and 200 yard butterfly events over the past two years.

Besides the two butterfly events, Béland finished third in the 500 yard freestyle final on Friday.



Danielle Béland

## Local sports

# St. Pete's, Gloucester advance to 'AAA' semi-finals

By Fred Sherwin  
The Eastender

The St. Peter Knights and the Gloucester Gators took the first step towards a possible berth in the 'AAA' basketball championship game on Tuesday, while the Colonel By Cougars suffered a heartbreaking loss to the Nepean Knights.

The second ranked St. Peter Knights proved to be too much for the defending champion St. Matt's Tigers who failed to make it past the quarterfinals for the first time in four years.

The Knights relied on their stifling defence and the inside presence of Jordan Kirchberger to limit the Tigers to 43 points, while Luc Minani lead the way on offence scoring 23 points of the Knights' 53 points. Kirchberger contributed 16 points and Brady Anderson tossed in another 10 points.

But it was the Knights success at forcing the Tigers to have to rely on their outside shooting that won them the game.

"I thought we defended well," said Knights coach Ashley Coventry after the game. "We knew (Mike) Dunsmore would get his shots off, we just didn't want the other guys lighting it up."

In the end, Dunsmore would score 18 points including three three-pointers in his final game in a Tigers' uniform. He along with fellow second year senior Vince O'Hearn were the only starters who returned

from last year's championship team.

A lack of experience and size proved to be the Tigers downfall all season. On a positive note, coach Jason Wren is looking forward to returning a majority of his line-up next year while inheriting several players from the junior team that has a legitimate shot at the Tier 1 championship.

"Next year I have most of the team coming back and some good guys are coming up," said Wren displaying the eternal optimism of a high school basketball coach.

For the Knights they can look forward to a semi-final match-up against the Nepean Knights who came back from a 10 point deficit against the Colonel By Cougars to win 57-55 on a pair of free throws with four seconds left on the clock.

Like Wren, Cougars' head coach Phil Roberts is already looking forward to next year when he will be returning all five of his starters.

The Gators won a date with the number one ranked St. Patrick Fighting Irish in the semi-finals, after downing All Saints 67-60 behind a 25 point performance from Aaron Rados.

Gloucester will have to be firing on all cylinders if they hope to pull off the upset over a Fighting Irish team that demolished the Bell Bruins 86-46.

In AA hoops action on Tuesday, Samuel Genest was the only east end team to advance to the semi-finals thanks to a 45-42



The St. Peter Knights' Luc Minani pushes past Vince O'Hearn from St. Matt's during second half action in their quarterfinal game on Tuesday. Fred Sherwin/Photo

win over A.Y. Jackson. Both the Louis Riel Rebelles and the Gisele Lalonde Titans were not as fortunate, losing to Notre Dame and Immaculata respectively.

Immaculata will now take on Samuel Genest, while Notre Dame must face Mother Teresa who made short work the Rideau Rams winning 50-35.

# Navan hurler given hefty raise by Baltimore Orioles

By Fred Sherwin  
The Eastender

Navan hurler Erik Bédard didn't have to justify his worth to an arbitrator after all. The big left-hander avoided having to go to scheduled arbitration hearing on Tuesday by agreeing to a one year deal with the Baltimore Orioles last weekend worth a reported \$3.4 million plus bonuses.

Prior to the deal Bédard was asking for \$4 million, while the Orioles were offering \$2.7 million.

In the end, Bédard, who is in the process of building a new home on a piece of property near Sarsfield, will be getting a healthy pay raise over the \$1.4 million he made last year when he established himself as the ace of the Orioles young staff. Bédard lead the team in starts (33), wins (15), innings pitched (196 1/3) and strikeouts (171).

"I am happy," Bédard told the Baltimore Sun on Saturday. "The biggest part is not to go to a court hearing and hear you (stink). I am just glad it's over with."

Along with his base salary of \$3.4 million, Bédard can earn \$100,000 in performance bonuses this season: \$25,000 each for 175, 185, 195 and 200 innings pitched. Also under the deal, Bédard won't be eligible for free agency until 2009.

The \$1.4 million contract he agreed to last year was a leap of faith for both sides. The Orioles wanted to see if Bédard could stay off the injured reserves list for a whole season before committing to a long term contract and Bedard was willing to sign a one year deal to prove his worth.

In the end, Bédard had an impressive campaign playing for one of the worst teams in baseball and established himself as one of the top lefty prospects in the major leagues on par with the likes of Johan Santana.

According to a Baltimore Sun report, Bédard has been noticeably more outgoing with his teammates and reporters since reporting to the team's spring training camp in Fort Lauderdale on Feb. 12. The story quotes Orioles vice-president Jim Duquette who remembers Bédard barely making eye contract with him last spring, but now is "carrying himself differently and with more confidence".

About Bédard, teammate Adam Loewen said: "He's always been a very mature, professional guy. His confidence has always been up, but this year, he is more relaxed in front of everybody. He's a little more talkative. It's good to see. He's our ace. And we want him to be a part of everything."

If Bédard and the Orioles had gone to arbitration the process would have played out in a hotel conference room in Phoenix. At the head of a long table, three arbitrators would have been seated, flanked on one side by Bédard, his representative, Mark Pieper, and a team of agents.

On the other side of the table, Orioles general counsel H. Russell Smouse and his son, Greg, would have sat with members of the Orioles' front office. Representatives from the Major League Baseball Players Association and Major League Baseball would also have been present.

Over the course of the next four to five hours, both sides would have presented their cases, using statistical analysis and comparisons to support their causes. Though making sure not to disparage the Orioles' best pitcher, Smouse would have argued that Bédard should earn \$2.7 million for the 2007 season, not \$4 million. Pieper would have argued the other side. Most likely a day later, the arbitrators would have ruled whether Bédard earns his asking price or the Orioles' offer.

It should be note that the Orioles are one of the most successful teams in arguing arbitration cases in Major League Baseball, winning eight of the last nine cases.

# East end wrestlers win seven gold medals at high school wrestling championships

By Fred Sherwin  
The Eastender

East end wrestlers managed to collect seven gold and nine silver medals at the National Capital Secondary School Wrestling Championships on Tuesday, earning themselves a ticket to the provincial championships next week.

Of the 16 wrestlers who will be going to the provincial championships, five are from Lester B. Pearson, three are from Garneau and two each are from St. Matt's, Colonel By, Gloucester and Béatrice-Desloges.

Brian Scheier from Lester B. Pearson which finished second in the overall standings and Sarah Stringer from Colonel By were the only repeat gold medalists from the east end.

Of the five wrestlers Stringer faced in the 61 kg division, she beat four of them by pinfall in the first round including Janelle Samson from Béatrice-Desloges who had to settle for a silver medal for the second time in the last two years.

Scheier breezed through his early matches in the 95 kg weight class, winning his first three matches by pinfall before taking on Brookfield's Dan Barsky in the gold medal match.

After losing the first round in just 51 seconds thanks to a pair of three point take downs by barsky, Scheier stormed back to the next two round 6-1, 5-1 for the victory.

One of the most inspiring gold medal performances of the day was turned in by Lester B. Pearson wrestler Kathleen Clark who emerged victorious in the 47.5 kg division. During last year's city championships the referee stopped her 51 kg gold match against Kellie Heney when Clark injured her shoulder.

It was a reversal of fortune for Clark who had beaten Heney the year before as a Grade 9 student. This year, Clark moved down a weight class and only had to face two opponents. After beating Anna Majcher from St. Mark by a second round pinfall in her opening match, she took on her teammate and last year's gold medallist at 41 kg, Tanisa Duckworth. After winning the opening round 6-0, Clark jumped out to a six point lead in just 48 seconds in the second round before being awarded the match on superiority.

Fellow Lester B. Pearson Panther Luis Castillo captured a silver medal in the 51 kg division wrestling in only his second year after successfully fending off a challenge by Hassan Mohammed from Canterbury.

In high school wrestling, the winner of the bronze medal match can challenge the loser of the gold medal match if they haven't already faced each other. In this case Mohammed had the right to challenge Castillo who ended pinning him in the first round.

Pearson's second silver medal was won by veteran Josh Delangis who continued his long standing rivalry with South Carleton wrestler Ben Grant in the 54 kg final. The two have wrestled each other for the gold medal in each of the past two years with Delangis winning their first showdown in 2005 and Grant taking home the gold medal last year.

In Tuesday's rubber match, Grant took the first round 5-0 which meant that Delangis needed to win or tie the second round to force a third and deciding round. Although Grant only scored a point in the second round, he managed to prevent Delangis from getting on the scoreboard to win the match two rounds to zero.

Less than 20 minutes after losing to Grant, Delangis had to return to the wrestling mat to fend off a challenge from bronze medalist Steven Delayer from Hillcrest.

One of the gutsiest performances of the day was turned in by Jenn Blodgett from St. Matt's who had to fend off a challenge from Béatrice-Desloges wrestler Christine Lamb in the 54 kg division to keep her silver medal, less than 20 minutes after losing to Heney in a hard fought gold medal match.

Blodgett was physically ill between the two matches, but managed to pull herself together in time to defend her silver medal and a trip to the provincial championships.

After Blodgett won the first round 1-0, she found herself down 2-1 late in the second round when she managed to flip Lamb on her back to score two points and win the match.

Afterwards, the Grade 11 student admitted that it was one of her toughest match in her high school wrestling career which



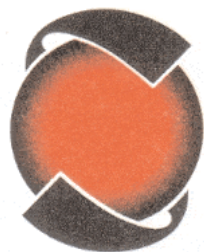
Lester B. Pearson wrestler Josh Delangis ties up his opponent on his way to winning a silver medal at the National Capital Secondary School Wrestling Championships on Tuesday. Fred Sherwin/Photo

includes a gold medal in the 51 kg division in 2005.

"With being sick and everything it kind of made it tough, but I pulled myself together before the match," said a thrilled Blodgett who will be returning to the provincial championships after a one year absence.

Among the east end's gold medal winners were Ian Lavalley from St. Matt's who won all three of his matches in the heavyweight division by pinfall; Michio Clarke from Colonel By struck gold in the 47.5 kg division; Ashley Lesieur from Garneau won the gold medal in the 51 kg division and Sohie Couturier-Bertrand from Gloucester took home the gold medal in the 64 kg division

Silver medal performances were turned in by Pat Laplante from Béatrice-Desloges in the heavyweight division, Dan Ruedl from Garneau in the 89 kg weight class; Melissa Lemire from Béatrice-Desloges in the 67.5 kg division and George Luka from Gloucester High School in the 64 kg weight class.



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# Artscetera

## Toronto chamber ensemble coming to Orléans

By Fred Sherwin  
The Eastender

Chamber music fans are in for a real treat next week when The Toronto Consort ensemble comes to the east end as part of this year's Concerts Cumberland music series. The concert has been moved up to next Friday from its original March 9 date due to circumstances beyond the organizers' control.

The Toronto Consort is one of Canada's leading chamber ensembles specializing in the music of the Middle Ages, Renaissance, and early Baroque periods.

The group has eight members including both singers and instrumentalists. Among the instruments the ensemble utilizes are a lute, recorder, guitar, flute, early keyboards and percussion.

The programme will feature songs written during the English Renaissance which took place during the latter half of the 16th century.

The first half of the concert entitled "Shakespeare's Songbook", includes songs that either appear in, are quoted in, or alluded to in Shakespeare's plays and which Shakespeare's audiences would have actually heard.

The second half of the performance is entitled "Ballads, Catches and Fancies".

Tickets for the concert are \$22 for adults, \$18 for seniors and \$10 for students.

The concert is scheduled to get under way at 8 p.m. and should last about 90 minutes with a brief intermission. A short reception will follow the performance dur-



The Toronto Consort will be performing their unique repertoire of English Renaissance and baroque music next Friday night at the Orleans United Church. File photo

ing which members of the audience will have the chance to meet some of the performers. Orleans United Church is located at 1111 Orleans Blvd., just north of Hwy. 174.

## Community calendar

FRIDAY, FEB. 23

**FUNDRAISING CASINO AND BINGO** hosted by the St. Peter High School Parent Council from 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Tickets \$20 at the door.

Admission includes "play money" to be used during the event. St. Peter H.S. is located at 750 Charlemagne Blvd.. Please contact Catrina Curran at 613-830-9005 to order your tickets. Everyone is welcome! Please visit our website for an up-to-date list of prizes at [www.stpeterhigh.ca](http://www.stpeterhigh.ca).

**13TH ANNUAL QUEENSWOOD UNITED CHURCH TIME AND TALENT AUCTION** at the Orléans Legion, 800 Taylor Creek Dr. Over 100 items up for auction. Many handmade wood, crocheted, quilted and knitted items, VIA Rail trip package, professional services for home and business, and entertainment packages. Viewing at 6 p.m. Live auction will begin at 7 p.m. For more information call 613-824-0828.

**RON PRESCOTT** will be performing at the Orléans Legion, 800 Taylor Creek Dr. from 7:30-11:30 p.m. Visit <http://www.rcl632.com> for more information.

**JACQUES' TRAP ROADHOUSE** in Carlsbad Springs presents the Joshua Morin Band, pop and alternative rock, from 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. No cover.

SATURDAY, FEB. 24

**BUFFET STYLE BREAKFAST** served from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Orléans Legion, 800 Taylor Creek Rd. Homestyle cooking served by friendly volunteers. This is a fundraising event for the Legion.

**OPEN MUSICAL JAM SESSION** from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Orléans Legion, 800 Taylor Creek Rd. All entertainers welcome.

SUNDAY, FEB. 25

**SUNDAY BRUNCH** at the Bearbrook Resort on Russell Road. Menu includes game meat as

well as regular breakfast items, special salads and deserts. Bring the family and enjoy your Sunday at the farm. Seatings at 11 a.m., 12 noon and 1 p.m. Cost is \$18.69 plus taxes for adults and \$9.35 plus taxes for children age 4 to 14. Children under 4 eat for free. By reservations only. Call 613-835-2227.

**HEART AND STROKE JAMBOREE AND INTERNATIONAL FOOD FAIR** from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Orleans Legion, 800 Taylor Creek Rd. Enjoy the sounds of local Ottawa area entertainers including Elvis. Experience food from around the world, and take a chance of the instant win prize draw. \$10 per person for food fair. All proceeds go to the Heart & Stroke Foundation. For more information call 613-830-9984.

TUESDAY, FEB. 27

**HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**MEETING** beginning at 7 p.m. in the Colonel By Room at Ottawa City Hall.

**PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING** beginning at 7 p.m. in the Honeywell Room at Ottawa City Hall.

THURSDAY, MARCH 1

**COMMUNITY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING** beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the Champlain Room at Ottawa City Hal.

FRIDAY, MARCH 2

**CONCERTS CUMBERLAND** presents The Toronto Consort, Canada's leading chamber music ensemble specializing in the music of the Middle Ages, Renaissance, and early Baroque periods. The concert will take place at the Orleans United Church, 1111 Orléans Blvd. (just north of Hwy. 174) at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$22 for adults, \$18 for sen-

iors and \$10 for students under the age of 25.

SATURDAY, MARCH 3

**BUFFET STYLE BREAKFAST** served from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Orléans Legion, 800 Taylor Creek Rd. Homestyle cooking served by friendly volunteers. This is a fundraising event for the Legion.

**NAVAN MINOR BASEBALL REGISTRATION** at the Navan Memorial Arena from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Mixed ages 5-18yrs. Call Nancy Toonders for more information at 613-835-2925 or Louise Cleroux at 837-3995.

**JACQUES' TRAP ROADHOUSE** in Carlsbad Springs presents "The Memphis Mafia - A 70's Musical Celebration". Three shows from 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$10 per person. For more info visit [www.jacquestrapp.ca](http://www.jacquestrapp.ca).