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After a two-year hiatus, Jesana and Jean-Marc Guertin have once again decorated their Mockingbird Drive front yard in spook-tacular fashion for this Hallowe'en season. FRED SHERWIN PHOTO

Orléans home to spine-chilling Hallowe'en houses

By Fred Sherwin
The Orléans Star

Area trick-or-treaters enjoy a wealth of riches when it comes to spooky Hallowe'en attractions in Orléans and top among them is the Albert residence on Pintail Terrace in Queenswood Village.

The father and son team of Brian and Patrick Albert have been entertaining trick-or-treaters from far and wide with their Hallowe'en menagerie for years.

The attraction takes up every inch of both their front and back yards as well as the entire garage, which also serves as the entrance to the walk-through display.

Upon entering the garage, visitors get to pass through eight different themed rooms that are filled with animatronic witches, goblins, skeletons, vampires and every sort of creepy character you can imagine. You also have to navigate through severed limbs hanging from

the ceiling and skulls...lots and lots of skulls.

Brian and Patrick start setting up the display in August. It takes hundreds of hours to get everything ready in time to open to the public on Oct. 1. In the early days, they would only welcome visitors on weekends, but the attraction has become so popular that they have to open it up every night of the week except Mondays.

"Monday is our bowling night," explains Brian.

On Hallowe'en night last year, more than 650 people lined up around the block for a chance to pass through the popular attraction.

Besides providing a spook-tacularly entertaining location for Hallowe'en fans, the display also doubles as a means to raise money for the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario. In fact, the Alberts managed to raise over \$15,000 for CHEO last year alone.

But the Pintail Terrace home isn't the only

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Annual Poppy Campaign to kick off October 25



ORLÉANS – The 2024 Poppy Campaign will kick off this Friday with a ceremony at the Royal Canadian Superstore on Innes Road. As in the past, the poppies will be available at a number of locations throughout Orléans. Poppy kiosks will be located at Walmart, Canadian Tire, the Real Canadian Superstore, Home Depot, Freshco, Metro Convent Glen, Place d'Orléans, Costco on Ogilvie Road, and the Costco Business Centre on Innes. In addition, Cadets will be accepting donations for poppies at the Ray Friel Recreation Centre on Oct. 25, 26 and 27 and the weekends of Nov 1 and Nov. 8, where they will also be the Metro Fallingbrook and Metro Cumberland locations, and both Sobeys stores. Last year, the local poppy campaign raised over \$145,000 which benefited a number of Poppy Fund initiatives.

Local service dog victim of unprovoked attack



Kevin and Woody

ORLÉANS – It's been a rough past 12 months for blind-deaf athlete Kevin Frost and his service dog Woody. In November last year, they were almost run over by a careless driver at the corner of Youville Drive and Jeanne d'Arc Blvd. Kevin and Woody were just starting to cross the intersection at Jeanne d'Arc heading to Grey Nuns Drive when a car barely missed Frost's feet and brushed past Woody's head who was slightly out in front of him. The driver was never caught, but the incident resulted in the city making several changes to the crossing including increasing the crossing signal by three additional seconds. Jump ahead to earlier this month when another incident happened, only this time it involved another dog. Kevin's wife Loretta was out walking Woody along Jeanne d'Arc Blvd. near Cora's when he was suddenly set upon by a German Shepherd who was left out unleashed in his owner's unfenced back yard. In order to get to Woody, the Shepherd had to run up a steep embankment. The dog's owner eventually pulled the German Shepherd off Woody, but he offered no apology or explanation. He just took the dog back to his house. Although Woody wasn't physically injured during the attack, Frost is worried the incident may have a lasting impact on Woody psychologically. To that end, Woody has stayed in the house except for short walks to put some distance between when the incident happened and the present. Over the next few weeks Kevin is hoping to take Woody out for longer walks in the capacity of a service dog and hopefully there won't be any issue.

Three-item garbage limit to be enforced starting Nov. 4

ORLÉANS – After a four-week grace period, the City of Ottawa plans to enforce its three-item garbage limit for curbside pick-up starting the week of Nov. 4. Anyone who leaves out more than three items will risk having one of the items left on the curb. Thus far, there has been almost total compliance to the new rule. According to the city's solid waste services department, less than two per cent of residences put out more than three items during the first two weeks of October.



This house at the corner of Pimprenelle Terrace and Leclair Crescent is a new addition to the list of Hallowe'en attractions in Orléans. STAFF PHOTO

Orléans home to ghoulish and spooky attractions

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Hallowe'en house in Orléans that raises money for CHEO.

Martha and Luc Deslauriers have also raised thousands of dollars for CHEO thanks to their Hallowe'en display on Deancourt Crescent in Fallingbrook.

The Deslauriers started decorating their front yard in 1994 when their oldest daughter was just three. Over the years, the display has grown in both scope and size to the point where it now takes up both their entire front yard and their neighbour's yard.

"It went from something that was fun to do, to being something for the whole community," says Luc.

The walk-through display includes a Pirates of the Caribbean section featuring a large pirate ship, a section dedicated to zombies, a witch's homestead, a creepy corridor, a pumpkin inferno and a 20-foot skeleton that lights up and flashes.

When visitors started offering them money several years ago, the Deslauriers decided to turn their Hallowe'en attraction into a fundraiser for CHEO where one of daughters works. During the past four years they have raised over \$20,000.

Although donations can be made anytime by scanning the QR code displayed at the front of the driveway, the attraction will only be open for viewing this Saturday and Sunday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 30 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., and Hallowe'en night starting at 5:30 p.m.

This year also marks the return of the Guertin display on Mockingbird Drive in Chatelaine Village.

A broken pipe caused a major flood in the home two years ago, forcing Jean-Marc

Guertin and his wife Jesana to focus their attention and finances on repairing the damage done to the main floor and basement. Around the same time Jean-Marc also underwent back surgery.

But after two years with the repairs behind them, they were ready to pull all of their Hallowe'en decorations and animatronic figures out of their garage and set them up in both their front yard and their neighbor's yard. Or at least half of them. There's not enough room for everything the couple has amassed over the years.

They also had to purchase \$50 worth of batteries to replace all the ones that have died after being kept in storage for two years.

Although his back is nowhere near 100 per cent, Jean-Marc puts up with the discomfort knowing all the smiles the display will put on the faces of the kids who drop by to see it in the lead up to Hallowe'en and the big night itself.

"A lot of people have been dropping by while we've been setting everything up to tell us how happy they are that it's back," says Jean-Marc.

Unlike, the Hallowe'en houses on Pintail Terrace and Deancourt Crescent that are raising money for CHEO, the Guertins aren't taking any money.

"No donations. We're just doing it for the fun of it and to put smiles on the kids faces," says Jean-Marc.

Other Hallowe'en houses of note can be found at 118 Pimprenelle Terrace in Queenswood Heights, 603 Wilkie Dr. in Fallingbrook, 6086 Rivercrest Dr. in Chapel Hill, and 407 Doverhaven St. in Chapel Hill South.

Unexploded WWII bombs buried in Mer Bleue bog

By Fred Sherwin
The Orléans Star

The Department of National Defence says that unexploded bombs buried deep under the Mer Bleue bog pose no threat to the public.

The WWII-era bombs are left over from when the bog was used as a drop zone for training of bombardiers in the Royal Canadian Air Force.

It is not known how many of the hundreds of bombs that were dropped on the bog during those years never exploded, but it could be dozens,

News that the bog is home to an unknown number of unexploded bombs was first obtained by the *Ottawa Citizen* through an Access to Information request.

The DND is downplaying the news, however, explaining that the area in which the bombs are located is far from any hiking and X-country ski trails.

The nature of the area, being a bog, also makes it highly unlikely the bombs might suddenly explode. They are also buried deep underneath the surface.

The Mer Bleue bog was owned by the DND and used as a testing area until 1965

DND says unexploded ordnance pose no threat to public

when it was turned over to the National Capital Commission (NCC) and became part of the Greenbelt.

Over the years, the NCC turned the Mer Bleue bog it into a conservation and recreation area, creating interpretive boardwalks, and hiking and X-country ski trails, mostly on the western extreme of the bog which is spread out over 3,500 hectares.

Thousands of people visit the bog every year.

The bog is also an important area for climate research and is designated as a provincially significant life and earth science area of natural and scientific interest.

It is the largest bog and natural area in Canada's Capital Region and the second-largest bog in southern Ontario. As such, it is one of the most studied bogs in the world.

A permanent research station is located near the centre of the bog with instruments that keep track of the amount of carbon dioxide and methane that is being released by the wetland.

For more information about the bog, please visit ncc-ccn.gc.ca/places/mer-bleue.



The Mer Bleue bog's boardwalks and hiking trails are used by thousands of visitors every year. NCC PHOTO

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Income from all other sources in 2024	\$372.66
Sub Total	\$189,977.99
Campaign Expenses & Youth Education Program	\$34,222.57
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Service above self

“Service above self” just happens to be the motto of the International Rotary movement, but it also best describes the volunteer members of service clubs everywhere.

Service clubs present a perfect opportunity for ordinary citizens to serve their community in a selfless manner while also providing an opportunity to meet other like-minded people.

Orléans is blessed with a number of excellent service clubs which are more than happy to welcome new members. The Rotary Club of Orléans, the Optimist Club, the Kin Club of Orléans, Kiwanis Eastern Ottawa Est and Lions Club chapters in Orléans, North Gloucester, Navan and Cumberland, all have a longer history of serving their community.

The Rotary Club of Orléans is part of Rotary International which is a worldwide organization made up of more than 1.2 million business, professional, and community leaders. Among their many initiatives and activities are the Ottawa Rotary Youth Forest, the Orléans Rotary Youth Awards and the semi-annual Fallingbrook Park Cleanup. They also organize a number of fundraising events to help raise money for Rotary programs such as the International Student Exchange program.

As the name suggests, Kiwanis East Ottawa Est is a global community of clubs, members and partners dedicated to improving the lives of children one community at a time.

Among their many initiatives and activities are the O Canada celebration on Petrie Island and the sKreamers haunted attraction at the Proulx Farm. They are also the founders and custodians of the Kiwanis Adventure Playground at Millennium Park and they are the founding partner of the World Trivia Night event which benefits the Children’s Aid Society of Ottawa.

One of the main purposes of the area Lions Clubs is to take an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community. The clubs are involved in a number of fundraising activities in the various communities they serve such as the Navan Fair, the Canada Day Seniors Bingo, the A4 District Memorial Forest, and the Blind Anglers Tournament. Among the initiatives they support are the Eye Glass Recycling Program, Camp Banting, and service dog training.

Although not as large in numbers as the other area service clubs, the Optimists International has chapters in Orléans, Blackburn Hamlet, Beacon Hill and Carlsbad Springs and like the Kiwanis Club they mainly support and organize youth initiatives.

So, as you can see, there are a number of clubs you can join to both help support your community and expand your connections and friendships. Just do a little research and pick the one you feel most comfortable in joining.

— Fred Sherwin

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CITY IMPOSES THREE ITEM GARBAGE LIMIT



Lack of general practitioners in Ontario is past the critical stage

As I write this a few days after Thanksgiving, I am preparing to finally return to the Legislature on Oct. 21. As you might know, the Ford Government adjourned the Legislature the first week of June and we have not sat since.

A government that often criticizes teachers for their work ethic, this government has decided to take five months off from introducing and debating legislation and being held account-able by the opposition.

Given this five month pause, you might think that upon returning to the Legislature, the Ford Government might have an aggressive agenda to address the most important issue of the day, the lack of family doctors and primary care. Unfortunately, if you thought that way you would be wrong.

Right now in Ontario there are 2.5 million people without a family doctor. That number is staggering. Recently, the Ontario Medical Association (OMA) has released an estimate that by 2025 that number will reach 4.4 million!

Here in Ottawa, that means there are roughly 163,000 residents without a family doctor. And that number is only getting bigger.

The OMA tells us that almost 40 per cent of practicing family doctors is considering retirement in the next few years. That means, we need 3,500 new

family doctors, and we need them now!

Instead of bringing the Legislature back into session on time, to discuss and debate the challenges in healthcare and access to family doctors in particular. Instead of spending that time announcing new measures to retain family doctors and recruit new ones, Doug Ford has spent the summer working on more ways to reward his friends and insiders.

Over the course of the summer and fall, I have met with members of the community, doctors, healthcare experts and others to discuss the challenges face by family doctors and those young students considering the profession, and how we must address them.

There is no silver bullet, and fixing the problem will not happen overnight. But there are options to available to address the workload doctors face. There are options to address the financial challenges of starting and maintaining a family practice. There are options to recognize foreign credentials. And there are options to recruit more young doctors into family medicine.

My colleagues and I will be speaking more and more about these options as the Legislature finally returns to session.

We need to stop the crisis and save healthcare before it is too late.



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Stephen Blais

35 years and counting: my, how time flies

On Oct. 31, I will celebrate my 35th anniversary of covering the people, places and events of Orléans.

It's hard to believe, to be honest, how fast time flies. It seems like only yesterday that I bumped into my friend James MacArthur at a downtown bar.

I had just returned to Ottawa after the paper I was working for in Montréal had folded and James was recently hired as the new editor of the *Star*. How serendipitous. He wasn't in need of a photographer, but he was open to me writing a guest column for the paper. Perfect.

My first effort was a tongue-in-cheek piece calling for the abolition of Hallowe'en. Well, not everyone saw the irony in it. In fact, we received no fewer than eight letters to the editor calling me every sort of name. Now this was back in the day when you actually had to write a letter to the editor using pen and paper.

The common wisdom among journalist types back then was that for every letter to the editor written by an individual at least 100 readers felt the same way, so eight letters to the editor was a big deal. In fact, it was more than the paper had received over



the previous 12 months.

Both James and the *Orléans Star's* publisher at the time, Gordon Brewerton, were so impressed that they offered me a regular weekly column which I happily accepted for the princely sum of \$100 per column.

Back in the day, they gave me a quarter page in which I could write about anything I wanted to. The first columns were a mix of political punditry, personal pageantry and social commentary.

I wrote each column on a Macintosh Plus with a 9-inch monochromatic screen. Some columns took me over six hours to write as I would agonize over every single word.

I also had a habit of failing to save a column as I was writing it which lead to

me losing everything I had written when the computer occasionally froze which in turn lead to expletive laden tirade on my part. On more than one occasion I had to be talked out of throwing my Mac Plus through the plate glass window in our second floor offices on Youville Drive.

It wasn't until John O'Meara shared a few words of wisdom with me that I learned to write more economically both in terms of words and time.

"You know what your problem is, Sherwin? You're enamoured with your own prose," he told me. It was the best piece of advice I've ever been given in my 35 years as a journalist.

John O'Meara was a legend. He was third or fourth generation Irish from The Point in Montréal and was the editor of the local paper in Côte St-Luc during the late 60s and early 70s. When he joined the *Orléans Star* in 1990 he wrote a quarter-page column that ran beside mine.

Those were the good old days. We had a great crew at the *Star* back then that included Lori Nash, Jan MacNeill, Linda Isham and Valerie Xavier in the sales department, Gail Holleron and her brother Mark, who was

our photographer, Frédéric Wallace, who doubled as a reporter for both the *Orléans Star* and the *L'Express*, Bernard "Dr. Love" Noonan, who was also a reporter, Louis, who worked in production, and Darren Illingsworth who designed all the ads.

Back then, the *Orléans Star* would often run 48 pages or more in two sections. It was the Golden Age of community newspapers, or at least for the *Orléans Star*.

Six weeks after I started working at the paper, we had an epic Christmas party that is etched in the annals of *Orléans Star* lore.

I remember James and I arrived wearing Hawaiian shirts and paisley dinner jackets with traffic pylons on our heads.

Things got so out of hand that a few of us were politely asked to leave shortly after dinner, so we piled into our limo and had the driver take us to Elgin Street where the party continued until the wee hours of the morning.

I stayed with the *Star* for the next 10 years moving from columnist to special projects reporter, to eventually managing editor between 1997 to 2001.

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Freedom of expression and civil discourse not always the same thing

In an era marked by increased polarization, the balance between free expression and maintaining decorum has never been more critical for the health of our democracy.

As individuals and groups voice their opinions with fervor, the potential for constructive dialogue diminishes, often leading to division rather than understanding.

Freedom of expression is a cornerstone of democratic societies, allowing diverse viewpoints to coexist and be debated. However, when the discourse devolves into hostility and incivility, the very fabric of democracy begins to fray. Inflammatory rhetoric can alienate those with differing opinions, making it harder to find common ground or engage in meaningful discussions.

Maintaining decorum does not mean stifling dissent or silencing voices; rather, it involves fostering a culture of respect and empathy. This can be achieved through really listening, recognizing the humanity in others, and promoting dialogue that prioritizes understanding over winning argu-

ments. When we engage in discussions with a mindset of collaboration rather than confrontation, we pave the way for solutions that honor the complexities of differing viewpoints.

It's true that public institutions play a crucial role in setting the tone for public discourse. Encouraging civil engagement through community associations, educational initiatives, and media literacy can help create environments where diverse perspectives are respected and valued.

While the right to free expression is vital, it must be balanced with the responsibility to maintain decorum.

By fostering respectful dialogue, we can navigate the challenges of polarization and reinforce the foundations of a functioning democracy.

Ultimately, the goal should be to cultivate a society where all voices can be heard and where differences can coexist in a manner where we can build on what we agree upon – because there's far more of it than we might like to admit.



Matt Luloff

Orléans East-Cumberland

Budget, roads, and rural summit mark a busy return to City Hall

It's full steam ahead with another busy fall at city hall, and I wanted to take a moment to update you on a few key files.

First, a big thanks to everyone who took the time to attend our recent rural and east-end budget consultations.

Your input is crucial and really helps shape my priorities. I also had the chance to meet with Mayor Sutcliffe and the city manager to go over the 2025 budget, with a focus on what matters most for Orléans South-Navan.

My asks continue to be on improving our aging road infrastructure, advocating for a transit shuttle from the Chapel Hill Park and Ride to Blair, advancing the François Dupuis district park, and securing funding for important transportation projects like the Renaud Road realignment and Innes Road Priority Measures.

I know there's been a lot of talk around this year's budget, and I did support the proposed 2.9 per cent tax increase, as we wait to hear more about how we're going to tackle the city's transit deficit.

Also happening in parallel is the 2024 Rural Summit, which now has a date, time, and agenda! You're invited to the summit on Saturday, Nov. 2 from 9 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. at Sir Robert Borden High School in Nepean.

This is a great chance to come out and work directly with your rural councillors and explore solutions to some of the issues affecting our rural communities, like transportation, drainage, community services, and road maintenance.

This is your opportunity to move from discussion to action. The summit is designed to provide a platform to develop innovative ideas to address key issues affecting rural life.

On the topic of roads, speeding and dangerous driving continue to be a big concern. I'm working closely with Ottawa Police to address these issues, and we've seen some good progress with recent enforcement on the 174, Trim, and Tenth Line. As always, my office is tracking speeding complaints and looking for ways to calm traffic in the most problematic areas.



Catherine Kitts

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Orléans knitting club running out of wool... again

By Jody Maffett
The Orléans Star

The Busy Fingers knitting club is once again facing a dilemma. After a major upsurge in membership, thanks to a recent article in the *Orléans Star*, the club is once again in need of more wool and lots of it.

“My phone has been ringing off the hook ever since that story,” says Busy Fingers founder and president Eileen McCaughey. “We have more than 50 new members and I’m still getting calls for people who want to join.”

The Busy Fingers knitting club takes wool and yarn donated by the general public and turns it into scarves, mitts, hats, socks dolls and afghans which are then donated to organizations which deal with people who need them such as community resource centres, women’s shelters, hospices, senior homes and hospitals. They even knit little caps for newborns in pre-natal units. The only requirement is that the items can not be sold.

So far this year, the more than 200

members of the club have knitted and donated over 3,000 items.

Most of the club’s members live in Ottawa, but there are chapters of members in Quebec, including two groups of nuns near Quebec City. One member who lives in Montreal has knitted 97 pairs of socks in just the last few months.

“She’s one of these people who is constantly knitting” says McCaughey.

The latest members to join the club are a group of parishioners from St. Andrew’s United Church in Cumberland Village.

It’s a win-win situation. The club gives members a chance to do something meaningful knowing the items they knit will be going to someone who truly needs it, whether it’s warm socks or mitts for a homeless person, or an afghan shawl or blanket for a senior.

“Never underestimate the power of a senior, especially senior women,” says McCaughey, who turned 90 earlier this year. “We can do anything we put our mind too.”



Eileen McCaughey is the founder and president of the Busy Fingers knitting club based in Orléans. FILE PHOTO

But all the new members means the club needs more wool. Last year a call for donations turned into hundreds of balls of yarn and wool of every type and colour thanks to the generosity of *Orléans Star* readers.

McCaughey is hoping for another success-

ful drive this year.

If you have any wool or yarn you wish to donate you can drop it off at Willowbend Retirement Community at the corner of Innes and Trim Road, or you can drop it off at Eileen’s home at 1967 Solano Terrace in Fallingbrook.



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Hello Orléans & Cumberland!

As autumn rolls in, we're treated to a refreshing change in our everyday lives. The cooler air is perfect for long walks in the parks or a visit to your favourite fall market.

We're also getting excited for Halloween, with costumes and decorations adding to the festive spirit! For many of us, fall brings a buzz of activity with kids back in school and plenty of community events to keep us busy and engaged.

So far this fall, I have been thankful to participate in a number of great events, including the 15th anniversary celebration of the Shenkman Arts Centre, the 25th anniversary celebration of the Ottawa Public Library's Cumberland Branch, and the annual Harvest Market in Cumberland.

I was also thrilled to spend much of the fall season visiting small businesses in Orléans East-Cumberland, including The Avid Host, BBCR.ca Café, Stray Dog Brewing Company, Happy Zone Childcare, and Hearing Life Canada. Supporting our local entrepreneurs is not only a joy but essential for fostering a vibrant community where everyone can thrive.

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Bringing investments to Orléans East-Cumberland

I work tirelessly to attract investments into our community. We've had more wins recently and I want to share them with you:

- Resurfacing work took place on Tompkins, Innes, Canaan, and Old Montreal Road. I have a long list of roads that need the same love and I will continue to work with staff to ensure they are prioritized.
- Upgrades are being made to the Ray Friel Complex, including to the wave system and the changerooms.
- A new pedestrian crossover was installed at Varennes Blvd near Como Cres.
- A new accessible bench has been installed on Valin St near Portobello Blvd as part of the 2024 Older Adult Plan Bench Installation Program.



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I publish an e-newsletter regularly with information about what is happening in our community. It's a great way for us to stay connected.

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My team and I are always ready to serve you. Best way to reach us? Simply send an email to matt.luloff@ottawa.ca or call 613-580-2471.



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Da Artisti Studio hosting a variety of holiday workshops

By Jody Maffett
The Orléans Star

The Da Artisti Gallery and Studio in Cumberland Village is offering a number of workshops this fall for anyone interested in making a unique gift for that special someone on their Christmas list, or for themselves.

The workshops are ideal for individuals, small groups, or families who would like to work on a project together.

There are six Christmas Ornament Workshops to choose from with two sessions being held per day on Saturday, Oct. 26, Saturday, Nov 2 and Saturday, Nov. 16. During the workshop participants can create four unique fused glass ornaments.

The morning workshops run from 9:30 a.m. to noon and the afternoon workshops go from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. The cost is \$65 which includes the materials.

No matter which date or time slot you choose, your creations will be fired and ready to be picked up in time for the holidays.

In the second set of workshops participants get to create a lantern using their own theme, or one of the many themes suggested



Fused glass ornaments

by their instructor.

The Lantern Workshops will be held on Sunday, Oct. 27, Friday, Nov. 1 and Saturday, Nov. 23. The sessions on Oct. 27 and Saturday, Nov. 23 will run from 9:30 a.m. to noon, while the class on Nov. 1 will be held in the evening from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. The cost is \$100 which includes the materials and the lantern itself.

The third workshop involves creating a decorative picture frame containing a fused glass creation of your own making.

The two remaining Picture Frame Work-



Decorative lanterns

shops are being held on Saturday, Nov. 9 from 9:30 a.m. to noon, and Saturday, Nov. 30 during the same time slot. The cost is \$50 per session and includes materials.

To find out more, or to register for one of the workshops, you can call the studio at 613-833-2565 during regular business hours, or you can register online by visiting daartisti.com/workshops.

Besides the Christmas Workshops, Da Artisti also offers a variety of classes and workshops in fused glass throughout the year. You can find a list of the classes being



Fused glass picture frames

offered at daartisti.com/classes.

If you don't have the time to attend one of the workshops and create a unique gift of your own, you can visit the Da Artisti's Gallery and choose something from the many items they have on display made by local artists and artisans including hand-blown glass jewelry, paintings, woodcrafts, stained glass, original print fabric and fashion accessories, and quilts.

The Da Artisti Studio and Gallery is located at 2565 Old Montreal Road in Cumberland Village.

Da Artisti

A Studio to Learn In

Da Artisti offers 1-on-1 and group fused glass workshops and classes. We provide all the knowledge, tools and materials needed to succeed. Learn the basics and you'll be able to come in and play in our studio!

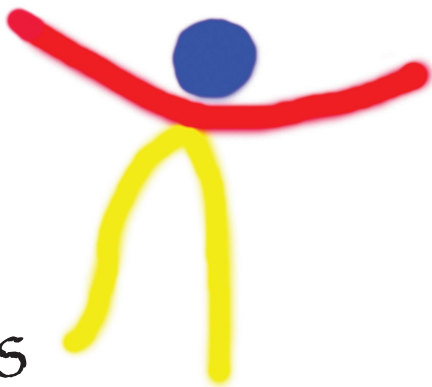
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We also have a breathtaking gallery for accomplished and up-and-coming artists to display their completed works of art. Stop in and admire the work of our local artists.



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2565 Old Montreal Rd. in the heart of Cumberland Village

The 2024 Orléans Outstanding Youth Awards



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Do you know someone in your community under the age of 18 whose talents and abilities set them apart during the past year? If so, why not consider nominating them for the Orléans Outstanding Youth Awards? Nominees must be 17 years old or younger as of Sept. 1, 2024, and reside within the City of Ottawa east of Blair Road. Nominees will be judged on their accomplishments between Oct. 1, 2023 and Sept. 30, 2024. All submissions must include the name, address and phone number of both the nominee and the nominator as well as a resume of the nominee's accomplishments. There are no categories *per se* – those nominated will be judged on their accomplishments in any one area, or a combination of areas. Nominations can be submitted by e-mail to OYA@orleansstar.ca or regular mail to The Orléans Star c/o 745 Farmbrook Cres., Orléans ON, K4A 2C1. The deadline for entries is Oct. 31. For additional information visit www.orleansonline.ca/OYA, or call Fred Sherwin at 613-447-2829.



Rotary Club of Orléans: 'People of Action'

Special to the Orléans Star

Rotarians are people of action! The Rotary Club of Orléans is very active, featuring activities which primarily focus on food retention/distribution, youth, and preserving our environment. We spearhead programs dedicated to bolstering both our local and international communities.

Locally, our impactful food retention projects include supporting the food bank, distributing fresh bread to local food banks (working with partners Lionsheart Inc., Cobs Bread and the Capital City Church), and distributing Christmas food hampers to families in need.

Our work with youth includes our annual Youth Awards where we recognize local high school students for outstanding strength of character. We also supply dictionaries to Grade 3 students at a local school, and support two High School Rotary Interact Clubs as they conduct service projects of their own.

Our Ottawa Rotary Youth Forest project is an environmental project with the aim

to plant over a thousand trees for a greener environment. We have involved high school students in this initiative. In fact, our Club won a District Gold Environmental Star for our efforts with our green spaces.

We assist the Ottawa Rotary Home in providing respite programs for individuals with physical disabilities or complex medical needs, and actively champion the Legion's Poppy Campaign.

These are just a few ways we are dedicated to making a meaningful impact in our community.

Globally, our Rotary Youth Exchange program provides local high school students an opportunity to study abroad and international high school students to study in Canada.

We are involved in international projects that focus on Rotary's seven areas of service (economic/community development, education/literacy, maternal/child health, water/sanitation, disease prevention, and peace and conflict resolution).

Join us in our mission for positive change!



Rotary Club of Orléans organizes an annual award program aimed at recognizing outstanding youth in the community. PHOTO SUPPLIED

Becoming a part of the Rotary Club presents an opportunity to contribute positively to our local and global communities while forming meaningful connections. If you're curious to learn more, consider joining us at one of our meetings or exploring our website

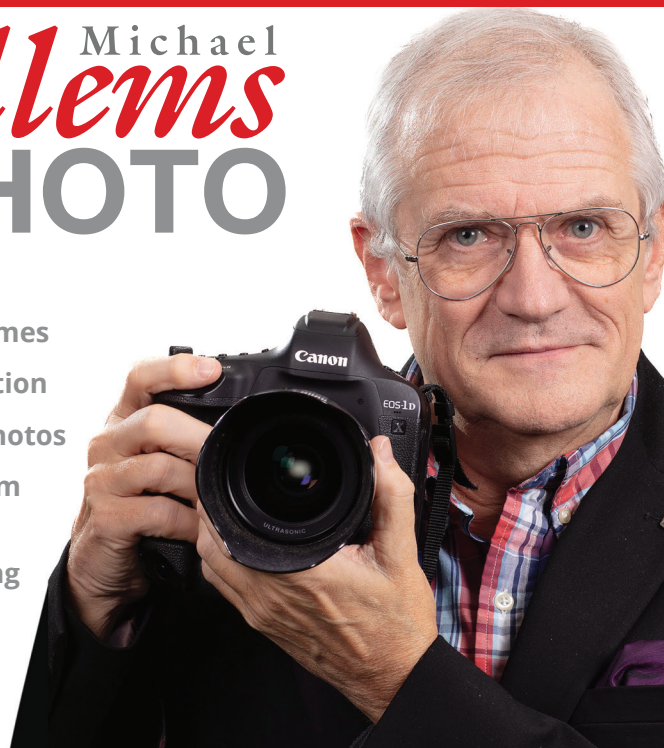
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The Rotary Club of Orléans is currently accepting new members. Do you want to join other like-minded people in make our community a better place to live, work and play? Then why not consider joining the Rotary Club? For more information e-mail rotaryorleans2022@gmail.com or call 613-824-8819.



Kiwanis Eastern Ottawa Est: 'In the service of children'

By Fred Sherwin
The Orléans Star

Kiwanis International is a global community of service clubs dedicated to improving the lives of children one community at a time.

In 1988, Kiwanis Eastern Ottawa Est was granted its charter from Kiwanis International and has been an active service club chapter in the eastern Ottawa and Orléans area since. You may know them from some of the events they organize such as the Orléans Canada Day Kids Festival at the Millennium Kiwanis Adventure Park and the sKreamers haunted attraction at Proulx Farm in the weeks leading up to Halloween.

MISSION – The Kiwanis mission is to help kids around the world. Whether rolling up their sleeves or collaborating with their peers, Kiwanians make transformative changes through its more

than 19 million hours of cumulative service every year.

Local clubs like Kiwanis Eastern Ottawa Est organize and support local initiatives while the international organization takes on large-scale challenges, such as fighting disease and poverty.

EVENTS – Kiwanis Eastern Ottawa Est is responsible for organizing a number of community events including Orléans Canada Day and sKreamers.

The service club is also responsible for the construction of the children's playground at Millennium Park, supplying helmets to youth across Ottawa as part of its collaboration with Helping With Bikes, and providing laptop computers to children and families in need to help bridge the educational digital divide.

The Club also organized the first-ever World Trivia Night in 1993

and eventually handed the event over to the Children's Aid Society, which has turned it into its biggest fundraising event of the year.

MEMBERSHIP – Members of Kiwanis Eastern Ottawa Est are an eclectic mix of ages, genders, occupations, backgrounds and interests. They are all passionate about making their community and the world a better place for children so they can thrive. Unlike most traditional service clubs, Kiwanis Eastern Ottawa Est does not require you to pay for a membership. Instead, they ask for your most valuable resource – time. In lieu of dues, membership is earned through 25 hours of community service annually.

By becoming a Kiwanian, you get the opportunity to give back to your community and build fellowship with people who share your values. Membership also



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gives you the opportunity to attend all of the club's social events and initiatives.

COMMITMENT – By becoming a member of Kiwanis Eastern Ottawa Est, you get a golden opportunity to give back to your community and become part of

the Club's tradition of service. The Club meets the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. For more information visit www.keoe.ca.

Join the Kiwanis Club of Eastern Ottawa Est today or drop by one of our meetings to see what we're all about.

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U16 Panthers A-Cup quest begins with 40-20 win over the Mustangs

By Fred Sherwin
The Orléans Star

The U16 Cumberland Panthers faced their first real test of the minor football season last Friday night and they passed with flying colours, beating the South Ottawa Mustangs 41-21 in the opening game of a four game round robin playoff with the Mustangs and the Gloucester South Raiders.

After routing their opponents in the open-ing three games of the regular season, the Panthers won their next four games by forfeit. They won their final game by a score of 31-0 after the other team forfeited the rest of the game following the first quarter.

The Panthers and the Raiders both finished the season with identical 8-0 records, while the Mustangs were 7-1. Their only loss was a two-point defeat to the Raiders on Sept. 8

With such a wide disparity between the Panthers, Raiders and Mustangs and the rest of teams, the National Capital Amateur Football

Association (NCAFA) decided to have them play a round robin series, with the top two teams deciding the A-Cup championship in one final game.

In their opening game against the Mustangs, it took the Panthers' offence a full two quarters to get out of second gear, but once they did they played like a well-oiled machine, especially quarterback Vincent Alexander, who made several key passes and scored two of his team's six touchdowns with a pair of long runs.

After a scoreless first quarter, Panthers' running back Lucas McGuire opened the scoring with a touchdown early in second quarter.

The Mustangs answered back with a long touchdown pass on the next series, but the deadlock didn't last long as Stephen Blais pulled off a 55-yard touchdown return on the ensuing kickoff.

A Panthers turnover late in the second quarter would set up the Mustangs second major of the

game, and then they tried to return the favour by turning the ball over on a punt return deep in their end near the end of the first half.

Two plays later the Panthers found themselves inside the Mustangs' five yard line. With 32 seconds left on the clock the tried to run the ball up the middle on three straight plays. The third time appeared to be the charm as the ball appeared to break the plane of the end zone, but after a lengthy discussion between the officials they declared it had not and the second half ended with the two teams tied at 14 points apiece.

After the two teams exchanged touch-downs in the third quarter, the Panthers blew the game wide open in the fourth with touchdowns by Anderson and Gavin Poirier.

The Panthers next game will be against the Raiders this Wednesday. A win would put them directly into the A-Cup final, while a loss would likely result in a tiebreaking formula based on points for and against.



Cumberland Panthers U10 quarterback Channing Mailhout looks for an opening during the teams 30-0 win over the Gloucester South Raiders last Saturday. STAFF PHOTO

With 21 points already in their favour, the Panthers would likely make it into the final anyway if they keep the score close.

In last weekend's other playoff games involving Panther teams, the U14 peewee team beat the Gloucester South Raiders 61-0, the U10 tykes squad beat

their Gloucester South Raider counterparts 30-0 and the U12 team beat the Kanata Knights ??-?.

All three teams are now through to the A-Cup semi-finals and are now one win away from championship weekend which will take place at the Nepean Sportsplex on Nov. 2 and 3.



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35 years and counting: Taking a stroll down memory lane

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There are others who I enjoyed working with over the years, like Michael Curran who was the editor of the paper in the early 90s before launching the *Weekly Journal* in 1995 and eventually becoming the co-owner and publisher of the *Ottawa Business Journal*; Ken Vowles, who was a former columnist at the paper like myself; Gerry Poulin, who wrote a column in the *L'Express* and taught me about the history of Orléans; and Heather Jamieson, who was another former editor I worked with, as was Nyree Ashworth.

I feel like I'm giving a thank you speech after accepting an award and you know you're leaving out some people.

I took over as the editor of the *Orléans Star* in 1997, when the paper was in an editorial crisis and had lost all sense of direction. I called up my old friend James and along with my now ex-wife Jody, who is a brilliant graphic designer, re-designed the entire paper over the course of a single weekend.

Several months later, we got word that Transcontinental, which owned the *Orléans Star*, had bought the *Weekly Journal*. As

part of the deal, Transcontinental agreed to keep Michael on as editor and the *Weekly Journal's* other co-founder and publisher on as the publisher of both papers, which meant that Valerie Xavier, who was the publisher of the *Star* at the time, had to go.

Thankfully, Michael kept me on as the unofficial editor of the *Star* while he took care of the *Weekly Journal*, for which I am eternally grateful. But Valerie's dismissal was a complete travesty. She was by far a better publisher than her replacement, whose name will never appear in this paper again, and she was a better person.

When Michael eventually left in 1997 to take over the *Ottawa Business Journal*, I became the managing editor of both the *Orléans Star* and the *Weekly Journal* until my own unceremonious dismissal in July 2021.

It was Val Xavier who talked me into starting my own news and information website five months later, and thus orleansonline.ca was born. But I wouldn't have survived those first few months and initial two years without the financial and moral support of Lionel Laurin, who was and I believe still is, the legendary owner of Ace Body Shop.

It was a real struggle to make ends meet when I just had the website, especially after Jody and I separated in 2006. At various times I worked for former Orléans MPP Phil McNeely. I helped Ted Gulliver rebrand the old Navan Feedmill as O'Meara's and managed the place until he sold the property to the New Oak Tree. I helped Don Murray aka Dancing Don, start a furniture store in Navan after he was unceremoniously let go by the owner of the New Oak Tree. And I worked for the Orléans-Cumberland Community Resource Centre in 2013 to help pay the rent and put food on the table.

I even worked as a team leader for Stats Canada during the 2016 Census.

In between all of the above, I managed to organize the Greater Orléans Canada Celebration on Petrie Island for 12 years and the Orléans Outstanding Youth Awards.

Oh, and I also ran unsuccessfully for city council not once, but twice.

When my contract with Census Canada ended in 2016, I was on the verge of shutting down the website and becoming an international hobo, when Michael Curran told me the *Orléans Star* was up for sale.

The rest, as they say, is history. I bought the *Star*, on Nov. 1, 2016. Hired my ex-wife to design all the ads, and have been making a go of it ever since despite the ups and downs of publishing a community newspaper in the 21st century, like having to suffer through an 18-month pandemic.

According to my own rather rough estimate, I've written over 1,400 columns over the course of the past 35 years and three to five times that number of stories.

It's been an incredible journey during which I've been able to serve the community while raising a family, and I've met some amazing people along the way, many of whom are lifelong friends.

Although, I'm not sure how much longer this journey will last, I'm going to enjoy every minute, hour, day, week, month and year along the way. Who knows, I may end up writing a column about my 50th anniversary 15 years from now.

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at the Orléans Legion starting at 7 p.m. with professional dance instructors! Dinner available from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Free event and open to everyone! Located at 800 Taylor Creek Rd.

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SUNDAY, OCT. 27

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from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Blackburn Community Hall for kids and youth age 4-10. Must be accompanied by an adult.

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FRIDAY, NOV. 1

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SATURDAY, NOV. 9

THE STRAY DOG BREWING COMPANY will be hosting the I, the Mountain album release party with special guests Tin Constellations. Tickets \$20 available at straydogbrewing.ca. The Stray Dog Brewing Company is located at 501 Lacolle Way in the Taylor Creek Business Park.

IN MEMORIAM



Francine Goulet, 70
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Gilles Patenaude, 67
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Thomas Edwin "Ted" Dashney, 93
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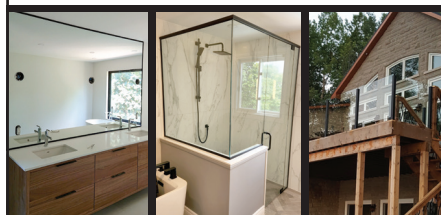
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