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Members of the Gloucester Rangers Minor Peewee AA team celebrate after winning the Bell Capital Cup at Scotiabank Place on Monday. Fred Sherwin/Photo

Town centre landmark close its doors

By Fred Sherwin
The Eastender

Residents living in Queenswood Heights and Convent Glen have been left looking for a new place to buy fresh meat and produce after the Centrum Boulevard Farm Boy closed its doors for good on Dec. 31 after more than 15 years in business.

According to Farm Boy which opened a new store at the corner of Innes and Tenth Line Rd. last summer, closing the Orléans Town Centre landmark was a business decision.

Business decision or not the

store's closure does not sit well with many long time customers like Doug Kearney who has been shopping at the store since it opened in 1992.

"I was told that they were closing because they don't have enough room for prepared food items, but that's not why I went there. I went there because it was conveniently located and they had good produce," says Kearney who e-mailed Farm Boy's head office on Ogilvie Road to try and get a better explanation as to why they were closing.

East end revellers ring in the New Year in style

By Fred Sherwin
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Area residents rang in the New Year in style Monday night with most choosing to do so in the comfort of their own home, or in the company of family and friends at a number of private parties.

While several local drinking establishments reported doing brisk business, attendance was down slightly from years past.

One place that was definitely hopping was the Navan Curling Club where the annual New Year's Party sold out weeks ago.

A small group of friends led by John Bradley has been organizing the annual New Year's Eve Party for the past four years as an alternative to parties farther afield.

"It's fun. It's like a big neighbourhood party and you don't have to travel very far," says Bradley.

After enjoying a sit down meal, the partygoers crowded the dance floor and boogied the final hours of 2007 away. As the clock neared midnight, the crowd counted down the final seconds of the year in unison before erupting in a loud cheer as 2008 finally arrived.

At the Orléans Legion about 150 people enjoyed a prime rib buffet followed by an evening of dancing and frivolity. Party favours and champagne were handed out at midnight and anyone living within Orléans was able to get a complimentary ride home.

Back in Navan, many of those

in attendance were already making New Year's resolutions including Navan Lions Club president Margaret MacNeill who resolved to lose a few pounds – again.

"I make the same resolution every year and I don't think I've kept it yet," laughed MacNeill who is looking forward to another busy year.

Besides being president of both the Navan Lions Club and the Navan Community Association, she's also the administrative co-ordinator of the Navan Fair.

"It was quite a year. I find it went by so fast. As soon as you finish one event it's time to start planning for the next one," said MacNeill.

Fellow Navan Lions member

Gerry Calver said he planned to spend more time with his 15-month-old granddaughter in 2008 and help plan his son's upcoming wedding.

"I'm a lucky man. I feel very blessed," said Calver.

Rather than make a New Year's resolution, 81-year-old Rose Calver simply hoped for continued good health and the opportunity to attend her grandson's wedding.

"When you get to my age, you enjoy each year as it comes," said Mrs. Calver.

No major accidents or incidents were reported by the Ottawa Police Service and the fireworks gala marking the 150th birthday of the City of Ottawa was attended by an estimated 15,000 people.

Community briefs

Anti-idling, no smoking bylaws come into effect

OTTAWA – Ottawa residents will no longer be able to let their cars idle for more than five minutes when the temperature is over 5 degrees Celcius or under 27 degrees after the city’s new anti-idling bylaw came into effect on Tuesday. It’s also now against the law to leave your car idling when it’s empty at any time under any weather conditions. Although the bylaw will be mostly enforced through complaints from the public, there will be times when bylaw officers are sent out to look for violators and hand out warnings initially and then tickets. A second bylaw that came into effect on Jan. 1 makes it illegal to smoke at bus stops.

Naked man poses for pic at Carlsbad gas bar

CARLSBAD SPRINGS — A man may have a date in court after he posed nude with a pump at a gas bar in Carlsbad Springs on Thursday. The man and two other people pulled up to René’s Corner at Anderson Road and Eighth Line Road in an late model white Ford Explorer. Thursday morning. One of the occupants in the car got out and asked the manager’s mother, who was working at the time, if they could take a picture of one of the men in the buff next to one of the gas pumps, explaining that it was part of a scavenger hunt. When the owner’s mother refused the couple drove away only to return a short time later. This time that didn’t ask. One of the men jumped out of the car in the nude and stood holding one of the gas pump nozzle’s while the other male took a picture. They then jumped back into the car and drove away. Ottawa police spokesman Const. Alain Boucher said the man could face an order to appear in court for exposure.

Trial for Ardeth Wood’s accused starts this month

ORLÉANS — The man accused of brutally murdering Ardeth Wood in August 2007 will finally face a jury of his peers later this month. Chris Myers was arrested in October, 2005 after the Ottawa Police Service received a tip from police in Sudbury where he was under investigation for sexual assault. Wood was killed while going for a bike ride during a visit to her parents’ house. The trial which is slated to begin on Jan. 21 in Ontario Superior Court is expected to last for eight weeks and garner national attention.

Store’s closure a ‘business decision’

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The response he received was both courteous and devoid of any rationale as to why the decision was made.

“Dear Mr. Kearney: Thank you for your kind comments about our Centrum Blvd. Farm Boy store. I can imagine your disappointment when you learned we will be closing this store. The decision to close the store was not easily taken and only after long and careful review of many options was it decided to do so. We thank you for your support of our Centrum Blvd. store,” wrote People Services manager Rachael Regimbald.

Not surprisingly Regimbald’s letter did little to ease Kearney’s frustration.

“I’m not going to drive up to Innes Road. I’ll got to Loeb instead – which is too bad – it was a really good store and they had nice people working there,” says Kearney. “I’m not interested in going to some big box store. When I go to buy groceries I want to buy groceries, I don’t want to buy a lawn mower or photo equipment, I can go some place else for that.”

Unlike Kearney, who found out about the store closing two or three weeks ago, a number of people only found about it when they went to the store to try and do some shopping on Wednesday.

Lise Charlebois couldn’t believe that they didn’t let more people know about it prior it happening.

“I come here at least once or twice a week and I didn’t know anything about it. It’s too bad. I guess I’ll go over to the Loblaws,” said Charlebois before driving away.

News that the store had closed was also met by disappointment from Team Ottawa-Orléans executive director Robert Paiement who says he dropped into the store on his way home from work at least three or four times a week.

“It’s a shame to see a business



Frequent shoppers at the Orléans Town Centre Farm Boy like Robert Paiement and Mark Leahy have been left out in the cold after the company closed the store for good on Monday. Fred Sherwin/Photo

that’s been here so long leave, especially with all the development that’s going on around the Shenkman Arts Centre,” says Paiement.

“When you look at the development of the area, Farm Boy was the cornerstone of the Orléans Town Centre, now it’s gone. It’s a shame.”

Fellow Team Ottawa-Orléans member and Queenswood Heights resident Mark Leahy was also upset over the closure.

“I agree with the people who are saying they’re not going to drive up to Innes. I’ll shop at Queenswood Meats and the Orleans Bakery instead and support the local businesses in my neighbourhood,” says Leahy.

On a more positive note, all the employees who worked at the Centrum Blvd. store have been transferred to other locations, so that no one will be losing their job.

The only issue left outstanding is the fate of the mechanical monkeys in the store that used to entertain kids while their parents finished shopping.

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Year in Review

Lots to write about during action packed year

By Fred Sherwin
The Eastender

As years go, 2007 proved to be one of the most newsworthy in recent memory. There was a provincial election, a mini-tornado in Fallingbrook, bogus 9-1-1 calls, the snow storm of the decade and the continuing budget saga at City Hall.

But among all the stories that took place over the last 12 months the year will primarily be remembered for two events in particular – the OPP investigation of Mayor Larry O'Brien, culminating in his being charged with trying to entice Terry Kilrea to drop out of the 2006 municipal election and the drive-by paintball shooting that left 21-year-old Ashley Roos blind in one eye.

O'Brien's troubles started when the *Ottawa Citizen* ran a story alleging that he offered to cover Kilrea's election expenses and try to get him a position on the National Parole Board if he dropped out of the race during a clandestine meeting in the parking lot of a Tim Horton's.

Kilrea agreed to swear out an affidavit and undergo a lie detector test to back up the allegations.

Shortly after the story was published the Ottawa Labour Council filed a complaint with the Ottawa Police Service which handed the case over to the OPP. Following a lengthy investigation in which dozens of people were interviewed, O'Brien was formerly charged with two counts of influence peddling on Dec. 10. Despite the spectre of a lengthy court case, O'Brien vowed to stay on as mayor and continue in his crusade to transform City Hall.

Two weeks later, O'Brien's popularity took another hit when he reluctantly voted for a 4.9 per cent tax increase after failing to make good on his "zero means zero" election promise.



Canadian R&B singer Keshia Chanté paid a surprise visit to four area Catholic board schools in February including St. Francis of Assisi Elementary School in Fallingbrook where she attended classes in the late 90's. File photo

But O'Brien wasn't the only local politician who found himself in hot water in 2007. Ottawa-Orléans MP Royal Galipeau was the subject of political controversy last January when he told a reporter for *Le Droit* that if local residents wanted the federal government to locate agencies in Orléans then they should vote Liberal in the next election. He later explained that he was trying to be sarcastic by pointing out that successive Liberal MPs had failed to bring federal jobs to the riding.

Four months later, Galipeau was in the news again when he physically crossed the floor of the House of Commons to confront Liberal MP David McGuinty who questioned Galipeau's support of the francophone community for failing to speak out about the Conservative government's scrapping of the court challenges program which was used to fund the successful court challenge of the Harris government decision to close the Montfort Hospital in the 1990s.

Galipeau later apologized for his actions, saying that he should have just counted to 10 rather than cross the floor.

Sticking with federal politics, former Ottawa-Orléans MP Marc Godbout successfully ran for the Liberal nomination in April, defeating five challengers including Beacon Hill, Cyrville Ward Coun. Michel Bellemare and setting up a potential rematch against Galipeau in the process.

In October Liberal MPP Phil McNeely managed to beat Conservative challenger Graham Fox, winning by an amazing 9,000 votes which was nearly double his margin of victory over former Cumberland mayor and Tory Cabinet minister Brian Coburn in the 2004 election.

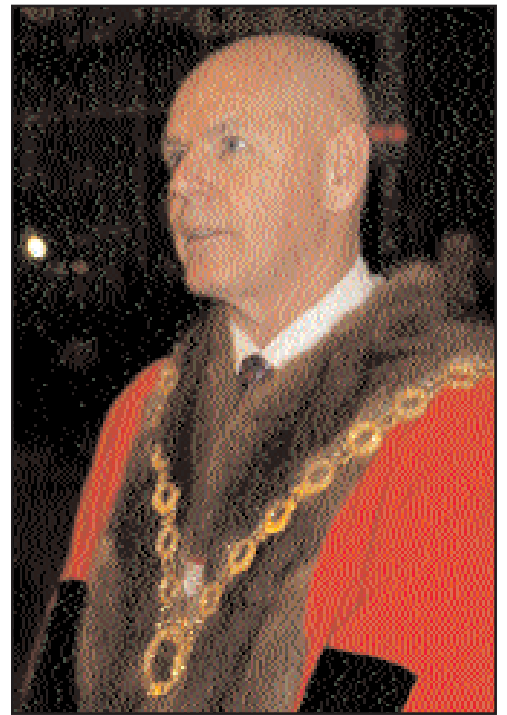
In January, the city's planning committee approved a 10 storey condominium on the northwest corner of St. Joseph Blvd. and Tenth Line Rd. which will form part of the Orléans Town Centre project. Residents living on the heights overlooking the future building site managed to get the city to limit the height to 10 storeys after the initial plan called for a 14-storey building.

Residents living in Queenswood Heights also managed to limit the size of an affordable housing development on the site of the old Tompkins Avenue fire hall. The plan originally called for 22 units to be built on the site, but after residents voiced their objections the plans were scaled down to 16 units.

In February, Canadian singing sensation Keshia Chanté paid a surprise visit to four Catholic board schools in Orléans including St. Francis of Assisi where she went to school in the late 1990s.

The same month a man and a woman died in a head on collision on Hwy. 174 near Quigley Hill Road.

It was the second fatal accident on the stretch of highway between Trim Road and Cumberland Village in five months and the fourth in the past five years, prompting



It's been a rough year for Ottawa Mayor Larry O'Brien who was charged with two counts of influence peddling for trying to entice Terry Kilrea to drop out of the 2006 mayoralty race. O'Brien also had to renege on his 'zero means zero' election promise when he voted for a 4.9% tax increase for 2008. File photo

renewed calls for highway to be widened. By the end of the year both the provincial and federal governments had committed \$40 million each to widen the highway to four lanes from Trim Road to Rockland. The only remaining hurdle is the participation of the city which would need to throw in the remaining \$25 million for the \$105 million project to become a reality.

Transit and transportation was a hot topic in Ottawa, especially following the death of the North-South Light Rail project. During the course of the year no fewer than four potential plans were released including one put forward by a Task Force commissioned by Larry O'Brien which called for the VIA Rail station to be transformed into a commuter rail hub. The plan was almost immediately placed on the back burner.

Finally, in November, council directed staff to put together a timeline for a massive transit plan calling for a tunnel under the downtown core, rapid transit to the south end and further expansion of the transitway west to Kanata and east to Trim Road through the South Orléans communities of Avalon and Notting Hill.

In late February, city council approved the 2007 budget which included a modest 0.3 per cent tax hike. However, in order to do so they used up the entire \$23.5 million surplus from 2006, drained the \$8.5 million mill rate stabilization fund and built in \$13 million in hoped for money from the provincial government.

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Year in Review

O'Brien election scandal the story of the year in '07

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While the measures managed to buy council and Mayor Larry O'Brien more time to find real long term savings, they would set the stage for a difficult 2007 budget process and the eventual need for a 4.9 per cent tax increase in 2008.

In February, two former crime stories were back in the news. First, Richard Mallory and Robert Stewart were released from prison after spending 17 years behind bars for the drug related murder of Manon Boudreau and Michel Giroux in 1990.

Superior Court Justice Colin McKinnon ordered that the charges against the men be stayed citing the lengthy lead up to their retrials. Two other men convicted in the case, Richard Trudel and James Sauvé had were freed two weeks earlier on the same grounds.

In the second case, the Ontario Court of Appeal granted a retrial to Carl Michel Balance who was convicted of second degree murder for stabbing former Lester B. Pearson student Dapo Agoro to death in a downtown dance club in 2002.

In their ruling, the Court of Appeal said the original trial judge had erred in explaining the legal definition of provocation which could have made the difference between the jury finding Balance guilty of manslaughter rather than second degree murder.

The retrial was scheduled for early December, but it only lasted three days when the judge was forced to rule a mistrial after one of the witnesses made an inflammatory remark about the accused while giving testimony.

A second retrial has been scheduled for later this month.

Two high profile murder cases involving two former St. Matthew High School students also dominated the headlines in 2007.

In January, 29-year-old Chrissy Predham Newman was found dead in her basement

apartment in St. John's, Nfld. She left behind a nine-year-old daughter Ireland. Despite a lengthy investigation the case remains unsolved.

In October, RCMP Constable Chris Worden was gunned down while responding to a call in Hay River, NWT. Worden graduated from St. Matt's in 1995 and went on to study at Wilfrid Laurier University where he was the co-captain of the football team. After graduating from university he joined the RCMP and was posted to Yellowknife and Wha Ti before eventually being transferred to Hay River in December 2005.

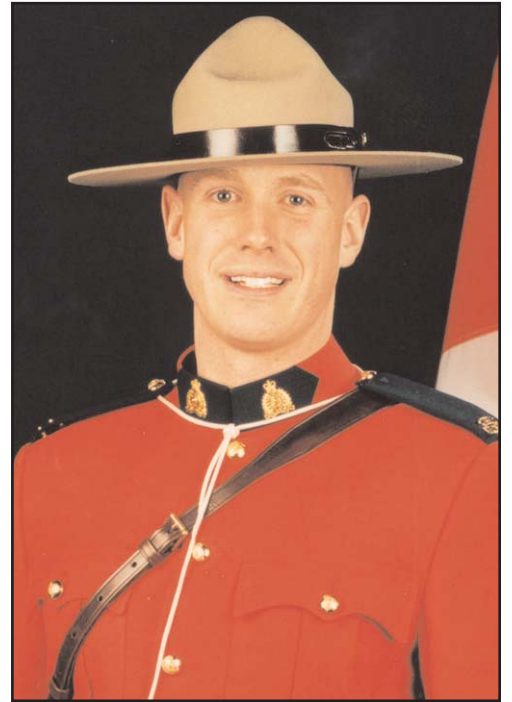
After Worden was murdered, his body was flown back to Ottawa where he received a funeral with full honours. Over 1200 people attended the service at Notre Dame Basilica. The day before the funeral service took place Edmonton police apprehended 23-year-old Emrah Bulatchi after a lengthy manhunt.

The past year also saw the passing of several giants in the community including former Gloucester reeve Bob MacQuarrie, World War II veteran Herb Deavey, Cumberland fire fighter Ken Charlebois and Simpson Electric founder Keith Simpson. The latter three men all hailed from Cumberland.

Two amazing young people, both hailing from Navan, also passed away in 2007 after courageously battling cancer. Eric Shaw, 17, and Hannah Billings, 9, died within weeks of each other last January. The Hannah Billings Dolphin Fund was later set up to help families who have a seriously ill member.

In May, Convent Glen resident Ashley Roos was left blind in her right eye after being struck by a paintball fired from a moving vehicle while she was waiting for a bus at the corner of Orléans Blvd. and Lumberman Way.

A 20-year-old male and a 17-year-old female turned themselves in to the author-



Former St. Matthew High School student Chris Worden was killed while responding to a call in Hay River, NWT in October. His body was flown back to Ottawa where he received a funeral service with full honours. File photo

ities two days later and were charged with multiple offences. The case is still proceeding through the courts.

In November, Roos received a \$4,000 cheque from paintball gallery operators upset over the incident. The money will be used to help pay for her tuition and books when she heads back to school.

The past year also saw discussion over a future east end bridge heat up. Ottawa city council tried to help the NCC narrow down the choices by passing a motion supporting Kettle Island as their preferred location.

However, when the consultants hired by the NCC to undertake the Environmental Assessment released their list of potential sites the number had grown by one to include a corridor just west of Convent Glen.

In October, three east end students were arrested in connection with a slew of bogus 9-1-1 calls targeting high schools throughout the city. The students in question were charged for calls made concerning Gisele Lalonde, Béatrice Desloges and Gloucester High School.

Finally, under the heading of good news items, work crews began excavating the site for the future Orléans Arts Centre on Centrum Blvd. this past the fall. Several weeks earlier Arts Ottawa East announced the formation of an endowment fund that will be used to help fund local arts groups that will be using the facility.

The first donation of \$1 million was provided by the Shenkman Foundation. In turn the arts centre will henceforth be called the Shenkman Centre.



Construction crews began excavating the site for the future Shenkman Centre in October. Work on the \$36.8 million, 86,000 sq. ft. community arts facility is expected to be completed by next fall. File photo

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Presenting the 17th annual Fredzee Awards

Wow, has another year passed already? Personally, as years go, I've had better, but I've also had a lot worse. Then again, every year I spend covering the events and people of this amazing community is a blessing and reward all rolled into one. It's hard to believe that I've been covering the east end for more than 18 years now.

This year's Fredzee Awards are dedicated to Percy Honniball, the 51-year-old carpenter from California who got caught hammering nails and sawing wood in the buff. Honniball was found not guilty of indecent exposure after he explained that he prefers working in the nude because it's more comfortable and helps keep his clothes clean. Only in America.

The year's BIG winners

1) Dalton McGuinty and the provincial Liberal Party

(They went into the election simply hoping to hold on to power, and emerged with a decisive victory thanks to a colossal blunder by Conservative leader Jon Tory. See Losers of the Year below.)

2) The east end arts community

(A \$1 million donation from the Shenkman Foundation which will form the basis of a \$5 million local arts endowment means that area artists will be able to count on seed money for years to come.)

3) Walter Robinson

(O'Brien's former chief of staff resigned during the summer, stealthily avoiding having to deal with the mess to come.)

The year's biggest losers

1) Larry O'Brien

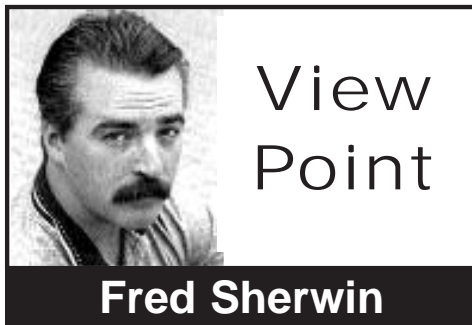
(Between the influence peddling charges and failing to deliver on his promise to freeze taxes, it's hard to imagine having a worse year.)

2) John Tory

(The leader of the Progressive Conservative Party had the Liberals right where he wanted them until he decided to mix religion with politics and promised to extend public funding to religious based schools.)

3) Brian Mulroney

(In his memoirs released in September, the former Prime Minister accused his former nemesis Pierre Trudeau of lacking the necessary "moral fibre" to lead. Three months later he admitted to the House of Commons ethics committee that he failed to report the \$225,000 he received from Karlheinz Schreiber in 1993 to Revenue Canada until after Schreiber was charged for fraud and tax evasion in Germany three years later.)



Top local stories of the year

1) Larry O'Brien charged with offering or pretending to offer Terry Kilrea a position on the National Parole Board in exchange for his dropping out of the mayor's race

(Besides the fact that he won in the first place. His victory will have lasting repercussions for years to come.)

2) RCMP Const. Chris Worden is shot to death while responding to a call in Hay River, NWT.

(More than 1200 people turned out for the funeral service for the former St. Matthew High School student – Class of '95.)

3) Convent Glen woman left blind in one eye after being shot by a paint ball gun fired from a moving car

(The senselessness of the act made it all the more compelling.)

Media circus of the year

Anna Nicole Smith's death

The Don't-Worry-It's-Only-Money Award

To Ottawa city council for approving a massive \$2 billion transit plan less than a year after they killed the \$1 billion North South light rail project because it was too expensive.

The No-Matter-How-Much-You-Try-To-Dress-Up-A-Pig-It's-Still-A-Pig Award

To the Conservative Party for trying to make Canadians believe that they have seen the environmental light.

The Budget-Crisis-What-Budget-Crisis? Award

To the 23 members of Ottawa city council who voted for the Green Box program which will cost \$17 million to set up and \$13 million a year to operate, mere days before getting embroiled in budget deliberations during which they had to find \$43.2 million in savings just to limit the tax increase to 4.9 per cent.

Moron of the Year Award

Multiple tie between the idiots behind the rash of bogus 9-1-1 high school calls in September and October. Tar and feathering comes to mind.

The Bah Humbug Award

To Ottawa city council for approving a series of on-street parking initiatives as part of the 2008 budget process just before Christmas that will severely impact businesses in the downtown core and Westboro – most notably restaurants.

The It-Seemed-Like-A-Good-Idea-When-We-Thought-Of-It-Award

To local city councillors Rainer Bloess and Bob Monette who considered introducing a mosquito eradication program that would have cost local residents approximately \$20 per household.

The Foot-In-Mouth Award

To Ottawa-Orléans MP Royal Galipeau for telling a La Droit reporter that if residents in Orléans want federal jobs moved to the area they should vote Liberal. He later explained that he was trying to be sarcastic.

The Dueling-Pistols-At-20-Paces Award

To Royal Galipeau once again for crossing the floor of the House of Commons to verbally confront Liberal MP David McGuinty who questioned his allegiance to the francophone community after the Conservative government scrapped the court challenges program which was used to fund SOS Monfort's challenge of the Ontario government's decision to close the hospital in the 1990s.

The You've-Heard-Of-Road-Rage-What-About-Drive-Thru-Rage Award

Workers at a Burger King in New York got into a dispute with a customer after he refused to turn his music down while ordering at the drive-through. The customer grabbed the restaurant's manager, tried to pull her through a window and then attempted to run over a worker who came to help the manager.

The Be-Careful-What-You-Ask-For Award

A car dealership owner in the United States was charged with two counts of manslaughter after he killed two employees who kept asking him for a raise. The employer told police he was having financial problems and was under a lot of stress.

Sign the Apocalypse will soon be upon us

A McDonald's employee in Indiana was arrested, jailed and is facing criminal charges because a police officer got sick after a hamburger he ate was too salty. The employee accidentally spilled salt on the burger and tried to thump it off before serving it. She was charged for serving the burger "without regards to the well-being of anyone who might consume it."

Local sports

Gloucester Rangers win pair of Bell Capital Cups

By Fred Sherwin
The Eastender

The Gloucester Rangers capped off a successful Bell Capital Cup on Monday by winning the Major Atom AA championship and the Minor Peewee AA title in successive games.

First up at Scotiabank Place was the Major Atom AA team which took on crosstown rivals the Kanata Blazers. The two teams are separated by just two points in the ODMHL standings with the season already two-thirds over.

In Monday's final, the Blazers drew first blood when Ethan MacLean scored at the 6:54 mark of the first period.

Perhaps because of the early 7:35 a.m. start it took the Rangers awhile to get going, but they eventually tied the game on a goal by Misha Ventura who converted a pass from Justin Renaud early in the third period. Then, less than a minute later, Ben Fanjoy set up Branden Makara for the go ahead goal which would stand up as the game winner.

It was the second game winning goal for Makara in as many days. In Sunday's semi-final he scored two minutes and 32 seconds into the second overtime to give the Rangers a 4-3 win over the Seaway Valley Rapids who had come back from a 3-1 deficit to tie the game late in the third period.

Ventura and Renaud both had three point games for the Rangers including one goal each.

Head coach John Robillard was particularly happy with the way the team came together after losing one of their top players to a broken toe he suffered while playing at home last week.

"The kids all came together and they didn't let anything distract them from their goal," said Robillard.

While the Major Atom team was receiv-

ing the Bell Capital Cup, the Minor Peewee AA team was watching from the stands and drawing inspiration from the spectacle.

After the zamboni cleaned the ice, the Rangers cleaned the Rochester Rattlers clock, winning 7-2 to give the Gloucester hockey organization their second championship banner.

Adam Fillion, Patrick Champagne and Patrick White each scored in the first period to give the Minor Peewee team a 3-0 lead. Fillion then scored his second of the game to increase the Rangers lead to 4-0 early in the second period.

The Rattlers came right back with their first goal of the game at the 8:20 mark of the second period, but a goal by Alec MacKenzie with 4:29 left in the period would all but seal the Rattlers' fate.

After the Rattlers got to within two goals early in the third, Justin St. Germain scored on a seeing eye shot from the point that caught the top corner of the net over the right shoulder of the Rochester goalie.

The scoring was capped off by a high-light reel end to end rush by Matthew Van Wort who finished the play off by going top shelf on his backhand.

It was the perfect ending to a perfect tournament that didn't start off so perfectly. The Rangers lost their opening round robin game 1-0 to the Whitby Wildcats despite outshooting the opponents 29-7.

In the Bell Capital Cup, one loss is usually the kiss of death. The next day the Rangers rallied back to beat the Chatham Maroons 3-2 on a goal by Sam Gosselin late in the third period to give themselves an outside shot at the lone wildcard position, but first they had to beat the Connecticut Lazers by six goals.

They did two goals better than that by winning 9-2. Fillion had a hat trick, while White added a pair of goals and two assists.



Members of the Gloucester Rangers Minor Peewee AA team celebrate after winning the Bell Capital Cup at Scotiabank Place on Monday. Fred Sherwin/Photo

Next up was a rematch against the Whitby Wildcats in the semi-final. This time the score was more indicative of the play as the Rangers jumped out to a 2-0 lead on goals by Van Wort and Rebecca Leslie in the first five minutes and never looked back. The final score was 5-1 in favour of the Rangers.

They managed to pull off a repeat performance in the semi-finals in beating the Lakeland Hawks 6-1 to set up their championship showdown against Rochester.

Fillion ended the tournament with eight goals and six assists for a team leading 14 points. No fewer than 11 players got on the scoresheet for the Rangers during the six game tournament, demonstrating the team's tremendous depth.

Head coach Guy Bourque was justifiably proud of his players ability to come-back from their opening tournament loss in the fashion they did.

"The kids were really disappointed after that first game, but we told them to keep their heads up and not let themselves get discouraged and they came back and won that second game and then they just got on a roll," said Bourque who is hoping the team will be able to carry over their success into the regular season where they are 7-8-3 and currently in fifth place. "I hope we can. We're looking to have a strong finish and possibly move up a spot."

In other action on Monday, the Rangers Minor Peewee A team lost 2-0 to the Kanata Blazers in a semi-final match-up at the Bell Sensplex, while the Cumberland Barons Blue team lost 5-3 to the Kanata Blue Blazers in the Minor Atom A semi-finals.



The Gloucester Rangers Major Atom AA team poses for a group picture after downing the Kanata Blazers 2-1 in their Bell Capital Cup final on Monday. Bruce Fanjoy/Photo

2007 proves to be a very good year for area athletes

By Fred Sherwin
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The year in sports saw a number of memorable accomplishments by local athletes as well as several high school and community teams.

Orléans speed skater Ivania Blondin continued to show why she's regarded as one of the top young short track competitors in the country, finishing fifth at the National Team Trials to become the youngest person to make the the National Senior Development Team at 16.

During the off season she also found time to compete at the Canadian Junior Cycling Championships and earned a silver medal. But it was on the ice where Blondin really shone. At the World Junior Championships in the Czech Republic she won a bronze medal as a member of the 3,000 relay team. Two weeks later she placed fifth at the Canadian Senior Championships, earning a trip to the World Cup in Hungary in February.

After returning from Europe she traveled to Whitehorse to compete at the Canada Winter Games where she won a gold and silver.

Three other local athletes also brought home golds medal from Whitehorse. Rachel Homan skipped Team Ontario to a gold medal performance in women's curling and Ashley Rheame and Natasha Côté won gold as members of the Ontario ringette team.

One of the most impressive individual performances of the year was turned in by 16-year-old Orléans sprinter Segun Makinde who swept the junior boys 100 and 200 metre races at the city and east regional high school track and field championships competing for Colonel By High Secondary School. He went on to win a silver medal in the junior boys 100 meters at the OFSAA



Sarah Gariba (left), Lindsay Anderson and Segun Makinde won two gold and a silver medal in three separate events in a 30 minute span during the OFSAA provincial high school championships last spring. File photo

provincial championships held in Ottawa and in the 200 metre event he set a new provincial record in capturing gold.

His time was good enough to qualify for the World Youth Championships held in the Czech Republic in July where he advanced all the way to the semi-finals. Makinde's trip was paid for in part by a handful of *Eastender* readers.

Fellow Colonel By Cougar Lindsay Anderson rebounded from a fourth place performance in the junior girls' 1500 to win the 3000 metre event, shaving nearly eight seconds off her previous best time in the process.

Sarah Gariba became the third Colonel By athlete to pick up a medal in a 30 minute span when she placed third in the junior girls 200.

Other impressive individual performances were turned in by 14-year-old Amanda Bentley-DeSousa from Blackburn Hamlet who won a silver and bronze medal at the WKA World Karate Championships in Germany in November despite having to compete with a strained tendon in her right foot, and Tania Bariteau, who won five medals in individual and team competition at the ITF World Taekwon-Do Championships held in Birmingham, England last August.

Other local athletes who can look back on the past year with fondness include Claude Giroux who continued to shine as a member of the Gatineau Olympics and was an integral member of Team Canada during the Canada-Russia Super Series; Courtney Pilypaitis who played in not one but two World Basketball Championships, first as a member of Canada's U21 team and then as a member of the U19 squad; and Richard Adu-Bobie who qualified for his first NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships as a junior at Texas A&M and then ran the anchor leg in Canada's bronze medal winning effort in the 4x100 metre relay at the Pan Am Games in Brazil.

St. Peter High School senior Stephanie MacDonald also had a pretty good year. At the national championships in July, she scored 19 points in the final to help Team Ontario win the U17 championship and in the fall she signed a scholarship to play at Canisius University next year and then went out and scored with no time left on the clock to give the Knights the NCSSAA senior girls championship.

Several other east end high school teams also won championship banners in 2007, starting with St. Matt's junior boys basketball team which downed the Sir Robert Borden Bengals 55-44 in the title game last February. In April, the Colonel By Cougars varsity girls water polo team went undefeated to win the city championship and erase the memories of their one goal loss to the St. Pius X-Men the year before.

In May, the St. Peter Knights senior boys rugby successfully defended their Tier 1 title in one of the most thrilling high school rugby games in recent memory. After the two teams failed to settle their differences in



The Cumberland Panthers pose for a team photo after winning the NCAFA bantam championship in November. File photo

overtime the game had to go to extra kicks. While the Hillcrest kicker missed his two attempts, Kevin Joyce split the uprights twice to give St. Pete's the championship.

Three weeks later the Knights varsity girls touch football gave St. Pete's their second city title in as many weeks by beating Earl of March 13-0.

Sticking with high school sports, the St. Peter Knights junior boys football team won the Tier 1 championship in November and the St. Matt's junior girls basketball team won their five city championship in the last six years in November.

Several community sports teams were also extremely successful in 2007. The Gloucester Wolverines won the boys Major Midget provincial championship in May and the girls Major Bantam team won silver in April.

In June, the Gloucester Synchro Club captured four gold medals at the Ontario Provincial Tier Championships, including three of the five tier titles up for grabs. Two weeks later the club's masters team won three gold medals at the Canadian Masters Championships held at the Nepean Sportsplex.

In July and August, four Orleans Red Sox teams managed to advance to the provincial Little League championships, but only the minor little league team managed to make it into the finals where they lost 10-8 to High Park.

Still in August, the Orleans Rebels' midget and mite girls' teams won the Ontario House League Select Fastball Championships in their respective age groups.

East end teams also won six Ottawa and District Minor Hockey Association championships; four East Regional Soccer League regular season titles, two ERS� Cups and one ERS� Shield – and the Cumberland Panthers kept their string of NCAFA championships alive by winning the bantam crown.

Cumberland peewee players open doors to young Finns

By Fred Sherwin
The Eastender

For the past nine years the Bell Capital Cup has brought together Atom and Peewee aged hockey players from around the world. Sweden, Germany, Russia, the Czech Republic, Mexico, Japan and Latvia are just some of the far away places the young hockey players hail from.

One of the traditions adopted by the tournament is to have local teams host their international guests. This year the Cumberland Barons Minor Peewee AA squad is billeting a team from the Jokerit White team from Finland.

Seven Baron families agreed to take in two Finnish players each. Maxime St. Pierre's family are hosting Mikael Ignatius and Otto Kivinen.

Ignatius speaks a little bit of English, while Kivinen knows very little. In the three short days they've been together, Maxime has already picked up a bit of Finnish.

Maxime's mother, Sylvie St. Pierre said what worried her the most about having the two young guests, was their taste in food.

"I wasn't sure what to make or what they would like, but they're just like any other kids. They like pizza, spaghetti and lasagna," says St. Pierre who is also the team manager.

It took the Finnish team 18 hours to get to Ottawa via Frankfurt, Germany and Toronto. They left Boxing Day morning and arrived the same night. On Thursday, they played an exhibition game against the Barons and then they joined the rest of the teams in the tournament at the Ottawa Sens game against the New York Islanders.

Not surprisingly, the Sens game has been the highlight of the trip so far.

"It was very exciting," said Ignatius.

"To see it in person with so many people, it was very loud."

Several of the Finnish players' parents managed to make the trip to Canada to watch their kids play including Kivinen's father Tapio.

"It's been wonderful. It was a long trip, but everyone has been very friendly and we've had wonderful time so far," said Kivinen.

Jacquelin Virkamäki came with her son Eero while her husband and their daughters stayed home to clean up after Christmas.

"It's been a lot of fun. I was just saying to a father that it's too bad the other parents couldn't come," said Virkamäki who has been trying to send daily diary e-mails back to Finland. "I promised to update our team website, but we've been so busy I've hardly had any time."

The parents are barely able to keep up with their own kids. They only time they see them is when they're on the ice. Both groups are hoping to go to the New Year's Eve fireworks together on Parliament Hill and possibly do some souvenir shopping.

Before they can do that, however, they must still finish the tournament.

Unfortunately, both teams will likely miss the playoffs. The Barons are out of playoff contention, having lost their first two games to the Rochester Rattlers and Jokerit Blue. They have one more game against Caledon, Sunday morning but it's for little more than bragging rights.

Jokerit White had a shot at making the playoffs after hammering the Flamborough Sabres 6-0 on Saturday to even their record at 1-1-0, but a 3-3 tie against the New England Moose put them out of contention for the lone wild card spot.

The Bell Capital Cup has grown into the premier Atom and Peewee tournament in the world. The 10 and 11-year-old players



Maxime St. Pierre (centre) stands with his two new friends Otto Kivinen (left) and Mikael Ignatius from the Finnish team Jokerit Blue who are staying with his family during the Bell Capital Cup. Fred Sherwin/Photo

look forward to the tournament for months – or in the case of the two Finnish teams which started planning the trip two years ago – even longer.

The tournament is exceptionally player friendly. Besides getting a chance to play at Scotiabank Place should they make the final, there is also an all-star game and a skills competition at each level and after each round robin and playoff game a red hard hat is awarded to the hardest working player on each team.

The tournament continues through until New Year's Day, when the final set of division finals will be held.

Community calendar

FRIDAY, JAN. 4

MATT BEAUCHAMP will be performing at the Orleães Legion, 800 Taylor Creek Dr. from 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Visit www.rcl632.com.

SATURDAY, JAN. 5

COUNTRY STYLE BREAKFAST served from 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. at the Orleães Legion, 800 Taylor Creek Rd. Homestyle cooking served by friendly volunteers. This is a fundraising event for the Legion. For more information visit www.rcl632.com.

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

Taylor Creek Rd. All entertainers welcome to participate. Fast foods available.

TUESDAY, JAN. 8

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

BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING at 4 p.m. in the Colonel By Room at Ottawa City Hall.

POVERTY ISSUES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING at 6:30 p.m. in the Champlain Room at Ottawa City Hall.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 9

CITY COUNCIL MEETING at 10 a.m. in Andrew S. Haydon Hall at Ottawa City Hall.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 10

AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING at 9:30 a.m. in the Colonel By Room at Ottawa City Hall.

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING at 6:30 p.m. in the Honeywell Room at Ottawa City Hall.

FRIDAY, JAN. 11

YOUTH DANCE for young people 11- to 14-years-old at 7 p.m. to

10:30 a.m. at the Navan Arena.

LAUREN HALL will be performing at the Orleães Legion, 800 Taylor Creek Dr. from 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Visit www.rcl632.com.

SATURDAY, JAN. 12

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SUNDAY, JAN. 13

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 4 eat for free. By reservations only. Call 613-835-2227.