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Members of the Der Shupplattlers dance troupe perform during the Orléans Oktoberfest Celebration last Saturday. See story page 5. Fred Sherwin/Photo

Provincial election enters homestretch

By Fred Sherwin
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With next week's provincial election shaping up as a cake walk for the Liberals, Ottawa-Orléans may provide the only drama of the night.

Depending on who you talk to Liberal incumbent Phil McNeely will either win comfortably or Progressive Conservative challenger Graham Fox will pull off the big upset.

Although both predictions may be based more on wishful thinking than actual fact, the local race could still go either way.

The McNeely camp says they've been seeing and hearing a definite shift in the attitude of people they meet at the door. The health care tax is no longer the first thing on most people's minds. It's been replaced by the Tory pledge to extend public funding to faith-based schools and their more recent promise to hold a free vote on the issue should they get elected.

"People don't like it. I would say only one in 20 of the people I've talked to think it's a good idea," says McNeely. "The rest think it's a terrible idea."

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Faith-based school funding issue refuses to go away

By Fred Sherwin
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The Progressive Conservative campaign promise to extend full funding to faith-based schools has become a major issue in Ottawa-Orléans almost overnight after PC leader John Tory announced on Monday that the issue would go before a free vote in the Ontario legislature should the Tories win the election.

Speaking at the Economics Club in Toronto, Tory said that a Conservative government would hire former Premier Bill Davis to head up a commission that would criss-cross the province to gauge the public's views on faith-based school funding.

The information would then be used to formulate the legisla-

tion which would be taken back to the ridings for further input from residents before a free vote is held.

"(The public) has expressed strong concerns and I have heard them," said Tory. "MPPs will be allowed a free vote so that they are at liberty to vote their conscience and represent the wishes of their constituents."

Within hours of the speech, Ottawa-Orléans PC candidate Graham Fox released a statement reaffirming his support of the principles behind the promise to extend full funding to faith-based schools, but it stopped short of indicating whether he supported implementation.

"For me, the issue of faith-based school funding has always been about fairness – ensuring

that students are treated equally, regardless of their faith," says Fox. "I continue to support the principles that led our party to propose to bring faith-based schools into the public school system."

The Conservatives have been losing ground to the Liberals in the polls ever since they promised to extend public funding to faith-based schools.

According to the latest polls, the Liberals are enjoying a 10 point lead over the Conservatives which would equate to another majority government.

There were rumours that the Conservatives would abandon their campaign promise to fund faith-based school altogether, but in the end they decided to try and put the issue on the

back-burner by opting for a lengthy consultation process.

"I will ensure... that we have ample opportunity right here in Ottawa-Orléans to debate the specifics of the proposal when the legislation is tabled," states Fox. "We will weigh the evidence, debate the merits and decide together."

Fox's statement was immediately dismissed by Liberal incumbent Phil McNeely who wondered aloud what his opponent has been doing for the past four weeks.

"Where has he been? I've been out consulting with voters for the past four weeks and only one in 20 people think it's a good idea, everyone else thinks it's a terrible idea," said McNeely.

Community briefs

City committee approves waste diversion contract

OTTAWA — Members of the city's corporate services and economic development committee have given staff the green light to proceed with the implementation of the organic waste diversion program which is aimed at diverting thousands of tons of household kitchen waste from the city's landfill site. The program will cost the city about \$17 million to set up, and \$13.1 million a year to operate which equates to \$35 per household. City council will vote on awarding the contract next week. If approved, the program will begin in the spring of 2009. According to staff, the program could potentially divert up to 100,000 tonnes of household waste from landfill which would extend the life of the landfill site by up to 30 years.

Outstanding Youth Awards now accepting nominees

ORLÉANS — Nominations are now being accepted for the 2006 Orléans Online Outstanding Youth Awards. The awards are open to anyone residing east of St. Laurent Blvd. Nominees must be 17 years of age or younger as of Sept. 1, 2007. Each nominee will be judged on their accomplishments between Sept. 1, 2006 and Aug. 31, 2007. Entries are welcome in both French and English and should include the name, address and phone number of both the nominee and the nominator as well as a short résumé explaining why the person is being nominated. Nominations can be sent by e-mail to OYA@orleansonline.ca or mailed to Box 230, 5929L Jeanne d'Arc Blvd., Orléans K1C 7K2. The deadline for nominations is Thursday, Oct. 31. For more information visit www.orleansonline.ca/OYA.htm.

Area residents invited to vote for favourite business

ORLÉANS — Area residents are being invited to vote for their favourite businesses in the 5th Annual Orléans People's Choice Business Awards being presented by the Orléans Chamber of Commerce. Residents can vote online by visiting the Orléans Chamber website at www.orleanschamber.ca and vote for their favourite business in any one of 11 categories including Restaurant of the Year, New Business of the Year, Trade Business of the Year and Professional Adviser of the Year. Visitors will can either vote for one of the businesses that appears in the nomination field or nominate a business on their own. The deadline for voting is Oct. 30.

Ottawa-Orléans could come down to the wire

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On the other side of the fence, Fox says the people he's talked to are upset over the Liberal Party's litany of broken promises, most notably their promise not to raise taxes.

A lot of the people who are planning to vote for him are disillusioned former Liberal supporters who are tired of being lied to, says Fox who is confident he can pull off the upset.

McNeely knows all about coming through as the underdog. In the last election few people gave him a chance against Brian Coburn, a popular former mayor and Cabinet minister, but when the last vote was counted he won by more than 4,500 votes.

Heading into next week's election McNeely says he's picked up a lot of support in places like Avalon and Fallingbrook which voted heavily in favour of Coburn last time around. That fact combined with the PC Party's woes over the faith-based school funding issue has buoyed his confidence heading into the remaining five days.

Conservative supporters believe their campaign, which has been boosted by a steady stream of high profile Conservatives such as Joe Clark and former New Brunswick Premier Bernard Lord, will result in Fox getting a bigger chunk of the vote than Coburn did and that the "chunk" will be big enough to put them over the top.



Ottawa-Orléans incumbent Phil McNeely shakes hands with Progressive Conservative candidate Graham Fox during the recent all-candidates meeting. File Photo

Out on the campaign hustings the two men present an interesting contrast. Fox is a 33-year-old policy wonk and life long Tory insider. His father was Brian Mulroney's former communications director Bill Fox.

At 69, McNeely is almost old enough to be Fox's grandfather. A retired engineer, he ran for the Liberals in 1993 after earning a reputation as an effective and hard-working city councillor.

Both men are extremely personable, but only one of them will win.

Who will win could come down to just a couple hundred votes.

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Former Liberal allies square off in G-P-R

By Fred Sherwin
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Trying to keep up with Jean-Marc Lalonde on the campaign trail is like trying to keep up with the Energizer Bunny on steroids.

After criss-crossing the riding at least five or six times in the past four weeks, the 71-year-old Lalonde shows no signs of slowing down as the provincial election enters the home stretch.

As he bounds from house to house, with the energy of someone half his age it's hard to believe that just nine months ago he was recovering from heart surgery. Feeling healthier than ever, he's determined to hang to the riding he has held for the past 12 years.

"When you've gone through what I've gone through, it makes you appreciate what you have a lot more. It's been a privilege to serve the people of Glengarry-Prescott-Russell and I want to continue to do so. I still have a lot to offer the people in my riding and I believe the Liberal Party has a lot to offer the province."

In his quest to be re-elected a third straight time, Lalonde is up against former Liberal Party member turned Progressive Conservative Denis Pommerville who ran for the federal Liberal nomination in 2005, finishing a distant second to René Berthiaume.

The current Mayor of the municipality of The Nation says his decision to run for the Conservatives grew out of disillusionment with the Dalton McGuinty led Liberals.

"In 2003, I supported the Liberals. I believed in Dalton McGuinty's promises," says Pommerville. "Two of the things he promised was no more taxes and to resolve the fiscal imbalance created by provincial downloading on municipalities. After four years all he has to show is a bag full of broken promises. Not only has they failed to get rid of the fiscal imbalance they've made it worse."

To shine a light on what he feels is a litany of broken promises, Pommerville created a website called "Fiberals" using Lalonde's name.

Calling the website "slanderous, malicious and childish", Lalonde at first threatened to sue Pommerville and then decided against it.

Rather than get into a mud slinging contest with his opponent, the long-time Liberal MPP wants to concentrate on the

issues like improving roads and transportation, bringing water to Cumberland, creating more Family Health Teams and community health centres, and protecting and improving Ontario's education system.

He points to his track record in working with local municipalities in securing double the infrastructure dollars previous governments allotted to the area as proof of his success.

"Improving the infrastructure is one of the most important issues because it is only by improving the infrastructure that you will improve the economic development," says Lalonde. "Since 2003 Glengarry-Prescott-Russell received 11 per cent of the envelop for infrastructure for all of Ontario. I want to continue to work with the local municipalities to make sure we get our fair share of those dollars."

Specifically dealing with the far western part of the riding, Lalonde is determined to bring water to Cumberland and improve access to day care spaces in Vars.

"Right now you have people in Vars taking their kids to day care in Orléans, even though there are day care spaces available in Limoges. But they can't take their kids to Limoges because the system does not permit them to cross the municipal boundaries. That needs to be changed," says Lalonde.

On the subject of the Ontario Health Premium, Lalonde says that it was a necessary evil given the sorry state the province's finances were left in by the former Conservative government.

"They told us that the deficit was \$1.6 billion and it ended up being \$5.8 billion. If we wanted to do something about health care we had to do something. But what a lot of people don't know is that 43 per cent of Ontarians don't pay the health tax because they fall under the cut off. Another 20 per cent pay less than \$20 a month," Lalonde says. "In return we have more doctors, wait times are much shorter and we have created Family Health Teams like the one in Rockland which is one of the most successful in Ontario. Things are much, much better today than they were in 2003."

"The future of Glengarry-Prescott-Russell looks very good if we continue to work together," says Lalonde. "That's what I've been doing since I first got elected in 1995 – I have worked to get every municipality working towards one goal and I want to continue to do that."



In Glengarry-Prescott-Russell, Liberal incumbent Jean-Marc Lalonde is running against former Liberal turned PC candidate Denis Pommerville (inset). Fred Sherwin/Photo

Pommerville has challenged Lalonde's claim that he's helped local municipalities get much needed infrastructure dollars, saying that it's just a drop in the bucket compared to what a Progressive Conservative government would do.

Specifically, he points to the Conservative promise to return all of the fuel tax to the local level as proof that the party would get serious about improving local infrastructure especially in the province's rural communities.

"I've been an advocate for rural Ontario for over 20 years now. McGuinty promised to help farming communities during the last election and its only now that he's worried about getting elected, that he's doing anything about it. That's not good enough," says Pommerville.

"I believe in fiscal responsibility. I don't make a lot of promises. I don't believe in politicians' promises. Most of the time they don't follow through and Dalton McGuinty is the biggest example of that."

The field in Glengarry-Prescott-Russell is rounded out by NDP candidate Josée Blanchette, Green Party member Karolyn Pickett, Family Coalition Party of Ontario hopeful Vicki Gunn, and Libertarian Party member Michael McHugh.



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Blackburn 'Run for the Cure' raises over \$20,000

By Fred Sherwin
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More than 160 people wound their way through the streets and parks of Blackburn Hamlet on Sunday as part in the fifth annual Blackburn Hamlet "Run for the Cure" which raised more than \$20,000 for breast cancer research.

It is an astounding amount considering the modest beginnings of the run which is organized by a small group of local residents led by Lynn Sewell who came up with the idea to give local residents an alternative to taking part in the downtown event.

"It's fantastic, what a great feeling," said a smiling, but exhausted Sewell after Sunday's event got under way.

All told the Blackburn Hamlet "Run For The Cure" has raised over \$65,000. This year's total included a matching contribution of \$6,000 from Freedom 55. The amount includes \$2,000 in matching funds for a team of 55 people from the Blackburn Hamlet Changes for Women Inch-Loss Centre.

In the middle of the group, who were all wearing pink baseball caps, was Changes for Women owner Catherine Fairfield who said the run was a natural event for the weightloss and wellness centre to be involved with.

"We have a couple of ladies who are effected by it, so we're doing it for them,

plus it's a great way for our members to get together and do something that's fun and help raise money for a great cause," said Fairfield.

The medical community has come a long way in treating breast cancer over the last two decades. Twenty-five years ago only 25 per cent of women diagnosed with breast cancer could expect to live at least five years. Today the mortality rate is 75 per cent.

And while a cure may still be years away, hundreds if not thousands of women have had their lives extended thanks to research funded by events like "Run for the Cure".

In real life terms that means a mother may spend five or 10 more years with their families today that would not have been possible even 15 years ago. But with the increase in life expectancy has come an increase in relapses.

Because women who are diagnosed with breast cancer are living longer, there is a greater chance of their being re-diagnosed with the disease.

Cindy Dalcourt's mother Valerie was first diagnosed with the disease in March 2003. After going through treatment, she was re-diagnosed with breast cancer in September 2004 and eventually passed away in June 2005.

On Sunday, Dalcourt was taking part in



Participants in the Blackburn Hamlet 'Run for the Cure' gather for a group photo on Sunday before setting out for the run. Fred Sherwin/Photo

the Blackburn Hamlet "Run for the Cure" with her nine-year-old daughter Emma, her four-year-old son Jake, two sisters, her two-year-old niece, a brother and her uncle who is visiting from Vancouver.

"I think the message is, 'Don't be afraid to get checked'. It's the type of disease that you need to detect early," said Dalcourt.

Terry Fox students keep Marathon of Hope alive

By Fred Sherwin
The Eastender

For the past 26 years the staff and students at Terry Fox Elementary School in Convent Glen have been doing their part to keep Terry Fox's dream alive.

His message of never giving up hope has been imbedded in the school culture, ever since the former Carleton Board of Education was given permission to name the school after the Canadian hero in September 1981.

Since then the school has celebrated its affiliation with Terry during a week of activities leading up to the Terry Fox National School Run Day which was held last week.

On Tuesday, the students emptied their piggy banks and raided their family cookie jars in a mad search for toonies as part of Toonie Tuesday.

On Wednesday, the students and staff gathered outside the school for the annual Terry Fox flag raising ceremony followed by a performance by the school band and choir.

But the big day was on Friday when the Terry Fox pep rally and school walk was held. Students dressed up, made signs and created cheers that reinforced Terry's mes-

sage of hope and the ongoing fight against cancer.

Hannah Witmer and Valerie Perkins are both in Grade 6 at Terry Fox Elementary School and they both share a deep sense of duty and responsibility to keep Terry Fox's dream alive.

"Tons of people are still dying from cancer, so if there's anyway we can do something to help stop it, or to make people feel better, than we should do whatever we can," said Witmer who has been taking part in the Terry Fox pep rally and walk since kindergarten.

"If we don't do it, who will," added Perkins who took part in the event for the first time after transferring to the Terry Fox from the Ottawa Christian School.

Both girls believe Terry Fox and his message of hope are still relevant among young people like themselves.

"Terry Fox has had a huge influence on my life. He's a true Canadian hero and I'm proud to be able to say that I go to a school named after him," said Perkins.

The school's principal Pam Bain says keeping Terry Fox' dream alive is something that's done all year long.

"It's not just one day, it's not just one week, but it's the whole year," says Bain.



Terry Fox Elementary School principal Pamela Bain (centre) leads the school's Terry Fox march last Friday. Fred Sherwin/Photo

"It's an integral part of everything we do."

Nearly every school in the east end took part in the National School Run Day, raising thousands of dollars to be used in the ongoing fight against cancer.

Orléans Oktoberfest celebration a huge success

By Fred Sherwin
The Eastender

By all accounts the second annual Orléans Oktoberfest celebration held last weekend was a major success, drawing more than 1,200 people to the three day event.

Team Ottawa-Orléans executive director Robert Paiement is already planning for next year's Oktoberfest which promises to be even bigger and better.

"The crowds were great," said Paiement. "Saturday night was huge and we had a good turnout for the pancake breakfast this morning."

The event kicked off Friday night with all the traditional trappings of the occasion, including Bavarian dancers, jumbo pretzels, barbecued bratwurst, fresh sauerkraut and, of course, plenty of beer.

A number of local dignitaries were on hand for the official opening ceremonies including local councillors Bob Monette, Rainer Bloess and Rob Jellett, Ottawa-Orléans MP Royal Galipeau, Ottawa-Orléans MPP Phil McNeely and Mayor Larry O'Brien who was given the honour of pouring the first beer.

This year's event was held in honour of Orléans' armed forces community which numbers close to 1,300 military personnel and their families.

The proceedings were kicked off with a military parade led by a colour guard formed

by members of the Royal Canadian Legion.

Col. Claude Rochette, commander of the Canadian Forces Support Unit (Ottawa), thanked the event organizers for honoring Canadian Forces members serving overseas and for recognizing the sacrifices made by their family members at home.

After the speech, the Colonel was presented with a "Support Our Troops" flag signed by the dignitaries and some of the more than 300 people on hand for the opening ceremonies.

With the formal part of the proceedings out of the way, people started lining up for the bratwurst and pretzels. The highlight of the evening was a performance by the Der Shupplattlers Bavarian dance troupe which performed several traditional German dances for the enthusiastic crowd. The Wanderers oompah band was also on hand to entertain everyone.

On Saturday, the Fallingbrook Community Association set up several play areas for the kids including mini-putt, face painting and crafts.

The Der Shupplattlers were back to give a pair of performances along with The Wanderers who had everyone up on their feet until the polkafest came to an end 10 o'clock.

On Sunday over 100 people showed up for the pancake breakfast which was followed by performances by gospel singer Kathy Grant Mahone and Christian artist



Members of the Der Shupplattlers dance troupe perform during the Orléans Oktoberfest Celebration last Saturday. Fred Sherwin/photo

Cathy Goddard.

Judging by the number of smiles that were on peoples' faces throughout the weekend, the event was a resounding success.

"It's been great. To see families come together in the festival plaza and experience some German culture and have a good time, it was amazing," said Paiement.

Group hopes to resurrect plans for academic athletic facility

By Fred Sherwin
The Eastender

A group of local sports-minded residents are resurrecting a proposal to build a multi-million dollar, start-of-the-art academic athletic facility next to Cairine Wilson Secondary School.

The Academic Athletic Community Partnership, or AACP, was first formed in 2002 with the goal of securing provincial and federal support to build a multi-disciplinary sports complex that would operate in partnership with the Ottawa District School Board in offering a combined athletic and academic program.

The price tag for the complex, which would contain four ice surfaces, four gymnasiums, an outdoor turfed sports field, a gymnastics centre, offices, a restaurant and a fitness centre, would be about \$45-\$48 million with a third of it being raised by the AACP through private sector financing.

Among the sports that would be offered at the academic athletic facility would be hockey, figure skating, speed skating, gymnastics, basketball and soccer.

The Ottawa District School Board has

already thrown its support behind the project as has the City of Ottawa. Where it has hit a snag in the past has been in trying to get the federal government and the province to pick up the remaining two-thirds.

Last winter, Ontario Minister of Health Promotion Jim Watson said that although the project had merit there were no funds available, at least provincially, to help pay for it and that any funds that might be available in the future would have to come from the federal government in the form of a sports infrastructure program.

In December, Ottawa-Orléans MP Royal Galipeau hinted that the federal government was on board and that an announcement would be made "soon", but it never came.

During a meeting between the provincial ministers responsible for sports and the federal sports minister at the Canada Winter Games in February, the provincial ministers pressed their federal counterpart to include money for sports and recreation infrastructure in the budget, but once again it didn't materialize. At that point the AACP went into temporary dormancy.

Now they are using the provincial election and the upcoming federal election to press both levels of government to fund their project which they say would be unique in Canada.

"It would be a nationally recognized training centre where local student athletes could come and be exposed to first rate coaches while continuing their studies right next door at the school," says AACP director Larry Ring.

The group held an information meeting at Cairine Wilson on Thursday night to try and generate renewed interest in the initiative which was fairly well attended. The four main candidates running in the provincial election in Ottawa-Orléans were invited to attend, but only Phil McNeely showed up along with Watson who reiterated the province's stance that the federal government had to act first.

There is one ray of hope, however. The Liberals have promised to invest \$60 billion in infrastructure over the next 10 years and for the first time sports and recreation projects will be eligible for some of the funding.

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Leap of faith

As the provincial election campaign plods along toward next week's vote, it's beginning to look more and more like the Liberals are going to win another majority government and the Conservatives have no one to blame but themselves and their ill-advised campaign promise to extend public funding to faith-based schools.

The issue has dogged the Conservative campaign since early September. On the surface the idea of allowing faith-based schools to have access to provincial dollars so long as they adhere to the provincial curriculum, hire certified teachers and submit to province wide testing made sense and even I was in favour of it, but the more thought about it the more I began to have second thoughts.

As a policy initiative it was ill-thought out. Like any other policy initiative, you not only have to consider how much will be gained by it, but also how much may be lost. The Conservatives figured that funding faith-based schools would help win three or four key ridings in the GTA, but what they didn't factor into the equation was the number of ridings it might cost them.

In practical terms those religious communities that already have their own schools don't want anything to do with becoming part of the mainstream. They want to teach their curriculum as they see fit and they sure as heck don't want to be forced to hire unionized teachers even if they share their own faith.

As for the more moderate members of those religious communities who the Tories were trying to woo with the announcement, it's doubtful they can form the necessary critical mass to warrant building their own schools. Which raises the question, what is the cut-off point anyway? How many students would it require to build a school – 20, 40, 60... 200?

Then to make a bad situation even worse, the Conservatives announce that they intend to hold a free vote in the legislature after consulting with Ontarians following the election. Great, so instead of it being a nebulous issue, they've put it on each and every individual candidate. Marvelous.

The Liberals, of course, are having a field day calling into question Tory's leadership and asking the obvious question, "What have the Tories been doing for the past four weeks." As far as they are concerned the free vote will be held next Wednesday and it doesn't look good for either faith-based school funding or the Conservatives.

– Fred Sherwin, editor

Councillors actions a tad confusing

I don't know about you, but the actions of our city fathers over the past two weeks has left me a tad confused.

It started with council deciding to send staff back to their calculators to come up with a zero per cent solution to the budget even though the city manager went out of his way to warn them that a zero per cent option won't be pretty and could result in a repeat of 2004 when the citizenry, upset with a litany of proposed cuts, threatened to storm the Bastille.

According to the preliminary budget documents, a tax freeze would require the elimination of \$10 million in service enhancements that have been approved over the past 12 months including the museum sustainability plan and the arts investment strategy and the city wide graffiti management program; the continued lack of any sort of reinvestment in the city's decaying infrastructure; and a further \$31 million in cuts on top of the \$20 million in efficiencies senior management is already committed to finding.

In total, staff have to come up with \$80 million in cuts to get to zero per cent on the operating side of the budget and another \$15 million to offset the need for a 1.6 per cent increase in the police services levy. That's a grand total of \$95 million and they have a little over a month to do it.

But wait, apparently the Mayor is sitting on a list of potential enhancements and corporate efficiencies that could save the city \$100 million without impacting on frontline services.

C'est fantastique. The only problem is that he has so far refused to share it with staff or any of his colleagues on council. If you're scratching your head at this point, you're not alone.

So let's get this straight? Staff are off scraping the bottom of the barrel trying to come up with \$95 million in possible cuts to meet O'Brien's zero means zero campaign promise which will take God knows how much time, energy and resources, and all the while

O'Brien is sitting on \$100 million in possible reductions that he doesn't want to unveil until we get into the nitty gritty of the budget deliberations.

Does anyone else see anything wrong with this picture?

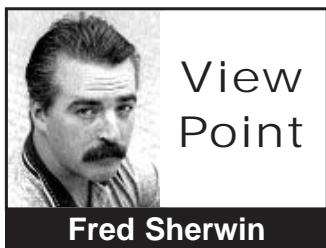
And to further add to this surrealistic scenario, the corporate services committee just okayed an organic waste diversion program, better known as the Green Box program, that will cost \$17 million to set up and \$13 million a year to run.

And here you thought we were in a financial crisis. Staff are desperately trying to find \$95 million in cuts and council just made their job more difficult to the tune of \$13 million. These people are completely off their rockers. No wonder we're in such a mess.

As for the decision to have staff come up with a document detailing what it would take to get to zero per cent, I'm actually in favour of it. It's only by showing the pain of what it would take to get to zero per cent that we can call off the dogs. But that's before I found out about O'Brien's \$100 million list.

If such a list exists, and we have no reason to doubt that it doesn't, than he should make it public now so that the city's finance staff can stop wasting their time.

The only possible reason for him wanting to keep it close to his vest is because it contains a sharp reduction in the city's payroll and he's saving that battle for another day.



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Haunted barn sure to provide plenty of skreams

By Fred Sherwin
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With October now upon us and Hallowe'en lurking just around the corner, volunteers with the Kiwanis Club of Orléans have been busy putting the finishing touches on the Skreamers Haunted Barn which opens this weekend at the Proulx Farm on Innes Road.

This is the second year for the haunted barn since taking up permanent residence on the farm last year. Prior to last year, the Kiwanis Club had run smaller haunted house type attractions using vacant store fronts in the Gloucester Shopping Centre and Place d'Orléans.

In 2004, they set up shop in the old Laporte's Fruit and Vegetable Stand on Montreal Road. But once again it was a one shot arrangement. It was then that Skreamers architect Harley Bloom started looking for a permanent location.

He eventually approached Gisèle and François Proulx, who had been running a Hallowe'en wagon ride as part of the farm's annual pumpkin festival, about building a haunted house on the farm. As the discussions progressed, the Proulx's finally agreed to let the Kiwanis Club take over a large barn on the property and Bloom immediately went to work turning it into a haunted house.

During the first year of operation last fall it was a resounding success. Over 1,500

people paid \$10 each to be scared to death as they filed through the terrifying attraction, raising more than \$15,000 in the process.

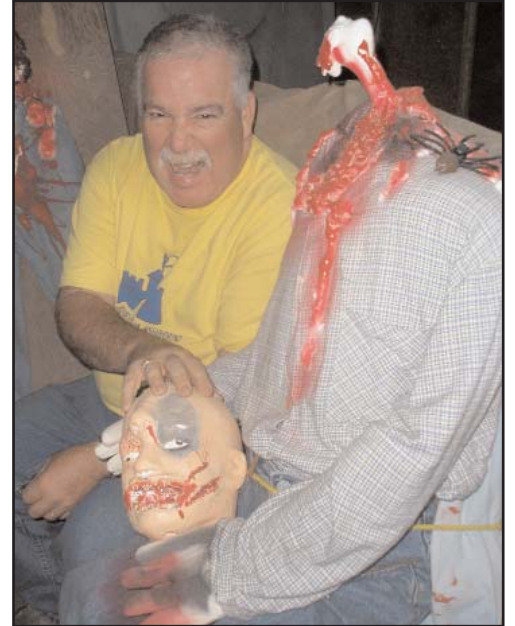
Bloom says having a permanent location means they can spend more time making those elements that worked last year even scarier while replacing the one's that didn't work with new special effects.

Back by popular demand this year are the Crazy Kitchen, the Autopsy Room and the Runaway Car, while some of the new attractions include the Mortuary, the Meat Shop where the meat is sold "Dead or Alive" and a bigger and scarier Graveyard.

All told there are 20 different stations in the barn, manned by more than 50 student volunteers who help bring it to life.

Many of the elements are the brainchild of Kiwanis Club member Kris Bangs who spends a good deal of her free time disfiguring mannequin heads and turning ordinary chunks of styrofoam into intestines, brain tissue and other unpleasant things while her husband Mitch Miller works on the bigger elements like the electric chair and a guillotine.

The Skreamers Haunted Barn will be open during the weekends of Oct. 12-14 and Oct. 19-21 and then from Oct. 25 through until Hallowe'en night. The hours of operation are 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Fridays, 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. on Saturdays, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Sundays and 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. on the other days of the week.



Harley Bloom is the architect of the Skreamers Haunted Barn at the Proulx Berry Farm on O'Toole Road. Fred Sherwin/photo

Admission is \$10 per person, although a special preview night is being held this Saturday night from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. during which two people can go through the barn for the price of one.

To get to the Proulx Farm take Innes Road east past Trim Road to O'Toole Road and turn left. The farm will be on the right hand side.

Local business

Wine so good you won't believe you made it yourself

By Fred Sherwin
The Eastender

If you enjoy drinking fine wine, then you'll love making great wine at Wine Kitz in the Orléans Town Centre where quality and consistency is reflected in every wine they sell.

The friendly and knowledgeable staff at Wine Kitz have been helping area wine lovers make great wines for the past 12 years.

A great amateur wine starts with a great wine product and Wine Kitz has over 60 varieties of wine making kits to choose from. The Sommelier Reserve series includes full-bodied wines such as the Migliore which is a super Tuscan blend of Merlot and Sangiovese wines; their Walnut Grove Symphony and Alsacien Muscat white wines and an Amarone that's become one of the company's most popular wines.

But the best thing about Wine Kitz by far is the ease with which you can make great wine. Simply select the type of wine you want to make, pour the ingredients into a container, stir them together and let the staff and Father Time do the rest.

Most wines take between four and six weeks before they are ready to be bottled, although Wine Kitz sells an accelerator at an additional cost which condenses the

process into one week.

Once the wine is ready, it usually takes between 20 minutes and a half hour to bottle it. The cost of the final product can range between \$3 and \$5 per bottle depending on the type of wine you decide to make.

For those customers who prefer to make their wine at home, Wine Kitz has a complete selection of home wine-making equipment to help get you started.

Wine Kitz uses only the finest ingredients from world-renowned wine growing regions which guarantees an excellent finished product as evident by the 16 Eastern Ontario Amateur Winemaker's Association awards the store has earned over the years.

The company is so confident in their product that they have a 100% satisfaction guaranteed policy. If you are not 100% satisfied with your wine, they will replace it with a wine of equal or lesser value or refund your money altogether.

The store is owned and operated by Leslie Larkin who was a regular Wine Kitz customer before starting the business.

"It's a great business to be involved with because it is one of the few businesses where the customers are almost always in a good mood. For some reason making wine always puts a smile on people's faces," says Larkin.



Leslie Larkin is the owner/operator of Wine Kitz located in the Orléans Town Centre. Fred Sherwin/Photo

The Orléans Town Centre is located across from the Orléans Client Service Centre at the corner of St. Joseph Blvd. and Prestone Drive.

For more information call 613-841-8397.

Local sports

Peewee Panthers lose battle of the unbeatens

By Fred Sherwin
The Eastender

If the Cumberland Panthers peewee team was hoping to use their game against the West Division leading Kanata Knights as a measuring stick to see how their unbeaten record stacked up against the Knights' unblemished record, they got their answer early on in the game – not very.

After turning a pair of blocked punts into 14 first half points, the Knights cruised to a 28-7 win.

In reality the game was a lot closer than the score would indicate, still there was no doubt that the Knights were the better team. The question the Panthers have to answer is whether they can raise their game to the Knights level should they end up meeting in the NCAFA championship.

To do so they're gong to have to eliminate the number of mistakes they made on Sunday and they're going to have to find a way slow down six-foot-two #62 Ryan Doull who terrorized the Panthers all afternoon.

After the Knights had built up a 14-0 lead, the Panthers managed to score their only touchdown of the game when Daniel Gracia went off tackle on third and goal from the one yard line.

Kanata very nearly went up 21-7 on the ensuing kick-off if not for Anton Pankov who ran down the kick returner and tripped him up on the five yard line.

With time winding down in the first half the Knights had three cracks at the goal line, but the Panthers were equal to the task on each occasion. On the final play of the half, Olivier Miguel made a great play by getting into the Knights' backfield and stuffing the run.

Any hope of a possible Panther come-

back were snuffed out in the early moments of the second half when Dallon Kuprowski broke off a 51 yard run on the Knights' opening possession to put the visiting team up 21-7.

They would go up 28-7 on another big play in the fourth quarter when quarterback Mathieu Gagnon found a wide open Danny McKiernan in the end zone for a 30 yard touchdown toss.

After the game, Panthers coach Jason Pilon lamented the low turnout at the team's practices.

"We weren't properly prepared and it showed. We made too many mistakes," said Pilon. "But there were some positives. Our defense made some big plays. We would shut them down, but then they would come up with a big play. Their big plays killed us, but that's football. It happens."

Defensive co-ordinator Jeff Karady also weighed in on the need for better attendance at the team's next practice.

"We were very rusty and we were very confused. We made them look a lot better than they are," said Karady.

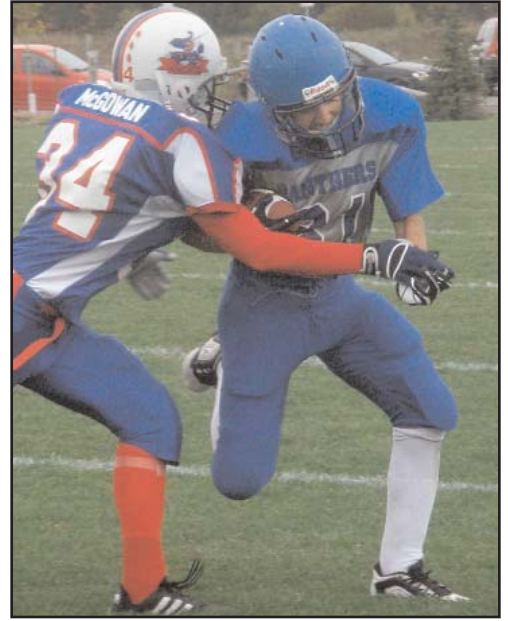
The news wasn't all bad for the Panthers Football Club on Sunday. The bantam team crushed the Knights 21-0 to improve their record to 6-0.

All 21 points were scored in the first half starting with a 23 yard field goal by Joey Fowler.

Panthers quarterback Alex Skinner then hit Nick Lecour on a play action pass that covered 30 yards to put the Panthers up 10-0.

On the ensuing kick-off, Cave Prenel stripped the ball from the Kanata kick return and Fowler recovered it to give Cumberland a first down on the Knights' 30 yard line.

When the Panthers drive stalled on the 25 yard line, Fowler came out to kick a 30 yard



Demetri Delakos lowers his head before taking on a tackler during the first half of Cumberland Panthers loss to the Kanata Knights on Sunday. Fred Sherwin/Photo

field goal to increase the Panthers' advantage to 13-10.

The Panthers second touchdown of the game capped an impressive drive late in the second quarter that covered 90 yards in six plays, all on the ground.

Kevin Wojick and Demetri Delakos, who was playing in his first game since suffering an early season injury, took turns eating up large chunks of ground before Delakos scored from the three yard line to put the Panthers up 20-0.

Fowler added a single on a missed field goal attempt on the final play of the half to give Cumberland a 21-0 lead which stood up through a scoreless second half.

Grads take over sole possession of first place

By Fred Sherwin
The Eastender

The Cumberland Grads are beginning to raise a few eyebrows around the CJHL after winning their fifth game of the young season, downing the Kanata Stallions 5-2 on Sunday.

In six months the Grads have gone from being the league doormat to occupying the penthouse in the Robinson Division.

Whether or not they're squatters or permanent residents remains to be seen, but for now they're playing fundamentally sound hockey. They're goaltending has been solid and they have the hottest line in the league in Jeffrey Clarke, Eric O'Dell and Jason Akeson.

The trio has scored 18 goals and 27 assists in seven games and show no sign of slowing down, but that's both a good thing and a bad thing.

On Sunday it became apparent that the

Stallions had done their homework and were out to slow the line down by any means possible including taken the odd liberty.

Kanata's tactics and the referee's failure to do anything about it had Grads' coach Mark Grady incensed after the game.

"That's bull crap. They're head hunting out there and they're not getting called for it," said Grady.

Despite the constant attention, O'Dell, Akeson and Clarke still managed to score four goals between them including a short-handed marker by Clarke in the second period, while Fiander had an outstanding game in net.

O'Dell opened the scoring at the 6:19 mark of the first period. Five minutes later Matt Dawdy found the net to put the home team up 2-0.

Clarke's shorthanded goal 26 seconds into the second period was a gift from Kanata goalie Matt Dopud who came out

of his net to headman the puck up the ice on a power play. Instead he put the puck on Clarke's stick who stormed across the goal line and scored into a wide open net.

Kanata did their best to get back into the game, scoring two goals late in the second period to narrow the deficit to 3-2 heading into the final stanza.

The score remained that way until Clarke scored his second of the game while on the power play at the 15:49 mark of the third period.

He would add an empty net goal for his hat trick with less than a second left on the clock.

At 5-2, the Grads are a game up on Cornwall and two games up on Orleans. They now have a week off before playing taking on the Nepean Raiders in a home and home series this Sunday and Monday.

At 4-0-2, the Raiders are the only unbeaten team left in the league.

Local sports

Peewee Bengals bounce back to beat Bell Warriors

By Fred Sherwin
The Eastender

A week after losing a hard fought game to the Cumberland Panthers, the Orleans Bengals peewee football team bounced back to beat the Bell Warriors 7-1 on Sunday thanks to a late touchdown by Isaiah Harris.

The Bengals found themselves trailing 1-0 early in the fourth quarter after they failed to get the ball out of the end zone following a missed field goal attempt by the Warriors from about 30 yards out.

After getting the ball back on their own 35 yard line, the Bengals marched down the field and got as far as the Warriors' 25 yard line before a bobbled pitch forced them to punt from the 39.

With time becoming a factor the Orleans defence came up with a big stop to give the offence one last chance to get some points on the board.

Thanks to some outstanding play by the offensive line, the Bengals managed to pick up a pair of first downs to set up the winning touchdown by Harris who busted through a trio of Bell defenders on his way into the end zone.

Following the game Bengals head coach Jason Purcell praised his players for a job well done.

"That's what football is about. You got down and dirty. It was a dogfight, but you

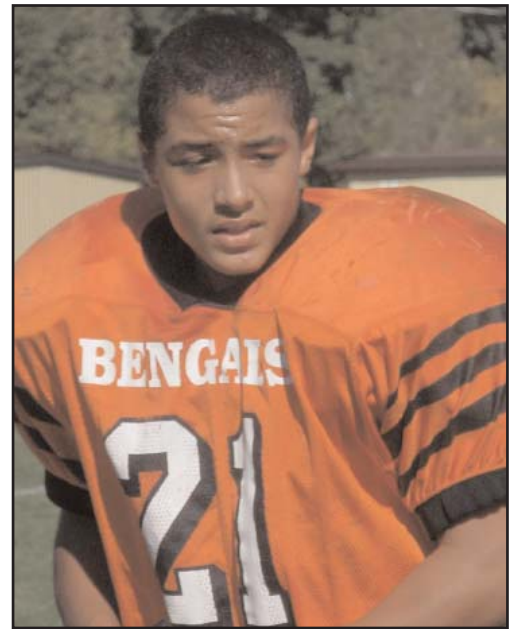
came through," Purcell told his players. "What you experienced today is what it takes to win championships."

Of special note was the play of left tackle Bassil Soueiti, left guard Kurtis Wagner, centre Julien Michel, right guard Eric Champagne and right tackle Cameron Veck who Purcell credited opening up the holes on the game winning drive.

With the win the Bengals evened their record at 3-3 and are still in contention to make the A-Cup playoffs, but with only two games left in the regular season they have no room for error. They must beat the East Ottawa Generals, who are a game ahead of them, next week and then wrap up the regular season schedule with a win over the Myers Riders who are also 4-2. A loss to either team would relegate them to either the B-Cup or C-Cup semi-finals.

While the peewee Bengals won their game on Saturday, the mosquito team failed to score a point in losing 6-0 to the Warriors in the morning game, but at 3-3 they are already assured of a spot in the A-Cup playoffs.

In other action on Saturday, the Cumberland Panthers tyke squad continued to show improvement in demolishing the Kanata Knights 52-12. After losing their first two games, the Panthers are now tied for third place at 4-2 with the North Gloucester Giants who they play in Week 8.



Orleans Bengals running back Isaiah Harris scored the winning touchdown against the Bell Warriors on Saturday. Fred Sherwin/Photo

Finally, the Panthers mosquito team need one more win to clinch the East Division championship after beating Kanata 34-6 on Saturday to improve their record to 6-0.

Tyrone Pierre had a pair of touchdowns for Cumberland, while Jaylen King, Jacob Molinski and Dylan White each scored once.

Ottawa Swim Club expands east end program

By Fred Sherwin
The Eastender

The Ottawa Swim Club has decided to expand its east end pre-competitive program to better meet the complex schedules of area families.

Instead of having two one hour sessions on Monday and Friday evenings, the club will now offer separate one hour sessions on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays.

OSC head coach Blair Tucker says the change is aimed at giving the club's pre-competitive swimmers more options when it comes to planning their workouts.

"Not everyone can make it Mondays and Fridays. They might be able to make it the Monday but not the Friday and vice versa," says Blair. "The other problem is a lot of the kids are into other sports and there's always a conflict. This way we eliminate the potential for conflicting schedules."

The Ottawa Swim Club has been running a pre-competitive and competitive program for the past three years now.

The coaching staff all have a wealth of experience including Tucker who is a former national level coach.

The pre-competitive program is perfect for intermediate swimmers thinking about moving to the next level.

Each one hour session is swimming and stroke intensive with an emphasis on improving technique and building stamina.

Members have the option of swimming in two fun meets during the year to gauge their progress.

There is no age restriction for the pre-competitive program. The only prerequisite is that the individual must be able to swim 25 metres unassisted.

The Monday, Wednesday and Friday sessions run from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. The Sunday session will run from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. starting on Nov. 3. The cost is \$60 per month payable on a pay-as-you-go basis.

Anyone interested in checking out the program first before joining can enroll their child in an introductory session to see if it's for them.



The Ottawa Swim Club operates a pre-competitive program out of the Ray Friel Centre on Tenth Line Road. Fred Sherwin/Photo

St. Matt's defense shines in 14-7 win over Ashbury

By Fred Sherwin
The Eastender

The St. Matthew Tigers senior boys football team improved their record to 2-0 on Saturday with a well-earned 14-7 win over the Ashbury Colts.

After spotting the Colts a 7-0 first quarter lead, the Tigers clawed their way back in the game helped out by some poor snapping on the part of the Colts.

Things started to look up for the Tigers midway through the second quarter when the Jeff Coldwell blocked a punt on the Colts' 40 yard line. St. Matt's quarterback Shaymus McFadden marched the Tigers down to the nine yard line before throwing an errant pass into the hands of Colts defensive back Andreas Lightstone who ran it out of the end zone to the 15-yard line.

After falling to pick up any yards, the Colts had to punt the ball from inside their five yard line. On the ensuing play the samp went high over the head of Ashbury punter Alan Si who had to track the ball down and kick it out of the end zone before getting caught for a safety.

The Tigers took over the ball on Ashbury's 25-yard line. With less than a minute to go they got a break when the Colts were called for pass interference in the end zone, giving St. Matt's a new set of downs from the 10.

After failing to gain any ground, Junior Mbeng was sent onto the field to kick the 15 yard field goal and cut the Colts' lead to 7-3.

At halftime the Colts enjoyed a 167 to 79 lead in total yards and a 7-4 edge in first

downs, but all that was about to change in the second half.

Despite taking a dumb penalty for rolling into the kicker which negated a 40 yard punt return by Jeff Ryan early in the third quarter, the Tigers managed to march the ball downfield, covering 67 yards in just four plays.

The big play of the drive was a 40 yard pass from McFadden to Garnet Blais to get the ball to the 24 yard line. From there Keegan Critchlow took over with runs of nine and 15 yards to score the Tigers' first touchdown of the game and give them a 10-7 lead.

When the Colts failed to pick up a first down on their next series, the Tigers were on the march again, this time moving the ball 53 yards down to Ashbury's 15 yard line where Mbeng kicked his second field goal of the game to extend the St. Matt's lead to 13-7.

The Tigers would add a single late in the fourth quarter on a missed field goal attempt by Mbeng to make the final score 14-7.

As well as St. Matt's moved the ball in the second half, the story of the game was the Tigers ability to completely shut the Colts down offensively.

After giving up 167 yards in total offence in the first half, the Tigers held the Colts to just 15 yards and one solitary first down in the second half in what was truly a dominating defensive performance.

The offensive star of the game was Critchlow who gained 80 tough yards on 17 carries including the Tigers' only touchdown of the game.



Keegan Critchlow goes airborne during the St. Matt's Tigers 14-7 win over the Ashbury Colts on Saturday. Fred Sherwin/Photo

Other notable performances were turned in by Blais and Kevin Smith who each made key catches at critical moments, and McFadden had a solid game at quarterback despite throwing three interceptions.

After the game, Tigers' head coach Gary Schreider couldn't say enough about his team's ability to make the necessary adjustments coming out of halftime.

"It was a fantastic second half. We just took it to them. We moved the ball and they couldn't," said Schreider who must now prepare his team for the St. Peter Knights who they play on Thursday.

St. Matt's ends four year drought against St. Pete's

By Fred Sherwin
The Eastender

The St. Peter Knights recent domination of the St. Matt's Tigers in senior girls high school basketball finally came to an end on Thursday as the Tigers beat the Knights for the first time since the fall of 2002.

With all but two of the players who made it to last year's AAA final still on the team, the Knights are very much a work in progress while the Tigers are loaded with a mix of talented fourth years players and first year seniors who have a pair of junior championships under their belts, including Jessica Resch and Dana Rae Sommerville.

Although the Knights only have two returning players from last year's squad, one of the just happens to be one of the best players in the city in Stephanie MacDonald who kept St. Pete's close in the early going against St. Matt's with eight first quarter points.

But the difference in the game after the first eight minutes was the Tigers' adeptness at shooting the ball from beyond the three point line. A pair of tres by Sommerville and one from Resch helped the Tigers jump out to an early 13-10 lead.

Undaunted MacDonald and fellow

Knights' holdover Dayna Dover scored 13 points between them to give St. Pete's a 23-22 lead at the half.

The score remained close until midway through the fourth quarter when St. Matt's zone defence started producing turnovers which spurred on a 14-2 run for the Tigers who won going away 52-38.

Five different players contributed points for the Tigers in the crucial fourth quarter which is a good sign as the team sets it's sights on a possible championship run.

Although Tigers' head coach Rick Despatie was happy to finally get the St. Peter monkey off his back he was even more pleased to see signs that his players were beginning to gel as a team.

"I just had one goal at the beginning of the season and that was instilling a sense of team unity. We have a lot of players that want the ball so team unity was more of an issue coming into today's game than the actually result," said Despatie who agreed that winning is always the best cure for bringing a team together.

Sommerville lead the way for the Tigers with 20 points, including five three point shots, while Resch added 10 points including a pair of three-pointers.

Sandra Bascoe was also a force, especially in the fourth quarter where she hauled down three rebounds and scored six points.

At other end of the court, MacDonald led all scorers with 23 points including a pair of three point shots, while Dover added eight points all of which came in the first half.

Despite the disastrous fourth quarter, Knights' coach Mario Gaetano said he saw enough positive things happen on the court to make him believe the team will have a shot at the end of the season.

"We're a very young team so it's going to take time – we have seven rookies who haven't played before," explained Gaetano. "Today some of the young players made young mistakes and that's going to happen, but I saw a lot of good things too."

As for the fact that it was the first time the Knights had lost to the Tigers since he switched schools following the 2003 season, Gaetano seemed unfazed by the milestone.

"They were supposed to win and they did. That's great for them. The world is unfolding as it should," said the coach while pointing out that the two teams will face each other at least two more times. "If you're going to lose a game I'd rather lose the first one."

Local sports

Jr. Knights kick off season with impressive win

By Fred Sherwin
The Eastender

The St. Peter Knights junior boys football team showed why they're one of the early favourites to win the city championship on Tuesday, putting in a totally dominating performance against the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Lancers.

The Knights' offence scored almost at will and the defence allowed just two first downs the entire game as St. Pete's steam-rolled to a 45-0 win.

The Knights wasted little time getting on the scoreboard, scoring on their second play from scrimmage on a 75 yard pass from quarterback Alex Skinner to wide receiver Nick Wakim.

The second touchdown took a grand total of five plays including a 26-yard run by Matt Kelly to set up a first and goal from the seven yard line. Two plays later Jamarr King pounded the ball up the middle to give the Knights the early 14-0 lead.

After the Lancers failed to pick up a first down yet again, Skinner found Harrison Lowe downfield for a 36 yard touchdown on the first play from scrimmage.

The only thing that kept St. Pete's from scoring on their fourth possession was a fumble.

When the Knights got the ball back, Demetri Delakos picked up 33 yards on a pair of runs before Skinner threw a rare incompleteness to bring Ryan Begin on to the field to kick the 23 yard field goal.

The Lancers finally picked up their first first down of the game midway through the second quarter when Jeremy Seal hit Austin Mayers over the middle for a 21 yard gain, but that would be as far as they would get.

On the ensuing punt, Knights linebacker Billy Shaw burst threw the line to block the kick.

After St. Pete's failed to pick up the first down on second and two, Begin stepped on to the field and just missed a 30 yard field goal attempt to the right to end the first half.

When play resumed in the second half, Seal hit Anton Pankov with a perfectly thrown pass on the Lancers' first play from scrimmage to pick up the team's second first down of the game.

Any thought that the Lancers might be able to capitalize on the early success were quickly snuffed out when Dan Fair dropped Seal behind the line of scrimmage to register the Knights' third sack of the game.

After the change of possession, St. Peter picked up right where they left off in the first half, but instead of throwing the ball they kept it on the ground. Three straight runs of 14, 14 and 12 yards by King would give the Knights a first down on the 13 yard line.

Isaiah Harris was then handed the ball for a six yard gain and then a seven yard run during which he bounced outside and then cut back inside for the touchdown and a 38-0 Knights lead.

St. Pete's would add another major score late in the fourth quarter on a 50 yard pass from Skinner to Kelly to make the final score 45-0.

After the game Knights head coach Bruce Blomeley said that he liked what he saw even though the Lancers didn't present them with much of a test.

"Our O-line played better than what I expected and we didn't take any silly penalties," said Blomeley while pointing out that it was only the first game of the season. "We still have a ways to go."

While the Knights were making short work of Sir Wil, two of the other teams that are expected to make a run for the city championship were involved in a nailbiter at St. Matthew High School.

The St. Matt's Tigers fought back from a 14-6 deficit at the half against the Ashbury Colts to take a 15-14 lead in the third quarter on a touchdown and a field goal by J.P. Hamelin.

Undaunted, the Colts came back to score the go ahead touchdown with less than two minutes left in the game.



Brian Neill from Colonel By Secondary School shot a 74 to win the Mayor's Cup high school golf tournament last Tuesday. Fred Sherwin/Photo

After the Tigers got the ball back, St. Matt's quarterback McAuley Banning manufactured an unbelievable scoring drive capped by a 15 yard toss to Nick Rozman to regain the lead 28-25.

With 35 seconds left in the game, Hamelin kicked the ball deep to pin the Colts in the own end of the field, but unfortunately for the Tigers there was a penalty and on the play and they had to kick over.

On the rekick the Colts managed to return the ball across midfield to give themselves a shot at a possible touchdown. On first down they connected for a 25 yard pass along the sideline which left them with about 20 yards to go. As the timer's flag went down to signal the last play of the game, the Ashbury quarterback threw the ball in the direction of the Colts' tallest receiver who jumped up and made the catch for the last second win.

U13 Hornets win right to play in OYSL next season

By Fred Sherwin
The Eastender

The Gloucester Hornets U13 regional girls team won the right to play in the Ontario Youth Soccer League next season after beating the Unionville-Miliken Strikers 2-1 in a playoff game last weekend game in Scarborough.

With the win the Hornets have qualified to play U14 OYSL next summer along with the Nepean Hotspurs who won an automatic promotion by finishing in first place in the Eastern Region Soccer League last summer.

The Hornets qualified for the playoff by way of their finishing in second place.

The Hornets and the Hotspurs actually finished the regular season tied for first place with identical 12-1-1 records, however, the Hotspurs were awarded the top spot based on their having a better goals for and against differential.

The two teams met three times in league and ERSLS Cup action this season. The Hotspurs won the first meeting 4-1 on June 19. Two months later they met again in the semi-finals of the ERSLS Cup. After finishing the game tied 0-0, the Hotspurs won on penalty kicks.

In their final meeting of the season a week later, the Hornets won 2-1.

Earning a spot in the OYSL is a huge

achievement for the team, but it also means a lot more travel and an increased financial commitment from the parents.

Most of the games are played in the Toronto area and southern Ontario.

The ERSLS had three teams play in the OYSL last year with questionable results. The Cumberland Cobras U14 girls team finished the season with only two wins against eight losses and two ties. The U15 Nepean Hotspurs also won two games and the Kanata U16 team only won one game.

The most successful team from the East region was the Ottawa South United U16 boys team which managed to win four games against eight losses and a tie.

Artscetera

Play about McGonigle murders both powerful and poignant

By Fred Sherwin
The Eastender

While many people may think that abductions and child murderers are by and large phenomena born out of the latter part of the 20th century, the sad truth of the matter is that they have been around since the dawn of time.

"Outrage: The McGonigle Murders", being presented this month at the Cumberland Heritage Village Museum by the Vintage Stock Theatre company, tells the story of the 1890 abduction and murder of Mary and Eliza McGonigle in the peaceful rural community of Cumberland Village.

The two girls, age 12 and 14, went missing while walking home from school on a wet and dreary October evening. Their father, thinking that they had stayed over at a friend's house to avoid the storm, didn't notify the authorities until late the next day.

That same evening, they were found lying side by side not far from the road home from school. Autopsies revealed that the girls had been sexually assaulted and strangled to death.

By the next day, a drifter named Narcisse Larocque had been arrested and charged with the girls' murder based on eye witness accounts that put him in the same vicinity of the crime at about the same time it occurred. The only other evidence as a boot print that matched one of Larocque's boots.

After a short trial in L'Orignal during which his lawyer presented a token defence, he was hung in the L'Orignal jail and buried in the jail yard.

"Outrage: The McGonigle Murders" tells the story of the events surrounding the murders, the reaction of the community afterwards and the subsequent trial and hanging through a series of six vignettes acted out by lamplight on the museum grounds.

In the first scene the audience is introduced to John Radclive, Ontario's only professional hang man at the time, who was assigned the task of dispatching criminals like Larocque.

Radclive is played wonderfully by Scott Kristjanson who is making his theatrical debut in the production.

It is Kristjanson's job to set the mood of the play which he does extremely well. After the opening scene the audience is lead to the church where a crowd has already assembled outside.

James and Julia McGonigle, played by Nick Dubus and Sarah Benfield, are frantic to find their daughters. Nightfall has already set in and a large search party has been formed.

Not long after the search party sets out, a large scream pierces the night signaling that the girls' bodies have been found.

In the third scene, James and Julia McGonigle learn of their daughters' fate. Julia McGonigle is completely distraught as one might imagine. The audience also finds out that the McGonigles had lost four of their children to black diphtheria just two years before.

During an exchange between the police constable and the village doctor, Ben Bernard, who is described as a half-wit and a simpleton comes forward saying that he saw a man walking down the road shortly after the girls were killed.

The man he describes is Larocque, who worked with James McGonigle and ate in the McGonigle household.

The next scene is outside the coroner's inquest. Several of the town's people and other hangers on are demanding that Larocque be handed over to them so they can kill him themselves and spare the need for a trial.

The fifth scene which takes place several months later, is perhaps the most powerful. Julia McGonigle has had another daughter and has named her Mary. She tells an astonished neighbour that she plans to have yet another daughter and call her Eliza.

At the outset of the scene the neighbour, Margaret Cochrane, questions how God could have taken the daughters after he had already claimed the McGonigles' other four children.

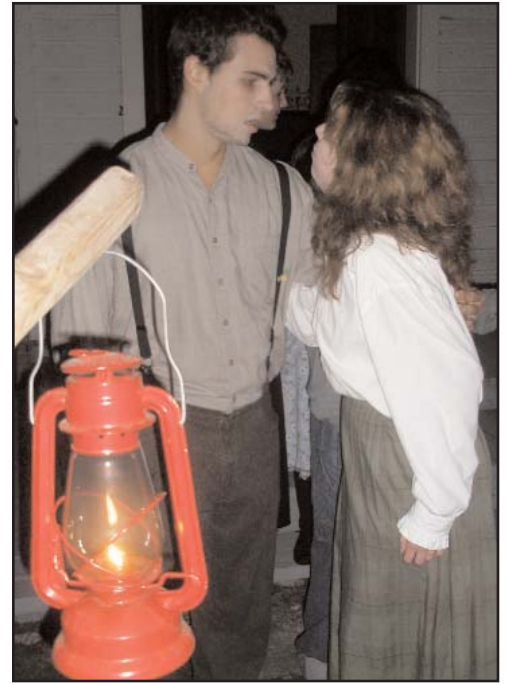
Then Julia McGonigle explains that her new baby was sent to her by Mary and Eliza. "She's a gift from my two angels," she tells her neighbour.

The final scene is given a glimpse of what the trial was like followed by the guilty verdict and Larocque's denouement.

"Outrage: The McGonigle Murders" is a powerful play that will have you questioning the degree to which any of us are safe in our own communities as well as how we might react if we were caught up in the same set of circumstances either as a parent, or a member of small community like Cumberland Village.

But what makes the play even more poignant is the fact that the events are historically true, right down to much of the dialogue which was taken from newspaper accounts of the day.

The play's director and writer, Susan Flemming has once again done a marvelous job in presenting a dramatically presentation of a piece of local history which many residents who are relatively



new to the area have never heard of before. But she couldn't have pulled it off without a wonderful cast. Dubus and Benfield were superb as the distraught parents as was Kristjanson, who I already mentioned earlier. Dan Smythe, who has been in more Vintage Stock productions than I can count, also did a great job as Benjamin Bernard, as did Reid Delong who played Constable Lavergne.

The rest of the cast is rounded out by Vintage Stock Theatre veteran Richard Marquis as John Gamble, John Cook as Dr. Ferguson, Micheline Mathon as Margaret Cochrane, Émilie Perron-Clow as Cozey McCallum, Paul Sales as D.B. McLennan, Hayden Smith as Albert Constantineau and André Dimitrijevic as the judge. But my favourite performance of them all was delivered by young Tyler Smith who played James Cochrane.

I've seen maybe three or four plays with Smith in the cast and he has stood out in everyone of them. He's talented, incredibly self-assured for someone so young, and he has a very bright future ahead of him.

"Outrage: The McGonigle Murders" is on this Friday and Saturday night at the Cumberland Heritage Village Museum starting at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$12 each available at the door.

Artscetera

Dreamweaver Children's Series back for another year

By Fred Sherwin
The Eastender

For the past two decades a small group of volunteers have been organizing a series of child oriented performances featuring some of the best and most popular acts in Canada and the United States.

The Dreamweaver Children's Series is now in its 19th year of bringing live professional children's entertainment to the far east end.

This year series will include performances by children's singer Jack Grunsky on Nov. 4; the musical "Goldilocks and the Three Canadian Bears" on Feb. 10, and the singing group The Funky Mamas on April 6.

Individual admission prices are \$10 per show although a \$10 discount is available on season passes purchased before Oct. 8.

First up is Jack Grunsky who has been entertaining children for the past 20 years. The Canadian singer has pioneered new forms of musical expression music, drawing upon multicultural influences and often

integrating sounds and rhythms from his collection of global musical instruments.

His unique style has earned him two Juno Awards and several Parents' Choice Gold Awards.

The first installment of the Dreamweaver Children's Series will take place on Sunday, Nov. 4 at 3:30 p.m. in the theatre at the Orleáns Client Service Centre on Centrum Blvd. A limited number of advance tickets are available at the Guest Services counter at Place d'Orléans.

On Sunday, Feb. 10, Little Red Theatre will be back by popular demand with their latest production "Goldilocks and the Three Canadian Bears".

The comedic children's musical offers a unique twist on the perils of curiosity through a combination of witty kid satire, three very cute environmentally friendly bears, their pen pals from all over the world and a wild girl with a wicked sense of humour and fashion to boot.

Last but by no means least, The Funky Mamas will make



Juno Award winning performer Jack Grunsky kicks off the 2008/2009 Dreamweaver Children's Series on Sunday, Nov. 4 at the Orleans Client Services Centre. Fred Sherwin/Photo

their first Dreamweaver appearance on April 6.

The Mamas have taken motherhood by the horns and their have no intention of letting go. With over a dozen instruments they play a mixture of blues, pop, folk and bluegrass about such varied topics as fishing trips, favourite animals, messy rooms, the alphabet and bedtime.

Their infectious stage presence and endearing lyrics often makes their young audiences feel comfortable to boogie down, giggle and sing along.

For more information about all three performances in this year's Dreamweaver Children's Series lineup visit www.geocities/dreamweaverchildrenseries.

Community calendar

FRIDAY, OCT. 5

VINTAGE STOCK THEATRE presents "The McGonigle Murders", a play by lamplight on the grounds of the Cumberland Heritage Village Museum.

Showtime is 8 p.m. Tickets \$12 each are available at the Cumberland Museum, Haddad's Foodliner in Cumberland Village or at the door. This is an outdoor presentation so audience members are asked to wear suitable clothing and comfortable shoes.

CELEBRATE ALEXANDRE KEITH'S BIRTHDAY with a night of Celtic music at Jacques' Trap Roadhouse in Carlsbad Springs. Colin Chalk will be performing from 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. For more info visit www.jacquestrapp.com.

THE ROXY SWAN DUO will be performing at the Orleáns Legion, 800 Taylor Creek Dr. from 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Buffet dinner at 5 p.m. Cost \$12 per person.

SATURDAY, OCT. 6

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

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

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SKREAMERS HAUNTED BARN PREVIEW NIGHT The Kiwanis Club of Orleáns invites everyone to come out and get a sneak peak at the Skreamers Haunted Barn at the Proulx Farm in Cumberland. Admission two for one. Cost \$10. Hours 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. To get to the Proulx Farm drive east along Innes Road past Trim Road. When you get to O'Toole Road

turn left and keep an eye out for the farm which will be on the right hand side.

CHRISTINE MCCANN will be performing at Jacques' Trap Roadhouse in Carlsbad Springs from 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Free cover. For more information visit www.jacquestrapp.ca.

SUNDAY, OCT. 7

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., noon and 1 p.m. Cost is \$18.69 plus taxes for adults and \$9.35 plus taxes for children 4 to 14. Children under four eat for free. By reservations only. Call 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. For more information visit www.jacquestrapp.ca.

SATURDAY, OCT. 13

OLD FASHIONED BARN DANCE at 8 p.m. in the cattle barn on the southeast corner of the Navan Fairgrounds. Admission for two is included with your Navan Fair Raffle ticket which can be purchased at J.T. Bradley's Country Convenience Store in Navan or \$10 per person at the door. Call 613-835-2766 for details. Raffle draw will be held at 10 p.m.

