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HALLOWEEN SPIRIT



Halloween spirit in Schumacher was definitely up a notch compared to last year. Homes throughout the community, from Gold Centre to Father Costello Drive and various points in between, featured spooky displays. On Vipond Road at least, the number of ghouls and goblins who were out trick or treating was significantly higher compared to 2020 as well. The Armstrong house, pictured above and located at 10 Prospectors Street in Gold Centre, featured multiple Halloween scenes. (Photo by Lisa Romanowski)

TRIVIA with BOB & CLAYTON

The Summer 2021 challenge was to name all the auto/transportation-related businesses that have existed in Schumacher. Here is Bob Rowe and Clayton McAlpine's list: Brundy's B&A, Nino's Shell, Ray's Fina, Pressview Motors, Schumacher (Dwyer) Bus Lines, Schumacher Taxi, Boyd's Taxi, Murray's Auto Body, Guillemette Used Car Sales, Schumacher Motors, John's Auto Body, Dr. Wrench Automotive Inc, Northern Automotive Service, OK Tire, and Signature Auto Sales. If they missed any, please let us know!

Here is your next trivia question:

Name all the shoe and clothing stores that existed in Schumacher over the years.

Good luck! Happy Reminiscing!

RESTORATION UNDERWAY



The crane is in place and work has begun on the McIntyre Headframe restoration. (Photo by Vera Romanowski.)



DOWN, BUT NOT OUT



U15 Schumacher Storm



U18 Schumacher Mikey's Red Wings

READER MAIL

The force of Schumacher should have been demonstrated the moment after amalgamation with Timmins when the Timmins sign was raised above the McIntyre Arena seats. That's when the people of Schumacher should have shouted and acted against the sign. It makes me so angry that Timmins got its way in 1973 and has been stepping on Schumacher ever since. Right from the 30s, Timmins wanted ownership of Schumacher (and the McIntyre Community Centre).

The population of Schumacher has dwindled, and you, the few left, haven't got the bodies to fight back. However, please know that guys like me, who left you to fight alone, understand what's going on. You're not alone. God bless you. Maybe he'll do more than that.

Sincerely,
John Perkovich
(Edited for clarity.)

Last issue, we reported on the decision by Timmins Minor Hockey to stop releasing Timmins residents who want to play House League for Schumacher Day Minor Hockey. When we went to print, a parents' group, with the support of SDMHA officials, was working on an appeal to present to the Northern Ontario Hockey Association (NOHA). So many families filed to appeal their denied Permission to Skate requests that the NOHA opted to move forward with a group appeal on the matter. In spite of a valid and thoughtful rationale shared with the Appeals Committee, the TMHA decision was upheld. It was a disheartening outcome.

In that moment, SDMHA lost the majority of its player base. While some displaced players reluctantly signed up with a TMHA team, several families opted out of hockey for this year. As for SDMHA, there are only 3 teams this season: the Schumacher Cubs (Tier 1 Midget A), the U18 Schumacher Mikey's Red Wings, and the U15 Schumacher Storm (which bolstered its ranks by bringing up a handful of U13-aged players). It's a far cry from its roster of 13 teams last season.

All three teams have seen some early success, eking out unexpected wins. Perhaps most poignant, both the Red Wings and the Storm won their Presidents' Cup Championship in early November. Invitations to this local tournament are extended to the teams with the best standings after their first three regular season games. It was a proud moment for SDMHA President Brian Getty to present the cup to both Schumacher teams at the Mac.

As for the future of Schumacher Day Minor Hockey, there is an opportunity to present a motion at the NOHA AGM to allow free movement of House League players within the City of Timmins. Since article 10.3(c) in the NOHA Constitution references defence to the philosophy of "what's best for the child", there is still hope for SDMHA.

CREATING A PEACE PARK

The Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park, located on the Canadian (Alberta) and American (Montana) border, was the first international peace park in the world. Formed in 1932, its purpose was to promote peace and goodwill between people and nations, to underscore the international nature of wilderness, and to encourage cooperation in the conservation and protection of nature.

On September 21, 2021, the United Nations' International Day of Peace, the Schumacher International Peace Park was officially dedicated. Although a steady downpour brought an unexpectedly hasty conclusion to the celebration, the weather could not dampen the collective spirit of unity shared by those gathered. The raindrops also failed to blur the talent of the local cultural groups who designed Peace Poles for the park.

The Peace Pole Project is promoted by the World Peace Prayer Society and many other people and groups around the world. Conceived in 1955 by Masahisa Goi of Japan, a Peace Pole is a monument that displays the peace prayer message "May Peace Prevail on Earth" in the language(s) of the country where it has been placed. The first Peace Poles outside of Japan were constructed in 1983. Since then, more than 200 000 have been placed around the world in close to 200 countries.

The Schumacher International Peace Park currently features a central flower garden surrounded by 19 Peace Poles representing the following indigenous and cultural groups: Africa (including Ghana, Mali, Nigeria, and South Africa), Austria, China, the Cree people, Croatia, Ecuador, the English community, the French community, Germany, India, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Mongolia, the Ojibwe people, the Philippines, Romania, Scotland, and the Ukraine. Benches and picnic tables, along with poles to represent additional language groups will be added in the future.



Above: Jim Nault, Claude Labelle and Steve West were some of the tireless volunteers who worked to prepare the Peace Park site. After sod was laid and the poles were installed and primed, local groups gathered to decorate them in culturally significant ways. (Photos above, below and top of next page courtesy of Mark West.)





The Schumacher International Peace Park was conceived to help the Schumacher Lions Club rejuvenate the former McIntyre Park and to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the Schumacher Arts, Culture & Heritage Association. The drone photograph on the front page of this issue of the SOS newsletter was taken by Richard Lamoureux. It shows the location of the Peace Park in relation to the Miners' Memorial found within the Schumacher Lions Club Park across from the McIntyre Arena. Of course, as with everything located in Schumacher, old No. 11 stands sentry in the background.



SACHA is proud to have partnered with the Schumacher Lions Club on the Peace Park Project. We wish to extend our gratitude to the various community groups and organizations who helped bring this vision to reality. These include, amongst others: the City of Timmins, Newmont Porcupine, Kirkland Lake Gold, Schumacher Foundation, Timmins Native Friendship Centre, Mennonite Central Committee and Timmins & District Multicultural Centre. Special recognition must also be extended to SACHA's Lloyd Salomone, Schumacher Lions Club Members Mark West and Jim Nault, and Timmins Local Immigration Partnership Coordinator Shashanka Rangji. Without their dedication, the Schumacher International Peace Park project would not have been possible.



The Peace Poles surrounding the Schumacher International Peace Park are truly works of art. Black and white images do not do them justice. They need to be seen in person to be fully appreciated. The pole in the left image represents the Italian community, India is represented by the pole in the centre image, and Croatia is featured on the pole in the right image. At left, various dignitaries including Master of Ceremony Mark West (also pictured above priming poles), look on as the New Moon Singers perform an Honour Song at the official dedication ceremony on September 21, 2021, which also marks the United Nations International Day of Peace. (Photos by Lisa Romanowski.)



EDITORIAL



A covered bench in honour of her parents and pioneer residents of Schumacher has been gifted to the Schumacher Lions Club Park by Mary Lorenzon Blais. (Photo by Lisa Romanowski.)

Time seems to have flown by since September. The fall weather is just now starting to lose its hold. We had rain on Halloween instead of snow! Although pandemic precautions remain in place, a sense of normalcy is returning to our daily activities. Schools are open to students, sports teams are back in action, and community events are returning.

I had the opportunity to participate in the Peace Park dedication ceremony and I strongly encourage you to visit it in person should you get the chance. The park is a testament to the wonderful things that can happen when people come together.

I'm as disappointed and frustrated as anyone could be about the SDMHA situation. It is my sincere hope that the powers that be at the NOHA find a way to rectify the situation for next season. To lose a player-focused association with a 60+ year legacy would be a tragedy. In the meantime, I will continue to enjoy the unexpected opportunity to watch all three of my nephews take to the ice for the same Schumacher team. Go Storm!

The Winter 2021 SOS will be out by the end of the year. It will be our 40th issue! Stay tuned for some changes going forward that will make the SOS experience even better for our loyal readers.

Until next time, take care of yourselves!

Lisa Romanowski,
SOS Editor

Holiday Display Contest

Brought to you by SACHA

Spread some Christmas Cheer through Schumacher!
Decorate the outside of your home with twinkling lights & festive décor.

For a chance to win a prize, submit a photo of your holiday display to SPIRITOFSCHUMACHER@GMAIL.COM by 9 PM on Sunday, December 12, 2021.

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Winners will be contacted by email on Saturday, December 18, 2021.

Contest open to residents of Schumacher, Gold Centre and Carium.

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Just a little note of thanks to all involved. I enjoy reading every article from beginning to end and I look forward to its arrival each season. Keep up the terrific work!

Margaret Inskip

Greetings to all! Thanks for keeping the news flowing!

Gloria Zagrodnik



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