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SCHUMACHER, ONTARIO

# A DARLING GOOD TIME

The 2nd Annual Schumacher Social was a resounding success. The Croatian Hall was packed to near capacity on Friday, November 3rd with an eclectic mix of Schumacher residents and guests. Live entertainment came in the form of the debut performance of The Darlings, a newly formed group featuring the impressive talents of local musicians Lee Hannigan, Paul Sebalj, Joe Polowy, Kevin Irvine, Brian Jones, Cameron Grant, Jason Dagg, and SACHA's own Rob Knox. The group's mix of original material and artist covers was well-received by the enthusiastic crowd. Proceeds from the event will be used to help cover the costs of printing and distributing the SOS newsletter. The next social is tentatively planned for Fall 2018.



Above: For their debut performance, The Darlings entertain a crowd of over 150 people at the Croatian Hall. (Photo by Lisa Romanowski) Below: Could there be a more perfect Schumacher Christmas photo than a tree projected upon the headframe naturally backlit by the stars and Northern Lights? (Photo taken by Karina Miki Douglas-Takayesu using a Canon 60D on Sunday, December 17, 2017 at 1:29 AM.)



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## KEEPSAKES

# STAMP CARDS

To celebrate Canada's 150th Anniversary of Confederation, the Timmins Stamp Club produced 150 picture postage stamps and postcards featuring artwork by Brendan K. Montgomery. The stamped postcards cost \$4 each and are available at the Timmins Museum, by calling 705-360-1467, or by emailing [yaschyshyn@eastlink.ca](mailto:yaschyshyn@eastlink.ca).

The postcard inscription reads: The McIntyre Gold Mine No.11 Shaft Headframe, built in 1927, is a monument to Timmins' legendary mining history. Reaching over 40 ft into the sky, this iconic headframe oversees Pearl Lake and lights up at night, sometimes backlit by the northern lights. It is claimed to be the most photographed and painted mine headframe in the World!



# NEW HOME

The caravan of Rogers' Hometown Hockey transports rolled into town just over a year ago. You may recall that during that memorable weekend, two Maple Leaf banners were ceremoniously brought home. Since then, the banners of Maple Leafs greats Bill Barilko and Frank Mahovlich have been raised to the rafters of the McIntyre Arena. Together with the banner of Father Les Costello that already hung in the arena, they serve as a lasting tribute to our community's hockey legacy.



# SOUVENIR MOUSE PADS

To help offset the costs of printing and producing the Spirit of Schumacher newsletter, the Schumacher Arts, Culture & Heritage Association is selling souvenir mouse pads featuring the McIntyre Headframe in grayscale with red accent type.

The mouse pads are available in a limited quantity and cost \$10 each. If you need us to ship your mouse pad, there is an additional \$3 charge. For more information or to place an order, please contact SOS editor Lisa Romanowski at [schumachergirl@gmail.com](mailto:schumachergirl@gmail.com)

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## ROCK SOLID PARTS

Rock Solid Parts was opened in 2006 by Richard "Hollywood" Lapointe who saw an opportunity to service the mining, construction and forestry sectors with aftermarket parts in the Timmins area. The business is built on a promise to provide customers with the right part, the first time, every time, guaranteed. Rick and his team also believe in giving back to the community; the company proudly supports the Timmins & District Hospital Foundation, Timmins Minor Hockey, Club Richelieu, and many local charities.

Rock Solid Parts moved into its current location at 1 Father Costello Drive in Schumacher in 2013. Additional renovations on the old Mayfair Fourier building were completed in early 2017. The company rents specialized landscaping equipment and has an onsite service department. As the business expands, new products are offered.

With winter upon us, Rock Solid Parts is your one stop shop for snow blowers and snow plows. They are the only dealer in Timmins for ThermalBlade heated windshield wiper blades and they also sell SnowDogs (snow machines geared

to hunters, anglers, and trappers). They also offer commercial and residential equipment solutions for lawn care, landscaping and solar power. For more information, please drop by the showroom or visit them online at [www.rocksolidparts.com](http://www.rocksolidparts.com).



Rick Lapointe of Rock Solid Parts invites you to visit the showroom at 1 Father Costello Drive in Schumacher.

## SILVER THEN GOLD



2017 OFSAA Girls' A Basketball Champions

Back (L to R): Asst. Coach Cathy Beard, Jenna Katic, Gracie Barbuto, Gabby Schaffner, Hannah Culhane, Mallory Turcotte, Brianna Hway, Abby Couture, Coach Marcy McCarty. Front: Holly McLean, Ally Burke, Jadyn Weltz, Arianna Gagnon, Brianna Dodd, and Chloe Finnila. (Photo by Ted Weltz.)

Loyal readers of the SOS will recall a short article in the November 2016 edition about O'Gorman High School's silver lining at the 2016 OFSAA Girls' A Provincial Basketball Championship. With many retuning players, this year's OHS team entered the 2017 Championship ranked first. They easily advanced to the Gold Medal Final, a home court rematch against defending OFSAA champions, ESC Jean-Vanier from Windsor. The Knights trailed for most of the first quarter before taking the lead en route to a decisive victory. Much like last year, Schumacher was well-represented on the OHS team: Brianna Hway and Gabriella Schaffner are lifelong Schumacher residents, and Jadyn Weltz is George & Karen Stefanic's grand-daughter. Cathy Vukovich-Beard grew up in Schumacher.

## FATHERS WILL FLY AGAIN

After a 10 year hiatus, the Flying Fathers will return to the ice in 2018. Formed in 1963, the Flying Fathers were a team of Roman Catholic priests who toured Canada and beyond for 45 years raising funds for charity. They were founded by two northern Ontario priests, Father Brian McKee of Sault Ste. Marie and Schumacher's own Father Les Costello. Father Les, who won a Stanley Cup with the Toronto Maple Leafs before entering the priesthood, was considered the heart and soul of the original Flying Fathers. In fact, it was during a Flying Fathers game in Kincardine, ON that Father Les suffered a head injury that led to his death in December, 2002. The Flying Fathers played more than 900 games and raised more than \$4 million for various charities before playing their last game in March 2008.

The "Holy Hockey Team" is being resurrected by Father John Perdue, the 32 year old Director of Vocations for the Diocese of Peterborough. Perdue grew up playing hockey and knew of the Flying Fathers. During his time at St. Augustine Seminary in Scarborough, Father John brought seminarians to Peterborough to play hockey against local youth. Interest in the games grew to the point where they created a tournament and named it in honour of our Schumacher Saint. The puck will drop on the 2018 Father Costello Classic on January 27th in Warsaw, Ontario. The tournament will feature teams from six Catholic high schools. The champions will face off against the newest incarnation of the Flying Fathers on January 29th at 5:30 PM in the Ennismore Arena in Peterborough, Ontario.

Frank Quinn, who moved from Timmins to Peterborough in 1978, was involved with the Flying Fathers organization for 40 years. He still holds the copyright to the Flying Fathers' name and has given Father John Perdue his blessing to resurrect the team. The new Flying Fathers will be comprised

of 12 priests from the dioceses of Peterborough,



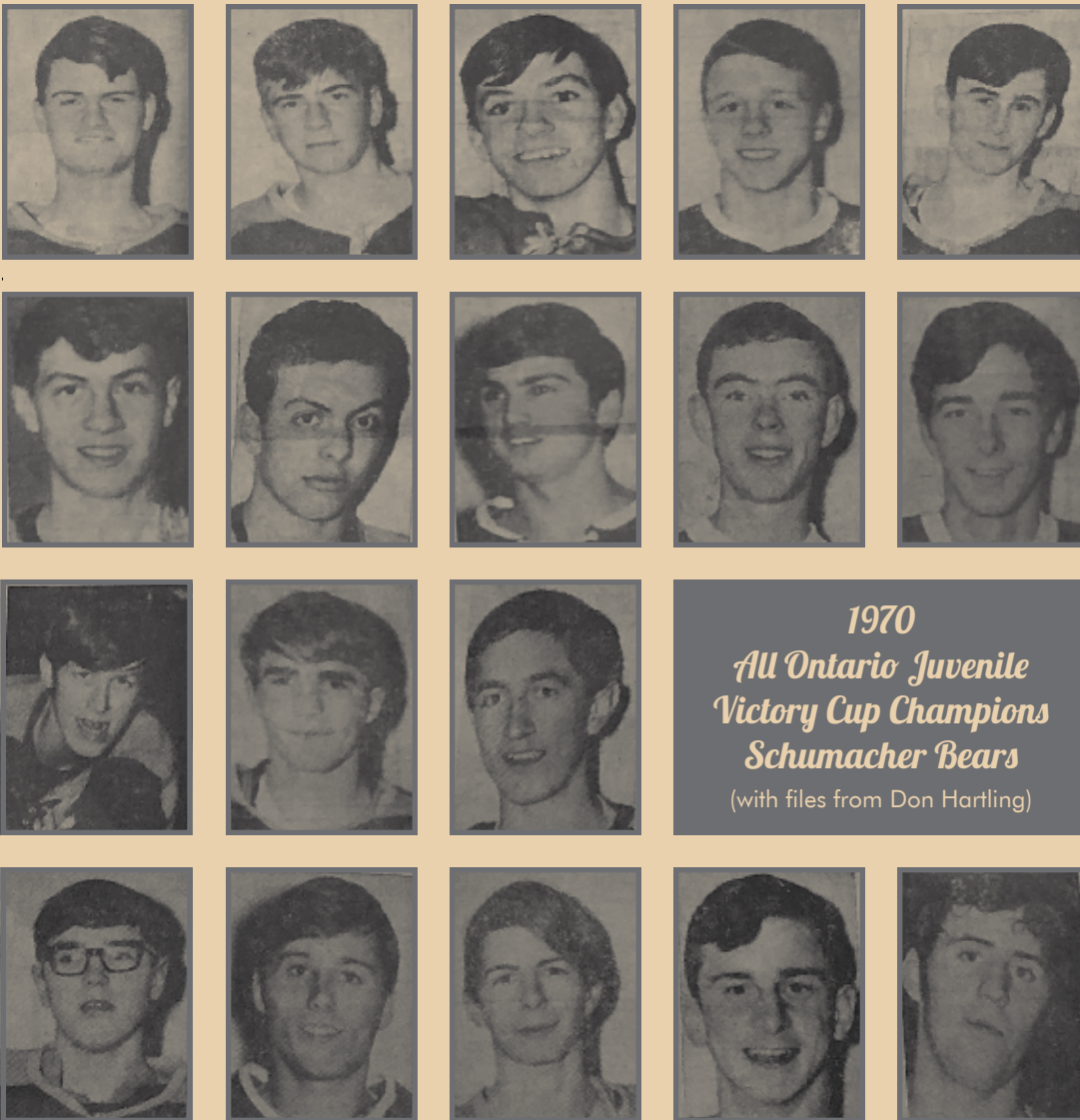
The original Flying Fathers team with Father Les front and centre. (Photo from the Tribute to Father Les Costello Facebook page.)

St. Catharines, Hamilton, Toronto, Kingston and Ottawa. While all the players will be new to the Flying Fathers, their goal is to bring back all the fun and family friendly antics associated with the original team.

Credit to Mike Davies, Peterborough Examiner, Nov. 18, 2017.



# MAKE EVERY SHIFT COUNT



*1970  
All Ontario Juvenile  
Victory Cup Champions  
Schumacher Bears*  
(with files from Don Hartling)

Over the years, Schumacher hockey teams have experienced both the thrill of victory and the bitterness of defeat. A major victory occurred in March of 1970, when the Schumacher Juvenile Bears defeated the Peterborough Flyers to claim the All-Ontario Victory Cup. Coached by Art Corbiel and managed by Dan (Tixie) Hannigan, the championship team featured (from top, left to right): Don Hartling, John Vukelich, Don Lever, Eric Vail, Brian McTiernan, Bill Zubrinich, George Hicks, Denis Dufour, Tim Taylor, Rich Stefanich, Terry West, Bijou Zajac, Dave Buchar, Danny Buchar, Marcel Demers, Allan Cleverdon, Milan Vukelich and Dennis Morden. Players who contributed during the regular season included Richard Grikis and Don Saarela. The Bears, retained their title in 1971.

These days, the newest generation of Schumacher teams is working hard to leave their mark on the hockey world.



Northern Freedom Tournament  
2017 Peewee Champions  
Schumacher Bears



Northern Freedom Tournament  
2017 Atom Champions  
Schumacher Praztek Jets





# EDITORIAL

It's been a busy few months since the fall edition went to print. Thanksgiving and Halloween passed in a blur and just like that it was November. Thank you to everyone who came out to the SACHA Social; by all accounts, everyone had a good time. The Darlings have gone on to play at least two additional shows since their inaugural performance at the Croatian Hall on November 3rd.

Hockey season is in full swing and the Schumacher Day teams are making us proud. Speaking of hockey, I don't think I ever personally attended a Flying Fathers game, but I can vividly recall Father Les regaling us at Mass with tales of the team's travels. I sincerely hope Father John Perdue's efforts to revive the team are well-received. Perhaps one day the new Flying Fathers will venture north to play a game at The Mac.

I am fortunate to have the opportunity to enjoy the view of the McIntyre Headframe multiple times a day. It never gets old and I am still awed by all of the amazing shots that some of our local photographers capture. I hope some of you will consider purchasing a McIntyre Headframe postcard to support the Timmins Stamp Club or a mouse pad to support SACHA and the SOS newsletter.

Christmas is just under a week away and the weather outside is frightful, so I'll sign off with warm wishes for a Merry Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous New Year.

Until next time,  
*Lisa Romanowski,*  
SOS Editor



Lauren & Audrey Racine chat with Santa Claus during the annual Croatian Hall Christmas Party. (Photo by Shannon Johns.)



2017 Mr. Schumacher Gift Giving photo by Lisa Romanowski.



Merry Christmas  
from  
Rene, Henry, Joseph, Ben, Vera, Jacob, Lisa & Jen

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## Good for a Giggle ...

What did the gingerbread man put on his bed? Cookie sheets!

Submitted by Benjamin Dunkley, age 10.





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For Info Email: info@timminschamber.on.ca

### Friday, February 9th, Doors Open at 5:30 PM **Cabin Fever: BIA Fundraiser**

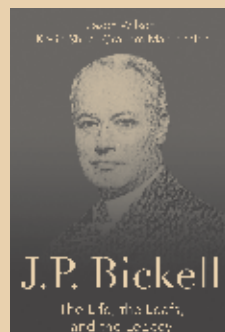
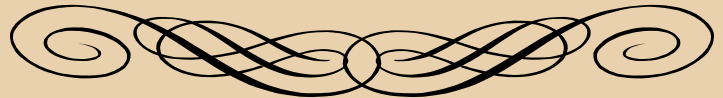
Porcupine Dante Club, 162 Cedar Street South  
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For Info Call: 705-264-8733

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