



Photo By Marta Iwanek

Emergency crews watch as owner James Browne's van floats down the Moira River in Belleville on Friday. Browne was working on his car when the transmission failed and his Pontiac Trans Sport rolled backwards into the river. For story, see page 2.

Council looks at downtown facelift

Build Belleville initiative looks at spending \$15 million for downtown initiative

By Patrick Callbeck

Mayor Neil Ellis is aiming to revamp the downtown core with the city's Build Belleville initiative.

As part of the citywide infrastructure improvement initiative, the mayor has earmarked \$15 million to be spent improving Belleville's downtown infrastructure.

The Build Belleville initiative was developed to ensure Belleville continues to

grow. To do so, said the mayor, citizens need to invest in the most basic needs of the city – infrastructure.

In his presentation at the Quinte Sports & Wellness Centre on Jan. 31, Ellis laid out a plan for the city to borrow \$80 million to spend on infrastructure and repairs across the city. This includes a new police station to replace the one currently on Dundas Street East, repairs to the aging sewer and water systems, and repairs to various roads throughout the city.

The \$15 million set aside for downtown will be used to stimulate both commercial and residential growth and to promote downtown as a true city centre.

City Councillor Jack Miller, member of the Mayor's Taskforce for Downtown Belleville and the Board of Management Belleville Downtown Improvement Area

(BDIA), said that in order to encourage growth downtown, the city needs to get people to live there first, through a process called intensification. But before that can happen the city needs to improve the current state of infrastructure.

"The more people that live downtown, the more people will be walking downtown and creating business for stores. But in order to create more living spaces downtown and in the surrounding areas, the sewer, water, and electrical systems all need to be replaced. That means digging up roads and digging up the sidewalks," said Miller.

Fellow city councillor Jodie Jenkins, who sits on the audit committee and the City Council Planning Committee among others, isn't as eager to go ahead with the mayor's Build Belleville initiative. Jenkins

said he is trepidatious because this isn't the first time he has seen a downtown revitalization initiative.

"In 1981, we went to great public expense. The city rebuilt Front Street and there were tons of promises of private sector investment and rejuvenated business that for the most part went unfulfilled," said Jenkins. "I just don't want to see the city make the same mistake again, so we need to find out what went wrong and figure out how we can do it differently," he adds.

Belleville has estimated that it is \$400 million behind in its infrastructure repairs and that if it doesn't go through with this initiative, the problem will only continue to grow before it becomes too large to face.

Bill Glisky, member of the Mayor's

Taskforce on Downtown Belleville and managing editor of The Intelligencer, said he agrees that the city needs to be proactive about taking on this issue.

"It's got to be done if you want to see this downtown grow. Every year you wait, it gets harder to get going on it and it gets more expensive. Now is just as good of time as any," said Glisky.

"There are people trying to invest in condominiums in various locations downtown, but the current infrastructure won't allow it. They need to be able to take away sewage and bring people water before they can move into them," he added.

The Build Belleville initiative will be up for debate when city council meets between 5-11 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

Pond hockey brings community together

Fundraising event raises about \$2,000 for minor hockey

By Marta Iwanek

Bumpy ice, a few scuffles and the tapping of hockey sticks against the frozen pond were the familiar sights and sounds at the third Annual Stirling Mill Pond Hockey Tournament on Saturday.

The tournament was part of the activities in the Lions Club Groundhog Fest. Proceeds went to Stirling and District Minor Hockey Association and the Business Improvement Area of the Township of Stirling-Rawdon.

With the weather co-operating, the pond was frozen over enough to let the 16 teams play from the morning to evening in the town that was crowned Kraft Hockeyville 2012.

David Brandt, member of the Stirling Hockeyville Committee, said the community is very close-knit around hockey.

About \$2,000 was raised. The winning team of the tournament, returning champions Farnsworth Construction, also donated their winnings back to local minor league hockey.

"It is a good cause," said player Bob Bronson. "It's for minor hockey, for kids. It gets the young kids going."

He and his team play every Sunday night together, but as far as preparing for the tournament, he said he just set his alarm for 7 a.m.

"Old-time hockey," he said. "It's just fun."

Emily Desrosiers, 13, who was at the event and played house-league hockey, said it was a great way for her to make new friends from out of town and it gave her a sense of community.



Photo by Richard Barclay

Local hockey fans from the Stirling area gather at the Mill Pond to play one of Canada's oldest pastimes pond hockey. The event was organized through Groundhog Fest. For more pond hockey photos, see page 4.

"It's just a good way for everybody to be a part together. Like when we won Hockeyville, it was a great way for our town to come together and be like a whole," she said.

From local fundraising efforts, the Stirling Hockeyville Committee also presented a cheque to the Stirling and District Arena Board for \$57,000. The money will go towards renovations, which will start in the summer. Kraft Canada donated a total of \$100,000 to

the arena upgrade and \$10,000 to the local food bank.

A request for proposals is out right now and the arena is waiting on contractors to respond, said arena manager Richard Dean. Renovations will include extending dressing rooms, making bigger showers, making the bathrooms unisex as well as larger, creating water bottle filling stations and making the interior as well as the new entrance way accessible. He says

this will take the 1976 "old-style" building and polish it up to bring it to today's arenas' standards. He says the arena also won \$15,000 worth of rubber matting from Woodbeck Auto Parts.

"That kind of wraps up our Hockeyville experience," said Cindy Brandt, chair of the Stirling Hockeyville Committee, who presented the cheque. "We were just a bunch of volunteers that had a good time and brought the community with us."

Stirling festival offers something for everyone

All ages attracted to weekend event featuring many activities

By Sandra Kielback

It's going to be an early spring, or at least that's what Warton Willie predicted on Saturday, but the hope was for the opposite in Stirling at the annual Groundhog Fest.

There were many activities for young and old to participate in around town during the weekend festival.

Between the pond hockey tournament on the Mill Pond, to storytime for children at the library, there was something for everyone to do.

The people of Stirling did not go hungry with the festival starting off Friday night with a chicken dinner at Royal Canadian Legion Branch 228.

Saturday kicked off with a pancake breakfast at St. Paul's United Church, put on by the As One That Serves (AOTS) club. Doug Gray, president of the club, said that about 150 people showed up for the breakfast.

"There's a lot of competition around this weekend. Foxboro has their pancake breakfast and then there is the SnoFest up in Marmora, too, so there is lots going on this weekend," said Gray.

The club always has many volunteers to help them out with their annual breakfast that has been going on for about 30 years. "We always have a good time. We even have some volunteers from St. James the Minor Catholic Church here in town."

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Plenty to cheer about at K-Rock Centre

By Solana Cain

Gravity was defied Saturday at the K-Rock Centre in downtown Kingston as bodies flipped and flew through the air.

More than 100 teams from across Ontario, Québec and New York piled into the arena to compete in Cheer Evolution's first event of the season, Big East Blast.

Sloan Difabio started cheerleading when she was 11 years old. What attracted her to the sport was how "glamorous" the girls looked to her.

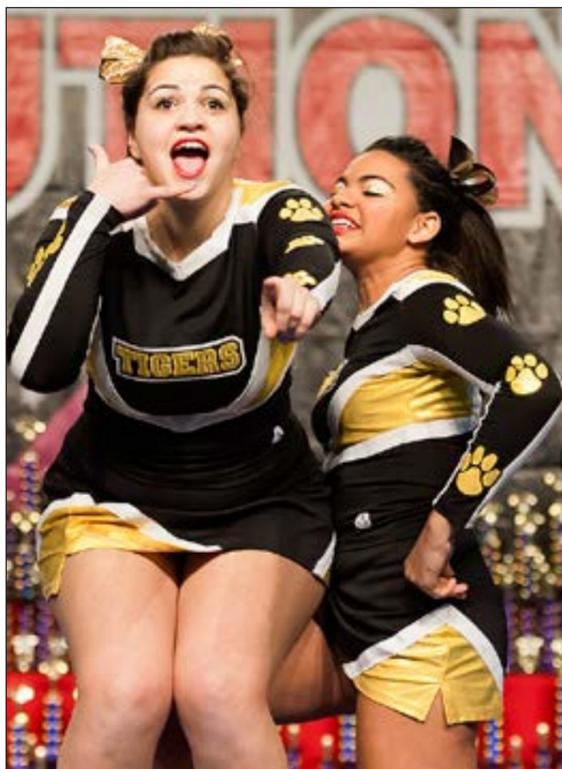
"I wanted to be a cheerleader so bad," said Québec native Difabio, "so I begged and begged my parents." Difabio, 16, and spends all her free time practising with her team, the Revolution Athletics Lady Gems.

Her team ranked fourth in their division.

"My favourite part about cheerleading is the team effort," she said. "When we're all together doing our routine, I forget about everything else."

Still sporting smiles, Difabio and the rest of her teammates climbed onto a Greyhound bus headed east for home.

Cheer Evolution's next competition will be held on Feb. 16 at York University in Toronto, after that will be the Ontario Championships in Kitchener on March 1-3, then Spring Classic in April and finally nationals in Niagara Falls on May 10-12.



Photos by Justin Chin

(Left) Cheerleaders from Uxbridge Secondary School cheerleading team, Tigers, cheer along with Call Me Maybe at the Canadian Cheer Evolution Saturday at K-Rock Centre. (Above) Lee Detlor, 22, of the Queen's University cheerleading team performs a toe-touch jump at the Canadian Cheer Evolution in Kingston. More than 100 teams competed at the weekend event.

Distracted drivers targeted in campaign

By Tom Hicken

The Belleville police's new Selective Traffic Enforcement Program for 2013 continues this month with the department targeting distracted driving violators.

The STEP program was put in place this year to raise awareness for traffic safety within the community. Starting with red light violations in January, each month introduces a new initiative with the goal to reduce damage, injury and even death from motor vehicle collisions.

Sgt. Tom Sweet of the Belleville police said they're looking at where collisions are prone and trying to lower them.

"What we're finding is more and more low speed rear-end

collisions near the Belle Boulevard area at North Front Street and Tracy and North Front streets - all of the high volume roadways where there's a lot of traffic movement," Sweet said.

One of the main causes for this, according to Sweet, is distracted drivers.

"A lot of people think it's just driving with cell phones," Sweet said, adding that even when on speakerphone, a cell phone user must be hands-free while driving.

However, distracted driving isn't limited to talking or texting on a cell phone. Watching an entertainment device, playing with an mp3 player, using a laptop, eating, and even holding a pet in your lap, are all considered forms of distracted driving.

"Occasionally we see people

driving down the road, turning around and dealing with their kids in the back while their vehicle is still in motion. We'll be looking at all of those things and try to end up with a better compliance rate than what we have at this point," Sweet said.

Sweet says the message is the same to everybody, but urges college students to pay particular attention.

"They all have cell phones and they're all really good at using them, but they need to do that when they're stopped - when they're not moving," Sweet said, adding it's best to pull over to the side of the road if necessary.

The department hopes to promote road safety through improving citizen's knowledge of traffic laws and the result of disobeying them, and from the

involvement of both the traffic management unit and front line officers.

"It's going to be high profile and high visibility. You'll see a lot of officers and if we're out there stopping people, hopefully the message will become clear," Sweet said.

Those choosing to ignore the ban on handheld devices or engage in other forms of distracted driving risk fines starting at \$155, while those charged with careless or dangerous driving could face fines up to \$2,000 with possible jail time.

"No text message is worth getting involved in a crash, possibly getting hurt or even worse. It literally takes two-seconds, but in those two-seconds, a lot of things can happen," Sweet said.

Van takes frosty plunge

By Marta Iwanek

Emergency crews were treated to a strange sight when they responded to a call on Friday afternoon on the Moira River.

Belleville resident James Browne was working on his gold Pontiac Trans Sport when its transmission failed and the vehicle rolled into the river behind his home.

No one was in the vehicle at the time. The van was Browne's only car. The fire department was called to help remove the vehicle, however, after an attempt to hook it to a tow truck, the van came loose and floated downstream. The van remains in the river north of the intersection of Moira Street East and Elm Street.

Belleville police Sgt. Sheri Meeks said the car is no longer a police matter. "It's been handed over to other agencies and I believe the Ministry of Environment is one of them."

In an email, Kate Jordan from the Ministry of Environment Communications Branch said the ministry's jurisdiction is in regards to any spills from the vehicle, however, its owner said the fuel level was low at the time. She said the Ministry has been in discussions with Belleville's fire department and the owner since Friday. She added the owner of the van has been advised the vehicle needs to be removed and, "Concern is being given to the strong river flow and ice in the Moira River."

Belleville Fire Department Acting Captain Rick Matthews said they are looking into the "safest, best options of removing the van," and want to look at all options before making their decision.

Sports facility a community success

By Nam Phi Dang

Belleville's recently completed Quinte Sports & Wellness Centre has brought people of all ages to one convenient location for broad recreational use.

Completed last August, this project, funded by the Ontario government, Government of Canada and the City of Belleville, brings members of the community under one roof for physical activities or casual leisure time.

Tracy Newton, the marketing and customer relations coordinator with the recreation, culture and community services department of Belleville, assisted with the development of the community centre.

Prior to being re-named the Quinte Sports & Wellness Centre, the Quinte Sports Centre was mainly used for its Olympic-sized Yardmen Arena, where all

of the Belleville Bulls home games were hosted, and the Wally Dever Arena, used by clubs and minor and junior hockey leagues.

"A business assessment and a leadership meeting called for a centralization of all of our facilities into one centre," said Newton.

The City of Belleville expanded the old sports centre with an additional 1700 square feet to create a new facility. Community funding from events like the Make-A-Splash campaign helped raise over \$100,000 towards the purchasing of aquatic equipment.

"We've added onto it which includes the aquatic centre which consists of three pools, two other NHL-sized arenas, which are rink A and B, a double and multi-purpose gymnasium, a youth room, a seniors' room that will be going online very soon, a dry land training studio, an

aerobics and yoga studio, a preschool room and an indoor running and walking track that is right above an ice rink and many public lounge spaces," said Newton.

Typically, memberships are required for individuals to use sports and health facilities. The Sports & Wellness Centre instead gives out free "wellness passports" for those who want to use the no-cost walk or run track and have a pay-as-you-go method instead.

"We are actually not membership based at all. Instead, we have something called a wellness passport, which is free for people to get into the walking and running track. From there, if they wish to participate in other activities, they can do pay as you go passes or register for programs which all goes onto their wellness passport. Right now, we have processed about over 11,000 passes and see a rise in rentals and programs," said Newton.

Marilyn and Ralph Jacklyn are Belleville residents who are taking advantage of the great offer. Both seniors, Marilyn insisted on using the free track after having hip surgery.

"After having my hip surgery, I took balance and strength classes where I heard this location had a track for free," said Marilyn.

Both the Jacklyns have used the track only four times but said they already enjoy the vast amount of activities offered at the centre.

Ralph said the city should be "quite proud of the centre."

"The most successful part about the centre is that it is accessible to all ages whether it is for preschool children to seniors. It also serves as a community centre, not just for Belleville but to cater to the whole Quinte region," said Newton.

Festival...

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Pancake breakfast and chili cook-off provide sustenance to participants

The only trouble that Gray and his fellow AOTS club members had this year was finding enough real maple syrup for all of the pancakes.

"We had a little trouble getting maple syrup this year because of the bad year last year and I think this year is going to be a bad year too," said Monte Moorcroft, former president of the AOTS club.

Standing outside watching pond hockey got a little chilly on Saturday, but the Community Pentecostal Church had a hot lunch and competition waiting for visitors.

The first annual chili cook-off was held in the warm, welcoming basement of the Pentecostal church. Each person who walked through the doors was offered four samples of the chili entered in the competition, a bottle of water, a ballot and a pencil.

This being the first year for the competition, Darren Snarr, the pastor at the church, said they were not sure how many people were going to show up, but they were being optimistic. About 50 people showed up to the cook-off.

"We're a ways away from the other events," Snarr said when asked why he thought not many people had shown up.

The winner was the chili made by Don Dowsnell, second was the entry from Ken Deck, and third was made by the Community Pentecostal Youth. The church raised \$144.40 for the Stirling Community Food Cupboard. Each winner received a plaque.

Those who did show up to the event enjoyed trying all the different types of chili and the warm atmosphere.

Timmy Boyle, host of the UCB 102.3 morning show, Rise & Shine with Timmy & Anita, was there with his family.

"We're new to Stirling, so this is our first year, but we're enjoying it a lot."

Groundhog Fest did not end there.

There was the Legion's meat draw and St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church held a fish fry. If that wasn't enough excitement for one day, the Lions Club was hosting the Ken Kovach & Heartland Country band and having a dance above the arena.

Blood donations help in many ways

By David Zammit



Photo by Tom Hicken

Canadian Blood Services set up a clinic in Loyalist College's gymnasium for students and faculty to donate their blood on Friday. Loyalist holds a blood donor clinic every 56 days.

If you and the person beside you donated blood, one patient could receive brain surgery. That's all it takes to help someone in need of blood, whether it's for brain surgery, or if they have cut themselves and are in need of blood.

A single car accident victim can require as many as 100 pints of blood. Every two seconds, someone in the United States needs blood. A total of 30 million blood components were transfused in the United States in 2006.

Loyalist College hosts a blood donor clinic every 56 days in the gymnasium.

"The target for this college is 72 people," said Ramona O'Shaughnessy, who works with Canadian Blood Services. "I would say we will reach about 65 to 66 here today, with a few dry spells," said O'Shaughnessy.

"I would say it was one of our better days at the college. Normally, we hit about 55 to 60 people at the most. The goal has always been a bit higher than it should be," said O'Shaughnessy.

The question everyone wants to know is how much blood do you give in total? "When you donate to Canadian Blood Services you give on average 10 per cent of the blood in your system," said O'Shaughnessy.

To book an appointment with Canadian Blood Services, go to www.blood.ca or 1-888-236-6283.

Pucks on the pond



Photo by Marta Iwanek

(L-r) Chandler McBride, 16, Shaw Boomhower, 14, Greg Walker, 14, and Hutton Sheerin, 12, celebrate a goal during a game of pond hockey during their PA day in South Foster Park Friday.



Photo by Marta Iwanek

Tyler MacDonald from Team No Frills plays at the 3rd Annual Stirling Mill Pond Hockey Tournament in Stirling Saturday.



Photo by Justin Tang

Farnsworth Construction's Bob Bronson, centre, fires the puck past the Rawdon Rebels during the Stirling-Rawdon Mill Pond Hockey Tournament on Saturday. The tournament was part of the annual Groundhog Fest and raised funds for Stirling Minor Hockey and the maintenance of the Mill Pond.



Photo by Marta Iwanek

(Above) Goalie Nate Boomhower, 13, saves a shot as he plays pond hockey during his PA day in South Foster Park Friday.



Photo by Richard Barclay

(Left) Pond hockey players wait for a shift change at the Mill Pond Hockey Tournament Saturday.



Photo by Justin Tang

(Right) Rawdon Rebels' Andrew Lewis, left, battles with Farnsworth Construction's Matt Cassidy during the Stirling-Rawdon Mill Saturday.

Sports

Generals handily defeat Bulls

By Vivek McCague

The Belleville Bulls suffered an 8-2 beating at the hands of the Oshawa Generals Sunday at Oshawa's General Motors Centre.

The Bulls jumped out to a short-lived lead on a goal from Brady Austin. He received a pass from Aaron Berisha on the blue line. Brady walked in and shot the puck towards the Generals goal.

The puck deflected off Generals defenceman Josh Brown and beat goaltender Daniel Altschuller high on his blocker side.

With only three minutes left in the frame, defenceman Geoffrey Schemitsch took a point shot on the Bulls Malcolm Subban.

Cole Cassels jumped all over a rebound off Subban's pad to tie the game at one. Less than two minutes later, the Generals were at it again.

This time it was Bradley Latour finishing off a nice passing play with a backhand past Subban. Defenceman Matt Petgrave sauced the puck across the line to Brown who then passed it into the slot area where Latour beat Subban on the backhand.

The Gens were not done there. Halfway through the period, Lucas Lessio caught a rebound and danced through two Bulls to bury his ninth of the season.

Three minutes later, Justice Dundas grabbed a huge rebound off the left pad of Subban and tucked a backhand through the five-hole, to make the lead 4-1.

The Bulls pulled Subban after the fourth goal and in came backup Charlie Graham, who was no help on this night, as the Gens were too powerful for the Bulls.

Two minutes later on a faceoff win, Generals centre Boone Jenner pushed the puck forward to Michael Dal Colle, who set up Toronto Maple Leafs prospect Tyler Biggs for his 20th of the season.

Things got worse before the end of the period for the Bulls. Bulls defenceman Daniel De Sousa coughed the puck right up to Scott Laughton, who had just returned from the Philadelphia Flyers. Laughton made no mistake with his skill and potted his 14th of the year.

In the third period, Scott Sabourin picked up the drop pass from Lessio, who snapped a bullet past Graham, to score his 23rd of the season, matching his jersey number.

Two minutes later, Lessio continued his great game, with another goal as he walked



Photo by Vivek McCague

Oshawa General goalie Daniel Altschuller gets out of the net to stop attack from Aaron Berisha of the Belleville Bulls. The Bulls lost the game 8-2 to the Generals at the General Motors Centre in Oshawa in front of a crowd of 5,288 spectators.

halfway across the Bulls' zone with the puck, then turned and fired a rocket over Graham, making it eight unanswered goals

by the Generals. The Bulls added one of their own in the dying minutes. Forward Scott Simmonds of the Bel-

leville Bulls said, "Obviously it was a tough game for us but I think it's a period in the year where we need to step up. Losing to

those guys is tough and they're a good team and work hard, so I think they deserved it today and we need to get better."

Women's team takes big win

By Tijana Martin

The Loyalist Lancers women's volleyball team is tied for seventh place in the east division against La Cité Coyotes after a 3-1 win Sunday over La Cité.

Before the Lancers' final home game, La Cité was ranked sixth, while Loyalist was finding themselves in a tough position, ranking in eighth.

The Lancers didn't let their rankings stop them from putting up a strong fight, and they were off to a great start leading the first set 17-2.

The Lancers became a little too comfortable with their 15-point lead and allowed the Coyotes to catch up quickly.

"Our girls started off really, really well, unfortunately they got a little comfortable and La Cité came back, and got more into the game than we wanted them to," said assistant coach Amy Hoskin.

The two were tied for the set point, but the Lancers managed to finish the first set with a win of 27-25.

After the first set, the pace of the game slowed, and the two teams seemed to be playing a more equal game.

The Lancers managed to win the second set by four points. La Cité was getting frustrated with how the game was being played, and managed to make a comeback during the third set, winning 25-19.

Lancers head coach Tony Clark said after the third set they "weren't really nervous," but after LeeAnne Jeffs hurt her wrist, they "were just trying to figure



Photo by Tijana Martin

Kristen Curtis (10) of the Loyalist Lancers spikes the ball against Marie-France Cayer (#9) and Matayla St-Jean (8) of La Cité Coyotes during a volleyball game at Loyalist College Sunday.

out lines around her in case she couldn't fulfill her playing role. So what we were able to do was try and move people around, and just try and stay calm."

The crowd became a little more involved during the fourth set, cheering, "Let's go Lancers."

The fourth set was close, but the Lancers managed to take the win with 25-21.

The Lancers managed to gain two points, but the playoffs remain a long shot.

"Unfortunately we kind of left it in other people's court now, so it will depend on a few other teams, as to what really happens to us," said Hoskin.

The Lancers need to win their remaining few games, and rely on the teams placed ahead to

lose some of the final games.

"If we get anywhere in the playoffs it will be sixth place, and we go over and play a third place team in the west, which is most likely Fanshawe [in] London... We need to win out in order for us to make the playoffs," said Clark.

"I still have hope," said Hoskins.

Centennial Park has its own football game during Super Bowl weekend

Shark Tank Pub also hosts its annual party

By Catherine Jackman

Super Bowl XLVII may have kicked off in New Orleans, but in the Quinte area, locals celebrated the game both as fans and as players.

Quinte Touch Football League hosted their second Touch Football Pick-Up Game on Feb. 3 at Trenton's Centennial Park.

Approximately 30 men, most of whom were new faces, showed up to play the game, according to league founder Taylor Ellis.

"We wanted to have an event that brought the big game closer to home, and at the same time, raise some awareness in the community for our league," said Ellis.

Last year, the QTFL had seven teams, with 10 players on each team. This year, they're looking to add another 20 members to their roster.

"We give interested players 16 years of age or older the opportunity to have fun playing a sport that is not offered after high school in the immediate area," said Ellis.

"So far, this is the only event that we have planned before summer registration. Not to say that it's off the table, it's just we don't have anything set up," said Ellis.

"It was a great game today. Everybody had lots of fun, and I'm looking forward to playing this season," said league member Daylan Thomas.

The game, which started at 1 p.m., also provided free chili and hot chocolate for the player and the few spectators.

Waiting for the big game to start, each player at the touch football games had their own ideas for which team they wanted to see win the Super Bowl trophy.

"Personally, I want the 49ers to win. I'm a Packers fan, so if my team couldn't be in the game, I'd be okay if at least the team that beat them was," said Ellis.

The community festivities weren't limited to Trenton.

The Shark Tank Pub at Loyalist College hosted its annual Super Bowl party giving away door prizes throughout the evening, that included a Bud Light stereo system.

The roar of the students, a slow drum of cheers and claps, was heard through the halls. The tables were covered in containers of chili cheese dogs, chicken fingers and beer cups.

The slow roar, "Let's go Ravens!" rang through the crowd and the muffled cry for the 49ers.

With the 49ers favoured to win game by covers.com, a popular online sports gambling website, the group of students cheered mainly for the Ravens.

The Ravens started the game strong, leaving the students were on edge, all except for David Lavender, a second-year television and new media student, who admitted that before last night, he didn't know who was playing in the game.

"I'm more excited to watch the commercials and hang out with some friends. I'll just cheer for whatever team they're cheering for," said Lavender.

The last quarter kept the crowd watching with bated breath after an earlier power outage that had killed some of the enthusiasm in the room. The quarter became an all out battle between the Ravens and the 49ers.

With the score tight and no more than seven points separating the two teams at any point during the fourth quarter, the Shark Tank shifted between loud cheers and frustrated sighs, most of which happened simultaneously.

"This moment is what will make the game," said Andrew Blouin, a friend of Lavender's, who was trying to explain the game as it happened at the two-minute mark.

The Shark Tank cleared out quickly as the Ravens were announced victorious, with a score of 34-31, leaving behind the few remnants of the party and small bits of peeled off face paint scattering the floor like confetti.

Men's team starts slow but proves successful

By Tijana Martin

The Loyalist Lancers men's volleyball team got the win its players wanted desperately Sunday, defeating La Cité 3-1.

The Lancers had a slow start in the first set of their home game, letting the Coyotes win 25-18.

"We gave away, according to our records, 13 points in the first set," said head coach Dave Templar.

After the first period, "I reminded them about the things we could control in terms of the errors that we made, and ways to make sure we are not giving points away," said Templar.

He said the players realized they were in a do-or-die situation.

They upped their game and won the second set 25-18.

The third set was close, but the Lancers managed to take the win 25-22 and the

fourth set 25-16.

The Loyalist Lancers won the match with a 3-1 game.

This "was actually a really big win for us," said Templar. "We have three matches left against teams we've beaten in the past."

"At the end of the day, I think our guys, if they show up with the same type of energy as they did in the last three sets, it doesn't really matter where we will be playing."