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Despite less than ideal weather conditions which kept many people at home, close to 16,000 people managed to make it down to Petrie Island on Canada Day to take in the spectacular fireworks display. Mark Saunders/Photo

## Canada Day celebration suffers drop in attendance

By Fred Sherwin  
The Eastender

Unseasonably cold weather and a severe rain storm just after the dinner hour combined to put a damper on this year's Greater Orléans Canada Day Celebration on Petrie Island, which suffered a significant drop in attendance over the past two years.

Estimates put the afternoon crowd at about 6,000, which is less than half the number of people who came out last year. By the time the fireworks went

off the crowd had swelled to about 16,000.

Those people who did manage to make it down to the island were thrilled with the amount of things to see and do and the party-like atmosphere.

Connie McMurtry came to the Canada Day celebration with her husband and their two daughters. The P.E.I. couple are in Orléans visiting friends and decided to check out the festivities.

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## Petrie Island beach enjoying better than average water quality

By Fred Sherwin  
The Eastender

What a difference a year can make. It was only 10 months ago that politicians and residents alike were criticizing the city's decision to build a beach at Petrie Island after poor water quality forced city officials to close the facility for 46 days during the summer.

Skip ahead to this year and the beach has yet to be closed for a single day since opening for the season on June 16.

Daily water tests indicate that bacteria levels are well below provincial and city standards.

According to provincial regulations, public beaches must be closed if the E. coli count is above 200 parts per 100 ml of

water tested. The city's own policy calls on the beaches to be closed if the E. coli count is above 200 parts per 100 ml of water, or it's above 100 parts per 100 ml of water tested for two days in a row.

So far this year the E-coli count has remained in the 30 to 40 parts per 100 ml of water tested, which means that it is safe to swim in without risk of infection.

Of the four public beaches in Ottawa – Britannia, Mooney's Bay, Westboro and Petrie Island – Petrie had the lowest reading on three of the 18 days the water has been tested so far and the third best reading on seven of the 18 days. In fact, Petrie Island had the worst reading of

the four beaches mentioned just three times in the past three weeks.

The water quality figures should come as good news to many people who don't have pools or central air conditioning at home and are looking for a place to beat the heat.

Margo Pearce brings her grandchildren to Petrie Island on a fairly regular basis.

Last year she would barely let them get their feet wet. So far this year, she's been a little more lenient.

"It was a huge concern (last year)," says Pearce who lives in Fallingbrook, "but it's hard to keep the kids out sometimes, so it's nice to hear the water is okay now."

Residents can log on to the City of Ottawa website and get the latest water quality readings at [http://ottawa.ca/residents/health/inspections/beaches/index\\_en.html](http://ottawa.ca/residents/health/inspections/beaches/index_en.html).

The city uses a simple flag system to let beach goers know whether or not the water is safe to swim in – green means it's A-OK and red means it's closed.

While the Petrie Island beach has yet to have a red flag fly over it so far this year, there are still many people who won't swim in the river no matter what the water quality readings indicate. For those people, there is always the Bearbrook Pool in Blackburn Hamlet where you only have to worry about the odd kid peeing in the water.

# Close to 16,000 celebrate Canada Day on Petrie Island despite inclement weather

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“It’s a little cold especially down by the water, but we’re having a blast. The girls have been on all the rides and we just got them out of the tent with all the kids stuff,” said Mrs. McMurtry.

Eight-year-old Courtney McMurtry said she loved the Mad Science Show display and the face painting, while her old sister Lisa was big on the Little Ray’s Reptile display.

“My favourite was the alligator. It was pretty big and her name was Lu-Lu. We don’t have anything like that back home,” said Lisa, who had a maple leaf painted on each cheek.

After arriving in the designated parking lot on North Service Road, most of the made their way down to the island by tractor-drawn hay wagons driven by local farmers who volunteered their time and the tractors.

Once on the island there was plenty to see and do. The Cumberland volunteer firefighters were back once again with their water ball game where kids can dress up in firefighters coat and helmet and fire a water hose at a ball suspended from the ground. While there wasn’t much of a line-up in the morning, it began to get busier when the sun finally came out at around 2 p.m.

The Kids Tent was another popular attraction. Besides the usual face painting, fish tank and miniature golf, there were also displays set up by the Mad Science Show and Little Ray’s Reptiles. The tent, which is

run entirely by the Fallingbrook Community Association on a volunteer basis, was also the base of operation for the Family Olympics which among other things included balloon and sack races.

The line-ups at the inflatable rides were already 18 to 20 deep when the opening ceremonies began at noon. Special guest Kira Isabella was about five bars into her opening song when the Snowbirds did a fly past on their way back to Montreal from Parliament Hill.

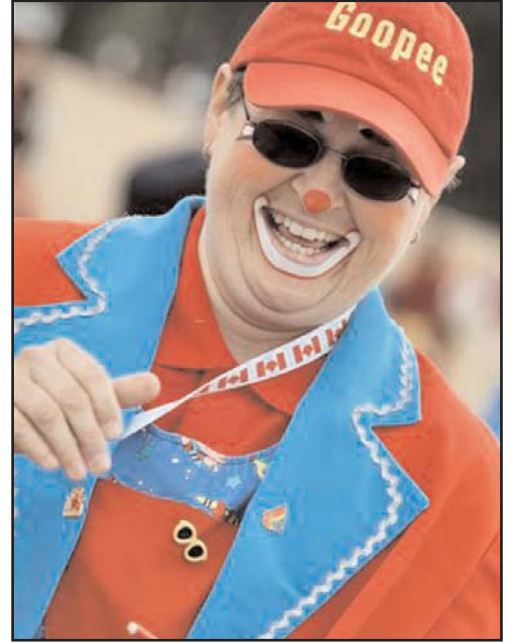
The opening ceremonies were marked by a flag presentation to the commander of the first Canadian mission to Afghanistan.

The flag, which was signed by 30 or more kids in the Kids Tent, will be sent to Kandahar where it will proudly fly over the Canadian base.

After the flag presentation ceremony and the singing of “O Canada” it was time to cut the Canada Day birthday cake.

Other attractions during the afternoon included the Circus Delights Magic Show, a sand sculpture area sponsored and run by Fallingbrook resident Paul Pelletier and beach volleyball.

By five o’clock most of the family activities had ended and the band Caper Country was ready to kick off the main stage entertainment with a selection of Maritime favourites. They were followed on stage by Eric Leclerc who recently won the Close Up Magic award at the Association of Canadian Magicians convention in Kitchener.



Goopee the Clown was back once again this year to entertain the kids at the Greater Orléans Canada Day Celebration on Petrie Island. Chantal Desilets/Photo

After Eric Leclerc, the Stone Cole Jam rocked the house followed by Thrillusion who amazed and mystified the crowd with a series of illusions.

Last but not least, Orléans very own Trevor Finlay Band played for more than an hour leading into the singing of O Canada which cued the fireworks.

When the pyrotechnics came to an end, the huge crowd began to leave the island, turning the causeway into a river of bobbing glow sticks.

All in all, it was fun filled day for those people who made the effort to come down to the island and didn’t let the unseasonably cold weather get to them.

There were no serious medical injuries reported and other than a few reckless teenagers setting off their own fireworks, there was little in the way of public disorder. One unfortunate incident that did occur happened later in the evening when a women tried to drive her handicapped mother and children down to the island. They were prevented from doing so by the security officials who were under orders to prevent any vehicles from accessing the causeway after 8:30 p.m. Unfortunately they were not able to get on the last tractor shuttle and were prevented from seeing the fireworks.

The organizers are looking into the incident to get a better understanding of what happened and how to prevent a similar situation from happening in the future.



A crowd gathers to take in the MacCulloch Dancers during the Greater Orléans Canada Celebration on Petrie Island on Sunday. Chantal Desilets/Photo

# The Eastender

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## Canada Day the result of hundreds of hours of hard work

Well the third annual Greater Orléans Canada Day Celebration is finally in the history books and I can honestly say, "Thank goodness that's it for another year" – which is what I said a year ago.

I thought organizing events like this were supposed to get easier not more difficult? The truth is that each year brings a different set of challenges. Where last year we had to deal with having to close the parking areas due to muddy conditions, this year we had to deal with a shortage of volunteers, and a lack of funding – and that's before the big day even arrived.

Unfortunately, attendance was way down this year which can be attributed to a couple of things starting with the weather.

Sunday morning was brutally cold. The other problem was the Sunday shopping laws. At first I thought that the stores being open wouldn't be a factor, but after hearing from a number of people who went in Place d'Orléans and Giant Tiger, a significant amount of people spent the day shopping.

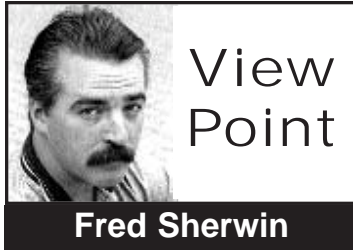
The stores being opened also hampered our ability to recruit student volunteers, many of whom had to work.

As for the day itself, my description comes from something James Locke told me.

"Fred, just be like a duck," he said.

"Like a duck?" I responded. "Yeah. You see a duck on the water and they're totally calm floating around, but underneath their legs are going a mile a minute."

To most of the 16,000 people who attended the event, everything appeared to run as smooth as silk, but behind the scenes it was a different story. I spent the



better part of the day solving problems and putting out minor fires.

My day started at five o'clock in the morning when I woke up after a couple of hours sleep in Walter Henn's RV which he had leant me and the Magster for the weekend.

Things started out smoothly enough as Robert Paiement and I quickly put up our parking signs, but then things quickly began to degenerate.

First we got our only truck and trailer stuck in the sand and then the emergency brake got jammed on one of the two ATVs we had rented to do maintenance.

The disaster snowball began to pick up momentum as the various food concessions, community groups and vendors arrived looking for their spots.

Because of a lack of volunteers, we had to hodge podge a schedule together to look after site maintenance and the loading and unloading of the hay wagon shuttles.

Then there was the issue over business licenses. Despite being told we wouldn't need any by the city's license office, two bylaw officers showed up anyway and left with a cheque for \$600 paid to avoid a possible escalation in the situation. (Memo to self: Visit the city license office and get my cheque back.)

After putting out that little fire I had to deal with the health inspector who was extremely

understanding, but we still had to visit all of the food concessions and make sure that they weren't any problems.

And so that's how my day went, running from one problem to the other. Thank goodness for Robert Paiement, Dan Biocchi and Nick O'Connell who worked their tails off all day long. If not for them, I would have been hauled off in a straight jacket.

When the portable toilets near the beer tent became overloaded late in the afternoon, they went to the other side of the beach and moved three near empty toilets to the beer tent area one at a time using one of the ATVs.

Cumberland farmer and hay wagon organizer extraordinaire Louis Raymond did a stellar job as did Harley Bloom who was responsible for managing the parking areas along with a couple of dozen volunteers. Louis' wife Sylvie spent the afternoon cooking burgers for all the tractor drivers and the volunteers working in the parking area.

Other individuals I need to thank include Lionel Laurin from Ace Body Shop who leant his small trailer to store all of our product in, and a couple of dozen T-bar posts to put the signs up.

For the third year in a row, Zybina Richards and the rest of the gang at the Fallingbrook Community Association did a fantastic job in running the Kids Tent and the Family Olympics and Mark Leahy took time away from trying to get his new house in order to help co-ordinate the afternoon portion of the main stage entertainment.

Behind the scenes, James

Locke's problem solving skills were invaluable as were his two men, Justine and Sam, who helped with the set up and clean up. They worked eight hours both days without a break or a single complaint.

Thanks should go out as well to the various city employees who helped make things happen, especially Dan Brisebois who worked behind the scenes trying to find everything we needed and thanks to all the emergency service personnel led by Staff Sgt. Chris Renwick who helped make the event incident free.

Last but not least, thanks to the dozen or so student volunteers who helped out wherever they could, especially Arielle Guillaume and Grégoire Proulx who helped people get on and off the hay wagon shuttles most of the day, and Virginia Peters and Mitra Rostami who stayed on past their allotted time to help clean up the Kids Tent.

Syd Davie spent the day counting and sorting the proceeds from the parking area and the Scouts tables while ensuring that all the performers got paid.

Finally, a huge thank you to all of our sponsors, especially our gold level sponsors such as Giant Tiger, WSI, Minto, TD Canada Trust and Transcontinental who contributed \$2,000 each. Without their support there would be no Canada Day on Petrie Island.

All in all it has been a very challenging last two weeks. As for whether or not there's going to be a fourth Greater Orléans Canada Celebration on Petrie Island, we'll have to wait and see. For now, I just want to recover from this one and spend a little time with the kids.



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## Community briefs

### City council wants bridge built at Kettle Island

**OTTAWA** — Ottawa city council voted 178-4 to in favour of a motion calling on the NCC to build an inter-provincial river crossing at Kettle Island that would link into the Aviation Parkway. "The 1994 JACPAT study concluded that Kettle Island was the location (for a bridge) and that remains the same today," said Innes Ward Coun. Rainer Bloess. The NCC has just started an environmental study that will examine five possible sites in the east end including Kettle Island; Tenth Line Road across from Montée Mineault; the ferry crossing between Masson-Angers and Cumberland Village; Lower Duck Island which would connect to Hwy. 174 near the Canotek Business Park; and Petrie Island. The motion passed by council is seen as largely symbolic. The final decision will be up to the federal and provincial levels of government.

### Community comes to the aid of local sprinter

**ORLEANS** — Orléans sprinter Segun Makinde will be heading off to the Czech Republic this Friday to compete at the World Youth Track and Field Championships thanks to the generosity of a number of local businessmen and community members. Makinde qualified for the World Youth Championships in the 200 metres after winning a gold medal in record time at the recent Ontario high school track and field championships. Shortly after qualifying, he found out that he had to raise \$3,000 to help pay for his expenses. Athletics Canada will only pay for the travel costs to get to and from the Czech Republic. That's when *The Eastender* stepped in and offered to raise half of the amount required if the Makindes raised the other half. Within five days the full amount was raised. To follow Segun's progress at the World Youth Championships visit <http://www.iaaf.org/WYC07/preview.html>.

### Arson suspected cause of Navan Road house fire

**ORLEANS** — The Ottawa Police Service is still awaiting test results in their ongoing investigation of a fire that destroyed an unoccupied single family home on Navan Road early Tuesday morning. Firefighters were called to 4487 Navan Road at 12:35 a.m. After a preliminary investigation of the scene turned up evidence that would suggest the fire was deliberately set, the evidence was sent to the RCMP crime lab in Edmonton.

## Several spots still open in Charity Golf Classic

By Fred Sherwin  
*The Eastender*

Ask anyone who has ever organized a charity golf tournament in the past and they will tell you that it is no easy task, what with having to find sponsors, convince businesses to donate prizes and filling out the foursomes, it's almost a full time job.

Fortunately for 17-year-old Andrew Both, he already has two years under his belt organizing the Charity Golf Classic after serving a two year apprenticeship under his older brother Bradley and sister Katie. In fact, the entire Both family including dad Gord and mom Kathleen have been organizing fundraising events for years.

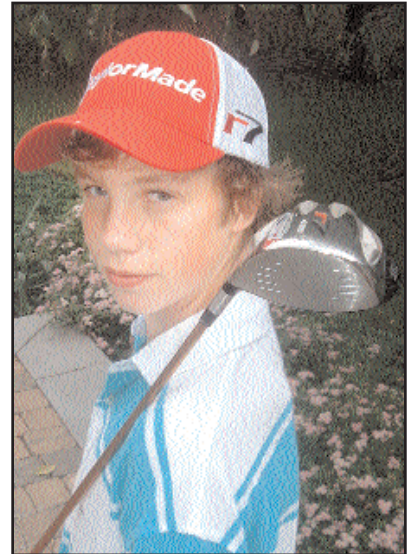
This year's Classic is being held on Monday, July 16 on the Predator Course at the Greyhawk Golf and Country Club.

The tournament was originally Bradley's idea. He organized the inaugural event in 2001 when he was 15 years old as a means to fulfill the 40 hours of community service every high school student must do before graduation. By the time the tournament was over he had put in more than 400 hours and managed to raise over \$12,000 for the Canadian Diabetes Association.

Since the first year, more than \$100,000 has been raised for a variety of charities including Camp Banting, the Make-A-Wish Foundation and Candlelighters.

Over the years, the Both siblings have called upon a wealth of friends to help pull the event together and this year is no different. Andrew has been fortunate to have a number of friends help him with everything from soliciting sponsors to recruiting foursomes.

"They've been great. They've gotten me so many sponsors. A lot



For the second year in a row, the task of organizing the Charity Golf Classic has fallen on the shoulders of 16-year-old Andrew Both. Fred Sherwin/Photo

of them helped out last year, but there's quite a few that are new," says Andrew who will be further assisted by his brother and sister during this year's event.

The tournament will kick off with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. on the Predator Course. Registration begins at noon.

The cost is \$125 per golfer which includes a cart, dinner and a golf shirt as well as a ticket in the raffle.

While the pre-registration has been fairly steady up until now, there are a number of spots still open and there is still a need for several additional items for the prize table.

This will be the penultimate Charity Golf Classic. The Both family plans to hold the final tournament in Mont Tremblant next year before Andrew goes off to university.

For more information about the tournament visit [www.charitygolfclassic.ca](http://www.charitygolfclassic.ca).

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# Canada Day, summer holidays the Bluesfest and more

Hey everyone. Hope you had a great Canada Day. I spent the day at Petrie Island while my Dad was running around trying to organize everything. We didn't spend as much time together as we did last year which was kind of a drag, but a I did get to spend an hour with my Granddad and then Dad and I got to watch the fireworks together which is my favourite part.

I just graduated from Grade 6 at Hopewell Public School so that was a big thing because I've been going there for the last eight years.

I'm leaving this year but it won't be that bad because there was a lot of "drama" as my teacher says. My two best friends haven't been talking to each other for like a month now, so I'm kind of glad that I'm leaving. Well, not that glad.

So I've decided to list some of the things I will miss most about not going to Hopewell anymore.

I will miss: My favourite teacher Mme Boileau. She taught me and a lot of my friends in senior kindergarten like Esme, Tianna (Tia), Tasha,



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Magster

Maggie Sherwin

and Meron. I will also miss my friend's since Grade 4: Chevy, KK, Dany, Liam, Dima, Alex, Madalyne, Abdu, Joy, Maddie, and Joy's twin brother Jad.

Another thing that I will miss is all of the teachers that I won't see anymore like Mme T, Mme Bateman and Abby's mom Mrs Atkinson.

On the bright side I'll be going to St. Peter's next year so I am looking forward to that. They have a Sudoku Club there and I love sudoku.

At St. Pete's, I'll be in French Immersion which is good because in French Immersion in the Catholic board you get to take math in English and science in French.

I think that having math in English will be very helpful because my Dad is very good at math so he can help me. But I

won't need a lot of help because I learned Grade 7 algebra this year so it will be easier.

The one thing that I don't want to happen is for everyone to start calling me The Magster because that would be weird (and annoying). So hopefully everyone will just call me Maggie or Mag which is what my little brothers call me.

The only downside to going to St. Pete's is the fact that they start at 8:15 a.m. So when I'm at my Mom's house downtown I will have to get up at like six o'clock in the morning to take the bus.

On the good side, it ends at about 2:30 in the afternoon so when I'm at my Mom's I'll have enough time to get home before my brothers. But best of all when I'm staying with my Dad in Orléans I'll have about two hours by myself while my he goes to pick up the boys who will still be going to school downtown.

So the Bluesfest is coming up soon and I'm going to spend as day there with my Dad. We've gone together every year since I was like five months old

and he took me in the car seat. Since then I've seen Elvis Costello, the Tragically Hip, the New York Dolls, Nelly Furtado and a bunch of other big names, but I was too young to remember.

This year I'm also going with my Aunt Pat to see the White Stripes which is huge because I love the White Stripes. Before I thought they were a bunch of 50-year-old men singing old songs like the Beatles, but I saw a poster for a one of their concerts and I realized that they were a guy and a girl who are about 25 and sing really good songs. My favourite song by them is "Icky Thump" which is really new.

The next concert I want to see after the White Strips is the Spice Girls reunion tour. I secretly love the Spice Girls. I have all of their albums and their photo album and all of their vidoes on tape which shown just how old they really are.

Well that's all for now. Have a great summer and I'll try to write another column in August when we get back from vacation, wherever that will be.

## Local business

# The east end of Ottawa just got a lot hotter

By Fred Sherwin  
The Eastender

Begun over 13 years ago in the basement of Rob Myers and Alison Steele-Myers' residence in Navan, Chilly Chiles has grown into one of the largest purveyors of hot sauce and dried chilies in all of North America.

The first business of its kind in Canada, Chilly Chiles now carries over 800 hot sauces and 2,000 different products including BBQ sauces, marinades, salsas and dips, condiments and mustards, dried chiles of all kinds, jams and jellies, gift items, cook books and posters.

In other words, if you're looking to heat up your tastebuds or add a little spice to your life chances are you'll be able to find a sauce or condiment to your liking at Chilly Chiles. And while they specialize in hot sauces, they carry the more mild variety including fruit based sauces as well as a desert hot you can drizzle over ice cream. Some of the sauces have virtually no heat at all, but plenty of flavour.

Best of all the knowledgeable staff can help make choosing a sauce to suite your taste buds a breeze. Many clients will simply come in and select two or three different types to test them out and while the perception is that men prefer hot foods to women, the ratio is about the same.

Self-professed "chile heads", Rob and Alison have always had an affinity for fiery foods. In fact, it was their love of heat that lead them to launch the business in 1993.

Their culinary fascination with dried and fresh chiles combined with the difficulties they had in trying to obtain even the most common types of chiles resulted in their starting their Navan-based company.

At first the couple stuck to importing and selling dried chiles (they still have the best selection in Canada) but they quickly expanded the business to include all types of packaged heat including hot sauces, salsas, cookbooks, gift boxes, candies and anything else related to their passion for heat.



Self-professed 'chile heads' Rob and Alison Myers are the owners of Chilly Chiles located next to J.T. Bradley's Country Convenience Store in Navan. Fred Sherwin/Photo

After operating a retail outlet on Sussex Drive for several years the couple have returned to their roots, sort to speak, by converting part of their Navan warehouse into a specialty store right beside J.T. Bradley's Country Convenience Store on Colonial Road.

For those who don't have the time to drive out to Navan, the

store's entire selection can be ordered either by telephone or online by visiting [www.chillychiles.com](http://www.chillychiles.com). Simply click the store button in the navigation bar at the top of the page and start salivating!

Chilly Chiles is located at 1220 Colonial Rd. in the heart of Navan, just five minutes down Trim Rd. from Orléans.

# Former Orléans resident wins coveted magician's award

By Fred Sherwin  
The Eastender

When Eric Leclerc got his first magic kit at nine years old and spellbound his parents with a silk scarf trick he was instantly hooked.

"A got a little magic kit under the Christmas and I tried it a few times and it was very frustrating, but I kept at it and then finally I started to fool my parents with and that's when it started to click," recalls Leclerc.

That was 16 years ago. Today, Leclerc still opens his magic show with the very same silk scarf trick while describing his first "magical" experience to his audience.

At only 25 years of age, Leclerc is quickly gaining a reputation in the magic community and beyond for his crisp technique and his amazing showmanship. At the recent Canadian Association of Magicians Convention in Kitchener the former Louis Riel student became the first magician in the organization's history to win both the Close Up Magic competition and the Stage Magic championship. He won the latter award in 2003 at the ripe old age of 21.

In Kitchener, Leclerc competed against eight other magicians as more than 300 of their peers acted as the judges. Each competitor had to perform their routine three

times in front of a different group of 100 judges who were sitting or standing about 10 feet away.

Leclerc routines consisted of two tricks – making the sleeves of his bathrobe rise and turning a razor into a pack of matches.

"It's great because they all knew what was going on so you had to impress them more with your showmanship and how you present the trick than the actual trick itself," says Leclerc.

Leclerc's entertaining combination of jaw dropping effects and master showmanship is in high demand. He has performed across Canada and in the United States.

On July 1 he performed on the main stage at the Greater Orléans Canada Day Celebration on Petrie Island.

For Leclerc, magic is an all consuming passion, but what drives him to continue to improve his show is the audience and their reaction.

"Everywhere I go I'm thinking magic and how can I do something better or different. Magic is the only art form that produces wonder in an audience. That sense of 'Wow, how did he do that?'," says Leclerc.

Many people may remember Eric from his stint on Your Screen Test on Roger's Cable 22 in which he finished second. That experience has led to other television oppor-



Orléans native Eric Leclerc was recently crowned Canada's close up magic champion at the Canadian Association of Magicians convention in Kitchener. Fred Sherwin/Photo

tunities. He's now doing segments and guest hosting for the station's Ottawa Living program and he's involved in the production of a pilot reality show for Global Television.

# East end councillors seek support in war against mosquitoes

By Fred Sherwin  
The Eastender

The east end's three city councillors have declared war against the increasing mosquito population and they want your support in combating them.

On Monday about 20 people showed up for an information session at the Orléans Client Service Centre for a briefing about a proposed Mosquito Eradication Pilot Project aimed at getting rid of at least 80 per cent of the mosquito population that is making life miserable for east end residents especially in Queenswood Heights, Blackburn Hamlet and Chatelaine Village.

Under the pilot project the city would use biological protein crystals produced by naturally-occurring bacteria called Bti to combat mosquito larvae. The biological campaign would be accompanied by a public education program aimed at reminding people that the best way to cut down on the mosquito population is to get rid of standing water by either dumping it or giving it a good stir once in awhile. You can also apply a light coating of vegetable oil to the top of rain barrels and bird baths to prevent mosquitoes from breeding in them.

The pilot project does come with a catch, however, in order to pay for it every

homeowner in the pilot project area, which includes all of Orléans and Blackburn Hamlet, would have to pay a \$20 surcharge or possibly less on their tax bill. That works out to nearly \$700,000 a year, assuming there are 35,000 homes in the target area.

The former municipality of Gatineau has a similar program in place as does Mont Tremblant.

Before the program can be put in place, however, a minimum of 60 per cent of the households in the area must agree to it. To that end the local councillors led by Innes Ward Coun. Rainer Bloess have embarked on a public information campaign that will culminate in some sort of survey or poll in September to gauge the level of support that's out there. What form the survey will take is still unclear.

"We want to be sure there's fairly broad-based support for it. In the end 60 per cent plus would give us a pretty good feeling to go ahead with it," says Bloess. "Obviously it's more of an issue for some people than it is for others, but if we can make life a little more pleasant for everyone than it's definitely worth taking a look at."

Residents can fill out an online survey and get additional information on the pilot project at [www.mosquitofreeorleans.com](http://www.mosquitofreeorleans.com).

The Orleans Bengals and the Gloucester Dukes football teams have been complaining about a mosquito infestation at the field they use beside Garneau High School for years. But this year it's worse than ever.

The city's mosquito expert, Jean-Guy Albert says the species of mosquito terrorizing east end residents of late is an especially "nasty" biter.

The city already has a mosquito control program in place but only for the five or six species of mosquitoes that are known to carry the West Nile virus. There are nearly 30 species of mosquitoes in all.

One woman at the meeting did raise a concern over the potential health risk to individuals with suppressed immune systems, children and the elderly.

"I don't think we're concentrating enough on the source," said Lyse Charron. "We've had mosquitoes before and we dealt with it. What's going to be next? If we start getting too much bird droppings in our swimming pools are we going to get rid of the birds. Where's it going to end?"

For now the initial research indicates that Bti is an organic agent and is very safe. For more information visit [http://www.pmra-arla.gc.ca/english/pdf/fact/fs\\_bti-e.pdf](http://www.pmra-arla.gc.ca/english/pdf/fact/fs_bti-e.pdf).

# Orléans teen gets caught up in no-fly list snafu

By Fred Sherwin  
The Eastender

Compared to most kids his age Alistair Butt is a model teenager. He's compiled an exemplary record as a member of the Boy Scouts. He's twice received an Orléans Outstanding Youth Award. He's served as a page in the provincial legislature and he was named among the Ontario Junior Citizens of the Year in 2003.

None of those accolades mattered a wick last week, however, when he was delayed in boarding a flight to Newfoundland with his parents and older brother.

The Butts had planned to celebrate their grandparent's 50th wedding anniversary and were going to fly to St. John's directly from Montreal. The night before they tried to get their boarding passes on line but were denied.

Believing it was a computer glitch, they drove to Montreal the next day and tried to get their boarding passes at an electronic kiosk in the airport terminal, but were denied again.

It wasn't until they went to the Air Canada check-in counter that they found out the source of their problems.

"The girl at the counter said that one of the boys was on the no-fly list. We were dumbfounded," says Alistair's mother Heather Butt. "At first Alistair thought it was his brother and he couldn't believe it."

After a number of frantic phone calls and a 25 minute delay, the Butts were allowed to board the plan.

Now that the Butts are back in Orléans they're looking for answers and trying to find out how to prevent similar delays from

happening again or the possibility that their son may be denied air travel to a foreign country.

"It's very disconcerting," says Mrs. Butt.

The no-fly lists came into effect on June 18 and similar horror stories to what the Butts suffered are already starting to emerge. In fact, Alistair Butt from Orléans is not the only Alistair Butt to be delayed in trying to board a flight thanks to his name appearing on a no-fly list.

An Alistair Butt living in Saskatchewan was delayed trying to board an Air Canada flight last month for the same reason. He was only 10 years old.

The fact that someone with a relatively uncommon name like Alistair Butt can be caught up in the no-fly list has critics of the legislation concerned that it could happen to anyone at anytime.

The only suggestion the employee at the Air Canada counter could offer the Butts was for them to consider changing their son's name. As you can imagine the little tidbit of advice didn't go over too well.

"We like our son's name and we're not about to change it. Alistair should be able to travel without having to prove he's innocent every time he checks on to a flight," says Mrs. Butt.

For now the Butts say they plan to get to the airport extra early to check-in whenever they plan to travel by air. In the meantime, Ottawa-Orléans MP Royal Galipeau has taken up their case and plans to look into the matter.

For his part, Alistair has grown tired of all the attention and just wants his name taken off the list.



Fifteen-year-old Alistair Butt from Orléans was delayed from boarding a West Jett flight to St. John's, Newfoundland when his name came up on a no-fly list while trying to board the flight in Montreal. CBC Photo

"I am angry because I am being punished for having the same name as someone who is apparently a threat of some kind," says Alistair.

"I don't know what list I am on. I don't know whether I am on a Canadian list or a world list. I travel a lot and I don't know what will happen. I could be stuck anywhere and yet I haven't done anything. I want my name off the list."

One solution to the problem would be to include other information on the list such as the date of birth of the actual individual the list is intended for so that people with the same last name have nothing to worry about.

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# St. Peter Knights senior boys rugby team named high school 'Team of the Year'

By Fred Sherwin  
The Eastender

While 2005/06 was a year of triumph with local school teams winning no fewer than 10 Tier 1 city championships and seven Tier 2 titles, 2006/07 was a year of heartbreak and disappointment for several of the defending champions.

Leading the list of the heart-broken was the St. Peter Knights senior boys football team which lost to St. Mark's in the semi-finals in triple overtime in the most exciting high school football game in recent history.

Two weeks later, the Lady Knights senior girls basketball team lost for the first time in nearly four years when they went down to defeat at the hands of the St. Mark's Lions, losing 52-51 in the AAA city championship.

Eight teams, however, did manage to reach the pinnacle of their sport including the St. Peter Knights senior boys rugby team, the St. Matthew Tigers junior girls basketball team and the Cairine Wilson senior boys volleyball team which all managed to pull off the repeat.

The comeback team of the year was the Gisele Lalonde

Titans senior girls volleyball team which earned a berth in the Tier 2 city championship a year after finishing in last place. Unfortunately their fairy tale season ended with a straight set loss to Holy Trinity.

Which brings us to this year's finalists for the Orleans Online High School Team of the Year Award.

The St. Matthew Tigers junior girls basketball team won their fourth city championship in the last five years and second in a row by downing the Sacred Heart Huskies 46-40 to cap a perfect season.

Dana Rae Sommerville led the way for the Tigers with 13 points, while Jessica Resch added an even dozen.

As good as the Tigers were, however, the nod for High School Team of the Year goes to St. Peter Knights senior boys rugby team which somehow managed to defend their city championship despite losing their core group of players.

The Knights went into the championship game against the undefeated Hillcrest Hawks as heavy underdogs and fell behind early on in the game. At halftime they were down 17-5.



Members of the St. Peter Knights senior boys rugby team rush the field after successfully defending the city championship in May. Ashley Coventry/Photo

Led by fifth year senior Matt Nooyen and Grade 12 seniors Ryan McLeod, Mike Molinski, the Knights managed to battle their way back into the game before finally tying the score with about seven minutes in the second half.

After neither team managed to decide the game in overtime, the contest went to extra kicks with a representative from both sides took turns kicking the ball at the uprights from 22 metres out. The Hillcrest kicker missed

both his attempts, which left the outcome up to Kevin Joyce who nailed both his kicks to clinch the game.

This marks the fifth year in a row that a team from St. Pete's has been named as the High School Team of the Year.

The St. Peter Knights senior boys football team won last year, the senior girls basketball team won in 2005, the junior boys rugby team won in 2004 and the junior boys football team won in 2003.

## High school performances of the year announced

By Fred Sherwin  
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Every year OrleansOnline.ca and *The Eastender* tries to name one male and one female high school athlete who at one point during the past eight months raised their game to an extremely high level. Those individuals are then recognized for having achieved the Most Outstanding Male and Female Athletic Performance of the Year.

This year there were several performances that stood out. In November, Stephanie MacDonald put the entire St. Peter Knights basketball team on her back in the second half of the senior girls championship and very nearly pulled off the win. In the end she scored 31 of her team's 51 points.

In June, Grade 10 student Jen Chaisson led the St. Peter Knights varsity girls touch

football team to a city championship by completing 21 of 33 passes including a pair of touchdowns. On the game winning drive she completed five passes in a row, including a 25-yard bomb to Stephanie MacDonald.

In track and field, Sarah Gariba, a Grade 10 student from Colonel By Secondary School managed to bounce back from a dismal performance in the junior girls 100 metre dash at the OFSAA provincial track and field championships to capture bronze in the 200 metres. It was a remarkable turnaround and truly one of the top female athletic performances of the year.

But the honour of the top female athletic performance of the year goes to Colonel By Secondary School's Lindsay Anderson who followed up her silver medal winning performance at the OFSAA cross-coun-

try championships last fall with a gold medal in the junior girls 3,000 metres at the provincial track and field championships.

What makes her performance that much more remarkable is the fact that she had been training for triathlon all winter rather than track.

On the men's side, consideration for Male Athletic Performance of the Year came down to two individuals.

As a member of the St. Peter Knights senior boys rugby team Kevin Joyce played an integral role in helping the squad get back to the city championship for the second year in a row.

In the final, Joyce played the game of his life in almost single-handedly winning the title.

Not only did he kick a convert to tie the game in the second half, but he made a game saving tackle in the first overtime session and then coolly made

both of his attempts in extra kicks to win the game.

Segun Makinde, yet another Grade 10 student from Colonel By Secondary School, swept through the East Conference, NCSSAA and East Regional track and field championships to earn a berth in the provincial championships where he won a silver medal in the 100 metres in a personal best time of 10.88 seconds.

Not satisfied with his performance in the 100 metres, Makinde ran the race of his life in the 200 metres, crossing the finish line in 21.74 seconds and setting a new provincial record in the process.

As impressive as Makinde's performance was however, the nod for Male Athletic Performance of the Year goes to Kevin Joyce for having accomplished what he did in the ultimate team sport.

# Cobras claim four titles at Snakebite tournament

By Fred Sherwin  
The Eastender

The Cumberland United Soccer Club hosted its annual Snakebite Tournament at the Millennium Sports Park over the weekend and walked away with four gold medals, which is one more than they won last year.

The girls U13 Division 1 team provided the most drama on Sunday, winning their final in sudden death penalty kicks.

The two teams were tied 0-0 through regulation and two five minute overtime periods to send the match to extra kicks. After neither team could settle things through the first round of five penalty kicks each, Cobras' goalie Nicole Leclair made a diving save to her right to give her team the advantage.

With the game hanging in the balance, Sydney Wilson confidently stepped up and buried the ball into the corner of the net to give the team their first ever gold medal tournament or league play.

After the dramatic win head coach Rob McColl praised both Leclair and Wilson for coming through in the clutch.

"My assistant coach recommended Sydney as our sixth kicker. She's such a quiet kid and very confident. She just put it right into the corner," said McColl. "And Nicole was very solid in net and made those two diving saves in extra kicks to give us a chance to win it."

Most of the girls on the team having been playing together for a couple of years now and have had moderate success. So far this year they're 2-0-2 in league play and they lost they're opening ERSL Shield game against the first place Glengarry Hearts.

McColl is hoping Sunday's big win will give the girls a big boost of confidence as their season progresses.

"They're a good group of kids. If they keep their heads in the game, they're as good as any team in the league," says McColl.

In other action Sunday, the Cobras U11 Division 1 girls team beat the Kanata Lighting 2-0 on goals by Kara Flood and Sabrina Bernardo-Leesnurm to win the Snake Charmer championship; Ferris Kaff scored the only goal of the game in the Cobras 1-0 win over the Ottawa International Raiders in the boys U10 Division 1 final, and the U11 Division 1 boys team downed the Ottawa South United Attack 3-1 in the Snake Charmer final.

Four other Cobra teams made it to their respective finals but fell short in their quest for a gold medal.

The U13 girls regional team lost in extra kicks after a hard fought and highly entertaining game against the Nepean City Storm. Lauren Hughes scored the Cobras' lone goal of the game in the first half thanks to a partial screen set up by Valerie Bertrand.

The Storm then came back to tie the score midway through the second half and send the game to extra time. When neither team could break the deadlock in overtime the game went to the infamous extra kicks.

Both teams scored on their first three attempts before the Nepean City keeper stopped Bertrand on the Cobras' fourth kick. When the Storm made their fourth kick all the pressure was on the Cobras' next player whose shot went just over the crossbar to clinch the game for the Storm.

The unfortunate ending wiped out a



Valerie Bertrand from the Cumberland Cobras U13 Regional team collides with the goalie from the Nepean City Storm during their U13 final in the Cumberland Snakebite Tournament on Sunday. Fred Sherwin/Photo

stellar performance by Cobras keeper Elizabeth McDougall who made an amazing diving stop in the second overtime to keep the score tied.

In some of the other finals the Cobras U10 girls Div. 1 team lost 3-0 to the Hull Dynamo; the U11 girls Premier team lost 1-0 to Kanata; the U12 Premier girls team lost 2-0 to Gatineau; and the U12 Div. 1 boys team lost 1-0 to Nepean City to give the Cumberland United Soccer Club four gold and four silver in the tournament.

## Community calendar

**SATURDAY, JULY 7**  
**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.

**THE CUMBERLAND COBRAS U-10 Premier girls team will be holding a Beer Bottle Drive in the Fallingbrook, South Fallingbrook, Avalon and Queenswood Heights communities from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

**SUNDAY, JULY 8**  
**LAUREN HALL** will be performing at Jacques Trap Roadhouse in Carlsbad Springs from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information visit [www.jacquestrap.com](http://www.jacquestrap.com).

**TUESDAY, JULY 10**  
**1ST ANNUAL OUTCARE FOUNDATION GOLF CLASSIC**  
hosted at the Hammond Golf Course. Hosted by J.T. Bradley's Country Convenience Store in Navan. Shotgun start at 8 a.m.; 18 holes of golf with a cart; steak/chicken BBQ lunch, along with great prizes. For more information visit [www.outcarefoundation.org](http://www.outcarefoundation.org).

**PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING** at 9:30 a.m. in the Champlain Room at Ottawa City Hall.

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 11**  
**THE EAST END THEATRE COMPANY** presents *The Roof Top*

*Guy & The Three Hole Punch*, written by Cumberland's own John Cook, at the Orleans Theatre, 255 Centrum Blvd. from July 11-14. Tickets \$15 available at the door. Curtain time is 7:30 p.m.

**SATURDAY, JULY 13**  
**JACQUES TRAP ROADHOUSE** in Carlsbad Springs presents Shania Twin in the ultimate tribute to Shania Twain. Tickets \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. For more information visit [www.jacquestrap.ca](http://www.jacquestrap.ca)

**SUNDAY, JULY 15**  
**FIREFIGHTER AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES DAY** at the Cumberland Heritage Village Museum in Cumberland Village

from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Join in celebrating and recognizing those individuals who protect and safeguard our community. The day will include a display of antique fire trucks and equipment, fire-fighter skills games, and water games. Bring a picnic or enjoy a BBQ on the grounds of the museum. Regular admission applies. For more information call 613-833-3059.

**MONDAY, JULY 16**  
**7TH ANNUAL CHARITY CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT** at the Greyhawk Golf and Country Club. This tournament is entirely organized by a group of high school students to benefit a number of charities including Camp

Banting, the Make-A-Wish Foundation and Candlelighters. Registration is \$125 per person and includes green fees, power cart, dinner, complimentary gift and silent auction. For more information visit [www.charitygolf-classic.ca](http://www.charitygolf-classic.ca).

**FRIDAY, JULY 27**  
**1ST ANNUAL CO-ED 3-PITCH TOURNAMENT** hosted by Jacques Trap Roadhouse in support of the Ottawa Senator's Foundation. Ages 18 and up. Male to female ratio must be at least 6:4. Fee is \$200 per team. To register call Christine Fusee at 613-835-2119 or e-mail [christine@kellyskennel.com](mailto:christine@kellyskennel.com). For more information visit [www.jacquestrap.ca](http://www.jacquestrap.ca).