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Over 400 Sens fans gathered in the parking lot of the Place d'Orléans shopping centre Monday night to watch the opening game of the Stanley Cup finals. Fred Sherwin/Photo

## Local Sens fans paint Orléans red

By Fred Sherwin  
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Area Sens fans have been out in full force this week, packing local bars and flying their team's colours from their cars, bikes and whatever else they use for transport as the Senators play in a Stanley Cup final for the first time in modern team history.

More than 900 Sens fans gathered in the Scotiabank parking lot at Place d'Orléans on Monday and Wednesday night to watch the first two games of

the series on a giant screen.

Despite the fact the Sens have lost the first two games of the series, most of those on hand said they would be back for Game 3 Saturday night.

"I think it's a great idea," said Stephen Sowa from Orléans who watched the game with his daughter Amber-Lee and about a dozen or so of his friends. "You can watch the game on a nice big screen get plenty of fresh air. We even brought pop and chips."

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## 40th Blackburn Fun Fair promises to be better than ever

By Fred Sherwin  
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The Blackburn Community Association is celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Blackburn Fun Fair this weekend with promises to be the biggest and best Fun Fair yet.

The action gets underway this Friday at 3 p.m. with the carnival rides followed by a youth dance in the Blackburn Arena from 8 p.m. to midnight for youth under the age of 15.

Things then kick into high gear on Saturday, starting with a pancake breakfast from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. in the Blackburn Community Hall. After a hearty breakfast everyone will head down to Louis Riel High School for the start of the Fun Fair parade which will no doubt have a Sens theme as the Ottawa Senators try to bounce back from a two game deficit against the Anaheim Ducks later that evening.

The parade itself gets underway at 10 a.m. and winds its way down Bearbrook Road to the arena parking lot.

Following the parade, the fair-goers can enjoy the carnival rides, midway games and candy shack. Other activities include a dunk tank, character drawings, face painting, a basketball tournament, a book sale, and a memory wall featuring photos of past fairs and days gone by.

The community stage has a long line-up of family entertainment including a magic show, the folks from Mad Science, Ottawa Idols and the Money Shot Band. The official welcoming ceremony and cake cutting will be held at 12 noon.

There will also be a beer garden and Sens fans worried about missing the big game Saturday night can watch it on a 53-inch big screen television that will be set up on the main stage. All you have to do is simply bring your lawn chair.



Following the game, there a fireworks display will bring the day's festivities to an end.

And for those people who still have a few shekles in leftover, the carnival rides and midway games will stick around for an extra day on Sunday. For more information about the Fun Fair visit [www.blackburn-hamlet.ca/funfair/info.htm](http://www.blackburn-hamlet.ca/funfair/info.htm).

## Community briefs

### Petrie outdoors club awarded \$18,000 provincial grant

**ORLEANS** — The Petrie Island Outdoors Club (PIOC) has been awarded an \$18,000 grant from the province's Communities in Action Fund. Ottawa-Orleans MPP Phil McNeely was on hand at PIOC's annual general meeting last Wednesday to make the announcement in front of a very appreciative audience including PIOC president Rick Snell. The money, which follows on the heels of a \$31,000 Trillium Foundation grant awarded last year, will allow the outdoors club to expand its programs and create new opportunities for local residents to stay physically active.

### Public board votes to eliminate busing for Colonel By and Canterbury programs

**OTTAWA** — Starting next September, the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board will no longer pick up the transportation costs for students in outlying areas who attend the arts program at Canterbury High School, or the International Baccalaureate program at Colonel By Secondary School. While the move will save the board \$680,000, supporters of the programs which will be effected are warning the loss will place the programs in jeopardy. Orléans-Cumberland trustee John Shea argued long and hard to keep the subsidy in place on the grounds that it was an issue of fairness because rural students would not have the same access to the programs as students in the city's core. In the end the motion to cut transportation was carried.

### Crown to appeal Federal Court ruling in Khawaja case

**OTTAWA** — The federal Crown Attorney's office has filed a last minute appeal challenging a Federal Court ruling handed down in May ordering that the government hand over 73 documents as well as summaries of information contained in more than 400 other pieces of evidence to lawyers defending Orléans terror suspect Momin Khawaja. The government is basing its appeal on their contention that information contained in the documents could harm national security and damage relations with foreign governments. Khawaja's lawyer Lawrence Greenspon is also appealing the Federal Court decision in an attempt to have even more of the 538 documents the federal government has in their possession handed over. Khawaja, who is now 28, has been in jail since March, 2004. His trial was supposed to get underway this spring but numerous appeals and petitions by both sides have caused numerous delays.

## Sens fans remain optimistic despite two game deficit

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The "REV UP the EAST" event is being presented by Mews Chevrolet and Place d'Orléans in partnership with Team Ottawa-Orléans. Prior to the start of Monday night's game, Canadian Idol finalist Steffi Didomenicantonio sang the national anthem.

Three or four of the participants brought their own Stanley Cups including Sowa who's been a die hard Sens' fan since day one.

"I had season tickets up until 1999 and then they got to expensive so now I just go to the odd game," says Sowa who thinks the team will win in six games.

Fellow Sens fan Dan Moran brought his son Christopher to the "REV UP the EAST" event. The pair were going to go to the Sens Zone that's been set up outside Scotiabank Place for the Stanley Cup finals, but they decided to come to Place d'Orléans instead.

"We have a Sens room at home that's painted in Sens colours and has all the paraphernalia, but this is more exciting with everyone around and you don't have to fight with all the traffic," said Moran.

Fred and Isabelle Beauchemin brought their two young children Daniel, 3, and Mathieu, 5, to Place d'Orléans. The entire family were decked in Sens sweaters and hats and were waving their Sens flags.

"We just heard about it today and decided to come down. We were going to go to Scotiabank Place, but this is closer," said Fred



Isabelle Beauchemin from Orléans hoists her son Daniel in the air during a pre-game pep rally at the 'REV UP the East' outdoor Stanley Cup broadcast in the parking lot at Place d'Orléans on Monday night. Fred Sherwin/Photo

Beauchemin. Area Sens fans will be able to do it all over again for Game 3 this Saturday. Things will get started at about 6:30 p.m. with face painting and balloon animals for the kids. Game time is at 8 p.m.

Donations of non-perishable food items for the Orléans-Cumberland Community Resource Centre will be also be accepted with the first 50 people receiving a free Sens puck courtesy of Scotiabank.

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# Cumberland museum opening draws over 1,000 visitors

By Fred Sherwin  
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More than 1,000 people flocked to the Cumberland Heritage Village Museum on the weekend to take in this year's Heritage Power and Country Festival which organizers hope will signal a new era of cooperation between the museum and local community service clubs and volunteers.

The attendance figures represent a revival of sorts for the event which traditionally signals the unofficial opening of the museum. Last year, less than 430 people took in the two day event which was down from 600 the year before.

One of the main reasons for the success the event enjoyed this year was the involvement of the Cumberland Lions Club as community partners. They, in turn, brought in sponsors like Giant Tiger and the Sarsfield Home Hardware Store and dozens of volunteers like Jeannie Smith who organized all the entertainers and Marty Williams and Roy Brown who organized Saturday's flea market and draft horse pull.

Cumberland Lions president Roger Newman called the weekend a complete success.

"We drew more people than the last two years combined and today we only brought in about 100 or so. Imagine if we'd gotten nice weather on both days," said Newman. "Yesterday we had so many volunteers they were tripping over each other."

In exchange for their participation the Lions were permitted to sell Lions Gateway Club cards in exchange for admission. For instance, every couple and family of four received one of the cards which is normally sold for \$20. Single admissions either paid an extra \$10 and received a card or simply paid the regular \$10 admission for adults. The cards entitle the bearer to discounts at dozens of local businesses and restaurants.

The proceeds were split 50/50 between the Lions Club and the museum which must reinvest its share in the facility and future programs.

Some of the more popular attractions on Saturday included the flea market which was held in the front parking area outside the main entrance and the draft horse pull. The Ottawa Valley Live Steamers were also

on hand with their scale model steam engines to give young and old alike a ride around the kilometre long track.

While the vast majority of people visited the museum on Saturday a few brave souls risked getting drenched to drop by the facility on Sunday.

Clark and Donna Code came all the way from Oxford Mills with their two children after getting a flyer advertising the event in the mail.

"We were busy doing other things yesterday so we didn't get a chance to come out and today we weren't sure what to do and we've been out to the museum a couple of times before so we figured why not see what it's all about," said Clark Code. "My boy really likes the steam trains and they both really want to go on the wagon ride."

One of the highlights on Sunday was an Ecumenical Service held in the museum church that was presided over by clergy and lay people from St. Margaret Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Cumberland, St. Andrew's Anglican Church in Vars, St. Mark's Anglican Church in Cumberland, St. Mary's Anglican Church in Navan, St. Andrew's United Church in Cumberland, the Navan-Vars United Church and the Community Pentecostal Church, that was attended by more than 100 people.

Lions Roger Newman and Roy Brown are hoping this year's Heritage Power and Village Festival marks a new era of co-operation between the museum and the local community.

"The Heritage and Power Show was actually started by the Orléans Lions Club 18 years ago. Then things waned a bit when Serco took over for a while and then the city took over management again a couple of years ago. This year, I just think the time was right to get the community involved again," said Newman.

"Even if we had broken this year I think it was definitely a success," added Brown. "More people know about the museum. We created a great community spirit with everyone working together. We even managed to convince the museum to stay open every weekend."

Besides the sponsors already mentioned, some of the other suppliers who helped



Ottawa Valley Live Steamers member George Lovitt takes his scale model steam engine out for a ride during the Heritage Power and Country Festival on the weekend. Fred Sherwin/Photo

make the event a resounding success included J.T. Bradley's Country Convenience Store in Navan, Sobeys at Trim and Innes Road, Your Independent Grocer, Canada Bread, Farm Boy, Loblaws, and M&M Meats. Other donated items included portable toilets and a refrigerator truck.

The Cumberland Heritage Village Museum is open Wednesday to Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Starting June 10, the museum will host a different theme event every Sunday starting with "Laundry Blues" during which visitors will be able to try their hand at the traditional domestic task of laundry using period equipment.

Other events on the calendar include Dairy Day on June 17; Broadcasting and Communication on June 24; Dominion Day on July 1; and Memories of Cumberland Township on July 8. For a complete run down on the line-up of events visit [http://ottawa.ca/residents/heritage/museums/cumberland/events\\_en.html](http://ottawa.ca/residents/heritage/museums/cumberland/events_en.html).

# GHS finishes third at 'Reach for the Top' nationals

By Fred Sherwin  
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The Gloucester High School 'Reach for the Top' team may not have reached the top of the podium at the national championships in Edmonton over the weekend, but they did finish in a respectable third place which means they'll be among the four or five teams that will appear in the televised broadcast of the competition next fall.

After breezing through the first two rounds, the team of Ambuj Dewan, Phil Saaltink, Jonah Davidson, J.J. Lesk, Gary Cui and Chris Zapallow came up against their arch-nemesis from London Central

Secondary School in the semi-finals.

In a repeat of the provincial final, London Central beat Gloucester 395-255 to advance to the championship round where they beat Kennebecasis Valley High School from New Brunswick to win it all.

Back in Ottawa, Gloucester's 'Reach for the Top' coach Andrew Jeacle said the kids gave it their all, unfortunately London Central had their number.

"They were a little disappointed. They knew if they got London again it would be tough, but they made it to the semi-finals which is a pretty good feat in itself," said Jeacle.

In the earlier rounds, Gloucester beat Hunting Hills High School from Red Deer, Alberta 355-180 and Kelvin High School from Winnipeg 425-215.

In the semi-final, London played a very aggressive game and their best player got on a roll which can often happen in 'Reach for the Top' competitions. The Gloucester sextet was hoping to follow in the footsteps of previous Gloucester teams that had won national championships in 2001 and 1998.

The Ontario provincial championships and the national championships will be broadcast on TVO starting sometime in mid-September.

# Fallingbrook garage sale blessed with perfect weather

By Fred Sherwin  
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Whoever came up with the phrase, "One man's trash is another man's treasure," obviously participated in their fair share of garage sales.

Last Saturday, hundreds of hopeful treasure hunters inundated the streets of Fallingbrook to take part in the annual Fallingbrook Community Garage Sale in search of whatever hidden gems lie waiting for them.

Some people like Janet Stooke from Orléans, who was searching for items for her kindergarten class, had a purpose to their pursuit.

"I'm starting a new class next September so I'm out looking for items that I might be able to use," said Stooke who recruited her sister-in-law along with her sister-in-law's minivan to transport everything.

"I think I have one thing back there and the rest is hers," joked Jackie Ingram who is visiting from Orillia.

On another street, Bruce Wilson from Chapel Hill was out looking for a bike for his nine-year-old boy and power tools. He found a bike, but the power tools were proving to be more elusive.

"It's one of those things where you can drive around for hours and not find anything, or you see something at the first house you pull up to," said Wilson. "At least it's the perfect weather for it."

Elizabeth Switzer from Beacon Hill calls herself a typical garage saler.

"It's fun. You never know what you're going to find. Every house you come to is a potential treasure trove," said Switzer who found a variety of knick knacks and items,

some of which she's not even sure she'll use.

"I bought this waffle iron for five bucks. It's the second time I've bought one at a garage sale. I didn't use the last one and ended up selling it when I had my own yard sale. That's the beauty of garage sales, they're like the ultimate form of recycling."

Switzer says the secret to going to a garage sale without having specific items in mind is sticking to a budget. Or at least trying to. When all else fails, says Switzer, and you let your impulses get the better of you, discretion is often the better part of valour.

"If I tell my husband I bought a lot of stuff I know he's going to go crazy about, I'll just tell him that I got it for a buck or something, or sometimes I won't tell him at all. What he doesn't know won't hurt him, right?", laughs Switzer.

On Princess Louise Drive, resident Michael Pearce had dozens of items for sale including – wait for it – a kitchen sink.

"I've had it for years. I bought it at a garage sale and I was going to use it for my workshop, but I never got around to it," says Pearce who was not only a seller on Saturday but a buyer as well. "I bought a bunch of classic board games and a Rumoli game."

On Clearcrest Crescent, resident Natalie Hagedorn used the garage sale to raise money and awareness for the One Parent Family Association of Ottawa-Carleton of which she is vice-president.

The group has about 65 members most of whom donated items for the sale. They also sold chips, drinks, muffins and other snack items to raise additional funds.



Kids surround the new mascot for the One Parent Family Association of Ottawa-Carleton during the Fallingbrook Community Garage Sale on Saturday. Fred Sherwin/Photo

All the money raised will go to subsidize various events like outings to Ottawa Lynx baseball games or the Harlem Globetrotters. The group is currently holding a name contest for their new mascot which was unveiled during Saturday's garage sale to the delight of the neighbourhood kids.

For more information about the One Parent Family Association of Ottawa-Carleton you can visit [www.opfa.ncf.ca](http://www.opfa.ncf.ca).

# High school program helping students learn a trade

By Fred Sherwin  
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High school students interested in learning a trade no longer have to drop out of school or wait until they go to college to pick up the skills they require to become an apprentice thanks to a program that is making great strides at several Ottawa-Carleton Catholic schools including St. Peter High School in Orléans.

As a Centre of Excellence school, St. Peter offers specialty programs in the areas of auto mechanics, plumbing, electrician and construction that are geared to teach kids a trade through unconventional means. The goal of the program which is open to students from any other school in the board, is to provide a pathway to pursue a career in the trade of their choice.

The post secondary destination for many of these trades is apprenticeship, so the COE tries to facilitate students who want to move in that direction.

According to St. Peter's COE co-ordinator Justin Malloy, most of the students in the program are guided into college, university or the work world. Apprenticeships are difficult for students to earn if they don't have support from industry-based partners who

can take on the students in a co-op type environment to gain valuable experience.

Students can work either two full days a week in Grade 11, or three full days a week in Grade 12.

Much of their technical training is completed in the workplace and good, committed employers in the community form the basis of the program.

Students learn other technical skills in auto, construction or hospitality courses and graduate with a full high school diploma and hopefully slide into an apprenticeship or an appropriate college program.

Thanks to the involvement of community partners, by the time the kids graduate from the program many of them already have close to 1,000 hours work experience in their chosen field which can be applied to their apprenticeship.

The program is designed to give students a head start, says Malloy.

Most trades require 5,000 to 6,000 hours work experience as an apprentice before a person can start applying to get their license, depending on the trade.

The program at St. Peter's is currently wrapping up it's fifth year and thus far 25 students have graduated and gone on to

take trade courses in college or have moved directly into a job.

There are currently 20 students enrolled in the program at St. Pete's which will be expanded next year to include the hospitality trades such as hotel management and chef.

The profiles of the students who enter the program range from kids who were on course to go to university, but decided to change direction, to kids that were unlikely to graduate without a program like the COE in place. Many of the graduates are now working as electrician, mechanics, plumbers, cabinet makers, carpenters and welders.

Last year 20 students applied to enter the program, but only 15 were accepted, the remaining five were rejected for a variety of reasons the biggest of which is usually a lack of compatibility

"The program is not for everyone. Because they're away from the school a lot, the students have to be disciplined and willing to work. They have to be in the program for the right reasons," says malloy.

For more information about the Centre of Excellence program at St. Peter High School you can call Justin Malloy at 613-837-9377 ext 413.



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# Tunnel vision

Wow, the Mayor's transportation task force is going to recommend building a rail tunnel underneath the downtown core as the lynch pin of a new public transit system. Who would'a thunk it!

The Mayor's task force is going to recommend the very same thing the Mayor recommended as part of his revised light rail plan.

Before the history revisionists start e-mailing me, let me remind you that before the old light rail plan got deep-sixed, Larry O'Brien was all for it as long as the downtown portion of the plan was replaced with a tunnel.

It was only after the province and the feds failed fall in line with O'Brien's revised plan, that the whole thing got scuttled.

Now the task force is about to recommend building a tunnel. What we don't know yet is where the task force places the tunnel in terms of priorities. Do they think the tunnel should be built first before proceeding with an east and west light rail line? Or do they believe the priority should be placed on getting commuters from their homes in the suburbs to their jobs downtown before worrying about getting people from Orléans to Kanata?

Then there's the big question of cost. There are still some people out there who believe a tunnel will only cost \$500 million – and if you believe that I have some swamp land for sale down in Florida. If you thought the light rail project was a boondoggle in the making, you haven't seen anything yet.

By the time the tunnel gets built it's going to cost a billion dollars or more. And for what? Because a few merchants on Albert and Slater Street don't want light rail trains running down the middle of the road and because people trying to get from Bronson Avenue to Elgin Street aren't willing to take an extra 10 minutes to make the trip because they might have to stop five times if they happen to hit every red light?

And even if it does only cost \$500 million, how long will an east end light rail line have to wait until the tunnel is built?

All good questions that need to be answered before the city blind goes down the tunnel route so deftly laid out by the Mayor and his task force.

– Fred Sherwin, editor

# Stanley Cup schedule plays havoc with EQAO tests

I had to chuckle the other day when my nine-year-old son Jamie came home from school with a note reminding parents that the EQAO tests were being done this week in Grade 3 and 6.

For those who don't know, the EQAO exams are a series of standardized tests given to every Grade 3 and Grade 6 student in the province. The tests are used to judge the students' understanding of math, reading and writing on a school by school basis.

Anyway, the note I received suggested that students eat a hearty breakfast before going to school and get plenty of rest by going to bed at a proper time.

I guess no one told the person who wrote the note that there's a little thing going on called the Stanley Cup playoffs and the Ottawa Senators are in the finals.

If your son or daughter is a hockey fan, as many Grade 3 and Grade 6 students are, the likelihood of them going to bed before the final whistle is nil and none – and considering that all the games start at 8 p.m. it means they won't be going to bed much before 11 p.m.

So unless the reading test consists of reading newspaper stories about the Stanley Cup finals, or the math test has questions like, "If the Ottawa Senators use six defencemen and Wade Redden, Chris Phillips and Anton Volchenkov play 40 minutes between them, how many minutes do the other defencemen play?", forget about it.

I can only presume that the EQAO office will put an asterisk besides the results whenever they're released next year.

The problem will be further amplified when the Fraser Institute releases its annual Report Card on Ontario's Elementary Schools next year. In the past the Institute has taken into account the average level of education possessed

by the students' parents which is supposed to be an indicator of the students' social and economic background.

Perhaps next year they'll include the percentage of students taking the EQAO tests who are Sens fans. In the past educators have used a variety of excuses to explain poor results, including the number of ESL and special education students they have in their school. Now they'll have a new excuse. "Hey our results suck because half our students were up until midnight watching the Senators.

Not that the EQAO tests matter a heck of lot. The Magster came to me the other day all stressed out because she was worried about the upcoming tests to which I told her, "Hey, don't worry about it. Just do the best you can. They don't count against you mark anyway." Which they don't.

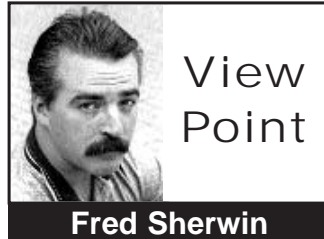
As a parent my only interest in the EQAO test results is in knowing whether or not my kids have retained what they've been taught over the past nine months. Cramming for a test is hardly an accurate indicator of retention.

As for the debate over whether or not you should let your child stay up until 11 o'clock at night to watch the Sens battle for the Stanley Cup the night before an EQAO test, I can only say that 10 years from now they're more likely going to remember the final score of Game 2 than the EQAO test.

I rest my case.

As for the hapless Senators, at least they made the finals, which is more than can be said for previous Sens teams.

The fact of the matter is that the Anaheim Ducks are the better team having honed their skills against far better competition in the Western Conference than Ottawa has had in the east. So it enjoy it while it lasts, they may not get there for another 15 years.



Fred Sherwin



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# Par 3 golf course should be ready within a few weeks

By Fred Sherwin  
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Orléans golfers will soon have a beautifully manicured par 3 golf course on which to practice their short game at their disposal with news that the Orléans Academy golf course on St. Joseph Blvd. will be open for business within the next two to three weeks.

According to Orléans Golf Academy general manager Breanne Williams, all that's needed to start booking tee times is the a-okay from course architect Graham Cooke whose dropping by the 1,535 yard layout next Monday to double check the condition of the tee off areas and the greens.

"The course is 95 per cent ready right now, it's just a matter of making sure the tee boxes and the greens are ready for all the traffic," says Williams.

Some of the greens were only constructed last September, which means they've only had a five month growth period. If they're not firm enough, there's a risk that they may be damaged by shots coming on a high trajectory because the holes are only par 3s.

As for the course itself, it's in immaculate shape. The fairways are all covered with a dwarf Kentucky Bluegrass, while a tight fescue has been used for the rough which comes up to the edge of the greens. Last but not least, special white sand on par with some of the PGA type course you see on television has been brought in from Quebec to fill in the bunkers and sand traps.

The holes range in length from 115 yards to just over 230 yards if you're shooting from the blues for a total length of

1,535 yards. From the whites the course runs 1,295 yards with longest hole measuring 185 yards, and from the reds the track is only 1,030 yards with the longest hole set at 150 yards which makes it perfect for junior golfers.

If you're thinking that doesn't present much of a challenge, think again. Three large irrigation ponds command the landscape along with some nasty bunkers which protect the greens which are contoured enough to offer the average golfer a fair test.

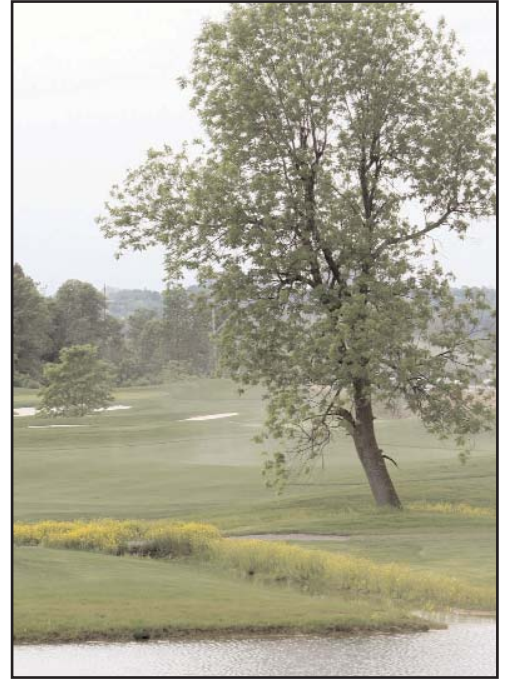
"It's a tight little course," says Kevin Toole who has been overseeing the construction of the course for the past two years. "It's target golf. If you miss a shot you're going to be penalized."

As for errant golf balls flying potentially flying into traffic on Hwy. 174, the course has been designed so that the nearest tee off area is set back at least 75 yards from the roadway and is facing in the opposite direction. The course will also be marshalled and warning signs will be posted to discourage potential transgressors who will be prosecuted if they within the full extent of the law if they try anything dumb.

One of the attractions of the course will be the abundance of wildlife which have already made it their home including deer, muskrats, ducks, red wing blackbirds and the odd blue heron.

As for the price, a nine hole round will cost you \$25 during the week and \$27.50 on the weekends – and there are no golf carts.

Duffers will be able to book lessons at the Academy, which has four CPGA professionals on staff. Private lessons start at \$75 for one 45-55 minute session and run

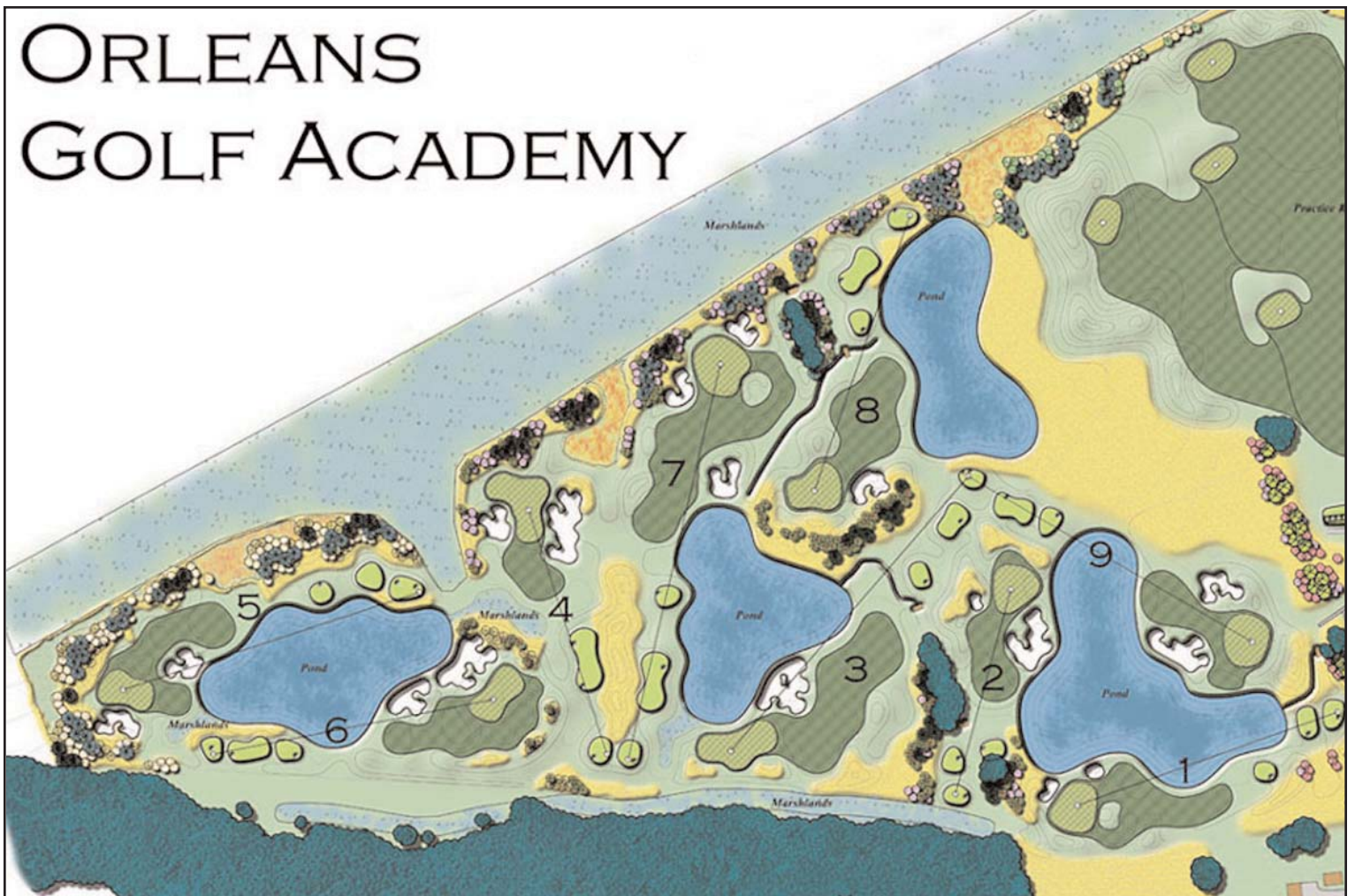


The owners of the par-3 golf course at the Orleans Golf Academy on St. Joseph Boulevard are hopeful that the course will be open to the public on Saturday, June 9. Fred Sherwin/Photo

up to \$450 for a 10 session package. Group lessons for two or three people start at \$110/\$135 per session and go up to \$350/\$400 for five sessions.

There is also the Orléans Golf Academy driving range which has 30 carpet stalls and 42 grass stalls as well as a putting green and Nevada Bob's has recently taken over the golf store on the site.

For more information about the Orléans Golf Academy and the new par 3 golf course visit [www.orleansgolfacademy.ca](http://www.orleansgolfacademy.ca).



## Local sports

# St. Pete's successfully defends senior boys rugby title

By Fred Sherwin  
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During six years of competitive soccer, Kevin Joyce has played in lot of big games and has even taken the odd penalty kick, but nothing can compare to having to take the extra kicks in the Tier 1 senior boys rugby championship with the outcome of the game on the line.

That was just the situation Joyce found himself in on Monday after the St. Peter Knights and the Hillcrest Hawks battled to a 17-17 tie after regulation. After neither team could settle things in overtime, the game went to extra kicks with the teams' two kickers going against each other in a best two out of three situation.

After the Hillcrest kicker won the coin toss he elected to kick first, which was fine with Joyce.

"I was actually surprised," said Joyce who kicked a two point conversion to tie the game at 17 points apiece midway through the second half. "If I had won the coin toss I was going to kick last anyway."

According to OFSAA rules, the two kickers each have to attempt a straight on kick from the 22 metre line. They then have to attempt a kick from the far right sideline and then, if necessary, the far left sideline.

As the players from both teams watched nervously from the sidelines, the Hillcrest kicker missed wide left on his first attempt. As Joyce's first kick split the uprights, the Knights bench exploded onto the field thinking the game was over. After a short explanation from the referee, the contest continued with the Hillcrest player missing on his second attempt from the righthand sideline.

It then came down to Joyce who raised his head to look at the uprights before drilling the ball as hard as he could.

"I knew I hit it straight, I just wasn't sure I hit it long enough," Joyce said afterwards.

When the ball sailed through the uprights and the back referee raised his flag to signal the kick was good, the celebrating began again with Joyce in the middle of it.

"I was pretty nervous. I think that was the most nervous I've ever been, but when the ball went through that was incredible. It felt pretty good," said Joyce.

One of the first players to congratulate Joyce was fifth year senior Matt Nooyen who scored two tries including the Knights' third try of the game which he finished near the uprights to give Joyce a perfect angle for the game tying convert.

As effective as Joyce was with his foot, it was his speed and defensive prowess that resulted in the play of the game when he ran down a Hillcrest player in the dying seconds of the first overtime, tackling the player just inside the five metre line.

On the ensuing ruck, Joyce and Knights captain Ryan McLeod forced the Hillcrest ball carrier out of bounds just as the overtime session came to an end.



Members of St. Peter Knights senior boys rugby team including coach Leann Napiorkowski (centre), rush the field after Kevin Joyce made the game winning extra kick to win AAA/AAAA secondary school rugby championship at Twin Elm Park on Monday. Ashley Coventry/Photo

After a poor first half in which the Knights were outscored 17-5, St. Peter head coach Leann Napiorkowski made several adjustments at halftime, chief of which was convincing her players to move the ball out to the wings where they enjoyed a much greater size advantage compared to the middle part of the field where Hillcrest's bigger forwards had been dominating the play.

The coach's words of advice would eventually pay off in St. Pete's second try of the game. Mike Molinski carried the ball inside the 10 metre line and then pitched it out to Alex Morrison who carried it across the goal line to narrow Hillcrest's lead to 17-10.

Nooyen's second try of the game came off a scrum from about 35 metres out. The Knights did a good job in stringing the ball out to the sideline where it eventually found it's way into Nooyen's hands. The big fly half then beat several Hillcrest players down the sideline before cutting inside and placing the ball near the uprights.

"On the bus ride there I started thinking about the fact that it could be my last high school game ever so I didn't want to lose and a lot of guys on the team have never had a championship before and I've been fortunate to have won a few so I wanted to win for those guys so they could feel what it's like," said Nooyen who gave a short but impassioned halftime speech to his teammates when they were down 17-5.

"I saw a lot of guys just sort of walking around and complaining about injuries and I just sort of lost it a bit. I just said if were going to play the game we might as well win it or else what's the sense being there."

Whatever he said it must have worked because the Knights were a completely different team in the second half.

"It took a lot of heart and determination for those guys to come back," said Napiorkowski who's been in a lot of big games herself during a 12 year playing career that includes a stint with the Canadian national women's team.

"That was way more intense than anything I've experienced before. I get a lot more nervous when I'm coaching. You have no control on the sidelines. All you can do is give them the tools and hope they execute."

For guys like Nooyen, Mike Molinski, Jeff Sohn, Geoff Coventry and several other of the players who were on the senior boys football team that lost the city championship in triple overtime last fall, winning the AAA/AAAA rugby title was sweet redemption.

At the beginning of the season it was hard to find anyone on the team bold enough to predict they would make it back to the final, let alone win the championship. The only who truly believed in their potential was their coach.

"I told them before we played our first game that last year's team had the muscle, but they're a better passing team and they're more technically sound. They move the ball better and they have a better understanding of game itself," said Napiorkowski.

The Knights must now prepare for the OFSAA provincial championships which get underway next Wednesday in Brantford where they be up against much bigger and more experienced teams from the Greater Toronto area and southern Ontario.

# Lady Knights make short work of St. Matt's in touch football semi-final

By Fred Sherwin  
The Eastender

The St. Peter Knights varsity girls touch football team have moved one step closer to a berth in the city championship after beating the St. Matt's Tigers 14-1 in the East Conference semi-final on Tuesday.

But while the Knights won the game fairly handily, it was the Tigers who got off to the hot start.

After St. Pete's failed to complete a pass on their first series, St. Matt's quarterback Samantha Wall-Prevost completed her first seven throws to guide the Tigers down to the 23 yard line before the drive stalled and St. Matt's had to settle for a single point on a punt the Knights failed to get out of the end zone.

Unfortunately for the Tigers, it would be the only point they would get the entire game.

The Knights would eventually get on the scoreboard late in the first half after Stephanie MacDonald intercepted a Wall-Prevost pass to give St. Pete's a first down on the Tigers' 45 yard line.

Three plays later, St. Pete's quarterback Jenn Chiasson completed a long pass to Shauna Kent near the far end zone marker to give the Knights a second down at the one yard line. After St. Matt's broke up the second and one play, Chiasson found MacDonald at the back of the end zone for the Knights' first touchdown of the game.

On the next series, Wall-Prevost connected with Dana Sommerville on a 32 yard pass and run play to get the ball into Knights' territory, but after they failed to pick up the first down they had to kick the ball back to the Knights.

With less than a minute to go in the first

half, St. Pete's covered 75 yards in three plays including a 50 yard pass and run play from Chiasson to Anna Sangster on which Sangster made a Houdini like move to get past the Tiger defender. With the ball on the nine yard line, Chiasson hit Shauna Kent in the end zone on the very next play to put the Knights up 12-1.

With no time left on the clock, Chiasson successfully made the one point conversion attempt on a pass to MacDonald to give St. Pete's the 13-1 half-time lead.

The Knights would add to their lead early in the second half when Sangster managed to kick the ball into the end zone while trying to avoid St. Matt's rusher Gemma Lidstone.

Up 14-1, the Knights defence took over, limiting the Tigers offense to just two first downs the rest of the way.

In the end the game came down to big plays and the Knights ability to make more of them.

Chiasson ended the day going 17 for 38 with two touchdowns and only one interception. MacDonald caught three passes including one for a touchdown and one for a single, and hauled down two interceptions. Sangster kicked a single, caught four passes, broke up a pass on defence and kicked several booming punts and Kent caught three passes including one for a touchdown and ran twice for 16 yards.

On defence, rusher Lindsay Redmond batted down three passes and Allison Maier hauled in the Knights second interception.

On the other side of the ball, Wall-Prevost completed 55 per cent of her passes but was picked off three times. Of the passes she did complete, Trish Grey hauled in six, while Angela Rozman and Dana Sommerville



St. Peter Knights receiver Anna Sangster hauls in a pass from quarterback Jenn Chiasson before turning up field for a 40 yard gain. Fred Sherwin/Photo caught four each.

With only three players graduating this summer, Tigers coach Al Rozman is already predicting a potential championship run next year.

"I think we have an outstanding chance of winning it all next year," said Rozman.

As for the Knights, their next opponents will be the St. Pius X-Men who pulled off a major upset by beating the previously unbeaten St. Mark's Lions in the other east Conference semi-final.

The two teams will battle it out on Thursday to see which of them will move on to the city championship next Tuesday.

## Orléans sprinter qualifies for NCAA championships

By Fred Sherwin  
The Eastender

It's been almost a year since Orléans sprinter Richard Adu-Bobie decided to transfer from the University of Florida to Texas A&M University and thus far the change of scenery appears to have done him good.

On Sunday Adu-Bobie ran a season best 10.31 to finish second in the 100 metre sprint at the NCAA Midwest Regionals in Des Moines, Iowa to qualify for next week's NCAA Track and Field Championships in Sacramento.

It will be the first time Adu-Bobie will compete at the championships in an individual event. In 2005, he went to the championships as member of the Florida Gators 4x100 relay team as a freshman.

Last year, he suffered a tendon injury behind his right knee which caused him to miss most of the outdoor season.

Adu-Bobie, who was a member of the Canadian Olympic relay team in 2004 as an alternate, was expected to qualify for the NCAA championships in the relay as well, but the team, which was ranked fifth in the country heading into the Midwest Regional, failed to make it out of their heat after they bobbled the baton exchange between the third and fourth leg.

In a phone interview from College Station, Texas on Tuesday, Adu-Bobie said the mishap in the relay gave him extra incentive to do well in the 100 metres.

"I was very disappointed after the relay, but coach (Pat) Henry told me not to worry about it and just do what I do best and go out and post a good time in the 100," Adu-Bobie told *The Eastender*.

The former Sir Wilfrid Laurier Secondary School student was hoping to qualify in the 200 as well, but he failed to finish in the top four, placing sixth instead.

Adu-Bobie's personal best in the 100 metres is 10.28 which he set at the 2005 Canadian championships.

When taking into account the four NCAA regional meets held over the weekend, Adu-Bobie posted the fourth fastest time overall and he's only two tenths of a second off the second fastest time which bodes well for his chances in Sacramento.

"I just want to go out to Sacramento and run well and keep advancing every day to the final," says Adu-Bobie, who plans to return to Ottawa after the NCAAs to begin preparations for the Canadian championships in July.

Of course, the bigger goal is to make next year's Olympic team.

"That's been my goal every since I went to Athens as an alternate. It's not going to be easy, there's a lot of good sprinters in Canada, but I'm going to keep working hard and we'll see what happens," says Adu-Bobie.

## Artscetera

# Original OYP musical hits all the right notes

By Fred Sherwin  
The Eastender

“The Goddess, or True as an Arrow”, presented by the Orleans Young Players’ Show Biz class last week, is the second collaborative effort between Orleans Young Players instructor Andrea Cochrane and musician Alan Dean MacDowell who co-wrote “Sweet Nothin” together last year.

The musical was inspired by the works of Canadian playwright James Reany and loosely based on the myth of Cupid and Psyche in which Psyche is a princess so beautiful that the goddess Venus grows jealous of her. In revenge, Venus sends her son Cupid to earth to strike Psyche with an arrow so that she will fall in love with a hideous monster. When Psyche falls in love with Cupid instead, they plead with the gods to allow Psyche to ascend to the heavens where she becomes an immortal and the two are wed.

In Cochrane and MacDowell’s version of the myth, which is set during the birth of rock and roll in the mid 1950s, the god Bacchus has come down to earth and created rock and roll which leads to no end of unrest and anti-social behaviour, not to mention one heck of a racket.

To try and put things back to normal Jupiter sends his daughters Venus, Minerva and Diana to earth where they open a hair salon called “The Goddess In You”. Business is down when Psyche enters the shop and Venus hatches a plan. She’s going to turn the average looking girl into a beautiful poised young woman and then have her beat Bacchus in a dance contest so that he’ll go back to Mount Olympus with his tail between his legs.

The plan goes awry when Psyche, having beaten Bacchus, becomes a rock and

roll star herself which is where the myth comes into play. Venus sends Cupid to shoot Psyche with one of his arrows so that she will fall in love with the first man she sees and forget about her rock and roll career.

What follows is a hilarious scene in which two girls who follow Psyche to the salon, witness Cupid shoot her with the arrow. Believing that Cupid is a murderer they attack him and stab him with his own arrows. When Psyche and Cupid eventually wake up they immediately fall in love with each other.

This makes Venus even angrier, so she hatches another plan in which she sends Psyche to the bad part of town to look for a fictitious recording studio. While trying to find the studio she encounters a trio of purse snatchers and is killed while trying to get away from them.

Grief stricken Cupid begs Jupiter to bring Psyche back to life and make her an immortal, which he does.

During last Friday night’s performance, the cast members were all in fine voice although I have to admit that Bacchus’ high range was a little too trebly for my delicate ears. Conversely, I thought Cupid was superb. His/her solo performance of the title song “Straight as an Arrow” was one of the highlights of the evening. It wasn’t until the final curtain call that I realized Bacchus and Cupid were played by the same person Mary Doyle.

Quelle surprise!

I also really liked Erin Aucoin as Psyche and Sebastien Turcotte as Jupiter who sounded amazingly like Leonard Cohen, or the lead singer from the Crash Test Dummies.

The rest of superb cast included as Jamie Hurcomb as Venus; Meaghan Donohue as



Erin Aucoin as Psyche performs her solo during the OYP musical ‘Goddess, or True as an Arrow’, last Friday at the Orleans Theatre. Fred Sherwin/Photo

Minerva; Justine Davies as Diana; Haley Brennan as Jane; Meagan McDonald as Marilyn; and Alyssa Paliotti, Amanda Ricketts and Katie Webster as the three Zephyrs.

All but one of the pre-recorded backing tracks were performed by Steve Bourdeau on piano, Billy Buss on trumpet, Nathan Cepelinski on alto sax, John Gillies on tenor sax and MacDowell on guitar and bass. Brian Brown played piano on “True as an Arrow”.

Last but not least, Gabrielle Lazarovitz added her voice to several of the tracks.

## Latest Arts Ottawa East exhibit well worth a visit

By Fred Sherwin  
The Eastender

Arts Ottawa East’s latest juried art exhibit is well-named. Dubbed “Selections” the exhibition is a selection of more than 48 works submitted by 29 different artists that range from the sublime to the absolutely marvelous.

The arts council received nearly 100 submissions for the exhibit and quickly realized they needed both the Gloucester and Cumberland Galleries in the Orléans Client Service Centre if they were going to hang the 48 chosen pieces properly and do them justice and so they did.

By not trying to cram all the paintings into one space, the exhibition curator Mike Taylor gave them room to breath and come alive.

Where in some juried exhibits you might have two or three pieces that capture your

attention, in “Selections” there are at least a half dozen that would make a wonderful addition to any wall.

Chief among them are two pieces by Sherry Tompalski, who is a psychotherapist by day and a painter during her spare time.

“Pedro” is a fascinating portrait that’s part of series of large abstract portraits entitled “Private Moments” that Tompalski has become quite well known for.

The second piece is taken from her “New Works On Paper – The Reassembled Self” series. Entitled “Beethoven’s Wife”, the mixed media work is mostly done in pencil with sheet music used as a collage.

Some of the other pieces that stood out during a recent viewing include a pair of brightly coloured abstract works by David Henderson; a large painting of two children playing chess entitled “Marc and Rachel”, by Camille Brisebois-Lussier; Richard

Charlebois’ pictorial wood marquetry of the Ottawa locks near the Chateau Laurier; Ross Rheume classic large oil painting of a snow covered streetscape; and Magda Hanna’s mixed media portrait of an elderly man entitled “M. l’Abbé”.

Twenty-seven-year-old photographer Jamie Johnson also has an interesting piece in the exhibit entitled “Ottawa River Walkway” that uses a double exposure to place a walkway underpass in the middle of a foreboding cloud covered sky.

“Selections” is on until June 22 at the Gloucester and Cumberland Galleries in the Orléans Client Service Centre on Centrum Boulevard.

The galleries are open Monday to Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Thursday and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

# Artscetera

## Cumberland chorus celebrates its 15th anniversary

By Fred Sherwin  
The Eastender

It's been 15 years since a group of like-minded musically inclined woman from the former municipality of Cumberland got together to form the Cumberland Community Singers.

Since then the group has seen a number of members come and go including five musical directors, but they have stayed true to their original purpose which was to share their joy of music with the community.

On Sunday, the chorus celebrated its 15th anniversary with 200 or so friends and fans at the former Cumberland Town Hall on Centrum Boulevard.

The program included an appearance by the Cross Town Youth Chorus, Canadian composer James Wright who accompanied the chorus on piano during their performance of his original composition "Celebrate in Song!", and 25 alumni who joined the current 45 member chorus for five songs in the second half of the concert including a greatly appreciated encore.

The celebration also brought together four of the chorus' five musical directors including their current director Kurt Ala-Kantti and Lynne Stacey who's credited for saving the chorus when it went into semi-dormancy after only four months.

"The first musical director left after only four months and Dave Lewis, who was responsible for cultural affairs at the time, asked me if I would replace her and I had to think about it for awhile before I said yes," says Stacey who is still a member of the Community Singers.

"I remember the first rehearsal I went to was on a Wednesday night at seven o'clock and I was an hour and a half late, but when I walked in all the women got and started applauding so how could I say no."

One of the first things Stacey did was change the rehearsals to Tuesday nights. The second thing she did was open the membership up to men. She also introduced the idea that anyone from the community who shares their love of music was invited to join the chorus at any time.



The Cumberland Community Singers celebrated their 15th anniversary on Sunday with a concert in the Orleans Theatre at the former Cumberland Town Hall. Fred Sherwin/Photo

Besides Stacey, the other musical directors in attendance on Sunday were Bertrand Doucet who served as director for 10 years from 1992 to 2002 and Laura Dziubaniuk who led the chorus from January 2003 until December 2005 when Ala-Kantti took over.

Of the 45 member chorus, only two members have been

with the group since day one – Iris Redmond and Pamela MacLean – while most of the other singers have been around for 10 years or more.

The Cumberland community Singers rehearsal every Tuesday evening from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at Resurrection Lutheran Church on Gaultois Avenue in Orléans.

# Community calendar

FRIDAY, JUNE 1

**40TH ANNUAL BLACKBURN FUN FAIR** beside the Blackburn Arena. Carnival rides from 3 p.m. to 10 p.m. and Youth Dance from 8 p.m. until midnight in the arena for youth 15 and under. For more information visit [www.blackburnhamlet.ca/funfair/info.htm](http://www.blackburnhamlet.ca/funfair/info.htm).

**PETER C** 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>.

SATURDAY, JUNE 2

**40TH ANNUAL BLACKBURN FUN FAIR** beside the Blackburn Arena. Pancake breakfast from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Fun Fair parade starts at 10 a.m. along Bearbrook

Road. Carnival rides, midway games and candy shack from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Dunk tank, basketball tournament, silent auction and much more. Game 3 of the Stanley Cup playoffs will be shown on site on a large screen television. Fireworks start after dark. For more information visit [www.blackburnhamlet.ca/funfair/info.htm](http://www.blackburnhamlet.ca/funfair/info.htm).

**ORLEANS COMMUNITY GARDEN** kick-off across from the East Division police station on St. Joseph Blvd. near Tenth Line Road. Registration and garden set up will be held at 9:30 a.m. sharp. (You must help set up the garden to obtain a plot.) The garden will have individual plots and a food bank plot. For more information visit

[www.jardincommunautaireorleanscommunitygarden.org](http://www.jardincommunautaireorleanscommunitygarden.org).

**CARDINAL CREEK COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE** from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Cardinal Creek community is located on the east side of Trim Road between Portobello and Innes Road. Rain day June 3. For more information please visit [www.cardinalcreek.org](http://www.cardinalcreek.org).

**GARAGE SALE** organized by the Vars-Navan Scouting Group at the Navan Fair building from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. This is part of the Navan Community Garage Sale.

**CHARITY YARD SALE** to raise money for community group in Beacon Hill that collects donated furniture and hands it out to new

refugee families in the area. The yard sale will be held at 6-1900 Marquis Ave. (facing Naskapi Rd.). Funds raised will be used to pay for gas and storage. Rain date is June 9.

**DOORS OPEN OTTAWA** on today and tomorrow throughout the National Capital Region. This two day event provides local residents with an inside glimpse into 115 of Ottawa's most interesting buildings. Admission is free. Full descriptions of the buildings, including each building's history and opening hours, can be found on at [www.ottawa.ca/doorsopen](http://www.ottawa.ca/doorsopen)

SUNDAY, JUNE 3

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

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 2

**ORLEANS SOAP BOX DERBY** from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. rain or shine on Orléans Blvd. between Carriere St. and St. Joseph Blvd. This should be an exciting event with kids from seven to 17 competing for prestige and prizes. For more information visit [www.orleanssoapbox.com](http://www.orleanssoapbox.com).