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CHAMPIONS – Members of the Navan Grads pose with the Bogart Cup after beating the Smith Falls Bears four games to one to win the CCHL championship. See story page 10. FRED SHERWIN/PHOTO

# City moving ahead with Convent Glen roundabout

By Fred Sherwin  
The Orléans Star

A controversial roundabout planned for the intersection of Jeanne d’Arc Boulevard and Vineyard Drive/Fortune Drive is going ahead despite the objections of a number of area residents who are concerned about the impact it will have on traffic and the safety of kids walking to and from nearby Convent Glen Catholic School.

About 200 people packed the largest meeting room at the Bob MacQuarrie Recreation Centre on Monday to listen to a presentation by senior OC Transpo officials and planning staff and get the opportunity to ask questions afterwards.

The first thing the crowd was told was that the roundabout had not only been approved, but had already entered the design phase with construction scheduled to begin this summer.

That news was met with a combination of surprise and anger from many in attendance

who thought the roundabout was little more than a proposal.

By way of explanation, the crowd was told that the roundabout was needed to allow northbound buses to turn around after they drop off riders at the Jeanne d’Arc Blvd. LRT station. The timeline of the project coincides with the completion of the LRT east end extension in the summer of 2025. The roundabout has to be operational whenever the LRT station becomes operational.

Construction of the roundabout is expected to take a year with a three-month break during the winter.

After the presentation, members of the audience started peppering staff with potential alternate solutions such as a turnaround closer to the bridge, further away at Cairine Wilson Secondary School, or at Jeanne d’Arc and Vorlage, taking it away from the school.





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# City moving ahead with Convent Glen roundabout

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One woman asked that the various options that were under consideration be listed on the project website along with the criteria that was used and how it was scored. Staff made a commitment to post the information requested, but they stopped short of saying the current location would be reconsidered.

As for the safety concerns, staff explained that roundabouts are safer than signaled crossings because drivers are forced to slow down when using them, especially in the case of single lane roundabouts like the one planned for Convent Glen.

It would also be safer for children walking to school because they would only have to cross one lane at a time with an island in between with the help of a crossing guard.

Cheryl Turpin has been the crossing guard at the intersection for a number of years and although she supports the roundabout based on the number of dangerous drivers she sees every day at the intersection, she

is worried about the level of safety during the construction phase. To help mitigate the potential danger she implored the city to hire an additional crossing guard which the OC Transpo planners agreed to look into.

They also made a commitment to hold a site meeting with community representatives, parents and school officials to address any potential safety concerns before the construction begins.

At the meeting on April 29, the audience was told that an average of 20 buses an hour would use the roundabout during the peak periods. That's six to eight buses more than currently pass through the intersection during the same hours.

The difference is that the intersection currently has two lanes in each direction. The roundabout will employ one lane in each direction. That discrepancy was not addressed during the presentation. Neither was the potential for a traffic jam if an accident were to occur the middle of the roundabout.



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# Local American Idol contestant returns to where it all began

By Fred Sherwin  
The Orléans Star

Orléans native and American Idol contestant Michelle Treacy returned to where her dream of becoming a successful performer all began last week and she brought an important message with her.

Treacy visited St. Clare Catholic School in Fallingbrook on April 22 as part of an anti-bullying tour of elementary schools in Ontario and Quebec.

Treacy had not been back to St. Clare since she graduated from the school in 2008. And the first place she went was a storage closet used by the drama class to see if a pair of sequined pants she wore during a performance in Grade 6 were still there – and they were.

“I’m not sure how many other kids have worn them over the years, but they let me take them with me as a souvenir,” says Treacy, who also got to renew acquaintances with her former Grade 2 teacher, Mrs. Adams, and her choir director Mrs. Shaw during her visit.

But her reason for visiting the school was

to present herself as former fellow student who followed her dreams despite being a victim of bullying during her school years.

“The other kids would tease me about my teeth and birthmark, or they would say I was a terrible singer, but I didn’t care, I wanted to be a singer and I just kept at it,” says Treacy.

During her presentation in the school gym, she had the kids listening attentively to her every word. Then she sang a couple of her newer songs to them.

“I got to talk from the stage where I did my very first performance as a young girl,” says Treacy. “I told them about how music helped me heal when I was bullied at their age.”

After visiting St. Clare and talking to the students, Michelle went across the street to her old house where the current owner invited her inside for a short visit.

Treacy went down to the basement where she had written some self-affirmation notes more than 10 years ago. While some of the writing has long since faded away, a number of the notes still legible including a list of things she wanted to accomplish in her



Michelle Treacy (centre) poses for a group picture after visiting St. Clare Catholic School to deliver her anti-bullying message. PHOTO SUPPLIED

life – “Singer. Icon. Role Model.” – along with her name.

Treacy’s tour has been organized by No Time for That Anti-Bullying Society. NTFT is a Canadian charity committed to empow-

ering youth and educators to foster kind, empathetic, and inclusive school communities.

You can find the organization’s website at [ntft.ca](http://ntft.ca).

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# Shut up

What is it with audiences at live performances these days? The other week I went to a performance featuring a local singer at an establishment in Orléans that will remain nameless.

During the first 30 minutes of the show, I could barely hear what the guy was singing. To make matters worse, he was singing his own original songs. In my experience, a person who writes their own songs usually writes from the heart and the words are important, which means it should be equally important for the person listening to the song to hear the damn words. It's called respecting the artist.

In this case, the din from people jabbering in the audience nearly drowned the singer out. Thank God I was sitting in the front row...until a couple behind me started talking about an upcoming trip to God knows where.

At one point I felt like turning around and apologizing to the couple on behalf of the singer for drowning out their conversation. Fortunately, they got up left after I endured nearly 20 minutes of their nonsense.

Unfortunately, the audience in the back of the room was seemingly still unaware that there was a guy on stage spilling his guts out for them. And to make matters worse, there was a young man four seats over and one row behind who thought this was the perfect venue to start telling his girlfriend some jokes to which she guffawed quite loudly. I felt like my head was going to explode at any moment.

I just don't get it. And these people paid \$20 each to be there. You would think they anted up the \$20 to enjoy live music, but apparently these dolts forked over their \$20 for the privilege of paying another \$7 for a beer while ignoring the guy on stage and ruining the evening for everybody else in the process. It's so disrespectful it defies explanation.

But then I thought maybe they have the same attitude as sports fans who believe that by paying for a ticket to a game they have a God given right to boo, jeer and cajole the home team. Or in an even better analogy, maybe they have the same attitude as the guy who believes that by buying for a ticket to a comedy show they have the right to heckle the comedian all night.

And my experience the other week was by no means an isolated incident. The same thing has happened at two other performances I've attended since the COVID pandemic, including a jazz show at a venue in Kanata last summer during which the performer stopped mid-song to ask the guilty individuals to please refrain from talking or take it outside. His admonishment was accompanied by loud applause from the people who were there to listen to the show, myself included.

Part of me is of the firm belief that the propensity of people disrespecting the performer and their fellow audience members is just another example of the loss of common decency and respect for others that has been a casualty of the pandemic. But a friend of mine reminded me that idiots have existed since Jesus was a carpenter. Maybe it's both, I don't care, I just wish they would shut the heck up and enjoy the show like the rest of us.

— Fred Sherwin, editor

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## Blessed are our children for they shall inherit these massive debts

I recently debated the 2024 budget in the provincial legislature. The current Government is running massive deficits and the ratio of program spending to GDP is the highest it has ever been in Ontario's history. Our children will be paying for these deficits the rest of their lives.

And what is all this spending buying us? • 2.2 million Ontarians without a family doctor; • emergency rooms that are closing. • Hydro prices higher than they've ever been. • And universities on the verge of bankruptcy.

Whether it's the federal government or the provincial government, we have strayed from the mid-1990s when Prime Minister Chrétien in Canada, Bill Clinton in the United States, and Tony Blair in the United Kingdom were true fiscal conservatives and responsible stewards of the public purse.

Here in Ontario, our government just released its budget and spending is 35% more than the previous Ontario government. This year's budget contains the highest level of spending in the history of Ontario.

The Ontario government projects that program spending will equal 17.89% of GDP, edging ahead of the 17.87% figure in 2010 when the province was at the height of the great financial crisis and the bail out of the auto industry.

The Premier's spending will outdistance not only that of two previous premiers, but both Premiers who served through the 1990s. (The rules of the Legislature do not allow me to state their names or their political

parties, but many will remember of whom I speak, representing all three major parties in Ontario).

The latest Budget announced the deficit will be \$9.8 billion. This is the highest non-COVID budget deficit since 2014.

Furthermore, under this provincial government, Ontario's debt has climbed by more than \$100 billion to \$462 billion, which is the largest debt of any subnational jurisdiction in the world.

There is a case for any government to take on debt, which is no different than any of us taking on debt to purchase a home, repair our home, or emergencies. But all of us know bad debt can significantly set you back for a long-time and force tougher measures to be enacted later on.

For all of this spending, is health care getting any better? Two million Ontarians are without a family doctor. Imagine, this is the same as having no doctor in the combined cities (2021 Census) of Ottawa, Windsor, London, Kingston, and Guelph

In addition to two million Ontarians not having a family doctor, more than 215,000 Ontarians are waiting to get surgery and hospital emergency rooms are closing for days on end in many parts of the province, including here in Ottawa and eastern Ontario. At the same, time universities and colleges in Ontario remain grossly underfunded and the housing crisis is getting worse, not better.

So what is all that additional spending buying us? It's a good question that deserves an answer.



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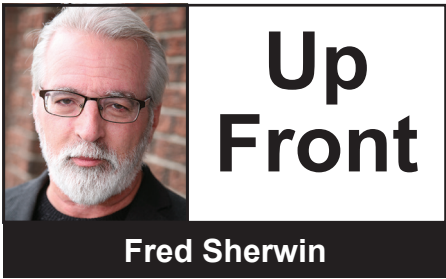
# Defunding Tulip Festival part of a much bigger problem

For those of you who don't know, I organized the Canada Day celebrations on Petrie Island for 12 years from 2005 to 2017 and one of the biggest challenges in putting the event together was in trying to get support from the City of Ottawa.

Prior to amalgamation in 2001, there were two major Canada Day celebrations in Orléans, one in Fallingbrook organized by the Fallingbrook Community Association and one in Chapel Hill organized by James Locke and Bruce Murdock.

Both events had a considerable amount of support from their local municipalities, which back then were Cumberland and Gloucester. In both cases the support was not so much financial as it was in the form of material and services.

Prior to amalgamation, it was not uncommon for local municipalities to provide stuff like picnic tables, garbage cans and generators to volunteer run community events. Municipalities felt they had an obligation to do so. And that support was not just limited to Canada Day events. Prior to amalgamation there were all kinds of community events in Orléans, organized and run by community associations and service clubs like the local Lions Club.



All that began to change after amalgamation. "Cost recovery" replaced "help facilitate" as the policy of the day.

Prior to amalgamation it was standard practice for members of the local police service to be present at events without the event organizers getting a bill in the mail a couple of weeks later.

The first year I organized the Greater Orléans Canada Day Celebration on Petrie Island, the newly amalgamated Ottawa Police Service told me it would cost \$15,000 to provide an adequate amount of policing at the event, to which I responded, "Okay, well there won't be an event then." Thankfully, then Orléans Ward city councillor Herb Kreling, who also happened to chair the Police Services Board at the time, stepped in and quickly rectified the situation.

From that point we never paid for polic-

ing, which we never should have. After all the event was for the residents of Orléans, all of whom pay taxes to the City of Ottawa. It was also pointed out to the Ottawa Police Service that if the police officers weren't on Petrie Island they would be assigned to the festivities happening downtown. In other words, there was no additional cost to the city in having them at Petrie Island, it was just an attempted cash grab from a community event organized and put on entirely by volunteers.

But that wasn't the worst of it. Before amalgamation, community events would not only get materials such as picnic tables and garbage cans from the local municipality, they would be delivered and picked up free of charge by municipal workers.

After amalgamation, the picnic tables and garbage cans were still free, but the events were expected to pay for delivery even though the workers doing the delivery were still on the clock with the city. In order to avoid the extra costs, events such as the Greater Orléans Canada Celebration started doing all the work themselves.

As time passed, the City of Ottawa, started charging rental fees for those very same picnic tables and garbage cans that were

already bought and paid for by the same taxpayers who were going to the event. Lunacy.

I bring this all up after hearing the news that the City of Ottawa is in the process of pulling its financial support of the Tulip Festival over the next two years. It's going from \$100,000 to \$50,000 this year and nada next year.

The Tulip Festival is THE signature festival in Ottawa. It brings in thousands of tourists every year who inject millions of dollars into the local community. The \$100,000 provided by the taxpayers of Ottawa is returned tenfold and more. Cutting the funding is not only short-sighted financially, it is further evidence of the erosion of municipal support for community events in this city dating back to amalgamation.

It's not too late for council to reverse its decision and reinstate the funding. Just like it's not too late for city council to go back to the days when the city used to help facilitate volunteer-run community events rather than discourage them by ever shrinking hoops for them to have to jump through.

If they did, you would see a lot more family-friendly community events and this city would be a lot better off for it.

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With a significant investment of more than \$17 million earmarked for road resurfacing projects this year alone in Orléans South-Navan, many are already under way.

Among the larger projects, is the final section of Frank Kenny Road and sections of Innes Road. While the west section of Navan Road continues to be a source of frustration due to ongoing development, I'm working with contractors in that area to improve the condition of the road.

My focus also extends to enhancing active transportation, safety, and accessibility. A front-ending agreement is approved for a signalized intersection at Innes and Lamarche, slated to commence construction

later this fall. Meanwhile, Renaud Road's permanent traffic calming measures project will be completed this summer.



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Detailed design on reconfiguring the intersection of Brian Coburn/Tenth Line is also underway. I am also in discussion with staff about other problematic intersections like Mer

Bleue/Décoeur/Copperhead.

The transition includes traffic calming reinstatements and new measures. Reinstatement of flex stakes has already begun and will continue into July. New measures, including new speed boards, will be installed between mid-June to mid-September.

My team diligently tracks all complaints and works with traffic experts to introduce new measures where they have the most impact. I also regularly meet with residents to discuss speeding issues.

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# Kevin and Tori spend a month skiing in the Rockies

*(Tori Dark and Kevin Nault have embarked on a trip across Canada aboard their converted camper van. In doing so, they are joining hundreds of other people who have taken up what is referred to in the culture as “VanLife”.)*

Before starting our trip across Canada, Kevin and I were most excited about two different destinations. Kevin was excited about living in the Canadian Rockies in Canmore, Alberta and I was excited about visiting the Pacific Coast and Vancouver Island.

We have spent the last month living in Canmore which is approximately an hour west of Calgary. The small town, energetic people, and stunning view of the Bow Valley have captured our hearts.

A couple of weeks ago Kevin and I met a journalist from Skier Magazine named Kelly, who happens to also be from Ottawa (Rockcliffe Park to be exact). He hired Kevin through the magazine to create video coverage for the Whistler Ski and Snowboard Festival in April. As a result, Kevin and I were offered a three-night stay at the Crystal Lodge hotel in downtown Whistler Village and five full-day ski passes each for Whistler/Blackcomb! We were so excited and grateful

to have this wonderful opportunity. There are two ways to reach Whistler if you’re traveling from Alberta. You can either take Highway 1, which is a well-paved and maintained road that will take you through Vancouver and Squamish up to the Town of Whistler. This is the route I would recommend if you are driving in the winter or are afraid of cliffs (like me).

The other option is Highway 99, which heads north through Pemberton and I would only suggest this route if you have chains on your tires and don’t fear death (unlike me).

I trusted my co-pilot (Kevin) to choose the safest route for us to arrive in Whistler. This was mistake number one.

I blindly followed Google Maps off Highway 97 and onto Highway 99 North. That was mistake number two. I am not exaggerating when I say that was the single most terrifying experience I’ve ever had while driving. The shoulder of the road was either a cliff or another cliff. I was regularly whipping my sweaty palms to ensure I could grip the wheel because there were no guard rails whatsoever. It’s safe to say we did not take that route back to Canmore.

This was our first time visiting Whistler



Kevin and Tori take a break from skiing at Whistler-Blackcomb to pose for a picture. PHOTO SUPPLIED

and we wanted to cover all our bases. Kelly, who currently lives in Revelstoke, is a frequent visitor and practically a Whistler local. He showed us around the village, helped us find free overnight parking and even camped with us on Crown Land in his Honda CRV, affectionately called “Sandy Wendy”. The warm weather, moss-covered

ground and a change of scenery were much needed. We had officially become west coast ski bums, but it’s time for us to venture west and explore even further.  
*(You can follow Tori and Kevin at [instagram.com/vanxiety\\_life/](https://www.instagram.com/vanxiety_life/). Tori and Kevin are both former students at Cairine Wilson Secondary School, Class of 2012.)*



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# There are many advantages to living in a retirement community

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Did you know that more Canadians are living alone than ever before? Almost 15 per cent of people over the age of 15 live on their own. At the same time, the number of older Canadians living on their own has steadily decreased over the last decade.

Part of this is because Canadians are living longer. It's made it possible for couples to live together both at the start of their retirement and well into their golden years. But part of this is also because many seniors are choosing to live with siblings, friends, and even those they're meeting later in life.

Of course, many seniors also move into retirement homes to surround themselves with others. The Venvi Portobello retirement community in Orléans is one place where you can bring your friends and family and live together, under the same roof, independently, or with supportive living.

There are certainly advantages to living together with those you're closest to.

Studies have shown that about a quarter of Canadians over the age of 65 feel socially isolated. They've also suggested many tend to get more socially isolated as they age and as they lose family members and long-time friends.

Living in a group, be it friends, family, or other seniors, can prevent loneliness as you

surround yourself with others. Moving into a retirement residence such as Venvi Portobello and inviting friends to come along with you will help ensure you won't get lonely during your retirement. Plus, Portobello Active Living programs take a holistic approach, based on seven core dimensions of wellness that fuel the body, mind, and soul.

When you move into Venvi Portobello, you're going to find that there is almost always something to do. Days can be filled with physical activities, social events, learning and creative workshops, or just relaxation and fun.

You'll be able to socialize with others, regardless of whether your friends move into a retirement home or not. But by bringing some friends and family along, you'll be able to share wonderful experiences with the people that matter the most to you.

As you age, you might run into certain health and safety risks that could potentially put you in danger if you are living alone. Something as simple as a slip-and-fall accident could put you in harm's way.

Living with friends or family in a retirement residence, you'll gain peace of mind knowing you'll all be able to look after one another to ensure you stay safe as you age in place.

The thriving retirement community of



Portobello takes the security of its residents seriously. Even if your friends and family don't move in, you'll feel more confident just knowing that you have others around you to look out for one another.

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# 2024 SUMMER CAMPS

## Still plenty of options left for would-be summer campers

By Jody Maffett  
The Orléans Star

Parents looking for a day camp to send their kids to this summer still have plenty of options to choose from – although many of the spots are going fast.

The City of Ottawa recreation department has as a handful of day camps left for pre-teens and teens, but it's pretty slim pickings in the east end.

There's a Digital Movie Maker camp from July 29 to Aug 2 at Fallingbrook Elementary School for kids 10-15, and an EV3 Junior programming camp, also at Fallingbrook Elementary School, from July 29 to Aug 2 for kids age 8-11.

Kids age 5-9 can register for the online Cartooning and Comics course which will be presented via Zoom from July 22-26 between 12:15 pm and 2:25 pm.

Spots are also available in the Cartooning and Comics course for kids age 9-15 from July 22-26. But the online only course will

be held every day from 9:45 am to 11:45 am.

At press time there were also a couple of spots left in the Pottery & Dance camp being offered at the Shenkman Arts Centre from July 8-12 for kids age 9-13.

For the athletic kids in your family there are still lots of spots left in both the swimming and skating programs being offered for kids of all ages and abilities at the Bob MacQuarrie Recreation Complex, the François Dupuis Recreation Centre in Avalon and the Ray Friel Recreation Centre.

Elsewhere, Leeming Danceworks has spots available in their dance camps for kids age 4-12 throughout July. The studio is located at 1420 Youville Drive. Their website is at leemingdanceworks.com.

The Cumbrae School of Dancing at 1803 St. Joseph Blvd. also has openings available in their Summer Dance Camp being held from July 8-12 for kids age 5-12.

If your son or daughter would prefer being on the water than in the water then you may

want to consider enrolling them in one of the paddling camps being offered by the Petrie Island Canoe Club. Options include one, two and eight weeks. Their website can be found at petriecanoe.ca.

The Ottawa School of Theatre and the Ottawa School of Art also have a limited number spaces available for children and teens. The Ottawa School of Theatre website is at <https://ost-eto.ca>, while the Ottawa School of Art website can be found at [www.artottawa.ca](http://www.artottawa.ca).

Finally, National Kids Camps has several spots available in their adventure camps which take place at Camp Fortune throughout the summer with free bus service from Orléans.

Themes include Survivor Camp, Amazing Race Camp, Wilderness Adventure Camp, Decathlon Camp and Outbound Camp. You can learn more about all their camps, including scheduling and pricing at [www.nationalkidscamps.com](http://www.nationalkidscamps.com).



The Ottawa School of Theatre still has spots left in a number of their summer camps. FILE PHOTO

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## Grads capture Bogart Cup for first time in franchise history

By Fred Sherwin  
The Orléans Star

For the first time in the 28-year history of the Navan Grads franchise, the players who wear the white and blue can call themselves “champions”.

The Grads clinched the Central Canada Hockey League title with a convincing 5-2 win over the Smiths Falls Bears in Smiths Falls on April 30 to take the best of seven Bogart Cup series, four games to two.

Colin MacDougall factored in four of the Grads' five goals. He scored two of the goals himself and set up two more, including the opening marker by Sebbie Johnson at the 4:57 mark of the first period.

Cristobal Tola scored at the 5:03 mark of the second to make the score 2-0 in favour of

the Grads, and then Nicholas Poane scored with 18 seconds left in the period to put the Grads up 3-0.

Back to back goals by MacDougall in the first 3:10 of the third period would put the game out of reach for the Bears.

Grads' goalire Jaedon Nelson was voted the game's first star for allowing just two goals on 27 shots, both of them late in the third period and both of them after the Grads already had a five-goal lead. He was also named the playoff MVP.

The win gave the Grads their first Bogart Cup championship in the 35-year history of the franchise. The team will now play in the Centennial Cup, which brings together the top Junior “A” teams in the country who will play for the crown of Canadian champions.



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# 2024 SUMMER CAMPS

## Theme-based day camps for the adventurous kid in your home

By Fred Sherwin  
The Orléans Star

For 39 years, National Kids Camps have been providing unique March Break and Summer Day Camps for kids across the Ottawa/Gatineau region.

This year, they will be providing bus transportation from Orléans to their amazing Camp Fortune location nestled in beautiful Gatineau Park.

Prospective campers have the choice of six different camps: the Amazing Race Camp, Survivor Camp, Wilderness Adventure Camp and the Mountain Bike Camp along with the new Outbound Summer Camp.

Amazing Race campers age eight to 14 will take part in a series of unique challenges. The campers will form teams and hike through Camp Fortune “traveling” through five countries in five days, participating in different challenges and playing travel-themed games.

The kids will also have time to swim in Meech Lake, go paddle-boarding and play beach games.

The Wilderness Camp is for kids age 9-15. The 5-day camp will pair campers with primitive life skills and outrageous summer fun. The intention of this camp is to teach kids the basic life skills needed to survive, not only in the office, but if they were left alone in the forest, on an island, or any place else – without their phone!

Skills taught include shelter and fire building, wilderness medicine, teamwork, orienteering, fishing and food preparation.

Survivor Camp is limited to kids 6-12 years old who will be divided into four tribes and participate in building a shelter; hunt for hidden idols and take part in challenges to earn survivor badges. The camp will also include swimming and snorkeling at Meech Lake.

The Mountain Bike Camp is a fun-filled and exciting way of exploring the great outdoors while riding along a winding mountain trail through forests, up and over hills and across streams.

The new Outbound Summer Camp is designed to provide non-stop thrills and excitement for every camper through a com-



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bination of exhilarating activities such as zip-lining through the tree tops and riding the Camp Fortune Mountain Coaster.

For more information on all the camps, including the weeks they are available and pricing, visit [www.nationalkidscamps.com](http://www.nationalkidscamps.com).



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# St. Helen’s Fine Art Fair to benefit young artists

STAR STAFF – The St. Helen’s Fine Art Fair returns to Orléans on Saturday, June 1 featuring works by 15 local artists.

The Fine Art Fair will take place between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. at St. Helen’s Anglican Church, 1234 Prestone Dr. in Queenswood Heights.

Last year’s event raised a total of \$4,800, with \$3,600 going to the participating artists. The remaining \$1,200 went to the Diocese of Ottawa homeless program.

Two of this year’s artists are venturing into new creative endeavours: Brenda Reid is further exploring her indigenous roots with some traditional animal sculptures and Joanne Lacroix is venturing beyond her imaginative pyrography and discovering her talents with fused glass.

Joining the event this year after two years away are Lynda Dyson with her abstract figures in mixed media and and Peter Lackey who will be displaying his inspired stained-glass sculptures.

This year’s Young Artists Initiative program will once again allow young artists

from area high schools to exhibit and sell their work along side the established contributing artists.

Other artists contributing the Fair this year are:

- Caroline Daevy, an award-winning artist, offering her traditional and abstract oils;
- Carole Renaud with her bold, rich and dramatic paintings;
- Mary Douglas with her exceptionally colourful watercolours;
- Jane Cass with her very striking landscape photography;

You can view the artists’ galleries at [www.sthelensartfair.ca](http://www.sthelensartfair.ca) and follow on Facebook at [facebook.com/sthelensartfair](https://facebook.com/sthelensartfair).

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**THE ORLEANS BREWING CO.** presents Apollo Envy live from 8-11 pm. No cover. The Orléans Brewing Co. is located at 4380 Innes Rd. near the McDonalds.

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**WEDNESDAY, MAY 15**

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**THE STRAY DOG BREWING COMPANY** presents Taproom Triviat from 6:30 p.m. at 501 Lacolle Way in the Taylor Creek Business Park. To register your team visit facebook.com/StrayDogBrewingCompany.

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**Paul Jordan, 72**  
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