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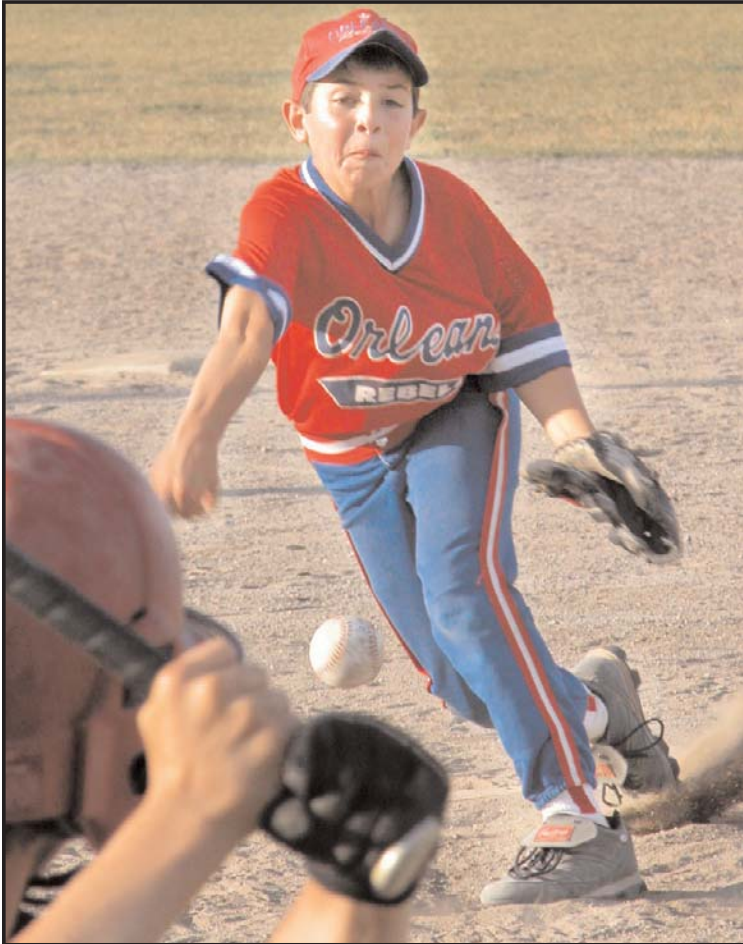
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Orleans Rebels pitcher Philippe Bédard Schami sends the ball towards the plate during round robin action at the provincial mite championships in Orléans on the weekend. The mite team ended up having to settle for bronze, but two other Orleans Rebels teams won gold. See story page 6. Fred Sherwin/Photo

Minto promises to fix foundation woes in Avalon

By Fred Sherwin
The Eastender

Imagine if you've been saving up to finally buy that new home you've been dreaming about. You purchase it from a reputable builder in a wonderful subdivision with the motto: "A perfectly planned community".

Now imagine waking up shortly after you bought your dream home to find two large cracks in your foundation. When you talk to your neighbours you find out they have cracks in their foundations as well. That is the nightmare some 100 homeowners are living through in the South Fallingbrook community of Avalon.

The cracks first started appearing in the Phase 1 portion of the subdivision on the south side of Innes Road, east of Esprit Drive in 2003. Minto, who built the subdivision, set out to do a series of tests, intent on finding out what the problem was and how to best fix it.

According to a press release issued on Aug. 8, the developer plans to restore the houses to their "original condition".

They started digging around the foundations of four adjacent houses on Marshfield Street on July 18. The homeowners were told the work would take four to six weeks.

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Committee report sets the table for Rural Summit

By Fred Sherwin
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According to an interim report tabled at a recent Agricultural and Rural Affairs Committee meeting, Ottawa's rural residents are fed up and their not going to take it anymore.

"Ottawa's Rural Summit – Issues Paper and Next Steps" contains a litany of complaints expressed by rural residents at various public meetings over the past three months and through unsolicited submissions.

The complaints range from a decline in road maintenance and other services since amalgamation to call centre operators and front line staff not having a clue about rural issues or even some of the rural communities that

exist in the city.

The report, which sets the stage for the Rural Summit this fall, says the issues can be boiled down to three main points – rural citizens want the city to understand that one size does not fit all, that common sense must be applied to service delivery and policy issues and that the new city needs to respect rural citizens more.

Organizers of the two day Rural Summit are now faced with the difficult task of organizing an event that will focus on the issues and come up with some concrete solutions.

Day One of the Summit will include presentations and panel discussions, followed by question and answer sessions.

The Day One steering committee, made up of various government and community representatives including Cumberland Coun. Rob Jellett, will use the Issues Paper to identify topics, suggest presenters and determine panel participants for the first day of the Summit. The steering committee will also determine the timing and the location of the Summit.

Day Two of the Summit will focus on "Rebuilding Public Satisfaction in Rural Areas" and will use a workshop format based on the five major issue themes identified during the consultation process.

The Day Two steering committee will review the issues paper and structure five sub-

committees, each of which will be dealing with one of the major themes. The sub-committees will also be tasked with the responsibility for research, investigation, and developing potential solutions for consideration during the Summit.

The sub-committees will be made up of community representatives, city staff and one or more city councillors. During the Summit, the workshops will be led by community representatives who have served on either of the two steering committees.

Following the Summit, a special Mayor's Task Force will be formed to evaluate and monitor implementation of the Summit findings.

Community briefs

Fire causes minor damage at Fallingbrook school

ORLÉANS — Fire crews were on hand at Jeanne Sauvé Elementary School in Fallingbrook last Friday morning to put out a fire that appears to have been started in or near a piece of machinery that was no longer in use. The machine, which was once used to collect dust from an old woodworking shop in the school, is situated on the north-west corner of the building and is usually enclosed by a fence type gate. A combination of the fire, efforts to put it out and the smoke caused partial damage to a small section of the ceiling tiles and the roof in the immediate vicinity of the machine. Because of the smoke, a day care located in the school had to be closed for the day. The fire broke out just after 5 a.m. It took 20 firefighters about a half hour to get the blaze under control. Damage is pegged at \$200,000. Police have labeled the cause of the blaze as “suspicious”, pending further investigation. Meanwhile, school board officials say the fire will not effect the school’s scheduled opening on Aug. 29.

Place d’Orléans joins back to school supplies effort

ORLÉANS — The Place d’Orléans shopping mall will be collecting back to school supplies for the Orléans Cumberland Resource Centre during the month of August. The mall is asking customers to drop by and help fill a yellow school bus with school supplies for needy families in the area and get a chance to win a \$1000 shopping spree in the process. Customers will receive a ballot to enter the contest with each donation. Donations can be dropped off at the Guest Services counter during regular mall hours. The Resource Centre is mostly looking for backpacks, lunch bags, pencil cases, colouring pencils, geometry sets, calculators, dictionaries and running shoes (children’s size 3-6 and adult size 7 - 10). The campaign ends on Aug. 28.

Orléans native collects under-18 gold medal

ORLÉANS — Orléans native Ben Shutron can add a gold medal to his trophy collection after helping Team Canada win the under-18 Junior World Cup held in the Czech Republic last week. While the big blueliner failed to get on the score sheet he did see plenty of ice time as Canada won the event for the ninth time in the past 11 years. The Canadians opened the tournament with a 5-3 win over the Swiss and then went on to down Sweden 4-0 and the Czech Republic 6-2 before narrowly getting by Finland 3-2 in the semi-final. In the gold medal final, they beat the host Czech team 5-3. Shutron was a member of Team Ontario that finished in fourth place at the World Under-17 Hockey Challenge last year.

Nearby residents claim homes built on swamp land

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In the meantime, the residents have no access to their basements; where their front and back yards used to be are now two gaping holes and it’s almost impossible to keep the houses clean.

And then there’s the noise, the work begins every morning at 7:30 a.m. and doesn’t stop until 5 p.m.

Minto contends the problems are the unfortunate result of soil settlement. Apparently the houses were built on unstable soil which takes time to settle after construction. During the settlement process, the foundations sank several centimetres causing them to crack.

“We are fully committed to the completion of remedial works and repairs as necessary to completely and permanently restore the settlement related issues associated with these homes,” the press release states.

The potential cost of the work that may need to be done is enormous, especially when you take into account that 100 houses are effected.

Ghislaine Massey lived near the southeast corner of Innes and Tenth Line Road most of her adult life. When she was growing up, the land on which Phase 1 was built was mostly swamp.

When Minto started building homes, she and many other long



Minto is in the process of stabilizing four foundations on Marshfield Street in Avalon to try and mitigate damage done by soil settlement which caused the foundations to crack. As many as 100 houses in Avalon may need to be repaired in a similar fashion. Fred Sherwin/Photo

time residents in the area would often question whether or not the developer knew what it was doing.

“We didn’t think it was such a good idea, but then again, Minto’s been around for awhile so we thought maybe they knew something we didn’t,” says Massey.

New rural school name needed

By Fred Sherwin
The Eastender

Current and former residents of Cumberland are being invited to submit possible names for the new elementary school being built in Navan.

The new school is being built where Meadowview Public School recently stood and will house that school’s former students as well as students who would have gone to the former Riverview Public School in Cumberland Village which will

no longer exist once the new school opens in September, 2006.

In order find a name for the new school, the community is being invited to make submissions to the board over the next four weeks. Then in September, a committee made up of school board officials, teachers, parents and students will decide on a short list for future public discussion.

Anyone wishing to put a name forward is asked to do so by e-mail to cathie_whyte@ocdsb.edu.on.ca.

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60th edition of the Navan Fair draws less than 25,000 visitors

By Fred Sherwin
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Great weather, super attractions and a musical line-up that featured the likes of Ashley MacIsaac, Honeymoon Suite and Emerson Drive combined to help make the 2005 edition of the Navan Fair one of the best ever.

Unfortunately, the great weather and all the attractions didn't equate into large numbers at the gate as the early numbers indicate only about 22,000 came out to this year's fair which is down considerably from last year's event which drew more than 50,000 people.

The fair kicked off on Thursday under partially sunny skies making the conditions ideal for the mini-car demolition derby. The mini-car event and the classic demolition derby on Friday continue to be one of the most popular attractions at the fair as hundreds of people turn out every year to see their favourite cars go head to head and bumper to bumper.

Thursday is traditionally the day when the winners of the culinary arts and homecraft events are announced. This year's Baking Queen is Rejeanne Horler, while runner-up Eileen Corry was named the Silver

Queen and Baking Princess. Newcomer Anne-Marie Potvin won the President's Plaque for best new exhibitor and Kristen and Sarah Zintel won the five to 11 and 12- to 16-year-old junior categories respectively.

Elke Rathwell won the home-craft competition, beating out a former three time champion in Dora Smits, while in the floriculture competition Kelly Sirvin received a first place ribbon for her roses, Eileen Corry won for her gladiolas, Guylaine Lemieux received a red ribbon for creating the best arrangement and Anne-Marie Potvin picked up her second best new exhibitor award.

The Fair Ambassador competition and fall fashion show were also held on Thursday. This year's winner was Julie Acheson.

On Friday, the weather took a turn for the worse, but it didn't deter hundreds of people from turning out for the demolition derby or from taking advantage of the pay one price midway deal.

The midway was inundated with hundreds of teens and pre-teens like 12-year-old Lisa Hartwell and her friend Chelsey Quarry, 13, from Metcalfe who were trying to set a record for the



Two young fairgoers enjoy the Polar Express ride at this year's Navan Fair which attracted over 22,000 visitors. Fred Sherwin/Photo

most number of rides on the Polar Express.

"We love it. Each time we go on, one of us goes on the inside and the other one goes on the outside," yelled Lisa above the blaring music emanating from the popular attraction.

Both the Polar Express and the Arabian Nights ride had huge line-ups all night long, which caused several young fairgoers to complain about the lack of rides geared for their age group.

"They're fun, but they need more rides," said Thomas Murphy, 17, from Orleáns. "Last year they had the Drop Zone which was pretty wild and two years ago they had this ride that spun you upside down."

Constructive criticism aside, most of the folks who took advantage of the pay-one-price special on Thursday walked away with a huge smile on their face.

The organizers were smiling on Saturday when the sunshine returned just in time for the Fair parade. This year's theme was Mardi Gras and a number of participants wore fancy masks and dressed up just for the occasion.

The floats included entries from the Navan Lions Club, the

Russell County Junior Farmers and the Prescott 4-H Club as well as several antique cars, pipers, horseback riders and a number of antique tractors.

The award for the best float went to the Navan Community Sunday School.

Following the parade, the tractor pull competition went into high gear followed by a truck pull event which was added to this year's line-up for the first time.

During the afternoon, a steady stream of visitors took in the purebred animal competitions and strolled through the homecraft exhibits as well as the Conservation Zone tent which was back for another year along with Little Ray's Reptiles.

Eighties rockers Honeymoon Suite wrapped things up Saturday night in front of a capacity crowd that seemed to know the words to every song.

The main attraction on Sunday was the Country Music Show with headline act Emerson Drive and Navan's favourite country rock band Ambush.

Organizers will take the next few weeks to relax before they start planning for next year's event.



Anna Barr from Vars, the only female in the field, shows the boys how to do it during the tractor pull competition at the Navan Fair. Fred Sherwin/Photo



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Bad judgement

Two weeks after writing that Michaële Jean was a poor choice for Governor General, I find myself now feeling compelled to defend her.

But don't get me wrong, I still hold to the opinion that she's grossly underqualified for the job considering the litany of other far more qualified candidates that are out there.

The issue I know have is with the character assassination campaign being waged against her for her alleged affiliations with known separatists and for having allegedly voted "Qui" in the 1995 referendum.

I must admit that her husband's documentary entitled *La manière négre* in which she's filmed in a bar sharing a toast with several hardline separatists is pretty damning. So too is her comments in the film that Quebec independence is inevitable.

Even more damning is the remarks made in the film by her husband affirming that Quebec should become a sovereign country. According to the transcript he answers, "Yes, and I applaud it with both hands."

When judging the evidence, one must take into account that the referendum was 10 years ago and the document was made in 1998. If both were a momentary lapse in judgement she should be forgiven her foibles. After all, who among us hasn't exercised a momentary lapse in judgement at one time or another? I know I certainly have. However, if evidence continues to mount which further ties her to the separatist movement it will only strengthen the argument to get rid of her, or have her exit on her own.

Paul Martin is stuck between a rock and a hard place on this one. If he appears to be backtracking even a little, he will risk alienating new Canadians who cheered the appointment in the first place and who have improved the Liberals standings in the polls considerably, especially in Quebec. He also risks ticking off those soft nationalists who may view Jean's dalliances with separatists and the separatist movement as totally harmless.

There remains little doubt that Jean's appointment was a purely political move. I also doubt very much that the PMO and the Prime Minister himself were blissfully unaware of her intriguing past. He knew and he appointed her anyway to score some political points in a highly volatile political landscape.

Whether or not it will come back to bite him in the behind only time will tell. In the meantime, I'm sure he's saying his prayers every night in the hope that nothing else will come to light about the mysterious Ms. Jean or her husband.

— Fred Sherwin, editor

Baking contest blues has scribe contemplating early retirement

That's it, I'm hanging up my over mitts for at least a year.

In the past I've prided myself on my baking abilities, picked up when I could barely see over the kitchen counter as my mother made one of her wonderful pies or did her Christmas baking.

Two years ago, I won seven ribbons in the Navan Fair baking contest including two first place ribbons for the best lemon loaf and the best chocolate cake. I also won two second place ribbons for my blueberry muffins and apple pie.

Last year, in an attempt to challenge for the title of Baking Queen, I entered 18 recipes and won three first place ribbons for my blueberry muffins, blueberry pie and "men's favourite cookies". I also won three second place ribbons and three fourth place ribbons for a total of nine ribbons in all.

This year disaster struck. I entered 14 recipes and only came away with four ribbons, although one of them was for my white yeast bread, which wasn't bad considering it was only the second loaf I ever baked. (My first loaf, which I entered in 2003, would have made an excellent door stop or doubled as a brick.)

But apparently, the bottom crust on all four of the pies I baked wasn't cooked enough. Granted, I used those silly aluminum pie plates, but I made sure to temper them first.

My only other excuse is that we just bought a new stove and I cooked the pies four at a time in my haste to get everything done in one day. Perhaps I pulled them out of the oven too early.

Whatever the excuse, failing to win even a fourth place ribbon in any of the pie categories is a blight on the Sherwin name. I don't know how I'm ever going to look my poor mother in the face again.

Worse still, I coerced my sister into giving me her secret blueberry pie filling recipe on the promise that I would share the first place prize money of \$4.50 with her. (By the way the filling was excellent and the pie would have been a shoo-in for a red ribbon if not for the problem with the bottom crust.)

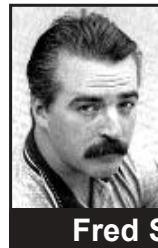
The only first place ribbon I won was for something called an Old Guernsey Date cake which I never made before in my life.

Actually, I lied. I also won for the worst flop. According to the rule book, the "Worst Flop" category is for any recipe that was attempted but did not turn out. I won for my peanut butter cookies which turned out as hard as rock.

Which brings me to my decision to hang up my oven mitts for at least a year. Well, maybe not a full year and maybe not even a month.

The first order of business is to figure out my new stove and those darn aluminum pie plates. Perhaps a little practice is in order. After all, even Tiger Woods has to hit the driving range once in awhile. Next year I'll just stick to pies and try to win back my family's honour.

As an aside, Maggie entered the junior baking competition for the first time and won a fourth place ribbon and sixth place ribbon. She's a real chocolate chip off the old block I tell ya'.



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If you have a patchy lawn you may have Cinch bug

This is the time of year when you must be vigilant when it comes to your lawn.

Did you know that when your lawn doesn't have enough water it will go dormant until it receives rain and then it will green up again?

If it rains and your lawn doesn't green up in certain sections then you could have a Cinch bug problem.

Cinch bug is a little tiny bug. The babies are red and the adults are brown with two white stripes on their back.

Cinch bugs kill off sections of your lawn by injecting a poison into the soil. This is not to be confused with grubs which eat the roots of your lawn. With grubs you can pull up pieces of your lawn quite easily. This is not the case with Cinch bugs.

One way to test for Cinch bugs is to take a soup can open at both ends and sink it about halfway into your lawn at the edge of where the lawn is turning brown. Fill the half of the



Garden tips

Estelle Laporte

can above ground with water and wait. Within a few minutes you should see some of the bugs floating on the surface of the water.

Another method to test for Cinch bugs is by spreading the blades of the grass on a flat surface and searching for them as you would lice.

If all else fails and you're really not sure cut out a section of sod from the edge of where the green turns to brown about one foot square, put it in a white plastic bag and bring it to your local garden centre. If the bugs are there they will find them.

Fungus also results in the same appearance as Cinch bug so search carefully.

To control future Cinch bug problems apply a mild solution of soap and water to your lawn beginning just after the last frost in the spring up until mid to late June.

If you already have Cinch bugs you can try applying soap and water but it may not be very effective depending on the severity of the problem.

Be careful that the soap you use is not too strong. Mild dish soap should do fine.

There are other ways to control Cinch bugs using chemicals which can be purchased at your local garden centre.

Unfortunately, if you have had a bad case of Cinch bugs you will have to reseed your lawn. If so, make sure the grass seed you use contains "endophyte".

Endophyte kills all surface feeding bugs such as Cinch bug.

Tip of the month #1

To get rid of wasps or yellow-jackets get a cheap can of tuna,

add one tablespoon of Comet and a tablespoon of oil. Mix well and leave out.

The wasps will eat the mixture and take it back to their nest. The other wasps in the nest will eat it also and will eventually die. Be careful not to use it if you have cats or dogs.

Tip of the month #2

Sprinkling perlite around hosta beds will help eliminate slug problems all summer long. Wind and rain simply spreads the "mulch" out.

Tip of the month #4

Recycle small soap pieces by putting them into a small mesh onion bag and attaching it to your outdoor tap. It serves as a good outdoor scrubber when washing your hands.

(Estelle Laporte is the owner of Laporte's Flowers and Nursery on Old Montreal Road.)

Local Business

S.G. Printing is your one stop print shop in Orléans

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Local sports

Red Sox jump out to 2-0 start at Little League World Series

By Fred Sherwin
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Heading into the Junior Little League World Series in Taylor, Michigan this week, the Orleans Red Sox goal was to take things one inning at a time. So far that approach has resulted in a 2-0 record and a share of first place among the international entries.

The Red Sox opened the tournament for 13- to 14-year-olds with a 10-1 win over the Netherlands on Sunday and then followed that up with an 9-8 come from behind extra inning win over Saipan on Monday.

The Southeast Asian representatives got off to a quick start against Orleans, scoring three runs in the opening half of the first inning to take an early 3-0 lead.

Orleans managed to get two runs back in the bottom of the first inning on a Kevin Maher double that scored Geoff Hughes and Felix-Antoine Guimond.

Saipan would add to their

lead with two runs in the third inning, forcing the Red Sox to switch pitchers as Alex Poulin came in to replace Maher.

After failing to score a run in their half of the third, the Red Sox exploded for four runs in the bottom of the fourth inning to take a 6-5 lead.

Orleans led off the inning with a pair of singles and then substitute Jason Foucault came to the plate and laid down a perfect bunt to load the bases. With one out, Hughes singled to bring home one of the runs and then Kyle Chin cleared the bases with a clutch double.

The Red Sox improved their lead to 7-5 in the fifth inning thanks to a solo homerun by Alex Poulin. In the bottom of the sixth inning, Guimond was given a free pass to first base and then stole second and third before scoring on a sacrifice fly to extend the Red Sox lead to 8-5.

In the meantime, Maher was

cruising along nicely on the mound, keeping Saipan off the scoreboard through the fourth, fifth and sixth innings. In the top of the seventh inning, however, the Southeast Asian team managed to tie the game at eight runs apiece.

After the Red Sox failed to bring a runner home from third base in the bottom of the seventh inning, Maher buckled down in the top of the eighth inning to keep Saipan at bay.

Brett Sabourin led off the Red Sox half of the eighth inning with a single and then promptly stole second base. With his teammate in scoring position, Maher doubled him home for the game winning run.

With two wins already under their belts, the Red Sox need to win one of their remaining round robin games against either Puerto Rico or Panama to guarantee themselves a spot in the international semi-final on Friday and a shot at a berth in

the World Series championship on Saturday.

Head coach Ron Dunn says the team is trying not to look too far ahead.

"After winning our first two games now we can build on that. Especially today's win, coming from behind the way we did," says Dunn. "We just need to look forward to the next win which will get us into the semi-final."

As things stand, the situation is setting up pretty good for the Canadian representatives. After reeling off two wins, the Red Sox have more than 48 hours to rest up before taking on Panama Thursday night.

In the meantime, the players are soaking up the World Series atmosphere. On Sunday they joined the other teams in the parade of nations during the opening ceremonies and between games they either check out the competition or try and relax at their hotel.

Orleans Rebels cap off successful weekend with two gold medals

By Fred Sherwin
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The Orleans Rebels minor fastball organization proved once again that they can hold their own against some of the best fastball teams in the province, winning two gold medals and one bronze over the weekend.

The midget girls team led the way, winning the Tier II Grand Championship in impressive fashion and qualifying for the upcoming Eastern Canadian Championships in the process.

The midget squad only gave up one run in four games including the final in which they beat the defending champions from St. Catharines 3-0.

Six core members of the team who have been together since they first got into fastball had not medaled at a provincial Grand Championship since their second year novice when they won a silver medal after losing to the very same team from St. Catharines.

At Spring Brook, Ontario near Peterborough, the Rebels' peewee boys team was busy capturing their own Tier II provincial championship, winning three of the four games they played by a minimum of 10 runs.

In the championship game they mercied Campbellford 16-6 behind the hitting of Charlie Momy who belted out four triples and knocked in 14 RBIs and the pitching of Andy Barber who registered all four wins.

The only team that gave them any trouble was Kitchener who they beat 6-4 in their second game of the tournament.

Several of the players including Momy, Barber, Paden Shorey, Daniel Kemp, Matt Beliveau and Eric Dodd were on the squirt team that won the provincial championship last season and the mite title in 2002.

Speaking of mites, this year's edition of the Orleans Rebels boys mite squad put their best foot forward in trying to win the organization's third gold medal of the weekend at Pierre Rocque Park in Orléans

After winning an exciting opening game against the Elmira Lasers on Saturday thanks to a grand slam homerun by Nicholas Berthiaume, the Rebels beat the Micksburg Twins in their second game of the day to assure themselves of at least a bronze medal.

In their third game to decide who went directly to the gold medal game and who would have to play in a semi-final, the



The Orleans Rebels Midget girls fastball team shows off their gold medals after winning the Tier II Grand Championship in Arnrior on Sunday. File photo

Rebels lost 9-2 to the Stouffville Storm.

The Rebels mission Sunday morning was to beat the Kitchener Kolts who had just defeated the Twins 11-1 to earn a berth in the semi-final.

In one of the most exciting games of the tournament, the Rebels came up a couple of runs short in extra innings and had to settle for the bronze.

The Rebels were losing 5-3 in the seventh inning when Jonathan Hoffman hit a two run double to tie the game. During the next at bat he stole third base on a pass ball.

With two out the opposing catcher let another ball get past him and the race was on. Hoffman and the catcher both arrived at the plate at the same time, but Hoffman was called out on the bang bang play.

In their half of the extra inning, five Kolts managed to cross the plate giving them a 10-5 lead. The Rebels battled back to score two runs in the bottom of the inning, but it wasn't enough and they could only sit and watch as a well rested Stouffville team went on to defeat the Kolts 11-9 for the gold medal.

Local sports

St. Pete's star leads Team Ontario to Canada Games gold

By Fred Sherwin
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St. Peter High School hoops star Courtnay Pilypaitis saved her best for last at the Canada Summer Games in Saskatchewan on Saturday, scoring a team high 28 points in Team Ontario's 91-84 win over Alberta in the gold medal game.

Prior to the playoff round, Pilypaitis used her tremendous floor control skills and passing ability as Team Ontario's starting point guard to lead the team to an undefeated round robin record. Once in the playoffs she started shooting more and scored 17 points in a 75-36 rout over British Columbia in the semi-finals.

In Sunday's final, she was moved from point guard to forward where she was able to score a lot more points off the glass. By halftime the score was 50-28 in favour of Ontario.

As the second half started, Alberta began hitting their outside shot with more consistency, eventually coming all the way back to narrow the deficit to single digits in the dying seconds

In the end, Ontario held on to win the game and the gold medal by just seven points.

After a long flight back home, a tired

Pilypaitis told Orléans Online that the two teams had a complete reversal of fortune after the break.

"In the first half we hit everything and they didn't. In the second half everything completely switched around. We couldn't hit a thing and they started sinking everything and building momentum," explained Pilypaitis.

Both teams were cheered on by a capacity crowd of local basketball fans.

"The people were great. Everyone was really friendly and supportive," says Pilypaitis, whose focus will now turn to trying to win a provincial high school basketball championship with the St. Peter Knights.

The Knights made it all the way to the gold medal game last year before losing to the Chatham-Kent Golden Hawks. This year their once again one of the favourites after losing just one player to graduation.

This is also Pilypaitis' graduation year and she'll no doubt be inundated with scholarship offers from south of the border before she will have to make a final decision by the end of next spring. For now she just wants to concentrate on the high school season ahead.

"I just want to get school basketball over



Orléans native and St. Peter High School star Courtnay Pilypaitis scored a game high 28 points in Team Ontario's 94-87 gold medal win over Alberta at the Canada Summer Games in Regina on Sunday. File photo

with (before worrying about next year.)," says Pilypaitis.

Orléans sprinter competes at World Track and Field Championships

By Fred Sherwin
The Eastender

Orléans sprinter Richard Adu-Bobie got the Canadian 4x100 relay team off to a blistering start at the World Track and Field Championships in Helsinki on Friday, but the team could not maintain their momentum and ended up failing to qualify for Saturday's final.

Competing on the world stage for the first time, Adu-Bobie registered the second fastest reaction time in Friday's two heats, bursting out of the blocks in 0.37 seconds. Only Luca Verdecchia from Italy had a faster reaction time.

But the Canadians couldn't keep up the pace and in the end they finished in fourth place behind Trinidad and Tobago, Great Britain, Japan and the Netherland Antilles, who nipped them for the fourth and final qualifying position by seven one-hun-

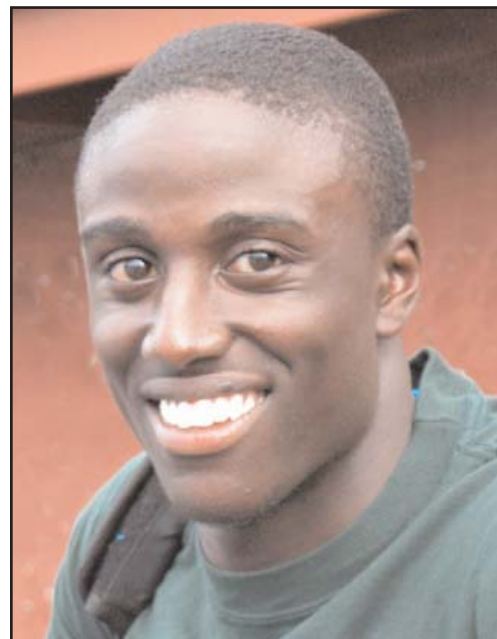
dredths of a second.

After going to the last year's Summer Olympics in Athens as an alternate, the 20-year-old Adu-Bobie was selected to compete in Helsinki along with teammates Pierre Brown, Anson Henry and Nicolas Macrozonaris.

Adu-Bobie was partially selected for the team on the basis that he anchored the University of Florida relay team to a silver medal at this year's NCAA Championships in June and partially due to his fifth place finish at the Canadian Track and Field Championships in July.

After the race, Adu-Bobie told reporters that the team's exchanges were clean, they just needed to run faster.

"We were in it until the end. Everyone just needed to run a little faster and we would have qualified," said the former Sir Wilfrid Laurier Lancer.



Richard Adu-Bobie



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Local sports

Cumberland Panthers come up short in semi-final showdown against division rivals

By Fred Sherwin
The Eastender

The Cumberland Panthers fell short in their bid to advance to the Ontario Junior Varsity Football League championship game, losing 30-19 to their arch rivals, the Myers Riders, on Sunday.

When they first met earlier this year, the Panthers allowed the Riders to jump out to an early first half lead and then failed to respond in losing 30-9 for their one and only loss during the regular season.

On Sunday, a poor start would once again prove to be the Panthers' undoing as the Riders managed to score 17 unanswered points before Cumberland finally responded with a touchdown late in the second quarter.

Just before the touchdown drive, Jamie Begin scooped up a Myers' fumble near midfield and ran it into the end zone with about a half dozen defenders draped on his back. The return was called back, however, when Cumberland was flagged for a penalty.

Undaunted, the Panthers marched the ball inside the Riders' 10-yard line where Cyril Adjeitey ran it into the end zone on a bootleg to make the score 17-7 at the half.

Myers would extend their lead to 24-7 early in the third quarter, but the Panthers came right back on the next possession to make the score 24-13 after the extra point attempt was missed.

After the Riders failed to pick up a first down on their next possession the Panthers were once again on the move. A 26-yard pass from Adjeitey to Chris Saucier on third and 20 would move the ball inside the Riders' 45-yard line.

Cumberland eventually worked the ball down to the Riders' 30-yard line when Matthew Sangster, doing double

duty at fullback, turned the ball over.

Another defensive stand by the Panthers, would give the offense yet another chance. After a pair of penalties by the Riders gave Cumberland a first down inside enemy territory, they once again stalled. On third and long, the snap sailed over Adjeitey's head, allowing the Riders to take over on the Panthers' 37-yard line.

As they had done for the majority of the second half, the Panthers' defense once again rose to the challenge and prevented Myers from picking up a first down. Then on the punt, Sangster and Jamie Begin went for the block causing the kicker to mishandle the snap. The Riders compounded their problems by picking up an objectionable conduct penalty, giving the Panthers first down near midfield.

On the first snap from center, Adjeitey hit Saucier down the middle for a 25-yard pick up. Several plays later, the Panthers were faced with a fourth and six situation at the Riders' 15-yard line. Desperate for a score, they had no choice but to go for it. On the ensuing play, Adjeitey kept the ball and barely picked up the first down.

Adjeitey called his own number again on the next play and scored his third touchdown of the game on yet another bootleg. Down 24-19 at that point, the Panthers failed to make the two point conversion which would have narrowed the Riders' lead to just three points.

With a little over two minutes left in the game, the Panthers tried an onside kick but the ball squirted out of bounds. The Riders got possession and ended up scoring a touchdown with less than a minute to go to seal the win and advance to the Junior Varsity Championship in London next week.

The final score was 31-19.



Cumberland Panthers quarterback Cyril Adjeitey brushes off a would-be Myers Rider tackler as he crosses the goal line late in the fourth quarter in their semi-final match up on Sunday. Fred Sherwin/Photo

Offensively, the Panthers racked up 234 yards, 157 of which were on the ground. Adjeitey completed just four of 14 passes, while the Riders kept tailback Matt Nooyen pretty much in check the entire game, limiting him to just 29 yards on 12 carries.

Adjeitey caused most of the damage on the ground running for 98 yards and scoring all three Panther touchdowns.

After the game head coach Chris Lovelace praised his players for hanging in against the Riders despite getting off to another slow start.

"We just didn't come out in the first half again and play the way we're capable of playing. I don't know what it is. Perhaps the guys were a little intimidated by the situation. Sooner or later they have to realize how good they are and start believing in themselves," said Lovelace.

Despite the disappointing loss, the Panthers can look back on a tremendously successful campaign in which they broke the league record for the least amount of points given up in a single season and made it all the way to a division final in only their second season in existence.

Artscetera

Murder mystery dinner theatre returns to Cumberland museum

By Fred Sherwin
The Eastender

It's 1914 and villagers and out-of-towners are gathering in a small Eastern Ontario village for a patriotic and massive nursing recruitment event.

What fomenting secrets lurking in the hearts of villagers and 'outsiders' culminate in death and disorder? As events unfold, so too do past lives unravel until all is revealed, and so are those "Nursing a Grudge".

"Nursing a Grudge" is Vintage Stock Theatre's latest murder mystery production to be performed at the Cumberland Heritage Village Museum on Aug. 20 and 27.

The museum grounds provide a perfect back drop for a murder mystery and a wonderful setting for the dinner which is part of the \$40 admission.

Like previous Vintage Stock murder mystery productions, "Nursing a Grudge" will begin promptly at 6 p.m.

Part of the fun in attending a Vintage Stock dinner theatre production is the location, an inherent interactive component that encourages audience members to get physically involved with the characters and the theatre company's focus on including a heritage or historical theme within the play.

Members of the audience not only get a chance to play amateur detectives, but they also see a local village as it was in the past.

When you first arrive at the main entrance to the museum you're given a copy of the Village Echo which introduces you to the main characters through a series of vignettes.

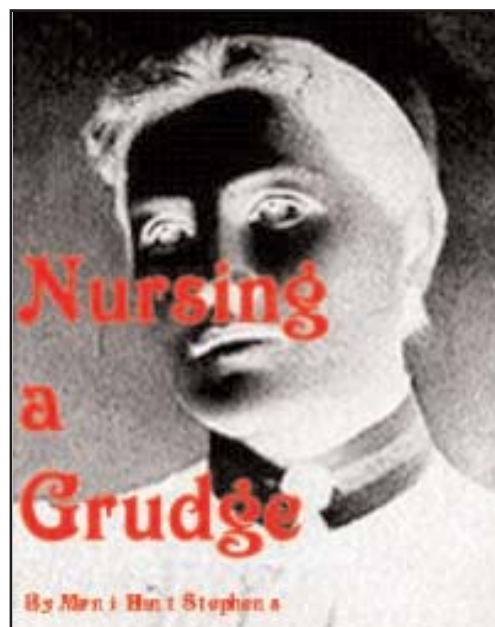
Once on the grounds of the museum you are in the middle of the production with scenes going on simultaneously.

Keeping up with all that's going on can be quite the challenge. During the first part of the play audience members are invited to ask the characters questions that might eventually help them identify the killer.

The deed itself is usually perpetrated at the opening of Part Two, followed by each of the characters putting forward an assortment of theories and alibis.

As dinner is served, audience members are left to commiserate as to who the prime suspect is. The truth is finally unveiled at the conclusion of dinner.

At \$40 a ticket, the production is one of the best entertainment values around. It is also Vintage Stock Theatre's prime fundraiser. Money raised through the production will go to help cover future production



costs including the theatre troupe's annual Christmas play.

To help accommodate a larger audience the play will be presented on consecutive Saturdays, Aug. 20 and 27.

Tickets can be reserved by calling the Vintage Stock Theatre ticket hotline at 860-0603 or they can be purchased online by credit card at www.vintagestocktheatre.com.

August brings two new exhibits to local art galleries

The month of August welcomes two new exhibits to our local galleries.

At the Gloucester Gallery on the ground floor of the Orléans Client Service Centre on Centrum Blvd., patrons can view a series of vivid landscapes created by Ottawa artist George Maes.

Maes uses oil paints to recreate the autumn beauty of Gatineau Park in a series of contemporary and expressionist works.

Upstairs in the Centrum Gallery, fellow Ottawa artist Joanna Feizo-Mutter presents a series of portraits reflecting Canada's multicultural mosaic with an emphasis on

faces and eyes.

Last but not least, the Visual Arts Centre Orléans located on the main floor of the Orléans Recreation Complex continues to host a collection of works by VACO students and members of the board for the remainder of the month.

Community calendar

THURSDAY, AUG. 18
AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING at 9:30 a.m. in the Champlain Room at Ottawa City Hall.

THE PETRIE ISLAND OUTDOORS CLUB will be holding a canoe and paddle this Thursday evening. Participants are asked to meet at the The Friends of Petrie Island cottage, which is located just past the most western parking area, at 6 p.m. All participants must register by Wednesday at 7 p.m. as spaces will be limited. Call Rick at 830-9846 or e-mail pioc@rogers.com. Persons under the age of

18 must be accompanied by an adult. The Thursday evening paddle is held weekly and is free of charge. Bring your own canoe and kayak as well as a PDF. Canoes and kayaks can be rented so long as enough notice is given.

FRIDAY, AUG. 19
LAUREN HALL will be performing at the Orléans Legion, 800 Taylor Creek Dr. from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. Visit <http://www.rcl632.com> for more information.

SATURDAY, AUG. 20
GRAND REOPENING of Hélène's Antique Heaven at 2311 Mer Bleue Road between

Innes and Navan Road at 11 a.m. Come take a tour through Hélène's newly renovated showroom. Refreshments available.

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

SUNDAY, AUG. 21
CORN ON THE STEAMER hosted by the Cumberland Village Community Association from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Wilfrid Murray Park in Cumberland Village (beside the Cumberland Arena). Corn roast and BBQ featuring a 1898 steam engine. Join us

for lunch and bring your family and friends.

TUESDAY, AUG. 16
PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING at 8:30 a.m. in Andrew S. Haydon Hall at Ottawa City Hall.

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING at 7 p.m. in the Honeywell Room at Ottawa City Hall.

COMMUNITY NOTICES
PARENTING AFTER SEPARATION ~ The Orleans Cumberland Community Resource Centre presents

"Parenting After Separation", an eight session course covering topics such as children's needs after separation, adapting to new parenting roles and managing conflict. The next course will be on Tuesdays, September 20 to November 8, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at 211-210 Centrum Blvd., Orléans. The Centre also offers the course "How To Talk So Kids will Listen and How To Listen So Kids will Talk" in English and French. For more information or to register, please contact Viviane at 837-1808.

