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SNOW CONTEST RESULTS

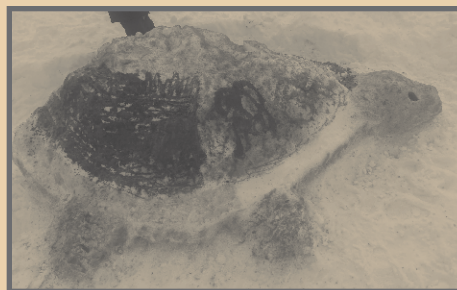
It's long been recognized that the Schumacher community is a melting pot of diverse cultures and interests. This was certainly evident in the submissions received for SACHA's first ever Snow Contest. Three entries stood out as being deserving of recognition. (The photos look good in grayscale and even better in colour!)

Ms. Hall's Class at Schumacher Public School worked together to create a representation of Turtle Island in the SPS schoolyard. Turtle Island is an Indigenous reference to the continent of North America. In various Indigenous origin stories, the turtle is said to support the world, and is an icon of life itself.

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Above: The Cameron family's Mountain Summer entry. Below: The Turtle Island entry from Ms. Hall's SPS class. Bottom: The Farrell-Bougie family's Freedom Snow Rig entry. (All photos submitted.)



2nd Annual
**SCHUMACHER
COMMUNITY
CLEANUP**

Clean up an area of SCHUMACHER with your household between May 7th and 26th, 2022.

Email BEFORE & AFTER Photos to SPIRITOFSCHUMACHER@GMAIL.COM for a chance to win prizes!

Please work safely and responsibly.

End date of May 26 coincides with the City's Spring Clean Up pickup date for Schumacher. For pickup guidelines visit WWW.TIMMINS.CA.

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SOUNDS OF SUMMER

To celebrate Schumacher's 110th anniversary, the Schumacher Lions Club, in partnership with SACHA and Paul Sebalj Music, will be hosting a free summer music series at the Lions Club Memorial Pavilion within McIntyre Park. Six concerts will take place at the pavilion every second Tuesday evening starting on July 12th. The final concert is set for Wednesday, September 21 to coincide with United Nations International Day of Peace activities at the Schumacher International Peace Park. A full schedule of acts will be shared on social media and via Moose FM once finalized.

Talented local musician and Schumacher boy Paul Sebalj will be coordinating the series and will serve as the host of each concert. He will be joined by local performers who play a variety of music from various genres. Confirmed performers include Schumacher's own Mark Chenier, Sean Mellanson, the 287s, and The Shaftmen. Concert-goers are invited to bring fold-up camp chairs as seating near the pavilion is limited.

SACHA and the Schumacher Lions Club would like to thank various sponsors, including

the City of Timmins and South Porcupine OPP for their generous support of the Schumacher Summer Music Series. We look forward to seeing many Schumacher families and friends enjoying themselves while the sounds of good music fill the McIntyre Park this summer.



Photo of Paul Sebalj
by Magic Girl Photography

SNOW CONTEST RESULTS CONTINUED

For some, the turtle is a marker of identity, culture, autonomy and a deep respect for the environment. For their efforts, Ms. Hall's class was treated to a pizza lunch on behalf of SACHA.

Graham Cameron helped his son Gary create a whimsical summer mountain scene in their backyard on Croatia Avenue. The scene features green grass, evergreen trees, a winding river leading to a lake and a canoe. Truly a unique take on a scene created from snow! Carrie snapped the photo. For their creativity, the Camerons received a \$25 Gift Certificate to Pro Tackle located at 19 Father Costello Drive.

By far the largest and most detailed entry received was the Farrell-Bougie family's Freedom Snow Rig, a nod to recent protest events across Canada. Dave and Julie were helped by their son Dylan and daughters Piper and Bryanna. The detailed and colourful truck even featured a set of snow stairs leading to a sliding area for little kids. It was built in the vacant lot behind 28 Father Costello Drive. As the overall winner of the 2022 SACHA Snow Contest, the Farrell-Bougie family received a \$50 Gift Certificate to Narduzzi's Restaurant.

We truly appreciate everyone's participation and plan to run a snow contest again in 2023!



U15 Schumacher Storm 2021-2022



Alexa Kleinhuis (4), Joseph Dunkley (5), Jacob Dunkley (8)
Owen Michaud (9), Tyler Poan (10), Hudson Innes (11)
Brent Perreault (12), Aaron Kleinhuis (14), Toby Postma (15)
Giovanni Pugilese (19), Kyle Hartling (20), Ben Dunkley (21)
Nathan Forget (26), Julien Larochelle (31)
Josée Tanguay (Manager), Shannon Kleinhuis (Trainer)
Jason Postma (Asst Coach), Marc Larochelle (Coach)

U18 Mikey's Red Wings 2021-2022



Evan Osiowy (2), Ashton Ruff (3), Braden Lauzon (4)
Maxim Zelionka (6), Brady Lafond (8), Kyle Meunier (9)
Jonah Camirand (10), Sarah Neilsen (12), Nicholas Seguin (13)
Brandon Prazeres (14), Allan Verbeek (15), Blake Picard (16)
Connor Chenier (17), Chloe Durepos (18), Ethan L'Heureux (19)
Seth Furtney (20), Dayton Cook (21), Regan Lauziere (25)
Ethan Martel (26), Andrew Seaton (97), Julien Larochelle (35)
Dan Chenier (Manager), Ray Meunier (Trainer)
Kevin Mulligan (Asst Coach), Ted Picard (Asst Coach)
Jeff Seaton (Asst Coach), Camile Camirand (Coach)

U18A Schumacher Cubs 2021-2022



Justin Kim (4), Steven Johnston (6), Aidan McAuley (7)
Simon Chouinard (8), Aaron Shaw (9), Zachary Bednarz (11)
Felix Collins (18), Ethan Langlais (19), Omer Collins (22)
Evan Crawford (24), Bowen Harvey (29), Roch Pilon (31)
Aaron Verbeek (44), Devan Boucher (55), David Caron (66)
Cayle Morden (71), Noah Boissonneault (77), Milo Augello (88)
Theodore Laforest (89), Kelly Byrnes (Manager), Braeden Byrnes
(Trainer), Scott Clusieau (Asst Coach), Gord Conley (Asst Coach)
Brandyn Labrosse (Asst Coach), Bruno Battocchio (Coach)

SEASON RECAP

If you've read the past few issues of the SOS, then you are already aware that the Schumacher Day Minor Hockey Association is facing an uncertain future. It all stems from Timmins Minor Hockey reneging on a decades old gentlemen's agreement allowing free movement of house league players between the three local associations. When TMHA refused to release players to Schumacher this season, SDMHA was only able to ice three teams: the U18A Schumacher Cubs; the U18 Mikey's Schumacher Red Wings; and the U15 Schumacher Storm. In the case of the U15 Storm, several U13 players were called up to make the team viable.

In spite of (perhaps because of) the controversy, each SDMHA team performed better than many expected this season. They started out strong and completed the season with heart and determination. The Red Wings and Storm ended the regular season in first place in their respective divisions. Sadly, both teams suffered heartbreaking overtime losses in their semi final games, narrowly missing Championship berths. The Cubs ended the season in second place with a 12-8 record. The team was also recognized for being the least penalized in the Timmins U18 Tier A league.

It's not yet known what next season will bring. The SDMHA Executive will present two freedom-of-movement motions at the Northern Ontario Hockey Association AGM in Sault Saint Marie from May 6 to 8. If either motion passes, local hockey players will have the choice to return to Schumacher next season. Interestingly, in recent weeks the Ontario Hockey Federation has circulated an online survey seeking parent and player input regarding existing residency requirements. It seems that freedom to play issues exist across the province. For the sake of all minor hockey players, hopefully the OHF and NOHA powers that be will see fit to act in the best interest of players.

In the meantime, the SACHA Board would like to congratulate all SDMHA players and coaching staff on an excellent season. We truly hope to see Schumacher red and white on the ice in 2022-2023. (All team photos by KPix Photography and cropped.)

SCHUMACHER: THE EARLY YEARS



Above: The McIntyre Mine and townsite circa 1912-1913 showing the housing units built in front of the mill after the 1911 fire. Below: Travelling by canoe to the Main Gatehouse of the McIntyre Mine at Aura Lake in 1910. (Photos courtesy of Ted Vail of the SHS.)

Much of the community of Aura Lake was destroyed by fire in 1911. On March 1, 1912, the rebuilding townsite was renamed Schumacher in honour of its greatest benefactor, Frederick W Schumacher of Ohio. In celebration of the 110th anniversary, we present some of the area's oldest photos. They tell the story of a community with deep roots, rich history and longstanding pride.





Top: Schumacher circa 1918, before the building boom of the 1920s. At the time highgrading was a real concern. Lots were made available to workers and management at the sole discretion of Mr. Schumacher. Many of these buildings, including Schumacher PS, are still in existence today. (Photo from the Schumacher Historical Society.) Middle: McIntyre Mine bucket line circa 1911-1912. Left: Circa 1910, this photo shows some of the smaller mines around Pearl Lake prior to the expansion of the McIntyre. In the foreground is the Plenarium Mine which was located near the Armstrong-Booth claim on the north east corner of the lake. The Jupiter mine can be seen in the background. (Photos from the Lloyd Collection care of the Cobalt Historical Society.)



PRESERVING OUR HISTORY

SCHUMACHER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Several years ago, the late Darrell MacGregor expressed concern about the loss of Schumacher's cultural and built heritage. This stemmed in part from the loss of portraits and artwork of historical significance from Schumacher Public School. In response, SACHA co-founder Lloyd Salomone took the lead on a Schumacher Archival Assessment project. An initial goal of the project was to survey individuals and organizations with ties to Schumacher regarding items of historical and cultural significance. There was a desire to not only see what artifacts might be out in the community, but also to gauge interest in taking steps to archive and preserve them.

Several people responded to the initial survey indicating that they were interested in taking active steps to help preserve the documents and artifacts that tell the story of Schumacher. As a result, the Schumacher Historical Society was officially founded on January 26, 2022. Its current Board of Directors includes: Ed Pupich (interim president), Gord Conley (treasurer), Lloyd Salomone (secretary), Ted Vail (community archivist), Tom Laughren, Dr. David Leadbeater, and Karina Douglas-Takeyesu.

The group has developed a five-point mandate. First is to identify, collect, preserve, curate and exhibit 'Schumacher related archival documents and images' either digitally using an online web portal or in a physical location if one is secured. Second is to identify, collect, preserve, curate and exhibit 'Schumacher related artifacts' either digitally using an online web portal or in a physical location if one is secured. Third is to protect and preserve 'Schumacher related heritage buildings' from inappropriate development that may negatively impact the community and its existing built heritage. Fourth is to undertake activities that will raise public awareness and promote Schumacher's rich cultural and built heritage. Fifth is to advocate heritage preservation, raise funds from

community stakeholders, and undertake activities to further advance the mandate of the organization.

With initial funding from Schumacher Foundation (\$5000 USD), the SHS has begun to digitally collect, catalogue and exhibit archival material about the community of Schumacher. This material is available for viewing via the Schumacher Historical Society Facebook page. A web portal will also be developed. This is an ongoing activity and readers with any important archival material about Schumacher are asked to get in touch with Ted Vail by email (tv@fibreop.ca) or post (PO Box 71, Schumacher, ON, P0N 1G0). Please do not send any physical objects without Ted's prior approval.

SHS is also planning a fundraiser to promote pride in Schumacher's 110th Anniversary. They will be pre-selling an embroidered Schumacher sweatshirt reminiscent of the one designed by the Schumacher Revitalization Committee back in the 1980s. More details will be shared once known.



The Schumacher Historical Society will soon be taking pre-orders on a Schumacher sweatshirt inspired by this one from the 1980s.



SHOWING SUPPORT



When Russian invaded Ukraine on February 24, 2022, the world reacted quickly to denounce the invasion and provide support for the people of Ukraine. In the Timmins area, where there has always been a Ukrainian presence, the community has shown it cares in various ways. From a candlelight vigil at Hollinger Park to flying the Ukrainian flag to a perogy fundraiser in Schumacher, the plight of a small democratic nation half a world away is not far from the hearts and minds of locals.

The Croatian Society of Schumacher held a Perogy fundraiser in March. Under the direction of Darlene Polowy, Kathy Vukobratich and Cathy Beard, about a dozen volunteers handmade over 100 dozen perogy. From making the dough to checking that the edges of each perogy were sealed, the process was surprisingly labour intensive. Farquhar Massey Wholesale Ltd and Food Basics generously donated all of the products (including sour cream, cheddar cheese, potatoes and flour) required. All proceeds, along with any additional contributions, were donated to the Ukrainian Cultural Club of Timmins.

Above: Richard Lamoureux's drone shot of the Ukrainian Vigil at Hollinger Park on March 2, 2022. Right Above: Kathy Vukobratich makes perogy dough in the Croatian Hall kitchen. Right: Mike Polowy teaches Joseph Dunkley how to roll the potato and cheese perogy filling. (Photos by Lisa Romanowski.) Below: Yugoslavian and Ukrainian performers in their national costumes at a cultural festival in Timmins in 1946. (Timmins Museum Photo)



REST IN PEACE, COACH

My first memory of Henry Romanowski is from when I played squirt hockey at the Mac. He and George "Lightning" Hicks would tie our skates and be on the ice with us. Just as his children so lovingly called him "Grumpy Grampa", I learned at a very young age how his stern voice hid his giant heart. "Listen kid, if you want to be a hockey player you have to learn how to tie your own skates!"

Moving on to the school yard when Vera was a supervisor, Henry was always around to play catch or teach us how to play Tin Can Cricket. Of course, it was my job (along with the other kids) to go to Brundy's and get the empty oil cans to play. I am sure Henry did this so that we would leave him and Vera alone for at least 10 minutes!

Next came the formative years: Midget hockey when Henry and George coached us again. So many Sunday morning 6 AM practices at the Mac. Henry's only complaint was that when no one showed up to open the arena, we had to break the lock off the door to get in. So many times we heard him give us shit on the ice with that stern voice, "You guys are costing me money in locks!" Then he and George would make us skate the whole practice.

Not since Dusty Baker, did I have a Coach like Hank talk to me in a certain way that made me pay attention. We were playing in South End and I let up on a check and when I got back to the bench I heard it again, "Vail, next time you better hit that guy and knock him cock-stiff out there!" I learned to never pass up on a check after that.

Henry's famous shooting drill was to line up in a horseshoe around the net about 15-20 feet out. We practised wrist-shots. Again, I heard the voice, "Vail your shot could not even break a pane of glass!"

So during the summer I would go to the boys' door at the school and shoot 500 pucks a day. Who would drive by, look and then stop? Henry. "Vail, can I show you how?" I had no choice,

I always listened. He took my stick, a right-hand curve (he shot left), and showed me how to snap the puck at the end of a follow through.

While coaching our midget team, Henry and Vera were married. Oh how that night lives on in our memories! Teenage boys and good Croatian wine. It was an epic night. No more to be said about that.

After this, I left town to play hockey only to return as a more mature person to play for the North Stars. Skating around the ice you can pick out certain people, with Henry it was always his voice.

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Milan Vukelich (left) and Henry Romanowski (right) during their juvenile hockey years with the Schumacher Bears at The Mac.
(Photo from the Romanowski Collection.)

TSHHF NEWS

There's both good news and a real sense of uncertainty to share. On a positive note, the Timmins Sports Heritage Hall of Fame will host two events this June. First up is the "It Never Rains on Schumacher Day Fastball Social" at the Croatian Hall on Friday, June 10 from 5 PM to 10 PM. Past players, coaches, officials and fans of the Timmins Fastball scene are invited to come out and reminisce. Next, the TSHHF will host its 6th Inductee Celebration for eight new honourees in the Auditorium at The Mac on Saturday, June 11. The last ceremony was pre-pandemic in 2018.

Beyond this, the future of the TSHHF is unknown. Efforts to establish a local sports hall of fame began in 1970. When the TSHHF was finally founded in 2010, the City gave the TSHHF Board permission to set up in Auditorium. Over the years, OFSSA panels celebrating accomplishments of local high school athletes, enlarged action shots of various sports moments, and plaques honouring inductees were installed. All costs were covered by TSHHF fundraising efforts with donations held in a City account. The Board also paid rent on the auditorium for events like the Induction Celebrations.

Recent renovations to the auditorium have made it clear that the City of Timmins values the space more as a rental facility than a sports museum. At the moment, the only nod to the TSHHF in the room are inconspicuous groupings of plaques honouring past inductees. City Clerk Steph Palmateer is on record as saying that the TSHHF has not been evicted, but that going forward there won't be permanent displays. This puts a damper on long range plans for interactive exhibits and memorabilia showcases at that location. The goal was always for the TSHHF to have a permanent home that was accessible to the public.

Palmateer also acknowledged an "oversight" in failing to include the TSHHF in the City's 2014 Recreation Tourism Cultural Master Plan, but claims it will be rectified going forward. Meanwhile, TSHHF Chairman Wayne Bozzer has stated that after June 11, the committee will take some time to debrief and contemplate the TSHHF's future.



Photo of renovated Mac Auditorium provided by Wayne Bozzer

RIP COACH CONTINUED

He didn't say much, but when I made a mistake I could hear his booming voice over the crowd and adjust my game according to what he said.

Henry and Vera were one of the first families that my wife Linda met here in Schumacher, and they were role models ever since. When we bought our house and needed electrical work done, Henry was the first call. He changed our service and was gone.

Nowadays the grandchildren (who live in Timmins) must do Halloween in Schumacher. The highlight of their night is always stopping by the big, beautiful house Hank built for Vera. While he was building the house, I had a chance to help Henry. He needed a certain piece of the sheet of drywall to complete areas of his ceiling. I would let him know the jobs where I was working and he would show up and get the pieces I put aside for him. And, as a good Schumacher Boy, there was always a beverage to be had.

In later years when I coached the kids, they always got plaques that I made. "Hey Henry, can you make me 20 small engravings for the plaques?" "Yup," he would say as I pulled out some cash. Then, in a softer voice than what I was used to, "Is it for the kids?" "Yes Hank" I would reply. "Then don't worry about the cash, put the money towards ice time." I knew at that moment, when the voice changed, that I became Henry's peer, not just a kid anymore.

I never got the chance to thank you in person Henry, but here it is ... Thanks Hank.

Coach, mentor, and probably the best father one could ever emulate. Like Jamie Salomone said, Rest In Peace, Coach!

Written by Ted Vail



EDITORIAL

I hope you enjoyed the first expanded issue of the SOS newsletter! With four extra pages, the photos are somewhat larger, the articles are a bit longer, and there's more info for our readers!

Thanks to the positive response to our contests over the past year, SACHA plans to continue to promote ways for Schumacher residents to share their community pride including the second annual Schumacher Community Clean-Up (see page 1) and the Gardens of Summer Contest (see info at right). We hope many of you will also make it out to the Schumacher Summer Music Series concerts!

If you come across any interesting Schumacher photos or artifacts in your spring cleaning, please share them with me for SOS publication consideration and with the Schumacher Historical Society for archiving purposes.

On a personal note, 2022 has been challenging. My dad's unexpected passing on January 11 was devastating. My entire family is grateful for friends and neighbours like Ted Vail who have shared their memories of Henry with us. We also extend our condolences to the families of longtime Schumacher residents David Baker and Mary Monaghan who passed away on March 11 and 25 respectively.

Until next time, take care of yourselves!

Lisa Romanowski,
SOS Editor

Gardens of Summer

Contest brought to you by SACHA

*Flower Garden, Vegetable Garden, Herb Garden
Rock Garden, Hanging Garden, Planter Garden*

However you exercise your green thumb, and whatever your gardening skill level, there are prizes from local merchants to be won!

To enter, email your physical address and a photo of your garden in full bloom to
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Entry deadline is 9 PM on September 10, 2022

Contest open to residents of Schumacher, Platt Vet, Carium & Gold Centre.



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For newsletter inquiries email:
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No, but April may!



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The Great Benjamins Circus

McIntyre Community Centre

For Tickets Visit: benjaminscircus.com/tickets

Saturday, May 7 from 1:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Beer Fest

McIntyre Curling Club

Info: timminsfestivals.com/events/beerfest-2022

Tuesday, June 7 through Thursday, June 9

The Big Event Mining Expo

McIntyre Community Centre

For Info Visit: canadianminingexpo.com

Friday, June 10 from 5:00 PM to 10 PM

It Never Rains on Schumacher Day

Fastball Social

Croatian Hall, Schumacher

Open to past players, officials and fans. Cash bar.

Saturday, June 11, Time TBD

Timmins Sports Heritage Hall of Fame

6th Induction Celebration

McIntyre Auditorium, 85 McIntyre Road

Tuesday, July 12 to Wednesday, September 21

Schumacher Summer Music Series

Schumacher Lions Club Pavilion at McIntyre Park

Stay tuned for additional details!



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