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Fourteen-year-old Rebecca Kalinger was among the 24 young people honoured at this year's Orleans Online Outstanding Youth Awards. See story page 3. Fred Sherwin/Photo

Thousands turn out for Santa's Parade of Lights

By Fred Sherwin
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Spectacular! Amazing! The best ever! Those are just some of the words people are using to describe this year's Parade of Lights which went off without a hitch Saturday night.

This year's parade included more than 75 entries including two high school floats that we're built on flat bed trucks donated by area truckers.

St. Peter High School and St. Matthew High School continued their traditional rivalry by building competing floats as part of the first ever high school challenge.

In the end St. Peter won in a split vote after decorating their float in a "Grease" theme to promote their upcoming musical production.

Among some of the more popular floats was the TD Canada Trust entry with the Grinch and Frosty the Snowman onboard, the Ottawa Fire Services float complete with the Ottawa Fire Services brass band and the Beacon Light float which featured an Elvis Presley impersonator belting out traditional holiday classics like "Blue Christmas" and "Santa Bring My Baby Back (To Me)".

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Christmas tradition returns to Place d'Orléans

By Fred Sherwin
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For the past 10 years the Magical Village has become a time honoured holiday tradition that attracts hundreds of people every year and raises thousands of dollars for the Gloucester Emergency Food Cupboard and a variety of Lions Club charities.

The Lilliputian village of miniature buildings and tiny lights has once again returned to Place d'Orléans where it continues to capture the imagination of the young and young at heart alike.

The Isaac family dropped by the display on Sunday, not once but three times.

"Every time we come to the mall we have to come here at

least two or three times. The kids can't get enough of it," said Don Isaac.

During this particular visit, Isaac's eight-year-old daughter Lindsay played a game of eye spy with her five-year-old brother Jason.

The Magical Village was started in 1997 by former Gloucester Mayor Claudette Cain as a pet project to help raise money for the emergency food cupboard.

The North Gloucester Lions have been providing volunteers to man the village since day one. Their members are complimented by nearly 80 students who use the Village to meet their community service commitment.

Three years ago they took over the responsibility of storing the more than 600 pieces that make up the village, setting it up every year, soliciting sponsors and collecting and managing the donations.

It takes the better part of two weeks to set up the display. Admission is free, although visitors are encouraged to donate whatever they can with the proceeds going to the Gloucester Emergency Food Cupboard and the North Gloucester Lions.

As for the other purpose of the Village – putting smiles on the faces of children –

The Magical Village is open during regular mall hours until Dec. 31.



The Magical Village will be open during regular mall hours at Place d'Orléans until Dec. 31. File photo

Community briefs

Fire destroys million dollar home in Cumberland

CUMBERLAND — An early morning fire has reduced a million home in the Cumberland Estates development to ashes. Firefighters were called to the Quillivan Lane home shortly after 7 a.m. When they arrived they found the owner out front and the house completely engulfed in flames. Damage to the two storey executive home is estimated at \$1.3 million.

Parade of Lights hardware handed out

ORLEANS — Ten different entries in this year's Parade of Lights received their awards during a ceremony at the TD Canada Trust branch on St. Joseph Blvd. on Wednesday. Among the recipients were the Community Pentecostal Church, which was once again named Grand Champion; the 632 Phoenix Air Cadets for Best Band; École des Voyageurs for best school entry; Midway Max for Best Clown; MIFO for Best Christmas Spirit; Hair Tech Coiffure for Best Commercial Entry; Orleans Soap Box Derby for Best Novelty Entry; the Military Family Resource Centre won the Michael MacIntyre Memorial Award and St. Peter High School won the first ever high school challenge.

Cumberland museum to celebrate Christmas past

CUMBERLAND VILLAGE – Come celebrate an Old Fashioned Christmas at the Cumberland Heritage Village Museum in Cumberland Village during the next three Sundays on Dec. 2, 9 and 16 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Discover the traditions and celebrations during the early depression. Horse drawn wagon rides, hot chocolate, Christmas crafts and more. For more information visit www.ottawa.ca/museums.

Tickets now on sale for annual pantomime show

ORLEANS — Tickets are now on sale for the East End Theatre company's annual pantomime production. This year the theatre company is presenting the panto "Sleeping Beauty" on Dec. 14, 15 and 16 at the Orléans Theatre on Centrum Blvd. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$5 for children and can be purchased by visiting Frameworks on St. Joseph Blvd., or ordered online by visiting <http://eastendtheatre.com/>.

Parade raises hundreds of toys and thousands of dollars

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The recent dumping of snow only added to the festive spirit of this year's parade. In fact it was the first time in recent memory that the parade was both white and dry.

Jim Robinson brought his three kids and a cousin all the way from Stittsville to see the parade.

"It's been amazing. The kids are loving it and the weather's perfect. You can't ask for better than that," said Robinson who's made the trip to the east end for the past three years. "I've always liked parades ever since I was a kid. Especially Santa Claus parades. It's one of the bonuses of having kids, it gives you an excuse to come."

Asked what her favourite part of the parade had been so far, 10-year-old Taylor Robinson said matter of factly "the candy canes" referring to the mini-candy canes several parade entries were handing out to kids along the parade route.

The Parade of Lights has become the largest event of its kind in Canada and has even surpassed the Ottawa Help Santa Toy Parade for the sheer numbers of spectators it attracts. Saturday's large turnout will go a long way to help local firefighters make this year's holiday season a little brighter for underprivileged children in the community.

As the parade made its way down St. Joseph, firefighters collected toys and passed along boots as spectators filled them with loonies and toonies as well as the odd five and \$10 bill.

While the parade itself raises toys and money for a great cause, most of the children in attendance were there for one reason and one reason only, to see St. Nick for the first time and confirm that their favourite holiday is just around the corner.

Six-year-old Samantha Lanthier from Orléans summed up the sentiments of the vast majority of the youngsters standing along the parade route. When asked what her favourite part of the parade was, the



Santa Claus waves at the thousands of people who lined the parade route during this year's Parade of Lights last Saturday. Fred Sherwin/Photo

young girl simply exclaimed, "Santa!"

For many of the older adults in the crowd, Elvis came a close second.

"He sounds pretty good for someone who's been dead for 30 years," said Chapel Hill resident Bill Simpson.

The parade included a couple of new entries and several old favourites like the perennial Grand Champions from the Community Pentecostal Church; the Elaine Hunter School of Dance; the 632 Phoenix-Telesat Air Cadets Band; and the Royal Lepage Christmas castle.

One of this year's highlights was the Military Family Resource Centre float, while the Ottawa Fire Services float complete with the Ottawa Fire Services brass band was also a crowd favourite.

Twelve-year-old Joshua Lynch took in the parade with his family who are visiting from Knoxville, Tennessee.

"They don't have anything like this where we live. They don't even have a Santa Claus parade," said Lynch.

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Outstanding youth fêted at annual awards ceremony

By Fred Sherwin
The Eastender

Twenty-five amazing young people were honoured at this year's Orléans Online Outstanding Youth Awards which took place last Saturday night at the Orléans Theatre.

The accomplishments of the recipients were as varied as the young people themselves who ranged in age from eight to 18.

The youngest was eight year-old Christie Corrigan who was nominated for her work on her school's Environmental Action Committee as well as being a member on her school cross country and track and field teams.

Siblings Élyse, Paul and Marc Maisonneuve received an award for their work in helping raise money for Projet Karyne which was established last summer in honour of their nine-year-old sister Karyne Maisonneuve who passed away from complications resulting from her cancer treatment. in July, 2006.

Former Gloucester High School student Ambuj Dewan received this year's Crystal Award for attaining the highest overall average among both francophone and anglophone students in the east end last year with a 98.73 average. Ravi Dewan accepted the award on behalf of his son who is majoring in biology at McGill University.

"He's doing very well. He's happy and he's very excited about receiving this award," said his proud father after the ceremony.

Other recipients included Tania Bariteau, a 16-year-old Beatrice-Desloges student who won two silver and three bronze medals at the World Junior Taekwondo Championships last year; Ivanie Blondin who received her fourth Orléans Outstanding Youth Award after a year in which she became the youngest member ever of the national short track speed skating team at the age of 16 and made the 'A' final com-

peting in her first ever World Cup event; and Sherwin Habibi, who scored the highest mark in Grade 11 French, biology and chemistry at Sir Wilfrid Laurier Secondary School on his way to earning a 97.3 per cent average.

The near-capacity crowd was entertained by some extremely talented performers from the east end including the Cross Town Youth Chorus; pianist Mimi Lam; sibling dancers Emma and Mary Kathryn Bohn; singer Kira Isabella; and two-thirds of the illusion act Thrillusions who hail from École secondaire catholique Béatrice-Desloges.

Among the this year's award recipients was Lois Kemp who received The Miza Davie Award which is given out annually to a person who has dedicated their life to the youth of their community.

As a parent Lois Kemp helped launch the 1st Blackburn Girl Guide troupe in the early '50s. In 1956 she joined with several other residents in getting the former City of Gloucester to build the first outdoor rink in Blackburn Hamlet so kids could have a place to skate.

But the accomplishment she is best recognized for is in helping to bring ringette to the east end in the early 1970s.

Kemp, along with Eleanor MacQuarrie and Marilyn Bradley, started the very first Blackburn ringette team so that girls in the community could have their own team sport during the winter.

From its humble beginnings, the Blackburn team grew into the Gloucester Ringette Association which became one of the most successful ringette associations in the province.

Recipient Lindsay Anderson drove all morning to be at the awards ceremony from Toronto where she was honoured at the Canadian Triathlon Association's awards banquet for being the top junior triathlete and duathlete in Canada.



Audrey Lowther from Kroon Enterprises Ltd. presents an Outstanding Youth Award to Nolan Beanlands during the Award ceremony last Saturday. Fred Sherwin/Photo

The Orléans Online Outstanding Youth Awards were first organized in 2003 as a way to celebrate the accomplishments of area youth. Organizers received 30 nominations this year for young people ranging in age from eight to 18.

Each nominator submitted a short biography of the person they were nominating which was then given to the seven member judging panel. Working independently, the judges went through the submissions and selected their top 12 candidates. The lists were then compiled and any nominee who received a minimum of four selections was bestowed with an award.

The full list of recipients includes Alex Bergeron, Christie Corrigan, Joshua Simpson, Samantha Sproule, Eric Stewart, Amanda Pinhey, Sean Decloux, Charles Williams, Tania Bariteau, Edgardo Montes, Rebecca Kalinger, Emma and Mary Kathryn Bohn, Nolan Beanlands, Michelle LaRocque, Alex Lacasse, Malcolm Jones, Kira Isabella Wilkie, Élyse, Marc and Paul Maisonneuve, Segun Makinde, Amanda Bentley-Desousa, Ivanie Blondin, Cody Lombardo Sherwin Habibi, Lindsay Anderson and Ambuj Dewan.

This year's awards were made possible thanks to the support of a number of sponsors including gold level sponsors Ace Body Shop, Place d'Orléans, Laporte's Flowers and Nursery, 1-800-GOT-JUNK?, the Kiwanis Club of Orléans and M.L. Bradley Ltd.

The east end's political representatives were also out in full force, each of them having sponsored one of the wards that were presented.

Last, but not least, the Navan Lions Club provided the food for the post-awards reception which was organized by Fallingbrook Community Association president Zybina Richards.



Twenty-four amazing young people from across the east end were honoured at this year's Orléans Online Outstanding Youth Awards. Fred Sherwin/Photo

And the winners are...



Michelle LaRocque



Eric Stewart



Lindsay Anderson



Alex Bergeron



Rebecca Kalinger



Ivanie Blondin



Samantha Sproule



Christie Corrigan



Segun Makinde



Tania Bariteau



Malcolm Jones



Charles Williams



Amanda Pinhey



Kira Isabella



Lois Kemp



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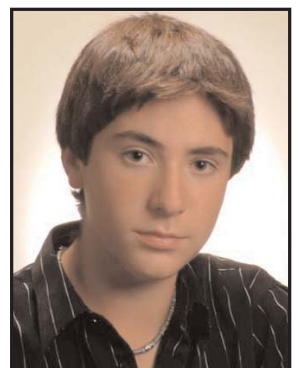
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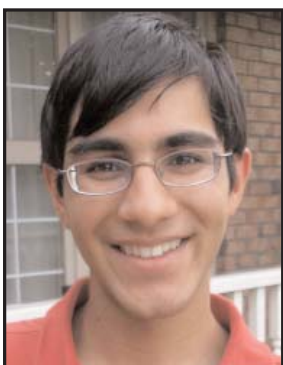
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Joshua Simpson



Amanda Bentley



Nolan Beanlands



Cody Lombardo



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Awe-inspiring

This past Saturday, 24 amazing young people were recognized at the fourth annual Orleans Online Outstanding Youth Awards.

Ranging in age from nine to 18, they all had distinguished themselves in a variety of areas over the past 12 months.

Listening to the many and varied accomplishments of the award recipients was a humbling process indeed. I had to constantly remind myself that the lengthy biographies belonged to kids nine, 12 and 17 years of age.

I first thought about organizing an Outstanding Youth Award ceremony several years ago after writing yet another in an endless series of stories about some of the amazing young people in our community.

In an age when the media is all too often fixated on the negative, I thought it would be a tremendous idea to recognize the many positive stories that exist out there – of which there are many.

For every kid that vandalizes a portable classroom or spends his evenings spray-painting hydro boxes and bus shelters, there are dozens of kids who are applying themselves in a positive manner. Some are tutoring their peers to help them get better grades while others are spending time volunteering in senior citizen homes or organizing anti-racism assemblies.

It's fair to say that none of this year's Outstanding Youth Award recipients have issues with staying out too late or getting in trouble at school. Rather than being the exception to the rule, I truly believe they represent the tip of an incredibly giant iceberg.

Most kids are genuinely good people trying to grow up in an age with a multitude of distractions. The truly lucky ones find something that interests them and latch on to it, forsaking the many temptations that compete for their time and energy.

If any message can be taken away from this year's Outstanding Youth Awards it is that to excel at anything takes more than talent – it takes commitment, dedication and hard work – three ingredients which exist in all of us. It also requires inspiration and motivation.

Anyone walking away from Saturday's ceremony without feeling inspired or motivated to do more failed to grasp the full intent of the awards themselves.

– Fred Sherwin, editor

Councillors do the right thing in backing off proposed cuts

For the past three weeks I've been received a number of e-mails from readers upset over the lack of coverage I've afforded the proposed cuts to this year's budget.

"Why haven't I written anything about the recommendation to close the Blackburn Library or the Queenswood Heights and Cumberland Community Centres," they screamed.

(Okay, well maybe they didn't scream, but they were definitely perplexed over the my deafening silence.)

The reason is simple – as someone who has been through 18 years of this business, I knew darn well there wasn't a snowball's chance in Hades the proposed closures would ever see the light of day and I didn't want to add to the hysteria unless I thought there was a real chance they might be acted upon.

On Wednesday, the councillors and Mayor O'Brien did the right thing in announcing that people need not worry because they weren't going to cut front line services in order to avoid a potential tax increase. Instead, some of them plan to find the savings in administration. (More on that later.)

The timing of the announcement couldn't have been better, coming as it did on the heels of next week's public delegation meetings.

Ideally, the proposed measures would never have been made public in the first place, but a majority of the councillors wanted to show their colleagues and the rest of the city what the impact of a possible tax freeze would look like.

Personally, I thought it was irresponsible and I still do. I'm an old school kinda guy who believes our political representatives are elected to

weigh the pros and cons of an issue and make a decision based on what they feel is the right course of action.

I did not vote for someone so I can be asked for my opinion every time a potential controversial issue comes up.

If he or she makes a decision that I may not particularly agree with, I can always let them know about it either by way of an immediate communication, or the next time I go to the ballot box.

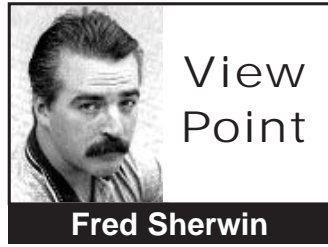
As for the Mayor's idea that the city can squeeze another \$100 million out of administration over and above the \$100 million the city's senior managers have already committed to over the next three years, without impacting front line services, I'm not so sure.

I do think there is still some additional savings that could be found, but \$100 million maybe a smidgen ambitious.

Finally, I have to weigh in on the recent revival of the light rail debate. Depending on who you talk to, or what publication you read, the city is prepared to A) build a tunnel downtown; B) extend the transitway to Trim Road, running south of Innes Road, which will eventually be converted to light rail; C) extend the transitway out to Kanata; and D) improve mass transit to Riverside South which may or may not be light rail.

All they have to do now is decide in which order to do the work and how to pay for it. In other words, the plan, or lack thereof, is even more screwed up now than it was when they canned the North-South light rail project last year.

Which begs the question, how many of them would go back and change their vote if they had to do it all over again.?



Fred Sherwin



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Local businesses have plenty to offer Xmas shoppers

By Fred Sherwin
The Eastender

While thousands of people flock to the local mall to do the lion's share of their Christmas shopping, they do so at the risk of missing out on that unique gift which can only be found in one of the many local specialty shops in the east end.

One such store is Laura's Corner in Navan. The home furnishings and accessories store has already become a favourite destination for people looking for unique furnishings that exude comfort and warmth.

But besides big comfy couches and oversized arm chairs, Laura's Corners also sells unique home decor items that make the perfect gift for that hard-to-buy-for someone on your list.

Owners Glen Harris and Bob Desjardins take immense pride in being able to find that one of a kind gift item that makes travelling to Laura's Corner well worth the trip.

For instance they have an assortment of unique, handmade festive items that make an instant conversation piece.

Sticking with the spirit of the season, Laura's Corner has a large selection of festive candles, wreaths and Rudolf the Red-Nosed Reindeer tableware, stockings and napkins.

One of the store's most popular items are their fire burners which use a flammable gel to create a warm glowing flame. The burners are available in a variety of different styles, shapes and colours.

The men out there will no doubt appreciate Laura's Corners excellent selection of stocking stuffers for the special lady in their lives including a wide selection of bath products, mists and sprays and yummy edibles like gourmet chocolate pancake mix and smoked salmon.

Speaking of edibles, Navan is also home to Chilly Chiles, located beside J.T. Bradley's Country Convenience Store on

Colonial Road. The popular specialty store carries hundreds of hot sauces, marinades and other unique gift items for those people on your Christmas list who appreciate the spicier things in life.

Among the many stocking stuffers they have are chile flavoured caramels, Chile Mango Gumballs, hot sauce on a key chain, BBQ popcorn, habanero flavoured jelly beans and hot sauce gift packs.

They also have a number of specialty cookbooks and decorative chile-ware such as chile-themed aprons, pot holders and oven mitts.

After a visit to Chile Chiles pop into J.T. Bradley's where the discerning Christmas shopper will be able to find a bottle of single malt scotch, a fine wine or a bottle of aptly named Navan cognac.

They also sell locally made Desjardins tortieres which are available in small and large sizes, as well as 20 and 25-inch natural Christmas wreaths made from pine boughs. Starting Dec. 5 they will also be selling Christmas tree.

J.T. Bradley's carries a wide variety of NASCAR hats, key chains and fridge magnets which make excellent stocking stuffers for the racing fan on your list.

Last but not least, you can pop into Jay's Embroidery, located on the east side of Navan Road as you drive into Navan, and buy a decorative Navan "hoody", which are available in a variety of colours, or some Cumberland Grads wear.

The best part about shopping at any of the stores in Navan is that they are close (about a 10 minute drive from Orléans, down Trim Road) and they have plenty of parking.

Closer to Orléans, the Dollar Store Plus on the corner of Trim Road and Watters has a wealth of affordable stocking stuffers for any age group including a complete line of scrap booking accessories.

For the hard-to-buy-for wine lover on your list, make a bee line to Wine Kitz located in the Orléans Town Centre Plaza near the Centrum Odeon Theatre and place an order for any number of delicious wine kits or simply buy a gift certificate.

If you already know someone who makes their own wine then you'll want to buy them a Wine Cellar Express which is a wine bottle coaster containing a powerful magnet that can age homemade wine in a matter of minutes.

Wine openers also make a wonderful gift and Wine Kitz carries a complete line of Trudeau openers, from a stainless steel foldable cork screw starting at \$19.99 to the Trulever bottle opener priced at \$99.99 which is as beautiful to look as it is to use.

For wine lovers working on building up their collection, Wine Kitz has a selection of wine racks made out of a variety of materials in an assortment of different sizes. Wooden racks can be purchased either finished or unfinished.

The Wine Kitz store also has a wide variety of decorative ceramic wine holders. There's bakers, sailors, cows, Santas... you name it.

Finally, if you have a hockey fan on your list why not pay a visit to Lacroix Source for Sports on St. Joseph Blvd. and pick up a vintage NHL hockey jersey. Simply find out your husband or boyfriend's favourite childhood team and drop by the store. The jerseys start at \$109.99 apiece.

When all else fails and you've simply run out of ideas, scoot over to Place d'Orléans and purchase a gift certificate, redeemable at any of the shopping mall's stores.

A gift certificate for a dinner for two at the new Heritage Restaurant in Cumberland Village can also make a nice present. The fine Italian eatery has been getting rave reviews since opening last spring.



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Superdome driving range opens for another season

By Fred Sherwin
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While the weather outside is frightful the weather inside the Orléans Superdome on Bearbrook Road is perfect for working on your golf swing.

At 300 feet, the Orléans Superdome Driving Range is the longest of its kind in Canada, allowing golfers the chance to properly analyze the flight and trajectory of their shots.

As opposed to most driving ranges where golfers pay by the bucket, Superdome patrons pay \$11 per half hour and can hit as many balls as they want. A discounted pass which entitles the bearer to 10, 30-minute sessions can also be purchased for \$90 plus GST.

With the Canadian dollar still above \$1US, many Orleans residents have already to head down south this winter and many of them will no doubt be taking their golf clubs.

One way to stay on top of your game is to visit a driving range at least once or

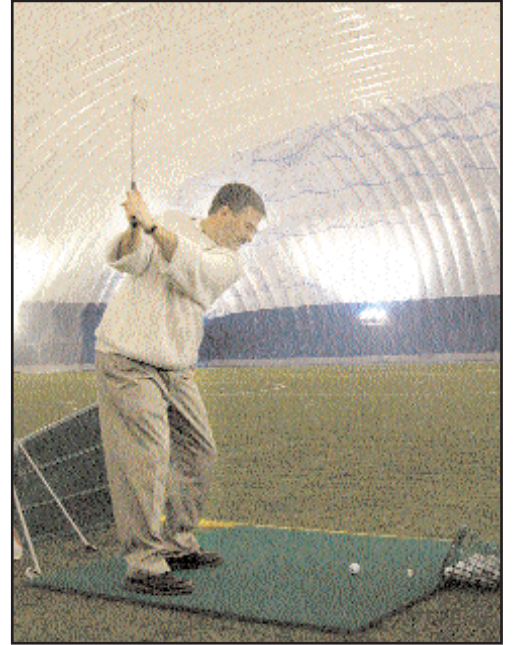
twice a week. The Superdome affords local golfers the opportunity to maintain their swing close to home and in a climate controlled environment. And with 20+ stations you hardly ever have to wait.

Starting Monday, the driving range will operate from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday to Friday after which time the golf balls have to make way for soccer balls.

Seasonal memberships, which give you unlimited access, are available for \$329 plus GST, while private and semi-private lessons can be booked with a CPGA professional ahead of time starting at \$75 an hour.

Membership applications can be downloaded by visiting www.superdome.ca and clicking on Driving Range. Once its downloaded, simply print it off, fill it out and drop it off at the dome with a cheque made payable to Superdome Sports Centre.

For more information on the Superdome sports facility and driving range which is located at the Hornet's Nest on Bearbrook Road just south of Blackburn Hamlet visit www.superdome.ca.



The Superdome Driving Range at the Hornet's Nest in Blackburn Hamlet is one of the longest indoor driving ranges in Canada. File photo

Local business

Sound and light company very much a family affair

By Fred Sherwin
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Capital Sound and Light (CSL) is a family run, homegrown business that has meticulously built a reputation for dependable personal service since its the company was established in 2000.

Some of the events they provide sound for include the Orleans Oktoberfest Celebration, political campaign events and school fun fairs.

Michael Hooper, and sons Shawn and Kevin, know the business inside and out and they especially know how to make their clients sound good. Whether it's a ribbon cutting ceremony or the Greater Orleans Canada Day Celebration where they provide the sound for over 24,000 people, Capital Sound and Light can easily meet your needs with the utmost professionalism.

Prior to opening CSL, Michael worked for Panasonic Canada for 24 years where he

was Government Marketing Manager for the Broadcast and Television Systems Division, responsible for marketing the Ramsa product line of recording consoles as well as other professional audio products to the Federal Government. Michael was a founding member and on the board of managers of the Ottawa Chapter of the Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers for 14 years.

When not operating the console for CSL, Shawn Hooper keeps himself busy as Technical Consultant for the Orleans Young Players Theatre School, where he looks after the sound and lighting requirements for many of their productions. Shawn is also part of the technical crew at the City of Ottawa's Orleans Theatre.

Rounding out the trio is Hooper's other son Kevin who received his technical training at the conservatory of Recording Arts and Sciences in Tempe, Arizona and com-

pleted his internship in a digital recording studio in Chicago, Illinois. He is a member in good standing of the Audio Engineering Society.

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Local sports

St. Matt's wins fifth junior girls crown in six years

By Fred Sherwin
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The St. Matthew Tigers won their third Tier 1 junior girls city championship in a row and fourth in the last six years on Monday after downing the Sacred Heart Huskies 42-37 in rematch of last year's championship game.

Just like last year, both teams went into the title game boasting identical 12-0 records and just like last year both teams had trouble getting points on the board in the early going.

After misfiring on their first two shots, the Tigers went on a 5-0 run helped by four Huskie turnovers.

Sacred Heart eventually got their act together to tie the score at 5-5 before Natasha Reitano and Sarah Langlois hit back-to-back baskets to put St. Matt's back in front 9-6 lead. They then went ice cold, missing their next nine shots in row before Virginia Peters finally pulled the string to make the score 11-8.

Fortunately for the Tigers, the Huskies weren't faring much better as they misfired on five shots in row before Cindy Kalenga scored off a steal to give them their eight points. They then missed their next 10 in a row, including several ordinarily routine lay-ups.

The score at the end of the first half was 15-11 in favour of St. Matt's with the two teams shooting a combined 20 per cent from the floor.

As the second half began the Tigers made a conscious effort to put the ball in the hands of Sarah Langlois and have her drive to the net while the Huskies continued to double team Peters.

The move paid immediate dividends as Langlois drew a pair of fouls on the Tigers first two trips down the floor. After draining three of her four free throw shots she added a three pointer from beyond the arc to give the Tigers an eight point lead at 21-13.

Langlois would end up heading to the foul line seven more times, going 14-for-17 as part of 19 point effort in the second half.

After the Tigers extended their lead to 24-15 midway through the third quarter, the Huskies finally started to get things into gear led by Victoria Cowell.

After going 0-for-10 up until that point, Cowell drained three shots in a row, including a three pointer to make it a two point game at 24-22.

Two more baskets by Kaitlyn Young and Kalenga would complete an 11-0 run for the Huskies who took their first lead of the game at 26-24 with 45 seconds left in the third quarter.

Langlois finally stopped the bleeding with a pair of foul shots at the end of the quarter to tie the game at 26-26.

As the fourth quarter opened, the two teams exchanged baskets before Cowell nailed her second three point shot of the game to give Sacred Heart a three point lead at 31-28 lead.

Peters then scored for St. Matt's to narrow the deficit to 31-30. After Kalenga misfired from long range, the Tigers fed the ball to Langlois who drove to the basket and drew a foul on a circus layup.

The three point play would allow the Tigers to regain the lead at 33-31.

Things would get tense for St. Matt's down the stretch when Kennedy scored for the Huskies to narrow the score to 39-37 with 42 seconds left on the clock.

After the Tigers missed on their possession, the Huskies pushed the ball down the court and into the hands of Kalenga who went for the potential game winning three point shot, only to see ball bounce off the rim and into the hands Peters.

Langlois sealed the deal for the Tigers, going five-for-six from the free throw line in the final minute to make the final score 42-37.

Following the game, Tigers head coach



The St. Matthew Tigers junior girls basketball team won their third city championship in a row and fifth in the last six years after downing the Sacred Heart Huskies 42-37 on Monday. Fred Sherwin/Photo

Rick Despatie explained the team's strategy following the half-time break.

"We told her to just drive for the basket. They were double teaming Virginia which left her the open lane," said Despatie who was thrilled with the play of his veteran players who scored 37 of the Tigers' 42 points.

Langlois ended the game with 21 points including a pair of three point shots, while going 14-for-17 from the free throw line.

Despite going 6-for-26 from the floor, Peters still managed to score 12 points while hauling down 15 rebounds of the team's 24 rebounds.

Cowell led the Huskies with 10 points including a pair of three point shots which kept Sacred Heart in the game.

Third period comeback lifts Grads past Raiders

By Fred Sherwin
The Eastender

There's no place like home. Just ask the Cumberland Grads who rebounded from a 5-0 loss to the Pembroke Lumber Kings on Sunday to down the Nepean Raiders on home ice Tuesday night to improve their record at the Navan Arena this season to 10-2-0.

Jason Akeson opened things up for the Grads with his 11th goal of the season just 42 seconds into the second period.

Not content with just one goal, the Grads proceeded to jump all over the Raiders, outshooting them 21-5 in the second stanza, but Nepean goalie Darren MacDonald was equal to the task.

When the Raiders responded with a pair

of goals in the first two minutes of the third period it looked as though it was going to be one of those nights for the hometown team.

Cumberland soon righted the ship, however, and eventually tied the game on a power play marker by Chris Murphy at the 12:58 mark.

Fifteen seconds later Patrick Roger beat MacDonald to give the Grads a 3-2 lead which they managed to hold onto until the end game.

As the game ended the players on the ice got into a small scrum rather than skate to their respective benches despite being told to do so by referee George Gray who proceeded to hand out 11 bench misconducts – five to the Grads and six to the

Raiders.

The Grads are now 9-1-1 in their last 10 and are tied for third in the overall standings with the Raiders who have played four more games than Cumberland.

Directly ahead of the Grads are the Brockville Braves with 38 points and the Lumber Kings at 40, although both teams have played one more game than Cumberland.

The Grads will be looking to keep pace with the league leaders when they travel to Hawkesbury on Friday night to take on the Hawks in the opening game of a home-and-home series.

The two teams will do it all over again at the Navan Arena on Sunday. Game time is 3 p.m.

Local sports

East end teams fare well at OFSAA provincial high school championships

By Fred Sherwin
The Eastender

East end teams competing in the OFSAA basketball and volleyball championships held this week returned home with their heads held high after pulling off the odd upset, and in two instances, making it to the quarterfinals.

The Béatrice-Desloges Bull-Dogs senior boys volleyball team managed to make it to the elite eight at the 'AAA' championships in Toronto before losing a third set tie-breaker 22-25, 25-17, 15-11 to Donald Wilson Secondary School from Whitby.

The Bull-Dogs made it to the semi-finals after compiling a 2-1 record in the round robin portion of the tournament to finish second in their pool.

The seventh-seeded Béatrice-Desloges team posted early wins over St. Theresa's High School from Midland (25-12, 27-25) and St. Mary's High School from Coburg (23-25, 26-24, 15-12), before losing to fourth-seeded St. Michael High School from Stratford 25-19, 25-22.

It was the first time a team from the school had competed at the 'AAA' level. After winning the National Capital Secondary School Athletic Association 'AA' championship last year, the Bull-Dogs were bumped up to the 'AAA' level because the school's enrollment exceeded 1,000 students – which is the cut-off between 'AAA' and 'AA' – by just seven students

In basketball, the St. Peter Knights made it to the quarterfinals of the OFSAA 'AAA' championship in Brockville, before getting

blown out by the number one seed, Governor Simcoe Secondary School 59-35.

Playing in their final game in a Knights uniform, Grade 12 seniors Dayna Dover and Stephanie MacDonald lead team with 16 and 10 points respectively.

The unseeded Knights got into the quarterfinals thanks to a huge 47-22 upset over the eighth-seeded Senator O'Connor College in which MacDonald scored 23 points and Dover added 18.

St. Pete's opened the tournament with 56-39 win over Silverthorn Collegiate from Toronto in which MacDonald and Dover had 24 and 10 points respectively.

Elsewhere, the Louis Riel Rebelles got off to a strong start at the 'AA' provincial championships in St. Thomas by winning their first two games over École secondaire catholique Theriault from Timmins and Sutton District High School, before losing 37-34 to St. Basil Secondary School from Sault Ste. Marie in the quarterfinals.

The Rebelles defeated Theriault 47-24 in their opening game thanks to 14 points each from Francesca Belleheumer-Moya, Idil Houssein and Micaela Riché. They then downed Sutton 57-33 in which Belleheumer-Moya scored 13 points, Riché had 12 and Yolam Anderson-Golhor added 11.

Finally, the St. Matthew Tigers made up for a second round loss to Sarnia Northern at the 'AAAA' provincial championships in Windsor – which dropped them into the consolation round – by winning their next two games to earn a spot in the consolation final.



St. Peter Knight standout Stephanie MacDonald has signed a basketball scholarship to go to Canisius College next year. File photo

Unfortunately their luck would run out against St. Basil the Great from North York who beat them 48-36, despite an 11 point effort by Kelly Mayson.

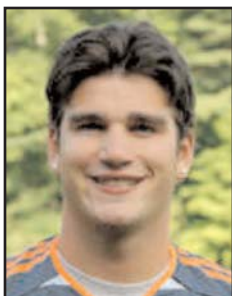
The Tigers had earlier beaten Barrie Eastview 38-35 – in a game in which graduating senior Sondre Boscoe scored 10 points – and David and Mary Thomson Collegiate from Toronto 58-48, in which Boscoe scored 14 and Stephanie Sabourin scored 19 to get to the consolation final.

Local athletes making waves south of the border

By Fred Sherwin
The Eastender

A handful of local athletes are continuing to raise eyebrows at a variety of universities south of the border starting with Béatrice-Desloges grad Erik Lefebvre who led Houghton College to the District IX semi-finals of NAIA.

The former Bull-Dog allowed 18 goals in 18 games for a 1.00 goals against average, while registering eight shutouts along the way. For his efforts he was named to the American Mideast Conference



Erik Lefebvre

First All-Star for the third year in a row. Fellow keeper John Fiutowski had a tough junior campaign at Niagara University near Niagara Falls, New York. The St. Peter High School grad allowed 20

goals in 12 games while compiling a 3-6-2 record.

Sticking with the sport of soccer, Gisèle Lalonde grad Josée Lalonde had two goals and two assists playing as a freshman with the Kent State Golden Flashes who made it to the quarterfinals of the Mid-American Conference tournament before losing 4-3 to the second ranked University of Toledo.

Charron was recently named to the All-MAC freshman team.

Elsewhere, former St. Pete basketball standout Courtney Pilypaitis appears to have gotten over her sore back problems at the University of Vermont where she recently led the Catamounts to their second TD Banknorth Classic Championship in the past two years.

Pilypaitis, had her third career double-double, scoring 16 points and hauling down 13 rebounds in the championship final against St. John's University. She also came within two assists of getting the first

triple-double in the school's history.

In hockey, former Cumberland Grad goalie Christian Boucher is off to a great start playing in his senior year at Robert Morris University near Pittsburgh.

In eight starts so far this season he's 6-2 with a 2.67 GAA.

Finally in baseball, Béatrice-Desloges grad Chris Bisson saw his first action with the University of Kentucky Wildcats last month.

Playing shortstop Bisson went four-for-16 and drove in three runs during the school's fall World Series which pits two Wildcat intrasquad teams against each other in a seven game series.

The U.S. collegiate baseball season gets underway for real in February.



Courtney Pilypaitis

Artscetera

Concert showcases talented young magicians

By Fred Sherwin
The Eastender

The Orleans Theatre was alive with the sound of music last Friday night as 17 talented young musicians took part in the first installment of the Gloucester Music Club's annual concert series.

The GMC is run by a group of local music teachers to give young musicians the opportunity to perform on stage in front of an audience. The organization puts on three concerts every year – one each in the fall, winter and spring

Many of the performers use the concerts to help prepare for their Royal Conservatory of Music exams and the annual Kiwanis Music Festival which is held every spring.

The honour of opening Friday night's concert was given to sisters Emily and Natalie Millan who performed "Sailor's Dance" together on the piano.

Gloucester Music Club veteran Naomi Ng then played "Sonata in E Major 1st Mvt." by Haydn, followed by seven-year-old Alison Wu who provided one of the highlights of the evening with her interpretation of "The Land of Nod" by Jerome Tan.

The piano pieces were interspersed with three violin recitals. The first was by nine-year-old Hannah Carr who played "Minuet in G" by Christian Petzold.

Becki Manouchehri chose "Sonata in A Major" by 17th century Italian composer

Arcangelo Corelli for the program, while another Gloucester Music Club veteran, Carolyn Farnand, played "Concerto in A Minor 1st Mvt." by Vivaldi.

Besides little Alison Wu, Derek Chiu provided the other highlight of the early part of evening.

Displaying a musical maturity well beyond his years, Chiu tackled Chopin's "Mazurka" with aplomb. But it was the playing of four elder Gloucester Music Club members that truly made the concert worth writing about. Tiffany Ho, Adrian Dzioba, Mimi Lam and Edmond Chung were all superb.

Ho's intricate and melodic rendition of Ravel's "Oiseaux tristes" was nothing short of magical, while Dzioba's version of Liszt's "Sonetto 47 del Petrarca" made the hair on my arms stand up.

Multiple Kiwanis Music Festival award recipient Mimi Lam was flawless as always during her performance of "Pagodes" by French composer Claude Debussy.

After four softer pieces, Chung's performance of Stravinsky's bold and brilliant "Etude No. 4", provided a nice change of pace in bringing the concert to a close.

Among the other performers were Michelle Song who played "Play" by Béla Bartók; Monica Taing, who played "The Wood Fairies" by Walter Carroll; Alexandre Cosenza who played "Monkeys In The Tree" by Irving Berlin; Olivier Ng



Becki Manouchehri plays 'Sonata in A Major' by Archangelo Corelli during the Gloucester Music Club recital last Friday night. Fred Sherwin/Photo

who chose an anonymous piece entitled "Siciliana"; and Felix Lu who played "Playing Ball" by Finney.

The next Gloucester Music Club recital is scheduled for Feb. 8 and 9, while the third installment is slated for March 28 and 30.

Community calendar

THURSDAY, NOV. 29

THE ENCORE! THEATRE

COMPANY presents the wonderful comedy "7 Stories" by Canadian playwright by Morris Panych at the Orléans Theatre on Centrum Blvd. Curtain time is 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 for OYP members and students. The play is recommended for audiences 14 and over.

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LAUREN HALL will be performing at the Orléans Legion from 7:30 p.m to 11:30 p.m. The Legion is located at 800 Taylor Creek Rd. For more information visit www.rcl632.com.

THE STANDBY BROTHERS will be performing at Jacques' Trap Roadhouse in Carlsbad Springs from 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. No cover. For more information visit www.jacquestrap.ca.

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SATURDAY, DEC. 1

COUNTRY STYLE BREAKFAST served from 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. at the Orléans

OPEN MUSICAL JAM SESSION from 2 p.m to 5 p.m. at the Orléans Legion, 800

Taylor Creek Rd. All entertainers welcome. For more information visit www.rcl632.com.

ORLEANS PHOTO CLUB EXHIBIT

OPENING from 5 p.m to 7 p.m. at Café Latte, 2020 Tenth Line Rd. Unit 2 (corner of Innes) For more information visit www.orleansphoto-club.com/.

SUNDAY, DEC. 2

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.

BUFFET BRUNCH

at Jacques' Trap Roadhouse in Carlsbad Springs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. \$13.95 for adults and \$6.95 for children.

AN OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS –

Rekindle the joys of Christmas past at the Cumberland Heritage Village Museum in Cumberland Village. Discover the traditions and celebrations during the early Depression. Open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: \$6 for adults, \$4 for students and seniors and \$15 for a family of four. For more information visit www.ottawa.ca/museums.