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Quebec folklore singer Louis Mercier from Messines, Quebec near Maniwaki, performs at the MacSkimming Maplefest on Sunday. See story on page 6. Fred Sherwin/Photo

Interprovincial crossing study to begin in May

By Fred Sherwin
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For the third time in 12 years, the powers that be are going to tackle the thorny issue of selecting a location to build an interprovincial crossing in the east end.

Starting in May the consulting group Roche-NCE will begin the long and arduous task of evaluating four potential sites for an east end crossing between the split and Trim Road.

Among the potential locations that will be included in the study are Kettle Island which would link into the Aviation Parkway; Duck Island which would link into Blair Road and Petrie Island which would link

into an extended Frank Kenny Road. A fourth possible location that will also be looked at is McLaurin Bay which would link up with Hwy. 174 between Green's Creek and the Canotek Business Park.

Petrie Island was ruled out as a possible location during the first interprovincial crossing study done in 1994 because it was too far east. In their final report, the authors of the study selected Kettle Island as the preferred location. Public opposition was fierce, however, especially among the residents of Manor Park and in the end, the study was moth-balled.

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OPP to investigate bribery allegations against Mayor O'Brien

By Fred Sherwin
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The Ontario Provincial Police has launched an investigation into claims that Mayor Larry O'Brien tried to entice Terry Kilrea into dropping out of the mayor's race last August by offering him various incentives including a position on the National Parole Board.

Rumours of an offer being made first surfaced during the fall municipal election, but it wasn't until January when the *Ottawa Citizen* decided to investigate the allegations that Kilrea gave details of his discussions with O'Brien. In order to validate his claims and clear

his own name of any wrong doing, Kilrea agreed to file a sworn affidavit and take a polygraph test.

The article was published in early February. In it, O'Brien confirmed that he met with Kilrea on at least two occasions including once in a Tim Horton's parking lot on Robertson Rd. During the meetings O'Brien says the two men discussed Kilrea's plans and talked about the possibility of purchasing Kilrea's website.

In the sworn affidavit, Kilrea's recollection of what was discussed goes well beyond an offer to merely buy his website. According to Kilrea, O'Brien

offered to pay for his campaign expenses and help get him a position on the National Parole Board.

"At approximately 2 p.m. that day (July 5, 2006), O'Brien called to advise that my name had been put forward for an appointment to the National Parole Board," Kilrea states in the affidavit. "When I asked how this was possible, he responded that he had spoken to John Reynolds. He then instructed me to call John Baird, President of the Treasury Board, and to tell him that my name was in the queue for an appointment to the board."

John Reynolds is a former Conservative MP and interim

party leader who is currently working as a lobbyist on Parliament Hill. He flatly denies knowing anything about Kilrea or any offer to get him appointed to the National Parole Board.

When Kilrea followed up O'Brien's alleged offer with Baird by e-mail, the Treasury Board president informed him that he knew nothing about the matter.

The OPP's investigation was precipitated by a complaint filed by the Ottawa Carleton Labour Council filed with the Ottawa Police Service. The Ottawa Police turned the matter over to the OPP to a potential conflict of interest.

Community briefs

38th Maplefest returns to Cumberland Village

CUMBERLAND — The 38th Annual Maplefest hosted by the Cumberland Lions Club will be held this Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Lions Maple Hall in Cumberland Village. Admission is \$5.50 for adults, \$4 for children under 12 and \$5 for seniors. Price includes all-you-can-eat pancakes plus sausages, maple syrup, tea, coffee. Maple syrup products will be available for sale by the Cumberland Scouts and the three area churches will be hosting a bazaar and bake sale on Saturday morning at the United Church across from the hall from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Plans under way for Henry Munro 40th reunion

OTTAWA — Organizers of the 40th anniversary off Henry Munro Middle School in Beacon Hill are trying to locate former staff and students to let them know about the celebrations being planned for Friday, June 8 and Saturday, June 9. Friday evening will be a social event for adult alumni and current and past staff while Saturday is being billed as a Family Fun Day as well as an opportunity to tour the school, view memorabilia and chat with other alumni. Musical entertainment from alumni will be featured, including Kevin Richard (Class of '76), Sheryl Shaw (Class of '96) and Catharine Segreue (Class of '96). For more information visit <http://www.hmmscouncil.ca>.

Rural residents to get high speed Internet access by fall

ORLEANS — Rural residents will soon be connected to high speed Internet. City Council has approved a contract with Barrett Xplore Inc. to complete rural broadband coverage in Ottawa by this fall. The project will involve innovative wireless technology designed to achieve the target of 100 per cent coverage of rural Ottawa. The City of Ottawa is providing \$1 million in one-time funding for the project. A further \$6 million will be provided by private-sector capital investment along with an additional \$4.7 million in marketing to drive sales and awareness. "Rural residents have been waiting for this day for some time," said Cumberland Ward Coun. Rob Jellett, who chairs the city's Agricultural and Rural Affairs Committee. "Getting 100 per cent broadband coverage in rural areas will allow our businesses to compete better locally and internationally, help our schoolchildren with learning and homework, and make it easier for our rural communities to exchange information and access government services."

Project to bring alternative power to French high school

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Both the local MP and MPP are against Petrie Island as a possible location for an interprovincial crossing as are the two local city councillors.

Ottawa-Orléans MP Royal Galipeau is in favour of the Kettle Island site because the intention was always to connect a future interprovincial bridge to the Aviation Parkway.

"I remember being at a meeting in 1984 when it was discussed and the plan was for the NCC to hand over the parkway to the province after a bridge was built and it would connect right into Hwy. 417 at the split," says Galipeau. "The problem is that the local Member of Parliament for Ottawa-Vanier (Mauril Belanger) had a lot of pull in the National Capital Liberal caucus, and still does, and he makes no bones about the fact that he doesn't want it at Kettle Island."

Galipeau has already voiced his concerns in separate meetings with NCC commission Marcel Beaudry and Lawrence Cannon, who is the federal Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities, but, he says, it will be up to the people of Orléans to ensure that a bridge is never built at Petrie Island.

"The people of Orléans have to take stewardship over the island. They have to go out of their way to use the park and the beach. They have to go out of their way to celebrate Canada Day. And they have to go out of their way to organize and celebrate other festivals there," says Galipeau who remembers swimming on Petrie Island as a young boy.

Ottawa-Orléans Liberal MP Phil McNeely was first elected to Queen's Park in 2003 largely based on his opposition to a bridge at Petrie Island. He prefers the McLaurin Bay

site because it's closer to the split and it's the least political charged of the potential locations.

"If you build it at McLaurin Bay and go to the east of Canotek Park, you avoid having to deal with any built up areas," says McNeely. "That said, we can't build a bridge east of the split until you fix the problems at the split first. If you build the bridge you're only going to make the traffic congestion worse."

The new study, which is being conducted by the NCC and the Ontario and Quebec Ministries of Transportation, will include an environmental assessment of the proposed locations and examine the possibility of digging a tunnel or increasing ferry services.

The initial phase of the study, which will include extensive public consultations as well as discussions with municipal officials on both sides of the river, will take about 18 months to complete.

In a recent interview with the *Ottawa Citizen*, Cliff Gordon, the assistant project manager with the consulting group charged with doing the study, said the study will determine the best places to protect for future interprovincial crossings.

"Previous studies identified the need for future crossings, but an environmental assessment is needed to implement those crossings," Gordon told the *Citizen*. "A ferry, a bridge or a tunnel are all possibilities that are on the table. We will study the mitigation measures that would be required to make those crossings acceptable in the surrounding environment."

Besides an east end crossing, the study will also examine possible locations for an interprovincial crossing in the west end. The entire process is expected to take four years to complete.

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Group of students to take part in Vimy Ridge ceremony

By Fred Sherwin
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In less than a week, more than 60 students from the east end will be joining over 3,500 of their peers from across the country on a pilgrimage to Vimy Ridge to mark the 90th anniversary of one of the most horrific battles of the First World War.

Each of the students will be representing one of the 3,598 Canadian soldiers who died in the battle, during a special ceremony which will double as a dedication for the restored Canadian memorial on the Vimy Ridge battlefield.

Part of the responsibility of each student going on the trip was to write a tribute to the soldier they are representing.

While many of the students had their soldier assigned to them, they had the option of coming up with a soldier on their own. St. Peter High School student Michael MacDonald decided to go back to his mother's hometown in Charlotte County, New Brunswick to find Pvt. Samuel Matthews.

Matthews enlisted in the Canadian army in April, 1916 at the age of 19. On his enlistment papers he wrote down labourer as his occupation and listed his sister as his next of kin which would indicate he was an orphan.

He served in the New Brunswick Regiment in the 5th Infantry Brigade, 2nd Canadian Division. Prior to Vimy Ridge he saw action in the Battle of the Somme.

"I went on the Internet first and found two guys from the area that died around the time of Vimy Ridge. One of them apparently died in the days leading up to the main battle and Matthews died during the actual battle, so I picked him," explains MacDonald who then wrote the local paper in Charlotte County to try and find out more information.

After awhile, MacDonald heard back from a man named George Haney who recognized the name of Pvt. Matthews regiment as the same regiment his grandfather had fought with. Haney even had an old photograph of the regiment with the names of all the soldiers on it including Pvt. Matthews. He then sent the picture and the regimental pin his grandfather wore on his uniform to MacDonald who plans to carry the pin in his breast pocket during the Vimy Ridge anniversary ceremony.

"I'm going to wear it next to my heart," says MacDonald.

Besides attending the Vimy Ridge ceremony, the students will also visit Dieppe where 913 Canadian soldiers lost their lives during the Dieppe Raid in 1944; the Anne Frank Museum in Amsterdam; and the Juno Beach Visitor's Centre in Normandy.

When Rachel Lassard heard about the trip last spring she was one of the first people to sign up.

"I'm a little nervous because we'll be representing Canada and we'll be representing the soldiers who died there so that future generations could enjoy the fruits of democracy," says Lassard who will be representing Pvt. Leonard W. Bertram whose grave marker is in Canadian Grave #2.

Elizabeth Muggleton has a special connection with Vimy Ridge that few of the other students have. Her great grandfather George Muggleton saw action in every major battle of the First World War and lived to talk about it.

Her older brother, who is also called George, has already been to the battlefields of Europe. He was selected as one of 325 descendants of World War I veterans to take part in the filming of a CBC documentary about the First World War.

When she goes to Vimy Ridge, Elizabeth will be representing William H. White



Michael MacDonald holds a picture of the New Brunswick Regiment which fought at Vimy Ridge in WWI. MacDonald will be representing Pvt. Samuel Matthews at a special ceremony at the memorial on Easter Monday. Fred Sherwin/Photo

from Omeme, Ontario. If not for a twist of fate, she could just as easily be representing her great-grandfather who came within inches of being among the casualties.

"In his journal he wrote about a piece of shrapnel ripping a hole in his rain coat during the battle. He was very lucky. If that piece of shrapnel had hit him there would be 3,590 kids going instead of 3,598," says Muggleton learned a lot about Pvt. William White during a trip to the National Archives.

"I was given a box with a 'W' on it and I had to root through a bunch of folders and then I found one with his name on it. I couldn't believe it. I was going nuts in the middle of the archives. It had all kinds of information about him. For instance, I found out that he was a bugler when he enlisted and that he was only 19 when he died."

For her essay Elizabeth decided to write a letter to White as if he were still alive.

"I explained everything that I did during my research and then I asked him questions about things I wasn't able to find out about him. I just wrote all the stuff down that I knew about," says Muggleton.

With less than a week to go before they leave, MacDonald, Lassard and Muggleton are understandably excited about the adventure that awaits them as are the rest of the students who are going on the trip from St. Peter Catholic High School, St. Matthew Catholic High School, Lester B. Pearson Catholic High School and Colonel By Secondary School.

"It's going to be so great to go and show that we really care and that we're not just a bunch of dumb kids who don't care anymore," says Muggleton.



This group of students from St. Peter High School will be joining more than 3,500 of their peers from across Canada at a ceremony marking the 90th anniversary of the battle at Vimy Ridge in France next week. Fred Sherwin/Photo

Gloucester High School students spend March Break building houses in Guatemala

By Fred Sherwin
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While most high school students spent their March Break kicking back either at home or south of the border, a group of students from Gloucester High School spent their March Break on a Habitat for Humanity build in the middle of Guatemala.

The 10 students from Gloucester High School along with five students from Woodroffe High School, first flew to Guatemala City and then took a seven hour bus ride into the mountains to Quetzaltenango which is Guatemala's second largest city. Once there, they spent five and half days building two small houses from the ground up using mostly cinder blocks.

"We got up at about 8 a.m. and then worked until 4:30 or five," says Sarah Fanjoy. "It was pretty exhausting, but we were allowed to work at our own pace. The temperature was about 27 or 28 degrees everyday and there was no humidity."

One of the houses they built was for a young couple and their one-year-old daughter.

"They were so grateful for what we were doing. They kept apologizing about the work conditions, but it wasn't that bad," says Grade 10 student Sonia Allison.

The trip was organized by third year teacher Meghan Storey and two colleagues from Woodroffe High School.

About 16 students first signed up for the trip last year. By the fall, the number had been whittled down to 10.

"It just seemed nice to do something that had some meaning to it. Some of my friends thought it was a little weird, but they thought it was cool too," says Fanjoy.

The trip wasn't all work and no play, however. At the end of each day they got to go back to their hotel and relax and at the end of the build they switched from work mode to tourist mode visiting an active volcano, a hot springs and the cultural area around Lake Atitlán.

"It was completely different than I imagined," says Allison. "It ended up being a lot more emotionally satisfying than I thought it would be."



A group of students from Gloucester High School spent their March Break on a Habitat for Humanity build in Guatemala. In their spare time they climbed an active volcano and visited one of the oldest colonial cities in Central America. File photo

Before they left, the group did a little research and found out that Guatemala has one of the highest crime rates in Latin America which led to some anxious moments on the part of the students' parents.

"My parents were fine right up until about three days before we left and then they started

to get a little worried," says Allison.

Both girls say they plan to go on the next trip to Guatemala in two years.

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Gisele Lalonde group takes field trip through history

By Fred Sherwin
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While several groups of east end students are busy preparing to take part in the 90th anniversary of the battle at Vimy Ridge next week, another group of students recently returned from a trip to Europe that included visits to many of the same sites the larger group will be going to.

Sixteen Grade 11 students from l'école secondaire Giséle Lalonde spent their March Break touring several WWI and WWII battlefields including Vimy Ridge, Passchendaele, Dieppe and Normandy. They also got to see the bunker where John McCrae wrote "In Flanders Fields" near Mennin, Belgium.

The trip was an extension of their Grade 10 history class. At the beginning of the year each student was given a name of a Canadian soldier to research.

Wherever possible the student and the soldier shared the same family name.

In Karla Luchtenberg's case, no one with the same last name had served in either World War, so she was assigned the name of Pvt. George Lukins instead. Lukins was among the first Canadian soldiers to enlist at the outbreak of WWI along with his half-brother John. The two men died two days apart on June 28 and July 1, 1916 at the Battle of the Somme.

Each student had to deliver their text in front of the rest of the students at one of eight different cemeteries the soldiers were interned in. In Luchtenberg's case Pvt. Lukins was buried near the French town of Beaumont Hamel.

"It was pretty emotional. When you talk about the soldiers you feel like you know them," says Luchtenberg. "And

when you're there, you just see row upon row of headstones. In one cemetery there were over 9,000 grave markers. It really makes you think of how many Canadians died there. It gave me a new respect for Canada."

Since returning to school, Luchtenberg's says the trip continues to effect her in different ways.

"Before I never really paid attention when they played the National Anthem in the morning, but now I stand at attention out of respect," says Luchtenberg.

For most of the students who went on the trip, touring the various battlefields and historic sites made the history they had only read about in books somehow more real, especially in places like Dieppe and Normandy where the soldiers had to cross the beaches under withering enemy fire.

"We were able to go in the German bunkers and see where the snipers were sitting when they were firing down on the Allied troops. You could just picture it all in your head," said Luchtenberg. "It's hard to imagine what it must have been like to land on the beach under all that fire. A lot of them never had a chance."

Asked if she had any advice for the group of students who will be leaving for Europe soon to take part in the Vimy Ridge anniversary ceremony, Luchtenberg says simply "take it all in".

"Just stand there and take it in. When you're walking on the same ground that they fought on and you see the cemeteries, it really hits you hard," says Luchtenberg who discovered a whole new love for history on the trip. "I'm not taking history this year, which is too bad, but I plan to take it in Grade 12."



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Sour grapes

Did he or didn't he, that is the question that seems to be on a lot of people's minds this week after the OPP announced they were opening an investigation into bribery allegations leveled against Mayor Larry O'Brien by former mayoralty candidate Terry Kilrea.

According to Kilrea, O'Brien met with him several times last summer during which he offered to cover his "out of pocket" campaign expenses, which totalled about \$30,000, and get him a job on the National Parole Board.

For his part, O'Brien says the men talked about a number of hypothetical possibilities including purchasing Kilrea's website, but at no time did he offer to cover Kilrea's campaign expenses or get him a job on the parole board.

The funny thing is that both men could be telling the truth, or at least the truth of their version of what was said. It's not beyond the realm of possibility that O'Brien said something like, "Hey Terry, if you were to drop out of the race perhaps maybe possibly I might be able to help you out by buying your website or seeing if you can get on the parole board, but first I have to talk to my people to make sure it's copacetic". Then after he found out that it wasn't copacetic, he forgot about the whole thing.

Personally, I believe O'Brien is going to be completely cleared of any wrong doing. If he's guilty of anything it's poor judgement for meeting with Kilrea in the back of a Tim Horton's parking lot in the first place. Presumably they weren't talking about the weather. Not that candidates trying to get other candidates to drop out of an election race isn't done all the time. Some people might even call it prudent politics. After all, the fewer challengers there are, the better chances you have of winning.

As for the potential legal ramifications, telling someone you "might" be able to get them a job on the parole board is a lot different than telling them you "can" get them a job on the parole. If the person interprets "you might" as "you can" that's their problem. I believe the legal term is called "covering your derriere".

In the end, it's one man's word against the other and without any collaboration as to what exactly was said, O'Brien will be exonerated of the allegations against him. As for the court of public opinion, he will no doubt come out of the process unscathed, while Kilrea's actions will be seen as a classic case of sour grapes.

- Fred Sherwin, editor

Booze bottle bylaw a potential boom for local youth groups

Word that the city wants to ban wine and liquor bottles from the Blue Box recycling program should come as great news for local youth groups such as the Scouts and the Girl Guides who once depended on bottle drives as a major source of revenue.

I can still remember as a young lad growing up in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, going from door to door pulling my little red wagon piled high with the empty leftovers of suburban debauchery.

Then when we were older and no longer with the Scouts, we used to try and beat them to the punch and raise a few bucks so we could go to the movies. Ahh, the memories.

What I find remarkable about the decision to ban the liquor bottles from the Blue Boxes is the admission that the move will save the city nearly \$1 million, which means that it costs nearly \$1 million to recycle the bottles in the first place, busting the myth that the recycling program is operated on a cost recovery basis.

The other interesting tidbit that came out of the discussion at the planning and environment committee was the suggestion to fine anyone who doesn't comply with the prohibition which would infer hiring more bylaw officers to act as Blue Box cops.

Of course, if you wanted to beat the ban all you would have to do is simply break the bottles before you put them in the Blue Box. The "Bring It Back" program is only for bottles that can be reused. But you didn't hear that from me. Personally, I'm going to start stockpiling my liquor bottles in the garage until I have a fair amount of them and then call the local Scout troop.

As for my wine bottles, I've been recycling them for years. Every time I make a new batch of wine at the local

Wine Kitz store, I use my old bottles.

Speaking of City Hall, I see Alex Cullen and Diane Holmes are once again leading the charge to ban the cosmetic use of herbicides and pesticides, which will further entrench Ottawa as the dandelion capital of the world.

Personally, I'm in favour of public education as opposed to passing bylaws that are impossible to enforce.

If people insist on spraying their lawns they'll continue to do so, bylaw or not, only they'll do it under the cover of darkness.

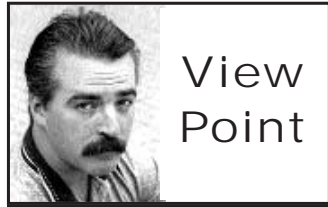
Of course, that won't stop Cullen and company from trying to force their Big Brother agenda on the rest of us. And if they successfully convince the rest of council to jump on their bandwagon, you can bet an anti-fragrance bylaw won't be far behind.

Trust me I feel for people who are allergic to certain fragrances and are captives in their own homes, but an anti-fragrance bylaw is even more impossible to enforce than an anti-pesticide bylaw. Personally I think both issues are the domain of the provinces and the federal government, but this council has a propensity to waste time flapping their gums about issues they have no business discussing.

Case in point, the recent motion supporting the immediate passage of a \$10 minimum wage. Surely to goodness they have better things they could be talking about.

And I see the next biggest issue making the rounds is the possibility of banning smoking in apartment buildings. When will it all end?

I once said that the fastest growing sector of employment is bylaw enforcement. Given what's been going on, I stand by that claim.



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Maple syrup lovers flock to MacSkimming Centre

By Fred Sherwin
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Hundreds of people flocked to the MacSkimming Outdoor Education Centre on Sunday to sample some maple syrup taffy, enjoy a hearty pancake breakfast and take a horse drawn wagon ride through one of the east end's best kept secrets.

Despite the fact that the outdoor education centre is visited by thousands of elementary and secondary school students every year and is a popular destination for local Scouting and Guiding troops, the vast majority of east end residents don't even know it exists.

Sunday's Maplefest gave visitors a rare opportunity to tour the facility and get a better understanding of why it's such a valuable educational asset.

Daniel Montpetit is a teacher in Kanata. While he knew of the centre's existence he is more familiar with the Bill Mason Outdoor Recreation Centre in the west end. Both facilities are owned and operated

by the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board.

"This is way beyond what I expected. I'll definitely be telling my colleagues about this place," said Montpetit who was visiting the centre with his wife Georgette and their three daughters Pascale, Maxine and Danika.

Besides taking a wagon ride and enjoying the maple syrup treats, visitors to the outdoor education centre also got to try their hand at crafts, listen to a folklore entertainer from Messines, Quebec near Maniwaki and warm up around a roaring bonfire.

Co-ordinator Geoff Cass said the event was a huge success.

"It's a been a terrific day. The weather really helped," said Cass who hinted the centre will likely be holding more public events in the future. "It's a great way to give people a chance to come out and visit the centre and see what it's all about."

The centre has undergone a resurgence since being on the budget chopping block four years ago. For the past two years the



(Left to right) Danika, Pascale and Maxine Montpetit help themselves to some fresh maple syrup during Maplefest activities at the MacSkimming Outdoor Education Centre on Sunday. Fred Sherwin/Photo school board has received a special grant from the province to help cover the costs of the outdoor education centres which have become a valuable tool in teaching environmental sciences.

Local business

Fine Italian food in the heart of Cumberland Village

By Fred Sherwin
The Eastender

It's a match made in epicureal Heaven. The old Ferguson House in Cumberland Village and quality Italian food made with the freshest ingredients and served with a fine bottle of wine.

Ask most anyone in the east end where they go to enjoy great Italian food in an intimate setting and more often than not the answer will be any one of a handful of restaurants along Preston Street or in the Byward Market. But that's about to change. Steve and Helga Galla recently purchased the Heritage Restaurant in Cumberland Village and have reopened it with a wonderful menu and an ambience that exudes old world charm.

The Gallas, who live within a stone's throw of the restaurant, have over 40 years experience in the restaurant business. As a seven-year-old girl, Helga used to climb on a stool to help wash dishes in her father's first restaurant. Her family eventually opened the Gasthaus Zum Dorf-Krug which was a popular German eatery on Industrial Road.

While Stephen's restaurant roots don't go back quite as far as Helga's, they are no less impressive. After starting out in the industry as a bus boy at Peter's Pantry in the west end, he worked his way up through the ranks and eventually became a cook at the very first Capone's On Carling Avenue which his father opened in 1983. When the family sold the restaurant in 1999, Steve decided to take a break from the restaurant business to pursue a career in finance.

Twelve years later he was ready to take on a new challenge, so when they chance came up to buy the Heritage Restaurant and

get back into the restaurant business he jumped at the opportunity.

So if you're wondering why an Italian restaurant and not German, the answer is quite simply – Steve is not only the owner, he's the head cook as well.

The menu is a mix of familiar Italian comfort food like Lasagna, Cannelloni and Rigatoni and house specialties such as Veal Scaloppini served seven different ways; Saltibocca alla Romana; Chicken and Veal Parmesan; and Bistein Siciliane, a lightly breaded 12 oz. AAA striploin steak served with a lemon butter sauce.

Among the antipastos on the menu are Smoked Salmon with Citrus Salad; Goat Cheese Truffles and Mozzarella Skewers topped with an anchovy sauce. Of course there's the usual soups and salads as well as a selection of appetizers including Butternut Squash Ravioli; Tagliatelle and Gnocchi.

And after your main course be sure to culminate your dining experience by treating yourself to a selection from the dessert menu which includes an incredible Zabaglione, a whipped Italian rum cream custard coated with a sweet honey and Vinsanto sauce and served with fresh seasonal fruit.

The difference between an ordinary Italian restaurant and one that chooses to raise the culinary bar can usually be found in the ingredients they use. Quality Italian food depends to a large degree on the quality of the ingredients. For instance, using homemade pasta made fresh daily on the premises is a hallmark at the restaurant along with top quality veal, fresh herbs, extra fine olive oil and fresh seafood.

The New Heritage Ristorante can accommodate groups of up to 80 people and is an ideal place to hold a small wedding recep-



Steve and Helga Galla are the proud owners of the New Heritage Ristorante in Cumberland Village which is slated to open on April 4th. File photo The restaurant also has a number of private rooms that can seat from 12 to 16 people comfortably.

The New Heritage Ristorante is located less than 15 minutes from most anywhere in the east end. Simply take Hwy. 174 east toward Cumberland Village and then turn left at Cameron Street. Turn left again on to Old Montreal Road and the restaurant is on the left hand side just past the general store.

The restaurant is open from 4 p.m. Monday to Saturday. Reservations are recommended but not necessary. If you plan on coming later on in the evening, please call ahead. Their phone number is 613-833-3000.

Local sports

Gloucester Blackhawks win Minor Peewee RepB crown

By Fred Sherwin
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The Gloucester Blackhawks wrapped up the Minor Peewee RepB championship in convincing fashion Monday night, knocking off the number two seed Nepean Red Raiders 4-0 to win the title in two straight games.

As they did in winning the first game of the series on Sunday, the Blackhawks combined a solid defensive effort in their own end with an opportunistic offense to completely overwhelm the Raiders.

The Blackhawks' first goal was set up on a great individual effort by Josh Gaudet who shook off two solid checks behind the Raiders' net before throwing the puck out to Matt Maclean who let a shot go from the slot that ricocheted off the Raider goalie's left pad straight to Josh Rector who potted it into the open net.

Gloucester's second goal came on another juicy rebound at the 8:06 mark of the second period. As the puck bounced off Alexander Oake's left pad, Nathan Hamlin stretched across the front of the crease to reach the puck and flip into the net.

The middle part of the second period was marked by several heads up plays by the Blackhawks' defensive corps and a

highlight reel pad save by Gloucester goaltender Michael Shaheen.

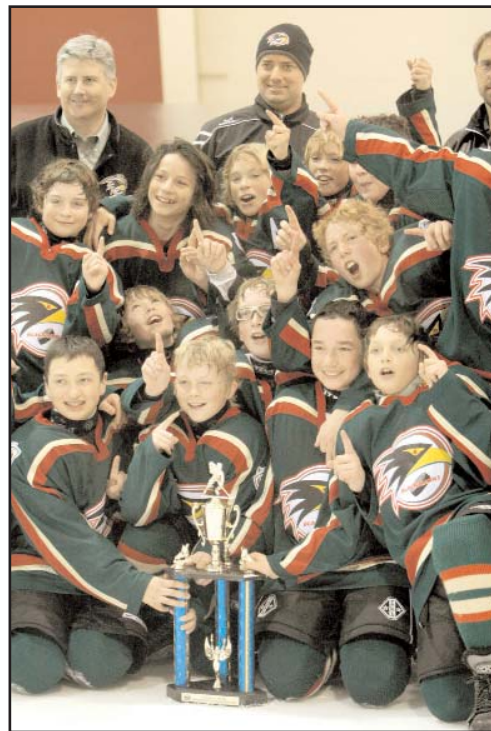
The Blackhawks padded their lead late in the period when Simon Martel batted the puck out of the air and into the far side of the net. Seventeen seconds later, Sante Scaletta scored over an attempted poke check to put the Blackhawks up 4-0.

With 32 seconds left in the period the Raiders were called checking from behind when Will Phillips was sent into the corner. While the Blackhawks failed to score during the five minute major, it made it virtually impossible for the Raiders to mount a comeback in the time remaining.

As luck would have it, there was still 2:13 left on the game clock when the running time expired and the referee called the game with the Blackhawks up 4-0. After the trophy presentation, Blackhawks' head coach Stephen Guest admitted to being nervous right up until the third goal.

"Sometimes you hate 2-0 leads, but after we got the third one I started to feel a lot more confident," said Guest. "I thought we played hard and smart, especially on defence."

The Blackhawks entered the playoffs as the number one seed, having finished the regular season in first place.



Members of the Gloucester Blackhawks Minor Peewee RepB team celebrate after winning the ODMHL championship on Monday. Fred Sherwin/Photo

Gloucester Rangers capture Minor Bantam 'A' championship

By Fred Sherwin
The Eastender

The Minor Bantam 'A' Gloucester Rangers wrapped up an incredibly successful season on Sunday by adding the ODMHL playoff championship to the regular season title they had already won this year.

After losing their opening playoff game to the eight seed Capital Crusaders, the Rangers went 7-0-2 the rest of the way including three straight wins over the second seed Nepean Raiders in the final round.

The Rangers clinched the title with a 4-2 win over the Raiders at the Earl Armstrong Arena on Sunday night.

Patrick Foget opened the scoring for the Rangers with a powerplay goal at the 8:08 mark of the first period with an assist going to Scott Adams.

The Rangers would take a 2-0 lead five minutes later on a goal by Devin Desnoyers that was set up by Nicholas DeSantis and Scott Turner.

After the two teams changed ends to start the second period Gloucester continued to press the advantage with sharp passes and an aggressive forecheck. The hard work eventually paid off with the team's third goal of the game midway through the period.

Simon Berthelotte threw a nice pass across the front of the goal to Brendan Schreider who flipped the puck past the Nepean goaltender who was a fraction of a second late on the play.

With 3:40 left in the second period, Rangers' goaltender Chris Collins was called upon to make a great save to stop Tyler MacDonald who had gotten through on a breakaway.

Two minutes later Jesse Brown went end to end to score the Rangers' fourth goal of the game in spectacular fashion. Then as time was winding down in the second period, Collins was solid again in keeping the puck out of the net during a scramble in front of the crease.

The Rangers appeared to take extend their lead to 5-0 early in the third period when Connor McGrath's point shot rang off the centre post in the back of the net and exited just as fast, but the referee ruled that it had gone off the goal post.

The Raiders eventually got on the board with 4:47 left in the game on a controversial play that appeared to be whistled dead as Collins was trying to cover the puck in the crease. A split second after the referee blew his whistle, Alex Stinson poked the puck across the goal line. But rather than wave the goal off, the referee signaled a goal and pointed to the centre face circle.

Nepean narrowed the deficit to 4-2 less than a minute later to make things interesting, but it wasn't enough as Gloucester held on for the 4-2 win.

Besides the regular season and playoff championships, the Rangers also won Mississauga Ice Dogs tournament and the Ambassador Cup. The team's philosophy



Members of the Gloucester Rangers Minor Bantam 'A' team pose for a picture with the championship trophy after downing the Nepean Raiders 4-2 on Sunday. Fred Sherwin/Photo

all season long was to give all 17 players equal playing time no matter what the game situation.

"Every player on this team earned first place. They all bought into the team first attitude right from the first game," head coach Sean Rutherford said after the game.

Local sports

Minor Midget A Rangers win third straight ODMHL title

By Fred Sherwin
The Eastender

In minor hockey the ability to string together two or three championships in a row is a rare accomplishment, especially at the 'A' level where half the roster can change from one season to the next.

The Minor Midget 'A' Gloucester Rangers is one such team that keeps winning year after year despite a high turnover rate. The 1991 age group captured their third straight ODMHL championship on Sunday, downing the Kingston Predators 4-1 to win their first to six point final series seven points to one.

The Rangers' combined record in the playoffs was 8-0-2. After knocking off the Goulbourn Rams in three straight games in the quarterfinals, they beat the Capital Crusaders in the minimal number of games in the semi-finals to earn a berth in the final round.

After winning the first game 4-3, the Rangers had a case of the hiccups in Game 2 giving up leads of 2-0 and 4-2 before taking a 5-4 lead in the final minutes of the third period only to have the Predators score a goal in the late going to force a 5-5 tie.

In Game 3 on Saturday, the Rangers scored six goals in the

second period to take a 7-2 lead and eventually won 8-2. The loss was difficult to take for the Predators who had a long drive back to Kingston to think about it.

In Game 4 on Sunday, the two teams exchanged a pair of goals in the first period with Matt Cornick tallying for the Rangers. Gloucester then took control of the game in the second stanza on a pair of goals by Pete Scalia and Kevin Hoogeveen.

Derek Widenmaier capped the victory with his third goal of the series in the third period to make the final score 4-1 in favour of Gloucester.

Daniel Muller started all four games in nets for the Rangers, while Shannon Donnelly, who shared the goaltending duties all season long, was on a high school volleyball trip to Cuba.

Offensively, the Rangers were led by Brett Sabourin who scored five goals in the final series, including a hat trick in Game 3.

Not only is this the third straight year that the 1991 group has won the ODMHL championship, it is also the third straight year they won the regular season banner as well.

It's a remarkable accomplishment considering that the team experienced a 50 per cent turnover in its roster before the



Members of the Gloucester Rangers Minor Midget A team celebrate winning their third straight ODMHL championship on Sunday. Photo supplied

year began. They also had to use no fewer than eight affiliate players as the season wore on, which is further testament to the level of depth that exists at that age group within the Gloucester Minor Hockey Association.

Getting all the players to meld into a cohesive unit and pull in the same direction was the job of second year head coach Shane Guilbeault who inherited the team from Peter Hill prior to the start of the 2005/06 season.

"For a group of 15-year-olds they're by and large a pretty calm group. Except for two or three guys, they never got really

flustered," says Guilbeault who was assisted behind the bench by Jim Muller and Ben Cornick. "There also a really nice group who work well together. I've had other coaches come up to me and they can't believe how well we pass the puck."

With the advent of 'AAA' hockey next year, it's unclear how the change will impact the 'A' team except that there will likely be fewer spots for players hoping to make the jump from RepB.

No matter what the impact is, it's been a heck of a run for the 1991 group who will be able to look back on their success with pride for years to come.

Ottawa Sting derails Rangers bid for Midget 'AA' banner

By Fred Sherwin
The Eastender

Before the weekend began the Gloucester Rangers had the Ottawa Sting right where they wanted them. The regular season champions were up 4-2 against the number four seed in their first to six point series and momentum was clearly on their side.

But momentum can have a funny way of changing sides when you least expect it. For the Rangers, the momentum shifted against them in the opening seconds of the third period on Saturday when the Sting scored off the opening face off to tie the game 2-2.

The score stood up the rest of the way and allowed the Sting a chance to live another day. In Game 5 on Sunday, they

made the most of the opportunity by skating to a convincing 4-1 win at the Earl Armstrong Arena to force a sixth and deciding game back at the Kilrea Arena on Monday night.

The result was a highly entertaining, fast paced game in which neither team was prepared to give an inch.

Because the Gloucester Rangers had already qualified for the All-Ontario Midget Championships by virtue of their first place finish during the regular season, the Ottawa Sting automatically received the other ODMHA bid having made it to the finals. So besides the league championship trophy that was up for grabs, the two teams were also playing for the higher of the two seeds coming out of the ODMHA.

Playing in front of packed arena, the Sting drew first blood against the Rangers on a goal by Matt Ayles at the 8:08 mark of the first period. The 1-0 lead would hold up until the 18:33 mark of the third period when Kris McCarthy redirected a shot from Kyle Gulliver past Ottawa Sting goalie John-Joseph Patafie.

The game looked to be heading to overtime when Ahmed Mahfouz broke the tie with less than two minutes left on the clock. Standing behind the goal line to Mike Babinsky's right, Mahfouz managed to reach out with his stick and flip a backhand through a narrow opening between the Gloucester goalie and the near post.

An empty net goal by Thomas Molinski with 11 seconds left sealed the deal for the Sting and

complete a remarkable collapse by the regular season champions.

After the game, Rangers' head coach Darrell Campbell wasn't making any excuses for his tropps.

"They just beat us period," said Campbell as the Sting were being awarded their individual trophies. "We managed to survive for two periods thanks to our goalie who probably played his best game all year and then they scored the goal we needed to score."

The Rangers will have to rebound in a hurry. The start of the provincial championships are coming up this Saturday in Waterloo.

The Gloucester Rangers will be returning to the All -Ontario Championships after a one year absence.

Local sports

Gloucester Blackhawks win Minor Bantam title

By Fred Sherwin
The Eastender

The Gloucester Blackhawks Minor Bantam Rep B team completed an impressive playoff run on Monday, downing the Mississippi Thunder Kings 5-3 to win their first to four points final series, four points to zero.

After entering the playoffs as the second seed, the Blackhawks made short work of the seventh seed Kanata Blazers in the quarter-finals, winning 8-2 and 7-0, and then beat the third seeded Perth Blue Wings in two straight games in the semi-finals.

Heading into the finals, the Blackhawks knew they had their work cut out for them against the number one seed Thunder kings who finished 10 points ahead of them in the final standings and only lost two regular season games.

Despite their being the underdog, the Blackhawks jumped all over the Thunderkings in the opening game and came away

with an impressive 6-0 victory.

Kyle Mathiesen was outstanding in net in picking up the shutout.

As they did in Game 1, the Blackhawks jumped out to a 2-0 lead on a pair of goals by Derek Trider and Jake Rupert. But unlike the first game, the Thunderkings fought back and to tie the game at 2-2 heading into the second period.

Kevin Fraser would give the Blackhawks a 3-2 lead with a well placed point shot early in the second stanza and then Rupert's second goal of the game in the third would put Gloucester up 4-2.

Refusing to relinquish the championship without a fight, the Thunderkings narrowed the deficit to 4-3 with six seconds left to make things interesting.

In the last five minutes of play, the Blackhawks turned up their defensive play and managed to keep the Thunderkings offense at bay.



The Gloucester Blackhawks pose for a team picture after winning ODMHL Minor Bantam RepB championship on Monday. Photo supplied

Rupert's empty netter in the final minute sealed the deal for the Blackhawks who will finish the season as the ODMHL RepB playoff champions.

Leading the Blackhawks

behind the bench this year was head coach Chris Fraser along with assistant coaches Francois deLéséleuc, Sylvain deLéséleuc, Mike Matthiessen and Jim Walker.

Community calendar

FRIDAY, MARCH 30

THE DIPLOMATS will be performing at the Orléans Legion, 800 Taylor Creek Dr. from 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. For more info visit <http://www.rcl632.com>.

GLOUCESTER MUSIC CLUB CONCERT at 7:30 pm at the Orleans Theatre on Centrum Blvd.. Come out and support some of the city's most talented young musicians Tickets at the door \$4, \$10 for a family.

SUNDAY, MARCH 25

CUMBERLAND LIONS MAPLEFEST from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Lions Maple Hall 2552 Old Montreal Rd. in Cumberland Village. (Take Hwy. 174 east and turn right on Cameron St.) All the pancakes you can eat plus sausages, maple syrup, tea, coffee. Adults \$5.50. Children (12 and under) \$4. Children

under four eat for free. Seniors \$5. Maple syrup products will also be on sale by the Cumberland Scouts. Bake sale at the Cumberland United Church by the three churches in the village from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. today only.

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

SPRING CRAFT SHOW hosted by the Gloucester Craftsmen's Guild at Lester B. Pearson High School, 2072 Jasmine Cres. from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There is free admission and parking, but a donation to the Gloucester Emergency Food Cupboard qualifies you for a chance to win a door prize.

BOOK SALE from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Gloucester Emergency Food Cupboard, 2040 Arrowsmith Dr. off Jasmine Crescent in Beacon Hill: Bargains galore! Low prices! Tell your friends!

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

GREAT SCOTT TRIBUTE TO AC/DC at Jacques' Trap Roadhouse in Carlsbad Springs. Advance tickets \$10, \$12 at the door. For more information visit www.jacquestrapp.ca.

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INTERFAITH CONFERENCE from 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Queenswood United Church, 360 Kennedy Lane East in Queenswood Heights. Presentations include

"Jesus Asks, 'Who Do You Say That I am?': Finding Common Ground Among The Peoples In The Book" by Daniel Hayward and "Is Jihad A Holy War" by Naseer Khan. Presented by Queenswood United Church and the Ahmadiyya Muslim Youth Association.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 14

CUMBERLAND PANTHERS FOOTBALL REGISTRATION for Flag (7-12), Girls Touch (13-16) and the fall tackle program (7-16) from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at Sir Wilfred Laurier High School cafeteria.