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Mary Kathryn and Emma Bohn (right) show off some of the hardware they won at the recent American Dance Award championships in Orlando. See story on page 8. Fred Sherwin/Photo

## Orléans Ward crime rate remains high

By Fred Sherwin  
The Eastender

For the second straight year Orléans has the highest crime rate among the city's 11 suburban and rural wards, according to statistics released week this week by the Ottawa Police Service.

According to the numbers, despite a six per cent drop in the number of Criminal Code Offences committed in 2006, Orléans still has the highest rate of offences committed per 100,000 residents at 3,690. That's 400 more criminal offences

committed per 100,000 residents than Kanata South which saw 3,205 Criminal Code Offences committed per 100,000 residents in 2006.

The main reason Orléans Ward still has the highest suburban crime rate in Ottawa is because of a 20 per cent spike in Criminal Code Offences the previous year. While property offences dropped significantly in Orléans in 2006, the ward still had the third highest property crime rate when compared to the other 10 suburban and rural municipalities.

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## Orléans youth invited to get 'Toasted' this weekend

By Fred Sherwin  
The Eastender

This Saturday, local youth aged 13 to 17 will be able to get toasted at the first ever Toast event being organized by the Sketch Youth Centre.

The event, which is expected to attract upwards of 500 young people, is being held from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the parking lot at the Orléans Recreation Centre on Youville Drive near the skateboard park.

Organizers are planning plenty of music provided by independent bands from around the Ottawa region, skateboarding, a legal graffiti wall and a mocktail bar.

Most of all it will be a gathering of young people from the

Orléans area who just want to get together, enjoy some live music and have fun, says co-organizer Michaël Bergeron.

"It's going to be the perfect place to chill out, have a good time with your friends and do something in Orléans," says Bergeron.

Toast is the first official event being organized by the Sketch Youth Centre, which recently came into being to provide local youth with somewhere to go and something to do in Orléans.

Rather than being located in an actual building, the Sketch Youth Centre is a cyber gathering place where youth can visit and find information about upcoming events like Toast.

The goal is to get youth involved in organizing the events themselves under the guidance of Sketch's board of directors which includes Carolle Seguin from the Orléans-Cumberland Community Resource Centre, Bernard Charlebois, Syd Davie, Deborah O'Connor, Fred Sherwin and André Brisebois.

During the Toast event, participants will be able to purchase Sketch dollars which will entitle them to a discount on food and the mocktail bar. When they purchase the money they will also be asked to provide their name, postal code and e-mail address so they can be included on Sketch's mailing list for upcoming events.

Bergeron believes Toast is

just the tip of the iceberg of what's to come once local youth take an active role in helping to plan future events.

"With their ideas and our guidance, we'll be able to accomplish anything," says Bergeron.

The group has already managed to secure some top notch sponsors including West 49, the Eastern Ontario Training Board, RBC and Place d'Orléans.

Eventually they hope to have a home of their own with four walls, office space and room to grow. For now their goal is to get area youth energized, excited and involved and Toast should be a wonderful start.

For more information visit [www.sketchorleans.com](http://www.sketchorleans.com).

## Community briefs

### Cumberland museum to host model train event

**CUMBERLAND VILLAGE** — Local train buffs will be heading to the Cumberland Heritage Village Museum in Cumberland Village this Sunday for All Aboard! Visitors will be able to drop by the Ottawa Valley Live Steamers and Model Engineers Club and take a ride on the back of a scale model steam locomotive around their 1.5 km track. The Station Master's Office will be bustling with amateur telegraphers learning how to telegraph a simple message using Morse code and there will be model trains on display. The Cumberland Heritage Village Museum is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$6 for adults, \$4 for seniors and students and a family of four is \$15.

### Fallingbrook Summerfest planned for long weekend

**FALLINGBROOK** — The Fallingbrook Community Association will once again be hosting its Family Summerfest during the August long weekend featuring amusement rides and plenty of local entertainment. Things kick off on Friday, Aug. 3 in the parking lot of the Ray Friel Centre. The midway will be open from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. from Saturday to Sunday, and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 7. The main stage will be the centre of attention on Sunday, Aug. 5 with a full line-up of entertainment from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Among the performers will be Alex Lacasse and Kira Isabella from Fallingbrook, the Elaine Hunter School Dancers and Anastasia Phillipova. For more information visit [www.fallingbrook.com](http://www.fallingbrook.com).

### Area residents invited to Petrie Island picnic

**ORLEANS** — For the second year in a row, Ottawa-Orléans MPP Phil McNeely is hosting a community corn roast and BBQ on Petrie Island for east end residents. The event is scheduled to take place in Tuesday, July 31 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. In case of rain the event will be held on Aug. 1. Besides free corn and hot dogs, residents will be able to sign a petition against building a possible bridge on the island. While a member of Ottawa city council, McNeely was one of the driving forces behind turning Petrie Island into a park and recreation facility. He also helped the Petrie Island Outdoors Club get started by facilitating their Trillium Grant application.

## B&Es, car thefts drop by nearly 50%

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According to the report, there were 123 break and enters in Orléans Ward in 2006 compared to 251 in 2005 for a 35 per cent decrease and motor vehicles thefts were down 54 per cent from 115 in 2005 to 52 in 2006.

The good news, however, does not extend to the number of violent crimes that were committed in the ward in 2006. Robberies were up 9.7 per cent and assaults increased by nearly 37 per cent, both of which contributed to Orléans having the third highest violent crime rate of the 11 suburban and rural municipalities.

In terms of actual numbers, there were 147 assaults reported in the ward in 2006 and 26 robberies.

By comparison, Innes Ward, which includes Blackburn Hamlet and Chapel Hill, had the highest rate of violent crime among the 11 suburban and rural municipalities at 367.5 crimes committed per 100,000 residents. Kanata South was second at 356.5 and Orléans Ward was third at 355.5.

In terms of actual numbers, there were 124 reported assaults in Innes Ward in 2006 and 19 robberies, both of which were down from the year before when 144 assaults were committed and 21 robberies reported.

On a more positive note, Innes Ward had the third lowest property crime rate of the 11 municipalities at 1,174.4 crimes per 100,000 residents. The only two wards that had a lower property crime rate were Barrhaven at 1,073.2 and West Carleton at 1,167.9.

By comparison, the property crime rate in Beacon Hill, Cyrville, which lies just inside the Greenbelt, was more than double that of either Orléans or Innes Wards in 2006 at 4,162 offences per 100,000 residents.

The violent crime rate in Beacon Hill, Cyrville was also double that of its eastern neighbours at 745.6 crimes per 100,000 residents. In 2006, there were 208 reported assaults in Beacon Hill, Cyrville Ward, 46 robberies and one other sexual offence.

Cumberland Ward had the sixth highest crime rate out of the 11 suburban and rural municipalities at 2,729 Criminal Code Offences per 100,000 residents.

Property crimes, including break and enters, were down 4.9 per cent and violent crimes were down by five per cent. The only area that saw an increase in activity was car theft which went up by 22.2 per cent from 63 in 2005 to 77 in 2006.

When looking at the property crime rates in the 11 suburban and rural wards outside the Greenbelt, Orléans and Cumberland lead the pack with 1,982 and 1,953 incidents per 100,000 residents respectively, while Innes Ward has the fifth lowest property crime rate of the city's 23 wards with 1,390 incidents per 100,000 residents.

One of the areas that showed significant improvement in all three east end wards outside the Greenbelt was in Criminal Code Offences that don't fall under either the property or violent crime headings. These include offences such as graffiti, vandalism, arson, weapon offences, trespassing and mischief.

In 2006, crimes other than property and violent crimes only increased by 2.6 per cent in Orléans Ward and 3.1 per cent in Cumberland Ward, while Innes Ward experienced a 14.8 per cent decrease.

To look at a detailed breakdown of the ward by ward crime statistics visit [http://www.ottawapolice.ca/en/resources/crime\\_analysis\\_statistics/index.cfm](http://www.ottawapolice.ca/en/resources/crime_analysis_statistics/index.cfm).

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# Ottawa's crime rate continues to remain stable

By Fred Sherwin  
The Eastender

The Ottawa Police Service is crediting better policing including a new approach to combating break and enters for crime rates remaining stable for a second straight year in 2006.

According to the 2006 Crime Activity Report, the number of Criminal Code offences remained virtually unchanged in 2006 at 48,293 compared to 48,244 the year before.

On a positive note, the overall number of violent crimes dropped by five per cent in 2006 which follows a five per cent decrease in 2005. Among the violent crimes committed in 2006, assaults were down seven per cent. However, there were five more homicides committed in Ottawa last year compared to 2005 and a six-per-cent increase in robberies.

The biggest area of improvement was in property crimes which saw a 12 per cent decrease in 2006 following a 10 per cent increase in 2007.

The Police Service attributes the decline to taking a more aggressive approach in tracking and targeting previous offenders. As a result, not only did the number of offences go down, but the solvability of break and enters, which are difficult to

investigate due to the random nature of the crime, increased to slightly over 12 per cent.

In other areas of property crime, the number of stolen cars in Ottawa increased by 4.4 per cent, from 310 per 100,000 residents in 2005 to 320 in 2006 and theft under \$5,000 excluding motor vehicles went up 6.1 per cent. Meanwhile, the number of thefts over \$5,000 excluding motor vehicles remained virtually unchanged; and incidents of fraud saw a 10 per cent decrease.

As for violent crime, 16 murders were committed in 2006 which is up from 11 in 2005, and attempted murders nearly doubled from 14 in 2005 to 22 in 2006. Individual and commercial robberies also increased from 766 in 2005 to 811 in 2006.

However, assaults, including sexual assaults, decreased by 7.2 per cent last year after a six per cent decrease the year before. There were 4,211 assaults reported in 2006 compared to 4,539 cases in 2005.

Ottawa Police Chief Vern White said the overall drop in violent crime demonstrates that Ottawa is one of the safest cities in Canada.

"Overall crime rate has continued to decline and stabilize and violent crime is down five per cent in 2006," said Chief White pointing to a recent report released by

the Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics which showed that Ottawa has the lowest violent crime rate of the 27 major metropolitan areas in Canada.

While the crime rate remains fairly low in Ottawa, so does the Police Service's ability to solve crimes in several key areas. For instance of the 4,720 break and enters that were committed in 2006, only 12 per cent were solved. The solvency rate is even lower for motor vehicle thefts – while 2,809 vehicles were stolen in 2006 only 244 arrests were made.

It should be noted that property crime traditionally has a lower solvency rate than violent crimes as evident by the fact that 80 per cent of the homicide cases in 2006 were solved. Seventy-three per cent of the attempted murder cases were solved and 71 per cent of the assault cases ended in an arrest being made.

Elsewhere, the number of traffic offences including dangerous driving and impaired driving increased by 12.2 per cent in 2006 after experiencing a 12 per cent drop the year before.

All told there were 12,955 collisions on Ottawa's roads in 2006, or about 35 per day, with 2,763 of them resulting in an injury – 156 of them resulted in serious injury and 21 of them were fatal.

## Area Scouts to celebrate 100 years of Scouting with Swiss friends

By Fred Sherwin  
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For the next seven days 8,000 Scouts from around the world will converge on a camp in St. Sauveur to mark 100 years of Scouting at the Canadian Scout Jamboree.

Members from the east end's five Scout groups will also be there, including the 14th Gloucester Scouts who played host to a Scout Troop from Switzerland earlier in the week.

On Monday, the Gloucester Scout group held a BBQ for their Swiss guests on Petrie Island and by all accounts the two groups hit it off swimmingly.

The Swiss group is made up of 14 girls and nine boys between the ages of 11 and 17. The high ratio of girls to boys is due to the fact that there is no Guiding movement in Switzerland, which, in a round about way, is why they've come to Canada to attend the Jamboree.

One of the groups leaders is actually from Kingston. Larissa Sorenson went to Lussane, Switzerland four years ago to get her PhD. A former Guide, she wanted to immerse herself in the Swiss culture and since there weren't any Guides, she decided to become a Scout leader.

"When I joined I told them that if they ever wanted to go to Canada, I'd take them," says Sorenson.

When they found out about the Jamboree two years ago they started raising money for the trip. The Swiss group's connection with 14th Gloucester is through Sorenson's uncle Wally Gale who's an Adventurer advisor with the troop.

Before going to St. Sauveur, the two groups thought it would be a good idea to have the Swiss Scouts stay with their Canadian counterparts for a couple of days.

Not surprisingly, the two groups of youngsters hit it off immediately. One of the first things that Nicolas Riedo, 13, did when he got to Matthew Gleeson's house was play street hockey.

"It's was a lot of fun," says Riedo. "Even the dog played."

As much as things are different in Canada than they are in Switzerland, there are a number of similarities, including popular music.

"The first thing they said when they heard the radio station on the bus was, 'Hey, that's the same music we have in Switzerland,'" says Sorenson.

Eleven-year-old Mackenzie Rice has spent the last two days playing hostess to her new friend Nadège Furrer, who's also 11. Rice says the two have spent the time getting to know each other and their respective cultures.

"It's been great getting to meet new people and make new friends," says Rice, who is also looking forward to the Jamboree.

"I think we all have butterflies in our stomachs. There's going to be so many activities. The most Scouts I've ever seen at one time before is 36. There's going to be 8,000 at the Jamboree. That's a lot."

The last national Scout Jamboree was held in P.E.I in 2002. Organizers of the 2007 Jamboree have been busy preparing Camp Tamaracouta for months and the list of activities ranges from rock climbing and zip lining to raft racing using homemade



Matthew Gleeson from the 14th Gloucester Scout group (wearing the Swiss T-shirt) and Nicolas Riedo from the Switzerland were both looking forward to attending the Canadian Scout Jamboree in St. Sauveur this weekend. Fred Sherwin/Photo

rafts. There will even be a special visit by Adam Baden-Clay who is the great grandson of Lord Baden Powell who founded the Scouting movement in 1907.

To mark the 100th anniversary of Scouting, a special sunrise ceremony will be held on Aug. 1 during which the 8,000 Scouts will gather together to renew their Scout Promise. Similar sunrise ceremonies will be held around the world.

# The Eastender

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## Money woes

Well, it finally looks like the city's councillors are going to make a concerted effort to pressure the three main provincial parties to either give municipalities more money to pay for provincially mandated programs such as social assistance, social housing and long term care or take them off their plate altogether.

Their argument is that the services which were downloaded to the municipalities under the former Harris government, have become far too costly to the point where they are draining funds from traditional municipal responsibilities like roads, sewers, sidewalks and what not.

In fact, according to the city's own figures, about \$666 from every property tax bill goes to pay for provincially mandated programs, over which the city has no budgetary control. That's a total of about \$236 million.

Seeing as that the city is facing a \$118 million shortfall next year, you can see why they're eyeing the \$236 million. Even if they were to get half there would be no reason to cut programs or raise taxes next year. The province would argue that they are already giving the city about \$18-\$20 million a year in gas tax transfers which is entirely new money and they would be right.

The other side of the story is that the money has to come from somewhere. If you weren't paying for it through your property taxes then you would be paying for it through your provincial income tax. And that's true as well, but on sheer principle alone programs like social assistance and long term care should be paid for through the income tax base and not property taxes. Why should homeowners have to shoulder the greater burden?

The answer is they shouldn't, but the idea of raising taxes to help municipalities pay for programs, even if they are provincially mandated, is a tough sell, especially during an election.

The Liberals have steadfastly maintained that there is no additional money, and there isn't unless they raise taxes which they aren't likely to do.

But raise taxes is what the next provincial government is going to have to do if it wants to eliminate the funding gap between what it costs municipalities to deliver provincial programs and what they're getting from the province.

The city councillors are on the right track in trying to pressure the various parties into addressing the problem. Whether or not the parties or the leaders are listening is another question altogether.

- Fred Sherwin, editor

## Open garage door becomes open invitation for thieves

Since I first started listing local crimes in the weekly Crime Report, I can't count the number of times I've written the words "break and enter, garage door left open". I've even written stories warning people to keep their garage doors closed at all times and the consequences that can occur if they don't.

An open garage door is an open invitation to theft. There are people out there who spend their waking hours driving through neighbourhoods looking for open garage doors.

Bicycles, golf clubs, skis, generators, weed whackers, lawn mowers... you name it, it's been stolen from an open garage. There's even been a case of a motorcycle being stolen from an open garage.

You would think that knowing this I would be the last person who would leave his garage door open, and usually I keep it closed 99.9 per cent of the time, but now I can add my own name to the list of people who have fallen victim to their own absent-mindedness.

Shortly after Canada Day I left my camera bag in the front of the garage under my pool table. On the Wednesday, I went out to get my flash card out of the camera and even thought to bring the bag inside, but for whatever reason I didn't.

The next day I asked Maggie to take the boys to the store. She was going to take her bike and the boys were going to walk. Either she left the garage door open when she got her bike, or I checked and left the door open myself, but the door must have been left open for two or three hours. When I finally went to bring my camera bag inside on the Thursday it was gone.

After turning the place upside down, thinking that I must have already brought it inside, it finally dawned on me that it must have been stolen.

Since there was no way you could see the camera bag from the street - there were two large blue barrels in

the way and my car was also in the lane-way - the only way someone could have noticed it was if they were walking past the front of the garage.

While I was still trying to figure things out I noticed that there were three new flyers on my front landing. That's when I realized that the quickest way to get from my next door neighbour's house to mine was to cross directly in front of my garage.

After doing a little checking I found out that it is not uncommon for would-be thieves to check out potential targets by applying for jobs delivering flyers and then casing out whole neighbourhoods.

Before I had my camera bag stolen I never would have thought of it, but the more I have the more it makes sense. How easy would it be to check to see if a door is left unlocked then to drop a flyer off in a mailbox or on a front step and quickly check the door handle?

All a thief needs is an opportunity and a garage door left open, or a door left unlocked is all the opportunity they need.

So let this be a reminder to everyone to keep your garage doors closed, or if you're going to leave them open make sure you don't have anything inside that's worth stealing, because there are people out there who are just waiting for the chance to take advantage of your mistake.



View Point

Fred Sherwin



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# Bearbrook Farm a wonderful place for a getaway

By Fred Sherwin  
The Eastender

Bearbrook Farm is one of Ottawa's best kept secrets. Located on Russell Road between Navan and Vars, the resort motel, game meat deli shop and deer, elk and buffalo park has been a favourite destination of area residents since 1994.

The resort's owners, Walter and Inge Henn, first bought the farm in 1973. During the initial years they went from cash cropping and raising poultry and hogs, to stocking a game farm.

In 1994, they started an award winning bed and breakfast resort with a unique banquet and convention centre. At the same time they opened an animal park and big game farm with a variety of animals including emu, buffalo, elk, deer, peacocks and wild boar.

Bearbrook Farm's deli shop is known far and wide as having one of the biggest and best selections of game meat and smoked specialities in North America. Among the delicacies one can purchase at the store are emu, venison, wild boar, buffalo, smoked trout, alligator and rattle snake.

Bearbrook Farm boasts a Resort Inn with 68 private rooms and seven suites, each equipped with air conditioning, a private bath and satellite television. Guests also have access to an indoor pool, whirlpool and sauna.

The restaurant serves up gourmet game dishes every night of the week although

diners must call ahead to make a reserve their table and meal. Delicacies include Buffalo Filet Mignon, Venison Filet Mignon, Duck Breast, Grain Fed Wild Boar Chops and Venison Loin Steak.

Bearbrook Farm is also a popular spot to hold a wedding, business meeting or seminar. They have a large meeting/banquet room that seats up to 150 people and four smaller rooms that sit between 15 and 40 people.

Weddings can be held either indoors and outdoors. Event co-ordinator Sharen Armstrong is always available to help plan the most memorable event in a couple's life and the resort is fully equipped to deal with a gathering of any size.

One of the best ways to sample all that the Bearbrook Farm has to offer is to take advantage of one of their one night or two night mini-vacations. The package includes accommodation in a suite with a fireplace, a bottle of champagne, access to the pool and hot tub, a gourmet dinner, breakfast the next morning and admission to the deer, elk and buffalo park. The price for one night is \$59.99 per person based on double occupancy. For those wanting to stay for two nights the price is reduced to just \$49.99 per person.

So whether you're looking for a weekend getaway, the very best selection of game meat and deli products why not plan a visit to the Bearbrook Farm Tourist Resort and Animal Park today?

To find out more visit [www.bearbrook-](http://www.bearbrook-)



The Bearbrook Farm Tourist Resort Game Meat Deli Shop and Animal Park is located on Russell Road just north of Vars. Fred Sherwin/Photo

farm.com or call 613-835-2227. Bearbrook Farm is located on Russell Road near the village of Vars.

To get to Bearbrook Farm from Orléans, simply take Innes Road east to Frank Kenny Road and then drive south until you get to Russell Road. Turn left at Russell and proceed through the four-way stop at Rockdale Road. Bearbrook Farm will be on your left.

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services adaptable to all faiths from the traditional rites to more contemporary ceremonies involving burial or cremation.

A funeral service is a ceremony which offers great importance and value while allowing family and friends to express love, sorrow and respect for the deceased. It's the first step to living through grief and emotional needs. There are many decisions and details to be taken care of when someone dies, many of which can be made before hand. Pre-arranging a funeral is part of sensible estate planning.

Whether you prefer a large formal gathering, a simple intimate ceremony or something in between, assuring that your wishes are properly and accurately recorded and carried out is their main objective.

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## Local sports

# Gloucester soccer team enjoys experience of a lifetime

By Fred Sherwin  
The Eastender

As a member of the Gloucester Hornets U14 girls regional soccer team, Chanel Pfahl has been in a lot of soccer tournaments over the years. Some were more enjoyable than others, but none can compare to the tournament the team recently took part in at the Golden Goal Soccer Park in Lake George, New York.

The Golden Goal Tournament is part soccer tournament, part summer camp. Each team is housed in a dormitory-type cabin for the duration of the week long tournament which is modeled after the Cooperstown Baseball World experience in Cooperstown, New York.

Besides the action on the pitch, the teams also got to take excursions to the local Six Flags Over America Amusement Park and other local attractions.

“Oh my gosh, it was so much fun. They had a karaoke night and a movie night. It was the best experience I’ve ever had,” gushes Pfahl, who along with her teammates wants to go back again next year.

Hornets’ head coach Brian Elliott first heard about the tournament on the internet last year and was immediately attracted to the concept.

“It just seemed like such a great idea and they really made you feel that it was all about the kids. It was all about having fun,” says Elliott.

While there are plans to eventually build 14 soccer pitches at the complex and host up to 64 teams at a time, only three synthetic fields were open when the team got there.

“At first I wasn’t too sure about the place. It wasn’t finished yet and there were only eight teams there. To be honest I was thinking, ‘What on Earth have I done?’” says Elliott whose initial anxiety was quickly put at ease after he met the owners.

“Everything was first rate right down to the opening ceremonies when all the teams marched on to the field and they had four skydivers bring in the game balls,” says Elliott.



Members of the Gloucester Hornets U14 regional team are joined by members of the OBX Storm from North Carolina for a group photo during the Golden Goal Soccer Tournament in Lake George, New York. File photo

As soon as the girls arrived they struck up an immediate friendship with a team from North Carolina and for the rest of the week the two teams were virtually inseparable.

As luck would have it the two teams ended up meeting in the final game of the tournament. Before they took to the pitch they decided to try and play to a 10-10 draw. As soon as one team scored the other team would dribble down the field virtually unmarked and tie the game – and so the play went back and forth until the referee finally realized what was going on.

By the time the game ended, the two sets of friends joined forces against a group of parents and coaches.

“The organizers were good about it. They said that there wasn’t supposed to be any ties, but because the girls’ exemplified what the tournament was all about, they were going to allow the only tie in the tournament’s history,” explains Elliott. “So they got the girls from both sides to auto-

graph a couple of balls and then they put them into the Golden Goal Hall of Fame.”

To cap things off, all of the participants were treated to a fireworks display following the championship game. After the fireworks display every player and team were recognized for their participation, regardless of standing, by being inducted into the World Youth Soccer Hall of Fame, which is also on the site, and awarded a Hall of Fame ring.

The owners of the soccer complex want to eventually host soccer tournaments for different age groups throughout the summer.

Elliott says he’s already thinking of going back next year and would recommend the experience to anyone.

“It was by far the best experience I’ve ever had as a coach. The girls loved it. The parents loved it. Everyone is just thrilled,” says Elliott.

To find out more about the Golden Goal Tournament visit [www.goldengoalsoccer.com](http://www.goldengoalsoccer.com).

## Former Olympian returning to Gloucester Skating Club

By Fred Sherwin  
The Eastender

Former Olympic silver medalist Elizabeth Manley is returning to the club where she started her career to become a competitive coach.

The Gloucester Skating Club recently made the announcement which will see Manley coach on the same ice surface that bears her name at the Bob MacQuarrie Recreation Complex on Youville Drive (formerly the Orléans Recreation Complex).

Manley stole the hearts of Canadians when she won the silver medal at the 1988 Olympics in Calgary competing against

Katrina Witt and American champion Debbie Thomas.

Following the Olympics she skated with various ice shows including Ice Capades and Champions on Ice and competed in a number of professional events including the Professional World Cup which she won four times.

She’s also written two autobiographies, “Thumbs Up!” which was published in 1992, and “As I Am: My Life After the Olympics” which came out in 1999.

As a member of the GSC’s coaching staff, Manley will primarily be working with the club’s competitive skaters.

It’s a job she’s looking forward to with a

great deal of excitement.

“It’s an honour to return to my home after many years travelling professionally and living in the United States,” explains Manley. “I wouldn’t have gone anywhere but my true home. The Gloucester Skating Club was such a big part of my success as an Olympic medalist. My heart has always been there and I’m so excited to return.”

With an active membership of more than 1,100 skaters, the Gloucester Skating Club is the sixth largest skating club in Canada, providing a year-round competitive and pre-competitive training program.

To learn more about the GSC visit [www.gloucesterskatingclub.ca](http://www.gloucesterskatingclub.ca).

## Local sports

# Minor Red Sox complete sweep of District 6 playdowns

By Fred Sherwin  
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The Orleans Little League Baseball Association completed a sweep of the District 6 playdowns on Thursday thanks to the efforts of the organization's Minor Little League team which beat Carleton-Russell 21-7 to earn a berth in the upcoming provincial championships.

Heading into the Minor Little League playdowns, the Red Sox had already won the Senior, Junior and Major Little League District Championships.

The Minor team left no room for error when they lost their opening game in the double elimination tournament 6-5 to Carleton-Russell.

They quickly righted their ship in their second game, however, downing Prescott-Russell 22-1.

After knocking off Gloucester 12-2 and South Ottawa 17-3 in their next two games, the Red Sox faced Carleton-Russell in a must win game. With one loss already under their belts, they had to beat Carleton-Russell in order to force a winner take all championship game. A loss would hand the District title to Carleton-Russell.

In the end the Red Sox won 16-6, which meant they had to come back to Russell Park to do it all over again on Thursday.

In the rubber match, the Red Sox jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the top of the first inning with all of the runs coming with two out. Graham McArthur and Demi Orimiloye hit back to back singles and then Zach Harkin drove them both in with a solid double.

Two more singles would bring Harkin in

before Carleton-Russell finally registered the third out.

After Carleton-Russell failed to score in their half of the first inning, the Red Sox added two more runs in the top of the second. Nathan Egert led things off with a double and then scored on a single by Jacob Charron who came around to score after Orimiloye and Harkin hit back to back singles with two out.

A pair of base running mistakes by Carleton-Russell led to a highly unusual triple play in the top of third and the score remained at 5-0 in favour of the Red Sox who blew the game wide open in their half of the inning with six runs on eight hits.

Having thrown his allotted number of pitches, McArthur had to leave the game in the third inning having given up no runs on two hits and two walks against four strikeouts in two and two thirds innings.

Harkin took the ball from McArthur and immediately proceeded to strike out the only batter he faced in the inning.

The Red Sox then exploded for five more runs in the top of the fourth inning to go up 16-0.

Needing seven runs to avoid the mercy rule in the bottom of the fourth, Carleton-Russell somehow managed to scratch out the seven runs – the last three of which came on a solid triple, but the baserunner was called out after he missed tagging second base on an appeal by the Red Sox.

After neither team scored in the fifth inning, the Red Sox added five more runs for insurance in the top of the sixth. The first run was an inside the park home run by the



Red Sox pitcher Graham McArthur lets go with a throw during the early stages of the teams 21-7 District 6 championship victory over Carleton-Russell on Thursday. Fred Sherwin/Photo

speedy McArthur and back to back triples by Egert and Charron brought in the other four runs.

Harkin managed to strike out the first two batters he faced in the bottom half of the inning before having to give way to Alex Ferris who registered the final out.

The Red Sox must now travel to Brockville for the Ontario Minor Little League Championships which get underway this Sunday.

# Bédard improves record to 10-4, lowers ERA to 3.05

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Navan native Erik Bédard continued to stymie opposition batters on Wednesday in limiting the Tampa Bay Devil Rays to just one run in six innings to register his sixth straight win for the Baltimore Orioles and improve his record to 10-4.

The Devil Rays scored a run in the third on a solo home run by Raul Casonova, but it was all they could muster as Bédard struck out eight to improve his AL-leading strikeout total to 175.

One of his strikeouts came in the fourth inning. With men on first and third and one out, Bédard struck out Ty Wigginton on a curveball and then forced Jonny Gomes to hit into a fielder's choice to end the inning.

The Devil Rays had two men on again in the fifth inning before the Orioles defence came up big with an inning ending double play.

Bédard eventually left the game following the sixth inning when his pitch count reached 109.

In six innings of work he gave up just

the one run on six hits, walked two and struck out eight.

In his last four starts dating back to July 7, he's 4-0 with a paltry ERA of 0.64 and he's struck out 41 batters in 29 innings against just seven walks. His ERA, which at one time was over 6.00, is now just 3.05 which is fifth best in the American League.

"He just keeps showing that he's No. 1 on this staff and one of the better pitchers in the American League," interim Orioles manager Dave Trembley told reporters after the game. "and one of the better pitchers in the American League because he pitches, he doesn't throw. They were working the count really well, taking a lot of pitches, getting a lot of deep counts, and he kept pitching."

After the game Bédard admitted it was one of his toughest outings during his current streak.

"It was a battle from the first pitch of the game. They took a lot of good pitches and fouled a lot off," said Bédard. "I was erratic, but my curveball was there, so I depended more on that more than my fastball."



Navan hurler Erik Bédard won his fourth consecutive start on Wednesday, limiting the Tampa Bay Devil Rays to just one run in six innings. File photo

Bédard's next scheduled start is against the Boston Red Sox next Tuesday, July 31.

## Artscetera

# Local dance school shines south of the border

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For a small dance school from little old OrLéans, Leeming Danceworks is quickly gaining a giant reputation for developing highly talented competitive dancers.

During the recent American Dance Awards National Championships in Orlando, Florida, a contingent of Leeming dancers led by owner Sharon Leeming and choreographer Kim McMahon managed to qualify seven routines for the national junior and senior DanceOffs which traditionally bring the week long competition to a close.

To get to the national DanceOff you have to finish in the top eight within your category and age group.

Nine-year-old Emma Bohn was able to perform in the DanceOff, not only as part of an ensemble routine, but also as a solo dancer and with her older sister Mary Kathryn as a duet.

Emma started off the competition by being named second runner up for the Young Dancer of the Year title in which she competed against 22 other regional title holders from across Eastern Canada and the United States. She then proved the honour was no fluke by receiving the second highest score in the nine- and 10-year-old solo competition for her jazz routine "If They Could See Me Know" which also earned her the Christina Richmond Award for the most entertaining solo in the 12 and under age group.

"I was really excited. I thought I had a really good run and I was hoping to finish top five, but to finish second runner up it was amazing," says the little dynamo who improved upon her fifth place finish last year in New York City.

After the solo performances Emma and Mary Kathryn teamed up to earn the top mark in the nine- and 10-year-old duet or trio category for their ballet routine "Dream Catcher" which they also got to perform in the junior DanceOff.

Mary Kathryn is especially proud of the routine which garnered a number of top

marks and awards at the regional ADA and CanDance competitions during the spring.

"It's a big change from our earlier routines which were a lot happier. We're getting older now so we decided to do something with a little more emotion," says Mary Kathryn.

Over 2,000 dancers took part in this year's ADA Championships. At the outset of the competition the competing dance schools were divided up into two rooms – Team Mickey was in one room and Team Minnie was in the other. The top eight routines at both the junior (12 and under) and senior (13 and over) levels, as selected by the judges in each room, were invited to the Danceoff.

"Hot Honey Rag" made it through after receiving the top score in the 12 and under Class category in the Team Minnie room. "Chapel of Love" also received the top mark in the large group, 10 and under category as did "Little Keys" in the eight and under small group division.

Other Leeming Danceworks routines that did well include "L'Amour a Paris", second place in the 12 and under Production category; "My Everything", third place in the 15 and over large group division; "True Colours", fourth place in the 17 and over small group category; "Country Cuties", third place in the nine- to 10-year-old small group division; and "Rendezvous", third place in the eight and under small group category.

"L'Amour a Paris" also received the second highest mark in the 12 and under division for choreography and the highest mark for costume.

Kevin Howe wrapped up his celebrated career as a competitive dancer at Leeming by finishing fifth in the Senior Male Dancer of the Year title competition. He then teamed up with duet partner Isabelle Proulx to earn the third highest score in the duet or trio 17 and over category in the Team Minnie room for which they received an invitation to perform in the senior DanceOff.



Mary Kathryn and Emma Bohn (right) show of some of the hardware they won at the recent American Dance Award championships in Orlando. Fred Sherwin/Photo

But what Howe was most proud of was receiving the Top Young Choreographer of the Year award for "Beautiful" which received the fourth highest score in the 15-and 16-year-old small group category and which he also got to perform in the DanceOff with Proulx and fellow Leeming Danceworks members Stephanie Harding, Rachel Cogan, Stephanie Therrien, Jessica Lee and Gabrielle Prud'homme.

"Honestly, I was on top of the world, for me that was the highlight of my career so far," says Howe, who was approached by several American choreographers and dance schools about possibly working with them in the future.

"That's where my real passion is, choreography. I love creating routines and seeing them come alive. It's an amazing feeling."

For more information about Leeming Danceworks visit [www.leemingdanceworks.com](http://www.leemingdanceworks.com).

## Community calendar

SATURDAY, JULY 28

### CUMBERLAND FARMERS MARKET

from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Located next to the Cumberland Arena on Dunning Road. Fresh, organic fruits and vegetables made by local farmers.

**TOAST '07** is being held in the parking lot of the OrLéans Client Service Centre on Youville Drive near the skateboard park. This event is geared for local

youth aged 13 to 17. Live music. Skateboarding. Underground mock-tail bar. Legal graffiti wall and much more. This is the first event being organized by Sketch OrLéans for the youth living in the east end community. To find out more visit [www.sketchorleans.com](http://www.sketchorleans.com).

SUNDAY, JULY 29

**ALL ABOARD!** Come out to the Cumberland Heritage Village Museum and visit the

Ottawa Valley Live Steamers and Model Engineers and take a ride on the back of a scale model steam-powered locomotive around their 1.5 km track! Model train display. Learn how to telegraph a simple message using Morse Code in Station Master's Office. The museum is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$6 for adults, \$4 for students and seniors and \$15 for a family of four.

TUESDAY, JULY 31

### ANNUAL COMMUNITY CORN ROAST AND BBQ

hosted by Ottawa-OrLéans MPP Phil McNeely from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Petrie Island. Come out for a day of fun at Petrie Island full of corn and hotdogs. If it is raining, please come out and join us on August 1

SUNDAY, JULY 29

**VETERANS DAY** from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the

OrLéans Legion, 800 Taylor Creek Dr. Come out and visit with some of the veterans to whom we owe so much. Entertainment will be provided by Caper Country.

AUG. 3 - AUG. 7

### FALLINGBROOK SUMMERFEST

featuring five days of amusement rides and family entertainment on Sunday, Aug. 5. For more information visit [www.fallingbrook.com](http://www.fallingbrook.com).