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Fast-paced action

Loyalist Lancer Elizabeth Chisholm, right, high tackles St. Lawrence Viking Margaret Dickson during the game at St. Lawrence on Sept. 22. The Vikings won over the Lancers 15-0. Within the last week, there have been at least six various sporting events occurring in Belleville and its surrounding area. For more photos of the variety of sporting events covered by Loyalist's photojournalism students, see page 3.

Money to be used for much-needed hospital equipment

Cookies bring smiles to faces and money to local organizations

By Myriam Lublink

From Sept. 17 to 23, all the proceeds from the sale of Smile Cookies at Tim Hortons are donated to local hospitals, charities and other local community programs.

In Belleville, the proceeds are sent to the Belleville General Hospital Foundation, where Drew Brown, the executive director of the foundation, then processes it to be used to buy much-needed medical equipment.

Brown coordinates all fundraising and volunteer work at the Belleville General Hospital and says he is overcome with joy at how many donations the Smile Cookie fundraiser brings into their foundation every year.

"We've been working with Tim Hortons for at least three years now, maybe more and I'm so impressed with how generous everyone is. I feel that even just people's enthusiasm to buy the cookies shows their support for the local hospitals and charities. Even though a lot of people don't know exactly where the money is going, they know it goes somewhere local so they want to donate anyways."

Brown says that the Belleville General Hospital needs a lot of medical equipment that would be too expensive to buy if not for fundraisers such as the Smile Cookies.

"The provincial government provides funding to the hospital, but they are basically just keeping the lights on and heating the place. All medical equipment needed at the hospital is bought with funds that come in through fundraisers like the Smile Cookies.

"We are lucky to have organizations like Tim Hortons to help."

The Tim Hortons Smile Cookie Fundraiser began in Ontario in 1996 when the Hamilton Children's Hospital needed a creative way to raise funds. Sixteen years later, the program has expanded into the United States and 12 of Canada's provinces and territories are using the Smile Cookies to raise funds for hospitals and charities. Over 200 cities and towns in Ontario alone are a part of this program, and the proceeds from the fundraiser in each town go to their hospitals, keeping everything local.

Kaitlin Richards has been working at Tim Hortons for three years and says that she has enjoyed the Smile Cookie week each time it happens. Richards is proud to say that she'll buy a cookie each day of Smile Cookie week to support her local hospital.

"I just love how many people are willing to buy a Smile Cookie when they find out that it goes to the hospital foundation. I think that if we had the fundraiser more often, people would still be on board and buy the cookies. Sometimes I think it's too bad that it takes a cookie to get people to donate, but as long as they are helping in some way, then it's fine by me."

Bridgette Quesnell is an operations manager at local retail store, and she says that she goes to Tim Hortons at least four times a week.

"I think the Smile Cookie Fundraiser is a great idea. It's a win-win! For those who don't have much, and when the money goes to a community program, they get to experience things they otherwise wouldn't and I just get a delicious cookie."

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Tim Hortons employee Kaitlin Richards



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Olivia Patten enjoys a Smile Cookie from Tim Hortons in Trenton during their annual Smile Cookie fundraising event. Olivia has semilobar holoprosencephaly, a severe brain disease, so she is at the Belleville General Hospital every week for different medical appointments. Fundraisers like the Smile Cookies raise money to buy medical equipment that patients and other children like Olivia need.

Music echoes through East Hill neighbourhood

Local bands provide music for outdoor music festival

By Melyssa Gloude

Despite the rain and cool weather, Belleville's East Hill neighbourhood was alive with the sound of music as local bands from all over the Quinte region set out the lawn chairs and plugged in their amps for a free celebration of music on Saturday.

Porchfest is an annual outdoor music festival organized by Lucinda Pritchard and Ken Hudson, reaching its fourth consecutive year of 'rocking the porch'. Quinte bands and musicians were encouraged to perform on their porches (or their neighbours) for a travelling audience. The event was inspired by a similar event held each year in Ithaca, New York.

It was free to perform for everyone and anyone, of any age group, genre or instrument. Residents were also able to 'rent their porch' to anybody wanting to perform but were sadly porch-less.

The event kicked off at Belleville's historic Glanmore Historical Site, with Andy Forgie blasting out his classic kids' tunes – children and adults alike belted out *Socks and Underwear* from under their umbrellas.

Lucinda Pritchard, one of the organizers, wonders why they didn't choose the Glanmore House sooner.

"It's in the perfect place, we thought to ourselves. Why didn't we think of using the Glanmore? We're really glad [we] decided to do it this year."

"It's really a centre point for this area of the community and a perfect venue! I'm glad they let us do it."

Following the opening ceremony, the moving audience could roam through the streets following their complimentary local talents performing from their porch.

Dan Foote, with his band One Day To Live, rocked out at 344 Bleecker Ave. Although they weren't able to perform last year, Dan said that he was very excited to take part in Porchfest 2012.

"This event is such a genius idea," he said, but added he believes the event needs advertised more to a younger crowd.

"[The organizers] need to get out there and give more encouragement to the younger kids. We have such a great younger scene in Belleville that could rock everybody here!" said Foote, as he hoisted his colourful Porchfest sign.

"We just need a bit more advertising next year, but otherwise this is perfect for getting musicians out there!"

Foote is well-known in the area as a musician of many talents, with his main band Non-Existent and One Day To Live. He plans to participate again next year and get the younger musicians in the community involved.

With a diverse range of performances from Celtic tunes, folk rock, pop, punk, Broadway, metal, country, jazz, funk and more, it's easy to see why Porchfest is a hit with the community even in the pouring rain.

Organizers and performers alike said they believe that it can only get bigger and better, while still being a free grassroots walking music festival.

"I can't wait until next year," says Foote. "Get ready, Belleville!"

To donate or to volunteer with Porchfest 2013, visit www.porchfest.ca

Pink bus promotes breast health

By Catherine Jackman

The Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation's Pink Bus stopped by Belleville on Thursday as part of its Ontario-wide tour.

Driving down the street, the bus is hard to miss. Not only is it bubble gum pink, but also when you look closer, it's covered in people's names. Survivors and families come and write the names of those who have battled and either won or lost their lives to the disease.

"What the Pink tour is essentially doing is giving (the Canadian Breast Cancer) foundation an opportunity to start a conversation with women, their families, their friends, and their loved ones in their communities so they have the facts, they get the information they need about breast health and breast cancer and they understand the benefits of screening. Because we know without a doubt that screening saves lives," said Megan Primeau, communication manager for CBCF Ontario.

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