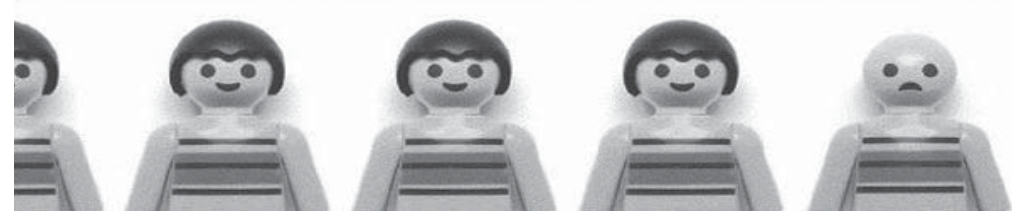


Prom Fairies bingo fundraiser packs the house



MATTHEW MCCULLY

A packed house caused delays in getting the Prom Fairies bingo fundraiser underway on Sunday afternoon at The Hut. Organizers went on a hunt to find extra tables and chairs to accommodate the community members in attendance, happy to support the Prom Fairies initiative. There totaled over 200 people in attendance. At one point, they ran out of bingo chips and had to use macaroni!



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Aiming for success as Vance Cote darts off to the nationals in BC!

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Sixteen year old Vance Cote who lives in Ayer's Cliff when with his Mom, Laurie Mosher and in Mansonville when with his Dad, Ronny Cote and attends Alexander Galt Regional High School in Lennoxville/Sherbrooke area, is making quite a name for himself as an avid dart enthusiast.

Vance recently took first place in the Provincial Junior Boys Youth Division tournament held in Lachine, Quebec where he was presented with an impressive trophy. In January he entered a fundraising tournament and also won that.

"We have always played darts as a family fun activity," explained Vance. "I realized early that I had a knack for it and since I really enjoy the interaction with people and competing, it's become my thing."

Some tournaments offer cash prizes and anything Vance has earned thus far is being tucked away for college. The Canada wide competitions normally award trophies and Vance is equally proud to display those in recognition of his talent and expertise.

From May 19 to the 23rd, Vance will join his teammates along with team directors, Kirk Perry and Lise Lapalme in heading off to the Dart Nationals in British Columbia.

"I raised enough money to pay for my trip," says Vance proudly. "This tourna-

ment will allow us to meet youth from all over Canada which is great from a social aspect as well as allowing us to share our passion for darts with other like-minded youth."

The tournaments are 501 points starting straight in and getting a double to get out and win the game; dart lingo I guess? Vance eagerly explained to me that there are also 301 point games where you have to get a double to get in and out. He added that there are 401 point games as well.

A bit of a perfectionist and a young man who enjoys good fun competition, Vance is the type of kid that you can't

help but cheer for. Finding out about yet another of his talents and listening to his enthusiasm for the game of darts was both interesting and informative. As he heads off to the Nationals with spirit, talent and enthusiasm he is aiming for success. Hopefully he has left room in his suitcase for another trophy.

"It's all in good fun but who knows what the future might bring," says Vance. "For now, the trip to British Columbia with my team mates is a pretty neat way to start the summer. I intend to pursue darts for as long as I can and whether I win or lose is secondary although I admit, winning would be nice!"



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