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**ST. ALBERT CO-OP DROPS ANOTHER \$5,000 IN CLEAN WATER PROGRAM  
SNC NOMINEES ALL SMILES AT CONSERVATION AWARDS GALA**

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St. Albert Cheese president Denis Latour recently presented a \$5,000 cheque to the South Nation Conservation Clean Water Program, bringing to \$36,000 the total invested by the co-operative since 2004. Clean Water Committee chair Denis Perrault welcomed the funds which will go into a pot directed to landowners to assist in water quality improvement projects.

“St. Albert has repeatedly shown its dedication to water quality enhancement in this area, not only through cash contributions, but in many other ways,” Perrault said.

In other SNC news, nominees from the watershed finished in many of the top categories at the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Tri-Valley Conservation Awards Gala held in Almonte Oct. 21. The event is sponsored by South Nation, Rideau Valley and Mississippi conservation authorities.

There are seven categories: Primary School; Intermediate/High School; Agriculture; Community Groups; Individuals; Businesses; and Municipalities. Two awards were given out in each category, a commemorative paddle for first place and a framed certificate for second place.

Staff and students at Russell’s St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School came in second in the High School category for their green initiatives; under Agriculture, it was Jim and Nancy Wert of Avonmore getting the paddle, and Oak Valley Pioneer Park volunteers of the Winchester area claiming the certificate; once again under Individuals, it was all SNC, with Tom Van Dusen and Lindley McPhail, both of Russell, coming in first and second respectively; finally, under Business, Lafleche Environmental of Moose Creek earned the second place certificate.

“We’re certainly proud of the result,” said SNC chairman Ken Hill who’s also mayor of Russell Township which is home to three of the winners. “It just goes to show the kind of dedication to environmental causes we have in the South Nation watershed.”

Next year’s Tri-Valley Gala will be held at SNC’s Finch headquarters.

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