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East end councillors Michel Bellemare, Rainer Bloess, Bob Monette and Rob Jellett listen intently as local residents argue against proposed cuts in the 2009 draft budget. Fred Sherwin/Photo

Residents upset over proposed budget cuts

By Fred Sherwin
The Eastender

Area residents upset over proposed cuts in the 2009 draft budget had a chance to voice their disapproval at a public consultation meeting hosted by all four east end councillors at the Orléans Client Service Centre on Thursday night.

After a short presentation by city staff outlining the financial pressures the city faces and the solutions being proposed to limit the proposed tax increase to 4.9 per cent, 34 people took their turn at the microphone to make

a case for their particular issue.

Taking it all in were Cumberland Coun. Rob Jellett, Orléans Coun. Bob Monette, Innes Coun. Rainer Bloess and Beacon Hill, Cyrville Coun. Michel Bellemare.

The three main areas of contention were the proposed cuts in arts and heritage funding; the elimination of subsidies affecting 700 child care spaces; massive increases in rental fees for recreation facilities; and the elimination of several express bus routes.

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OMB gives go ahead to controversial development

By Fred Sherwin
The Eastender

The Ontario Municipal Board has given the go ahead for Claridge Homes to build seven multi-residential buildings containing 84 units at the southwest corner of Trim Road and Portobello Drive.

The multi-residential development was vehemently opposed by the Cardinal Creek Community Association which wanted the land in question to be used for what it was originally zoned for.

When the former municipality of Cumberland developed a sub-division plan for the area, they designated the parcel of land in question as commercial with the intent that it would one day accommodate small businesses such as a convenience store or a bank.

When Claridge purchased the land from the original owner they did so knowing the land was zoned commercial. That didn't stop them from applying to have the land rezoned multi-residential, however. When the city rejected their application, they filed an appeal with the OMB after making a minor adjustment to reduce the number of 12 unit buildings from eight to seven. The board rendered their decision last week, which compels the city to allow the development to proceed.

The Community Association's primary concern is the potential impact the development will have on local traffic which is already a problem especially at rush hour. The city plans to widen Trim Road, but the work isn't likely to proceed for at least

another four years.

Cumberland Ward Coun. Rob Jellett supported the Cardinal Creek Community Association and managed to get city council to reject the original rezoning application.

The fact that the OMB sided with Claridge even though the developer was well aware of the commercial designation when they bought the land is troubling to Jellett.

"They're basically saying the developers can do whatever they want," says Jellett.

Construction of the multi-residential development at King's Pointe will likely begin next spring.

The "Zen Urban Flats", as a large billboard on the site refers to the units, start at \$180,000.

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Community briefs

Santa's Parade of Lights set to go this weekend

ORLEANS — Santa Claus has his map and he's checked it twice just to make sure he doesn't get lost on his way to Orléans for this Saturday's Parade of Lights. Organizers are hoping for another huge turnout this year as some 75 floats and vehicles of all shapes and sizes festooned with over a million lights will make their way down St. Joseph Blvd. from Youville Dr. to Prestone Dr. The parade is a major fundraising event for the Ottawa Professional Firefighter's Association which will be collecting donations for their toy fund along the route. As in the past the parade starts at 6 p.m. For more information visit www.paradoflights.org.

Navan brewpub welcomes blues artist David Rotundo

NAVAN — O'Meara's in Navan will be rocking this weekend as Toronto bluesman David Rotundo brings his red hot repertoire to the east end brewpub for a night of dinner and dancing. Rotundo was the 2007 Maple Blues Award recipient for Harmonica Player of the Year and has been nominated 2008 Maples Blues Award for Electric Artist of the Year. Real Blues Magazine described Rotundo as "one of the top 10 blues performers in Canada". Tickets are still available for \$49 per person by reservation only. A portion of the proceeds from the event will go to support the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario. To reserve a ticket call 613-835-9883 and ask for either Kim or Kevin, or leave a message.

Tickets now on sale for annual pantomime show

ORLEANS — Tickets are now on sale for the East End Theatre company's annual Christmas pantomime production. This year the theatre company is presenting the panto "Humpty Dumpty" on Dec. 12, 13 and 14 at the Orléans Theatre on Centrum Blvd. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children. "Humpty Dumpty" is the latest in a series of Christmas pantos put on by the East End Theatre company which stay true to the traditional English panto genre with villains, music and racy jokes laced with double entendre. In past years, the East End Theatre panto production has been extremely popular and in most cases has sold out. You can purchase your tickets in advance by visiting Frameworks at the corner of Orléans Blvd. and St. Joseph Blvd. or you can purchase them online at <http://eastendtheatre.com/> using Pay Pal.

Local councillors pledge to vote against proposed cuts

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Those arguing against the proposed cuts to the arts and culture community were particularly upset over the fact that just last year Mayor Larry O'Brien told them that they wouldn't have to worry about future cuts after they showed up in large numbers during the budget process.

Local playwright and director Susan Flemming wanted to know why there appears to be a disconnect between what the Mayor and a majority of city council members told them last year and the cuts being proposed in this year's budget.

"Last year the Mayor said we couldn't have to come back again and yet here we are. It seems to me there's a real disconnect between the Mayor and the rest of council and city staff," said Flemming.

The draft budget calls for a 42 per cent reduction in arts and heritage funding and the elimination of festival and special event grants. The two initiatives combined total would save more than \$4.1 million.

After all four east end councillors said they wouldn't be supporting the proposed arts and heritage cuts, Cumberland Ward Coun. Rob Jellett acknowledged that council and senior staff are not on the same page when it comes to the city's support of certain programs.

"Clearly when we set the budget direction we were not as specific as perhaps we should have been," said Jellett. "In the future we'll simply have to tell them here's the target and here's what you can't touch."

Besides the proposed arts and heritage cuts, all four councillors also expressed their opposition to staff's suggestion to hike facility rental fees in some cases 150 and 200 per cent after a number of representatives from local minor sports associations warned that the increases would result in a lot fewer kids taking part in sports.

Two people went so far as to suggest that the city would have to increase the police budget to deal

with the kids who wouldn't be able to afford the increase in registration fees.

"I fully support moving to more of a user pay philosophy but some of these suggestions are way to extreme," said Blackburn Hamlet Community Association president Roger Smiley who is against the proposal to eliminate the grants the city gives community associations to manage and maintain outdoor rinks.

"If you don't spend money to support recreation facilities for kids than the five per cent increase in the police budget is going to have to be more like 10 per cent because a lot of these kids who are going to lose out are going to end up finding alternative ways to spend their time."

In responding to the comments made by members of the minor sports community Innes Ward Coun. Rainer Bloess expressed the sentiments of many of his colleagues on city council.

"I think you will see some great resistance to these fee increases," said Bloess. "We're not going to jack them up and have people start throwing pucks at us."

Linda Lalonde wanted to know why city staff are proposing to cut funding for 700 subsidized day care spaces when thousands of families are currently on waiting lists.

Other presenters included Patrick Bourbonnais from MIFO who argued against the cuts in arts and culture spending and the elimination of the day care subsidies, and a representative from the 4th Orleans Scouts who said the increases proposed for the community use of school spaces would have a huge impact on their registration.

The public consultation meetings wrap up on Nov. 28. Council will begin their budget deliberations three days later on Dec. 1. The first two days of the budget proceedings are expected to be taken up by public delegations.

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Local businesses honoured at People's Choice Awards

By Fred Sherwin
The Eastender

The Orléans Client Service Centre was aptly named Wednesday night as representatives from some of the most successful small businesses in the far east end gathered for the Orléans Chamber of Commerce People's Choice Business Awards.

Topping the list was Unlimited Fitness owner Robin Gardiner who received the award for Business Person of the Year.

Gardiner took over the Orléans gym and fitness centre five years ago and has gradually turned it into one the most successful independently-owned fitness centres in the far east end.

The secret to their success has been their ability to understand their clientele and give them what they need. They've also re-invested a substantial portion of their revenue into new equipment and have managed to stay ahead of the pack when it comes to recent trends. They were one of the first gyms to take a more holistic approach to fitness by providing their clients with access to a licensed nutritionist and more recently they've incorporated a weight loss clinic that combines personal training with specialized diet guides.

As for the secret to building a successful business, the recipe is simple, says Gardiner, hard work.

"There is no secret, really. You just have to be willing to work hard. I'm always working. Even when I'm at home I'm still working," said Gardiner after receiving his award.

Twenty-eight-year-old Eric St. Cyr received the award for Young Business Person of the Year. The owner of Eric's Academy of Music started dreaming of opening his own business when he was still in college. Through hard work and perseverance he accomplished his dream last year.

"I didn't start my business to shake hands or win awards. I did it to share the joy of music," St. Cyr said in accepting his award. "This means a lot to someone my age starting a business and it means a lot to my staff."

Cedar Valley Restaurant in the Orleans Garden Shopping Centre won their fourth People's Choice Business Award, this time earning the prize for Restaurant of the Year. Previously they won for New Business of the Year in 2003 and Restaurant of the Year in 2005 and Family Business of the Year in 2007. The restaurant is owned and operated by Fadi and Marcelle Nasr.

This year's Family Business of the Year award went to Gymboree Play and Music, while the Service Business of the Year award went to Healing Hands Massage Therapy and owner Bryan Castilla who was one of the finalist for Business Person of the Year.

Orléans Adventure Boot Camp owner Adrian Delorey added to the Young Business Person of the Year award he won last year by taking home the Customer Service Excellence Award.

"Last year's award was great, but this award is more reflective of the business were in and the people I have working for me. Trina Alps, our dietician, and Jason Mailhot, our trainer, have both gone over and above in working with our clients and helping to make the business a success," said Delorey.

Other recipients included Antara Financial owner Judith Cane for Corporate Citizen of the Year; Quilty Pleasures for Retail Business of the Year; the Pilon Hamilton Real Estate Team for New Business of the Year; and Vantage Dental Clinic owner Dr. Ben Chang for Professional of the Year.

Former Orléans Chamber of Commerce president and Coldwell Banker Interactive



Unlimited Fitness owner Rob Gardiner holds the award for Business Person of the Year he received at the People's Choice Business Awards on Wednesday night. Fred Sherwin/Photo

Realty owner/broker Diane Boucher received a special Chamber Champion Award for her years of dedication to the organization and her commitment to the community as a former president of the National Capital Region Habitat for Humanity.

"What an honour," Boucher said after coming to the stage to accept the award from current Chamber president Marc Thibault. "When Marc was speaking I thought he was talking about at least 50 other people in this room. You know I was very fortunate to have been able to work with some incredible people and we were all part of the Chamber's success. It was not just one person."

Charges laid after firearms found during East Village raid

Commentary
By Fred Sherwin

Members of the Ottawa Police Service guns and gangs unit raided a large, two-storey home on Pine Vista Drive in the East Village sub-division near Innes and Trim early Wednesday morning and arrested two men in their 20s and a man and a woman in their 60s.

After a brief search of the residence police found a loaded sawed-off shotgun, a

small calibre handgun and ammunition. As a result of the search, Bassem Awwad, 29, Husam Awwad, 26, Musa Awwad 63, and Fayza Awwad, 60, are now facing multiple firearm related charges including possession of a prohibited firearm, possession of a handgun readily accessible to ammunition, careless storage of a shotgun, careless storage of a handgun and careless storage of ammunition.

Wednesday's raid was initiated after an

incident outside the Dow's Lake Pavilion on Nov. 1, in which Bassem Awwad allegedly pointed a gun at another male. As such, Bassem Awwad is also facing charges of pointing a firearm, uttering death threats and using a firearm in the commission of an indictable offence.

Both Bassem Awwad and Husam Awwad remain in custody, while Musa and Fayza Awwad were released after posting bail.

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Orléans adventurer tells his story in new book

By Fred Sherwin
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For Orléans adventurer Jean-François Carrey, becoming the youngest Canadian to climb Mount Everest in 2006 was the culmination of a journey that began when he was just 12 years old.

Along the way he encountered his fair share of doubters and people who would simply humour him whenever he started talking about his dream. What they didn't hear or see, was his determination, passion and drive to turn his dream into a reality.

The story of his incredible journey is contained in a new book entitled "8850: Récit d'aventures de Jean-François Carrey", written by Danièle Vallée.

"A lot of people have written books about climbing Mt. Everest, but what is unique about this book is that it's not only about climbing Mt. Everest, it's about the journey to get there," says Carrey who had the final say on the book's contents.

Carrey first developed a taste for adventure when he joined the Boy Scouts and took part in various Scout Camps.

He eventually caught the mountain climbing bug during a snowboarding trip to the French Alps while still in his teens. The next year he saved up enough money to visit Nepal and climbed Mt. Imja Tse, also known as Island Peak, which stands in the shadow of Everest.

"That's when I knew I wanted to climb Mt. Everest. Everything I did after that was in preparation for Everest," says Carrey.

After graduating from Louis Riel high school in 2001, he climbed Mt. Aconcagua, which is the tallest mountain in South America, in 2003 and Mt. McKinley, the tallest mountain in North America, in 2005.

But before he could climb Mt. Everest he

had to raise \$40,000 to pay for the expedition through a combination of his own savings, loans and sponsorship arrangements.

The climb itself took nearly four weeks in several stages, but once he got to the summit in the early morning hours of May 17, 2006, the journey and the sacrifices along the way were all worth it.

"When we first started we were climbing in the moonlight and then when we reached the summit it was sunrise. It was the best day of my life. It was incredible," Carrey told *The Eastender* on his return to Ottawa.

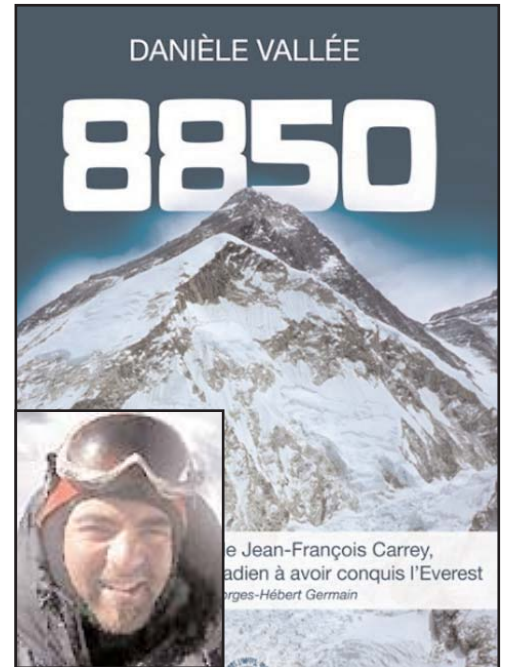
Since climbing Mt. Everest, Carrey has split his time between working as a professional adventure guide and giving motivational speeches. He's also been busy keeping company with some pretty famous Canadians.

He expressed his concerns about global warming and the effects that it has on the Canadian arctic in a meeting with Prime Minister Stephen Harper. He attended a Canadian Space Agency event as a personal guest of Steve McLean during which McLean gave him a rock from the top of Mount Everest which he had taken into space and he received the Ambrose-Lafortune Award for his devotion to the Canadian Scouting movement from Governor-General Michaëlle Jean.

But his number one goal remains to inspire others, especially young people, to follow their dreams, which is the ultimate message in his book.

"What I really want to come out of the book is the idea that it's never too early to start following your dreams," says Carrey. "It's important to motivate young people to achieve their goals and show them that it's not so difficult."

Carrey recently returned from a book tour



Orléans adventurer Jean-François Carrey recently released a book about his journey from Boy Scout to being the youngest Canadian to climb Mt. Everest. File photo

in Quebec and is now preparing to take a group of young people to Antarctica where he will teach them how to turn their concerns over global warming into an action plan. He's also been hired to lead an expedition to the Everest Base Camp in the spring.

As the title obviously suggests, "8850: Récit d'aventures de Jean-François Carrey" is only available in French, however, it is a fairly easy read and is highly recommended for French Immersion students who are looking to improve their French literacy. Copies of the book can be ordered online by visiting www.jfcarrey.com.

Orléans councillor honours community leaders

By Fred Sherwin
The Eastender

Orléans Coun. Bob Monette hosted a special ceremony on Wednesday night to pay tribute to some of the people whose efforts have contributed to the betterment of their community.

Special framed certificates were handed out to 12 individuals, many of whom have been volunteering in the community for years.

Ace Body Shop owner Lionel Laurin is one of the people who often works behind the scenes giving people advice or donating money to groups or individuals in exchange for community initiatives. He recently purchased a plot in the Orléans Community Garden for the 55e Ste. Marie Scout Troop. In exchange member of the group agreed to clear the lot of large rocks and other debris.

"Lionel is one of those guys you can always count on for help. When they needed someone to help get Canada Day off the ground at Petrie Island he was there. When they needed a bike to give away at the Conservation Tent at the Navan Fair he

donated it. He's just someone who is a tremendous asset to the community," said Monette.

Tom Brewer received a certificate for helping to start the Orléans Community Garden. Mike Bergeron was honoured for helping launch the Students in Action group and Sketch Orléans. And Qamar Masood received a certificate for his work in helping to found the Orléans Multicultural Committee in 2006.

Saeed Bokhari is the president of the Bilal Mosque in Orléans. The long time Fallingbrook resident has been working to bring the east end's diverse ethnic communities together for the past 25 years.

"Saeed was one of the first people who suggested the local multicultural community needed its own recreation facilities. One of his suggestions was to play cricket in the crater on Apollo Way. That was back in '84. When I got the vision for the multicultural committee, he was one of the first people who supported it," said Monette.

Other recipients included 55e Ste. Marie Scout leader Sylvain Florent; Fallingbrook

Community Association president Zybina Richards; Sean Crossan, founder and past president of the Cardinal Creek Community Association; community volunteer Réne Cloutier and Convent Glen Community Association president Aldege Bellefeuille.

"This event is basically about saying thank you. It takes a lot of effort and a lot of work by both individuals and the community as a whole to make things happen," said Monette who used the occasion to reinforce his support for the Lansdowne Live project that has been put forward by Minto, the Shenkman Corp. and Trinity Development.

Monette also launched his new interactive website at the banquet which can be found at www.bobmonette.ca.

After handing out all the certificates, Monette looked to the future and hinted at sticking around for one more term.

"A lot of people have been asking me what I'm going to do in 2010. At this time I love what I'm doing so stay tuned, you might be called upon one more time," Monette said to loud applause.

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Progress

Last week the city's corporate services and economic development committee passed two motions that should go a long way in saving millions of taxpayer dollars, but unfortunately the news went largely unreported by the city's mainstream media, they were too busy reporting about proposed service cuts that will never get passed and the ongoing fiasco that is the Transportation Master Plan approval process.

Nonetheless, the two initiatives are hugely important in the city's ongoing efforts to get its financial house in order and neither of them would have seen the light of day if not for Marry Larry O'Brien's determination to change the way the city does business.

The first initiative will change the way the city hands out private contracts. Under the current procurement process, companies that bid on city contracts are graded on point system that allocates 80 per cent for technical expertise and 20 per cent for cost. That may be fine for large contracts for projects that require a great deal of expertise, but on smaller projects the policy may have the result of the city overpaying for expertise it doesn't necessarily need. The revisions put forward by staff and approved by the committee would put less of an emphasis on technical expertise and a greater emphasis on saving money for medium and low risk projects.

The second initiative is aimed at ramping up strategic investment in information technologies. Although the initiative carries a hefty price tag at the outset in terms of the capital investment, it will pay off in spades in the long haul. For instance, the city plans to spend \$10 million next year on four key initiatives that will result in benefits of between \$6.7 and \$10.2 million a year four to five years down the road.

The technology initiatives were endorsed by the Task Force on e-Government which the Mayor formed last winter.

Together the By Fred Sherwin changes to the city's *The Eastender* procurement policies and the e-Government initiatives will save the city upwards of \$30 million a year. That's money that can be used elsewhere to both limit future tax increases and preserve city services.

Wage freeze proposal worth talking about

Drastic times deserve drastic measures. That about sums up Mayor Larry O'Brien's attempt to get his fellow councillors to discuss the possibility of a wage freeze at City Hall in the face of yet another budget crisis.

The unions are blaming the city's ongoing financial woes on the insistence of past councils to freeze taxes in the face of rising costs. A valid point but so is the fact that the number one contributor to rising costs has been salaries.

When you do the math the average salary at city hall has gone up nearly 30 per cent since amalgamation. By comparison, taxes have gone up by about 12 per cent. The difference amounts to approximately \$180 million. If you want to know what happened to the savings generated by amalgamation there's your answer. They were eaten up by salary increases.

The number crunchers at City Hall believe salaries will go up by another three per cent in 2009 which amounts to an additional \$30 million hit. In order to accommodate the increase, finance staff are suggesting a massive hike in rental fees for recreation facilities and huge cuts to the arts and culture community and social services.

The Mayor, having promised to freeze taxes, knows full well that you can't freeze taxes and maintain services without something having to give. His answer is a two year wage freeze.

Before we even get to the union's position, a wage freeze is problematic in that it would require one of two things to implement – provincial legislation or volunteer compliance by the union. Although neither one is likely, the chances of the province altering the

legislation to allow Ottawa to impose a wage freeze on its employees are nil and none.

Which brings us to volunteer compliance. As stated at the beginning of my column the union's position is that the current state of affairs has been entirely self-inflicted by past city councils. That said, they're not so dumb that they don't realize something needs to be done. To that end, they're offering to sit down with the city to discuss various options to save money.

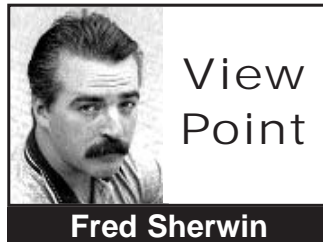
Whether or not the options add up to \$30 million is anybody's guess.

Personally, I somehow doubt it. Which brings us back to our original dilemma, how do you pay for an annual three per cent increase in salaries without cutting services or raising taxes? The only other option is to reduce the number of people getting a salary by eliminating vacant positions and laying people off.

Now, I always thought that the first priority of any union is to protect their members' jobs as opposed to protecting their members' salary increases, which is why I would feel compelled to at least discuss the possibility of a wage freeze, especially if the wage freeze came with an iron clad job security provision.

The unions and their membership have to ask themselves a serious question: Is it better to accept a wage freeze for a year or two in exchange for job security, or reject a wage freeze and risk having people lose their jobs?

So far the union seems steadfast in taking the latter position and that's too bad, because a lot of good people are going to end up losing their jobs when they could have easily been spared.



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John Smith leased his first vehicle four years ago from a reputable dealer.

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After a brief visual inspection of the car, he was asked to provide copies of the vehicle's maintenance records as per the maintenance schedule contained in the leasing agreement.

Like many car owners, Mr. Smith was not as thorough as perhaps he should have been. Besides, mechanically the car was perfectly fine.

Not good enough. Without the proper documentation he would have to pay a penalty along with the other transfer costs.

It's a story that's being repeated over and over. Leasing companies are tightening up on their maintenance requirements.

Which is why it's important to not only stick to the vehicle's maintenance schedule, but to retain the documentation as well. Just because you had the work done doesn't mean your leasing agent is going to take your word for it.

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Local business

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In a world where the overriding business acumen seems to be "bigger is better", there's a lot to be said for personal one-on-one service that is both responsive and attentive to a client's particular needs.

Such is the philosophy of the husband and wife real estate team of Troy Robinson and Shannon Labelle.

"We judge our own success based on the level of our client's happiness at the end of the process," says Troy Robinson, who inherited his love of the real estate business and "client-comes-first" philosophy from his parents who opened the first Century 21 office in Orléans in 1971.

After earning his real estate license in 1989, Troy quickly put his philosophy to work. Before long he started building

up a portfolio of satisfied clients to the point where he received the Century 21 Masters Award in 1997, 1998 and 1999.

In 1999, Shannon earned her real estate license and together the couple have received the Century 21 Centurion Award in each of the past seven years. The designation is afforded to less than 2.5 per cent of Century 21 agents world wide.

But beyond the accolades and awards, the proof of the couple's success is evident by the fact that nearly 80 per cent of their clients are either repeat customers or referrals.

"The awards are nice to have, but they don't compare to getting a phone call a month after a transaction from a client who wants to thank you again for helping them purchase their dream home or someone calling

you up and saying, 'You sold a house for a friend of mine last year and they were thrilled and I'd like you to do the same for me.' That's worth all the awards in the world," says Troy.

Besides helping clients buy and sell their homes, Troy can also help his clients find the best mortgage rates. As a licensed mortgage broker, he has access to the full breadth of mortgage lenders in Canada.

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Local sports

Knights fall short in National Capital Bowl semi-final

By Fred Sherwin
The Eastender

All good things must come to an end and for the St. Peter Knights senior boys football team the quest for a perfect season came to an abrupt end on Saturday as the Frontenac Falcons beat them 36-7 in the National Capital Bowl semi-final at Minto Field.

Both teams were undefeated heading into the game. The Knights ran the table to win the National Capital Secondary School Athletic Association championship and were hoping to get back to the National Capital Bowl for the first time since winning the cup in 2005. But the Falcons had other ideas. The defending champions from Kingston were intent on returning to the Bowl game for the third straight year.

The two teams were pretty evenly matched through the first two quarters and by half-time the score was tied 7-7.

After the Knights kicked the ball off to start the third quarter, the Falcons failed to pick up a first down and were forced to punt the ball from their 43 yard line. What followed was one of the strangest plays of the season.

Knights' return man Shane Dabros tried to short hop the ball, but it took a bounced high over his head and rolled toward the goal line. Rather than try to pick the ball up with several Falcon players bearing down on him, he squib-kicked it out of bounds.

After a brief huddle the officials ruled that Dabros kicked the ball out of bounds on purpose and in a controversial decision gave possession of the ball to the Falcons on the Knights one yard line which is where they ruled Dabros kicked the ball.

The Knights argued that the ball had broken the plane of the goal line when Dabros kicked it and therefore it should have been ruled a safety.

Their protests fell on death ears and play resumed. On the Falcons' first play from scrimmage, Simon Ryder-Burbidge bowled his way into the end zone to give the Falcons a 14-7 lead.

Things quickly went down hill from there for the Knights who were penalized on the extra point, allowing the Falcons to kick from midfield. With the extra 10 yards, kicker Nathan Jeffrey hammered the ball to the Knights' goal line where Dabros tried to run it back before he was taken down on the two yard line.

After St. Pete's failed to pick up a first down, Ryan Begin went back in the end zone to punt the ball rather than concede a safety and kick-off from the 35-yard line.

The normally reliable kicker punted the ball just 30 yards which left Frontenac with excellent field position on the Knights' 23-yard line. When the Falcons also had trouble moving the ball, Jon Ramirez came out to try a 23-yard field goal. He ended up missing wide left, but he kicked it deep enough to earn a single and extend the Falcons lead to 15-7.

With an eight point cushion, the Falcons stepped things up on defense. They limited the Knights' ground game to short gains and their secondary completely shut down St. Pete's passing attack.

After completing four of 12 passes in the first half, including a 55-yard touchdown toss to Matt Magee, Alex Skinner went 0-for-10 in the second half and was picked off four times. Overall, the Knights failed to pick up a single first down in the final two quarters.

The Falcons, on the other hand, kept finding ways to score. Late in the third quarter, Frontenac pivot Marshal Ferguson hit Trent Winton for a 40-yard touchdown pass to put the Falcons up 22-7 and all but dash any hopes of a Knights' comeback.

Early in the fourth quarter the Falcons moved the ball 75 yards on seven plays, aided by a pair of penalties by the Knights, including a roughing the passer call that gave Frontenac first and goal from the one. On the next play Ryder-Burbidge carried it over the goal line for his second touchdown of the game. He would score another touchdown late in the fourth quarter on a 25-yard interception return to put the Falcons up



Yards were hard to come by for the St. Peter Knights in Saturday's National Capital Bowl semi-final which saw the NCSSAA champions fall 36-7 to the EOSSAA champion Frontenac Falcons. Fred Sherwin/Photo

36-7, which is how the game ended.

In the post game huddle, Knights head coach Jim Mick reminded his players of how far they had come since the season began in September.

"We've come a long way guys and were still city champs. Nobody can take that away from you," said Mick. "I know this one hurts, especially for you guys who won't be coming back next year, but for the guys who are coming back I want you to remember how this feels."

The veteran coach credited Frontenac for playing a solid game even though his team didn't do themselves any favours.

"You have to hand it to them, there a good ball club," said Mick. "We played them close in the first half and then in the third quarter they got some breaks courtesy of us and they capitalized on them and we just couldn't recover."

East end teams shutout at Orleans Atom tournament

By Fred Sherwin
The Eastender

The Bob MacQuarrie Recreation Complex was the scene of a west end invasion last Sunday, as teams from the west end of Ottawa won two of the three divisions up for grabs at the Orleans Atom House League Tournament.

The West End Killer Bees downed the Blackburn Stingers 6-2 to win the House C final. The West End Warriors bested the Leitrim Hawks 3-0 in the House B final and the Canterbury Crusaders beat the Kanata Vikings 9-0 to claim the House A champ-

ionship.

In the only final featuring a team from the east end, the Killer Bees scored five unanswered goals against the Stingers on their way to a convincing 5-2 win in the House C championship game.

The Killer Bees got two goals each from Zackary Ayoub and Brayden May and a single from Marshall McDonald, while Christian Montbleau and Elie Eid scored for the Stingers.

In the House B final, the Warriors scored once in each period with goals from Thomas Dannehl in the first, Jack Lawrence in the

second and Benjamin Weiser in the third to down the Hawks 3-0.

The Canterbury Crusaders completely buried the Gatineau Vikings in the House A championship game as Jackson Genise and Daguy Jolibois both registered hat tricks for the Crusaders while Matt Keyes, Martin Lafontaine and Matt Garrod added a goal each.

The Orleans Atom House League Tournament featured 32 teams and more than 500 players age nine and 10 from across Ottawa and included a skills competition in all three divisions.

Local sports

Tigers roar to fourth straight junior girls basketball crown

By Fred Sherwin
The Eastender

The dynasty that is the St. Matthew High School junior girls basketball program lives on after the Tigers downed their namesakes from Woodroffe 45-32 last Wednesday to win their fourth city championship in a row and eighth in the last 10 years.

The Woodroffe Tigers did well to keep the score close for the better part of the first half before St. Matt's finally got their act together in limiting their turnovers and stepping things up on defense to take a 27-21 lead into the half-time break.

The Woodroffe Tigers were led by their imposing centre Lydia Basquin who was a monster on the boards hauling down 11 rebounds and blocking a pair of shots in the first half alone. Her five baskets and lone free throw accounted for half the team's scoring in the first two quarters.

St. Matt's countered Woodroffe's superiority on the boards with a hyper aggressive defense that caused a ton of turnovers. In the later stages of the second quarter, St. Matt's stole the ball three times on three consecutive trips down the floor and scored four points in transition to take a six point lead at the break.

St. Matt's kept up the pressure in the third quarter, forcing Woodroffe to turn the ball over on their first six trips down the floor. A three point shot by Rebecca Meredith off a steal by Stephanie Rheaume would give the Tigers a double digit lead for the first time in the game.

When they weren't turning the ball over, Woodroffe had fits trying to score against the Tigers aggressive zone defence.

They missed seven straight shots before Basquin finally scored a pair of baskets to cut St. Matt's lead to six points with 2:08 left to go in the third quarter.

The Tigers responded with a spark from an unlikely source. Despite sitting out much of the season with a leg injury, Lucia Marte came off the bench and was an immediate force. In the span of about 40 seconds she hauled in an offensive rebound, drew two fouls on the inside against Basquin who is about 16 inches taller than her, went three-for-three from the free throw line, sunk a short jumper and got a steal.

In no time at all St. Matt's extended their lead to 41-29 and when Basquin was sent to the bench with her fifth foul of the game in the fourth quarter the writing was on the wall. Any chance of a Woodroffe comeback was snuffed out in a flurry of turnovers as St. Matt's extended their lead to 47-29 and then cruised to victory.

Co-captains Natasha Reitano and Rebecca Meredith led the way offensively for the Tigers, combining for 25 points. Reitano was eight for 17 from the field for 16 points and Meredith was four for seven for nine points. Amanda Foerstner added seven points and had six of the Tigers 12 steals.

Tigers' head coach Rick Despatie attributed the win to team defence, great shooting and a strong bench.

"We knew about their big player in the middle, but today our shooting was the best I've seen it all season. That and the fact that we have such a strong bench was probably the difference in the game," said Despatie.

For Reitano, repeating as city champs meant the team was able to continue the



The St. Matthew Tigers pose with the championship trophy after winning the NCSSAA Tier 1 junior girls basketball last Wednesday. Fred Sherwin/Photo

long tradition of winning at the east end school.

"There was tons of pressure. We have the Grade 7 and 8 team looking up at us to win and the senior girls looking for us to continue their legacy, so it really means a lot," said Reitano who will be graduating to the senior team next year along with a handful of her teammates.

The Tigers will get a couple of days off before they have to start preparing for a trip to Alberta next month where they will play a couple of exhibition games in Calgary and a tournament in Edmonton.

G-C Stars win 10 medals at 'Breakin' Ice in the Capital' tourney

By Fred Sherwin
The Eastender

The Gloucester-Cumberland Stars won nine medals at their annual "Kickin' Ice in the Capital Tournament" on the weekend while raising money to fight juvenile diabetes.

The Stars won five gold medals and five silver. Both the Peewee AA and Peewee BB teams won gold as did the Atom A and Intermediate A squads and the Gloucester-Cumberland Mid-House League Gosselin.

In the Peewee AA final, the Stars got goals from Stephanie Wilson, Mikaela Willis and Alisha Foxall and Andrea Bowie was perfect between the pipes in a 3-0 win over Lac St. Louis. The Stars only loss came against Hockey Femin Laval in the second game of the round robin portion of the tournament.

In the Peewee BB final, the Stars were able to avenge an earlier loss to the Waterloo Ravens thanks to the goaltending of Kira Bombay who picked up here third shutout of the tournament in a 2-0 win. The

goal scorers were Erin McCallan and Hailey Carisse.

The Atom A final also featured a rematch as the Stars were able to avenge an earlier 2-1 loss to the Sudbury Lady Wolves by winning the championship by an identical 2-1 score.

One of the most exciting games of the day pitted the Stars against the Ottawa Ice in the Intermediate A final. The game was tied until the Ice finally broke the ice on a goal by Jessica Gillespie at the 10:10 mark of the third period.

The Stars were able to tie the game on a goal by Sharon Abson with 2:29 left in the third period and then won it at the 3:49 mark of overtime on a goal by Kylie Wagorn.

In the Midget House League championship, the Gosselin got goals from Shelby Stableford, Kayla Madere and Emily Charbonneau to down the Kingston Flude 3-1 and in the Bantam House League final.

In other finals, the Stars Bantam C team lost 2-1 to the Clarence-Rockland Light-

ning who avenged an earlier loss to the Stars in the round robin. The Bantam BB team lost 4-0 to the Outaouais Express in their final, despite an outstanding effort between the pipes by Stars goaltender Morgan Hotston.

After scoring 12 seconds apart in the first period of the Peewee C final, the Gloucester-Cumberland Stars and the Russell & District Coyotes battled each other to a 1-1 draw through overtime before finally having to settle things in the dreaded shootout.

Stars goalie Jessica Joubarne and Coyotes keeper Shawlee Gaudrault both managed to stop the first two shooters, which meant the outcome of the game would come down to the third and final shot. At the one end of the ice, Gaudrault managed to blank Ameera Rashid, but Claudine Rivard was able to beat Joubarne to win the game for the Coyotes.

The tournament managed to attract 79 teams from as far away as Sudbury, Barrie and Waterloo as well as the Montreal area.

St. Peter Knight's tame Storm to win Tier 1 championship

By Fred Sherwin
The Eastender

The St. Peter Knights are the National Capital Secondary School Athletic Association's Tier 1 senior boys football champions after downing the South Carleton Storm 32-7 in a steady downpour last Saturday.

"We'll celebrate this. It was a character win," Knights head coach Jim Mick said as his players celebrated around him.

Despite a rough first half in which they turned the ball over three times and committed three costly penalties, the Knights managed to take a three point lead into the break thanks to a 32 yard field goal by Ryan Begin and a three yard touchdown run by Nick Lecour.

In the second half the Knights switched to a "stack" formation with four men in the backfield and the game slowly began to tilt in their favour. The turning point in the game came early in the third quarter when fourth year senior Nik Topolovec recovered a fumble on the Knights' 38-yard line that ended a potential South Carleton scoring drive.

After the change of possession the Knights ran the ball seven straight times before Parker Morrison pounding it into the end zone to give St. Pete's a 17-7 lead.

When the Storm failed to pick up a first down on their next series, the Knights put together another scoring drive, marching the ball 50 yards on eight carries to extend their lead to 24-7.

On the ensuing kick-off, Begin drilled the ball over the head of the Storm's return man and into the end zone for a single point.

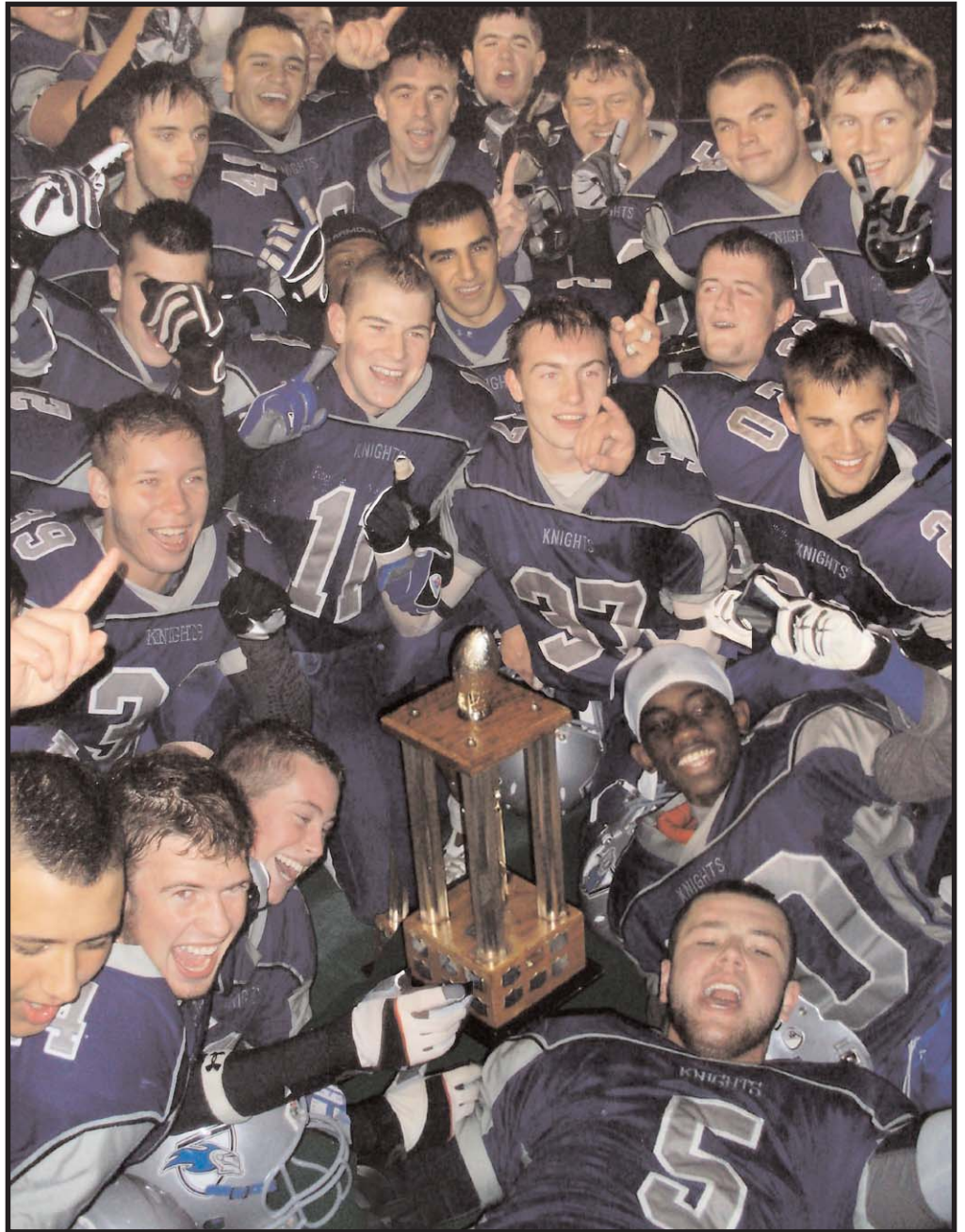
Starting from their own 35-yard line, the Storm were hoping to put together a scoring drive of their own to get back into the game. Instead, Jon Shaw lost his grip on the ball while dropping back to pass. In the melee that followed, Lecour was able to touch the ball last before it rolled out of bounds giving the Knights a first down on South Carleton's 15 yard line. Five plays later, Lecour scored on third and goal from the three for his third touchdown of the game.

The Storm would get one last possession, but by then it was too late, the damage had already been done and as the clock ran down the Knights players gave Mick the traditional Gatorade shower.

In a game that featured several outstanding performances, the play of the Knights' offensive line was nothing short of outstanding as was the blocking of Lecour, Topolovec and Kadeem Grant in the "stack" backfield. Time and again they opened up large gaps in the Storm's defensive line allowing Morrison to dance into South Carleton's secondary. In the second half alone he had 124 yards on 16 carries.

"We had two guys on defence blocking and a fullback blocking so I really didn't have to do that much," Morrison said after the game. "We have three of our best players blocking and you can't go wrong with that. They were all making big hits so all I had to do was follow them."

As impressive as Morrison was running



The St. Peter Knights senior boys football team celebrates after winning the Tier 1 city championship last Saturday. Fred Sherwin/Photo

the ball, the Knights' player of the game was Lecour. The Grade 11 student ran for three touchdowns, recovered a pair of fumbles both of which led to touchdowns, and was a stalwart on defence along with Topolovec, Mat Flosse and Mark Wooff who led the team with four solo tackles.

"They were making big holes for me. They just let me walk right in," said Lecour referring to the blockers.

For Topolovec, Flosse and Matt Magee, all of whom will be graduating this year, the win was extra special. Despite St. Pete's success at both the senior and junior levels, the threesome had never won a high school championship despite twice appearing in the junior final.

"It's unbelievable. I've waited a long time for this," said Magee, who still had a tight grip on the championship trophy long after it was officially presented to the captains.

The key man for the Storm was running back Dave Sabourin who ran for 126 yards on 26 carries including South Carleton's lone touchdown. He played both sides of the ball and had to be helped off the field twice after taking a couple of bruising hits.

The halftime score could have been a lot worse if not for several bonehead plays by the Knights. Shane Dabros ripped off punt returns of 35 and 45 yard and both times they were called back for penalties, the first on an offside call and the second for blocking from behind.

The second penalty led to the Storm's only touchdown of the game. Instead of having a first down on their own 50 yard line, the Knights had to line up on the 10. After throwing an incompletion on first down, Alex Skinner threw an INT into the hands of Nolan Hill. The Storm scored three plays later.

The Knights also took a pair of roughing the kicker penalties which didn't help their cause either. Fortunately for St. Pete's, the Storm couldn't do anything with them. In the end, South Carleton was both undermanned and undersized and by the fourth quarter they didn't have anything left in the tank.

The city championship is the Knight's sixth since 1997. They won it back to back in 1997 and 1998, and three times from 2003 to 2005.

Orléans keeper wraps up stellar U.S. collegiate career

By Fred Sherwin
The Eastender

Orléans native Erik Lefebvre wrapped up his U.S. collegiate soccer career at Houghton College in upstate New York this fall by being named to the conference all-star team for the fourth straight year.

Lefebvre allowed just 17 goals in 18 games in his senior year at Houghton, with seven of the goals coming on penalty kicks.

But despite all the statistics, it was a disappointing final season for the Beatrice-Desloges grad. The Highlanders lost to conference rival Roberts Wesleyan for the first time in four years in the final game of the season and then bowed out of the first round of the American Midwest Conference playoffs after losing 1-0 to the University of Rio Grande.

The final two games aside, Lefebvre can still look back on an impressive collegiate career that included three straight wins over Roberts Wesleyan and stopping more than 20 shots in a 2-1 win over Rio Grande in the first round of the NAIA Region IX playoffs last year.

“That was probably the highlight. We went down there as total underdogs and then we got a two goal lead. After our second goal they started bombarding me with shots, it was crazy they even tried to take

me out of the game on a corner kick. One of them tried to head butt me and caught me on the chin,” recalled Lefebvre during a recent interview with *The Eastender*.

Lefebvre’s absolute fearlessness in goal along with his toughness is a big reason why he has had such a successful career at Houghton.

“Erik is one of the best goalkeepers to have every played at the school,” says Highlanders’ head coach Matthew Webb, “He has been the backbone of the program since the day he donned a Houghton jersey. His reputation has extended nationally.”

Lefebvre is currently being recruited by several teams in the United States Soccer League which is one notch below the Major Soccer League.

His plan is to play a season in the USL and then hopefully sign on with a team in the MSL. His ultimate goal is to follow in the footsteps of his boyhood hero and former national team keeper Craig Forrest and one day play in Europe or possibly even don a Team Canada uniform.

“That would be the ultimate to play for the national team. Forrest was the guy I looked up to when I was a kid,” said Lefebvre who still can’t believe he’s played his last game for the Highlanders.

“Coming here was the best decision I



With his days at Houghton College soon coming to an end, Orleans native Erik Lefebvre is setting his sights on a possible professional soccer career south of the border. File photo

probably ever made. It’s a great school in a great community. All the guys on my team are quality people. It’s been everything I hoped for and more.”

Grads solidify hold on first place with third straight win

By Fred Sherwin
The Eastender

The Cumberland Grads have placed themselves squarely in the driver’s seat atop the Robinson Division after downing the Ottawa Jr. Senators 4-2 on Sunday.

The Grads have a four point cushion on the Cornwall Colts and the Gloucester Rangers, but more importantly they have three games in hand over the Colts and two games in hand over the Rangers which means they have a chance to extend their lead even more.

Rob Caparelli opened the scoring for Ottawa at the 16:45 mark of the first period, scoring on a rebound off a shot from Aaron McLeod.

The Jr. Sens extended their lead to 2-0 at the 2:56 mark of the second period off another point shot, this time from Patrick Burns, that bounced right to Nicholas Belleville who scored into the open net.

The Grads responded a little over four

minutes thanks to a great individual effort by Trevor Doucette who battled for the puck behind the Ottawa net for a good 15 seconds before it eventually came out to Matt Miller who took the original shot. Jr. Sens goalie Niels-Erik Ravn made the save, but Doucette was able to bang home the rebound to make it a one goal game.

The tying goal came with 1:12 left in the second period. Chris Murphy crossed the Jr. Sens’ blueline on the rush and then passed the puck over to Micheal Nooyen who left it for Mark Borkowski who fired a blistering shot that beat Ravn glove side.

After facing 18 shots in the first period, Grads’ netminder Adam Laderoute had a relatively easy time of it in the second as the Jr. Sens were only able to generate four shots on goal.

The Grads eventually took the lead at the 2:59 mark of the third period when call up Ryan Donnelly scored his first ever CJHL goal on well placed snap shot from just inside

the blueline that beat Ravn stick side.

Laderoute made his best save of the game at the 10:19 mark of the third period when he stuck out his left pad at the last moment to preserve the Grads precarious one goal lead, but the save of the game was made by Ravn who robbed Jean-Marc Labelle with an unbelievable glove save that could easily be a candidate for TSN’s plays of the week.

Laderoute was steady through the remainder of the third period and was named the game’s first star for his efforts. As time wound down, Labelle scored into an empty net to make the final score 4-2.

The Grads will have a great chance to extend their lead in the Robinson Division when they face the struggling Kemptville 73s in a home and home series this week. They host the 73s on Tuesday at the Navan Arena and then travel to Kemptville for the rematch on Friday. Game time Tuesday night is 7 p.m.



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Artscetera

ENCORE! play kicks off holiday theatre season

By Fred Sherwin
The Eastender

The ENCORE! Theatre Company will kick off the holiday theatre season this weekend with their production of the tragi-comedy *Criminals in Love*.

A hodgepodge of slapstick comedy, teen romance, and action film, with undigested bits of poetry and social commentary mixed in, *Criminals in Love* has been described by some reviewers as “enjoyably strange”.

Written by Toronto playwright George F. Walker and starring eleven local talented young players, the show will entertain and even surprise audience members.

Evening performances will take place on Nov. 27, 28 and 29 at 7 p.m. in the Orléans Theatre on Centrum Blvd. A special matinee show will be held on Saturday, Dec. 29 at 2 p.m. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$7 for students.

On Sunday, Nov. 30 fans of the holiday classics should make a point of going to the 24th annual Orléans Christmas Choirfest at the Community Pentecostal Church on St. Joseph Blvd.

Each year the Choirfest brings together choirs from over a dozen east end churches to celebrate the holiday season and raise money for the local food banks.

The event gets underway at 6:30 p.m. and admission is free although a freewill donation is held during a break in the performance.

Sticking with music, Coro Vivo (formerly the Blackburn Chorus) will be holding two concerts on Friday, Dec. 5 and Saturday, Dec. 6 at the Orléans United Church.

This year’s theme is “The Rhythms of Christmas” featuring Christmas rhythms from around the world as well as several holiday classics. Tickets will be \$15 available at the door

although children 12 and under will be admitted for free. Curtain time for both performances will be 7:30 p.m.

The Orleans Young Players will be presenting their version of “The Nutcracker” on Dec. 5 and 6 at the Orléans Theatre. Showtimes both nights is 7 p.m. although a special matinee performance will be held on Dec. 6 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults, and \$7 for student and OYP parents.

The Cumberland Community Singers present “A Christmas Carol” with music and dramatic readings at the Orleans United Church on Friday, Dec. 12 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 at the door. Seniors pay only \$10. Children and youth 17 and under are admitted free.

On Dec. 12, 13 and 14, fans of live theatre will have two productions to choose from.

Vintage Stock Theatre will present the biligual play, *All I Want For Christmas* at the Cumberland Heritage Village

Museum.

Performances will be held on Dec. 12 and 13 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 14 at 1 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$6 for children 12 and under and \$30 for a family of five.

Last but not least, no holiday season would be complete without the East End Theatre Company’s annual pantomime production. This year the theatre troupe will be performing the pantomime version of *Humpty Dumpty*.

The play promises to be a fun-filled family show, chock full of music, humour, wit and of course audience participation.

Humpty Dumpty will be performed at the Orléans Theatre on Friday, Dec. 12 at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 13 at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 14 at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Admission is \$15 for adults and \$10 for children 12 and under. Tickets can be purchased in advance at Frame-works on St. Joseph Blvd.

Community calendar

TUESDAY, NOV. 25

BEACON HILL-OTTAWA EAST SECONDARY SCHOOL ACCOMMODATION STUDY PUBLIC MEETING

from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Emily Carr Middle School, 2681 Innes Rd. in Blackburn Hamlet. For more information visit www.ocdsb.edu.on.ca.

ARTEAST AWARDS NIGHT AND PUTLUCK SUPPER

with Marion Hall, Arteast Grow with Art Coordinator, at the North Gloucester Branch of the Ottawa Library. Located on Ogilvie Road beside Gloucester High School. For more information visit www.arteastottawa.com.

CUMBERLAND GRADS VS KEMPTVILLE 73s

at the Navan Memorial Arena. Game time is 7 p.m. Cost \$10 for

adults. Seniors and student 17 and under \$7. Children 11 and under \$2. For more information visit www.cumberlandgrads.com.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 26

ORLEANS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NETWORKING BREAKFAST

beginning at 8 a.m. at the Tartan Pub & Grill, 4025 Innes Rd. For more information visit www.orleanschamber.ca.

THURSDAY, NOV. 27

ENCORE! THEATRE presents “Criminals In Love” at the Orléans Theatre, 255 Centrum Blvd. A rambunctious, deft, and hilarious play about destiny, love, and the social classes. “Criminals in Love” won both the Chalmers Award (Best New Play) and the Governor General’s Award for drama. Please note this show is intended for

audience members +15. Showtime is 7 p.m. Tickets \$10 for adults and \$7 for students and OYP parents.

FRIDAY, NOV. 28

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

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SATURDAY, NOV. 29

BUFFET STYLE BREAKFAST served from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Orléans Legion, 800 Taylor Creek Rd. Homestyle cooking served by friendly volunteers. This is a fundraising event for the Legion. For more information visit www.rcl632.com.

CUMBERLAND VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION’S first Community Visioning and Action Plan Workshop starting at 12 noon at the R.J. Kennedy Community Centre, 1115 Dunning Road.

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SANTA CLAUS PARADE OF LIGHTS starting at 6 p.m. Parade route runs along St. Joseph Blvd. from Youville Dr. to Prestone Dr.

BLUES NIGHT AT O’MEARA’S IN NAVAN featuring the David Rotundo Band. Dinner, show & dancing \$49 per person. Proceeds to benefit the Children’s Hospital of Eastern Ontario. Tax and donation to CHEO included. Buffet starts at 7 p.m., Show at 9 p.m. Advance reservation required. To reserve your ticket call O’Meara’s at (613) 835-9883.