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Second Annual *Run for the Cure* in Blackburn Hamlet on Oct 3rd



by Bill Horne

More than 60 people kicked off the first annual Team Blackburn Hamlet CIBC *Run for the Cure* in October 2003, and raised over \$6700 for breast cancer research.

“We created the local run as an alternative for people who don’t want to go downtown for the big event, and were thrilled with the response we had in just a few weeks of organizing,” said team captain Lynn Sewell, “and this year we are hoping to at least double our participation.”

Run for the Cure is a bit of a misnomer, as most local participants walk the 5 km course, following the same route as the yearly BCA Fun Run. Of course, runners are welcome. There is also a 1 km section, for those who need something easier. Both start from the Blackburn Community Hall at 9 a.m. on Sunday, October 3rd. (Doors open at 8:15 a.m.) Once again, Councillor Rainer Bloess will start the event. There will be refreshments before and after the *Run*, compliments of our local Loeb and other civic-minded supporters. Read on page 2 on how you can get involved.

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Nov 3rd / Nov 26th	Jan 12 / Jan 28th
Mar 2nd / Mar 25th	May 10th/May 27th

Get involved! (Cont'd from page 1)

To officially join Team Blackburn Hamlet, and receive your Team Blackburn Hamlet t-shirt to wear on the Run, you must register by **SEPTEMBER 15th** at the latest. There are two ways to do that:

Go to www.cbcf.org, and enter the *Run for the Cure* section of the site. Go to the Ottawa-Gatineau site, create your personal account, and then "Join an Existing Team". The team name is Blackburn Hamlet, the team captain surname is Sewell. You will then make a choice of either a \$30 registration fee, or pledge to raise at least \$125. Shirts will be given out at the Run, or can be picked up from Lynn.

If the online process does not work for you, call Lynn Sewell at 837-4792, **before 9:00 p.m., September 15th**, and she will try to accommodate you.

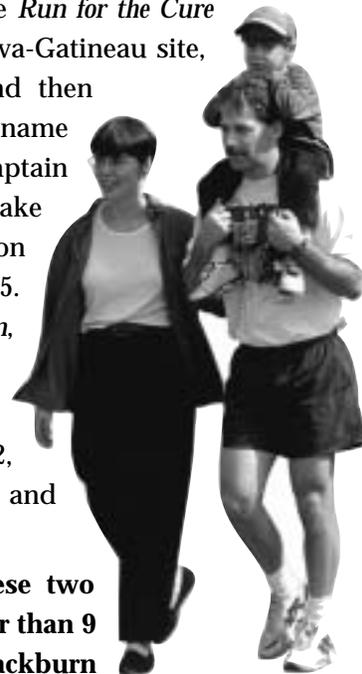
You must register in one of these two ways, by September 15th, not later than 9 p.m., in order to obtain a Team Blackburn Hamlet t-shirt. However, don't let that stop you from participating if you miss the t-shirt cut-off.

Here's what else you can do, regardless of the September 15th cut-off for shirts:

- Go to the website, www.cbcf.org, then the *Run for the Cure* section, and pledge support to one or more of the people on the Team.
- Come out to the *Run for the Cure* on October 3rd, and bring a cash or cheque donation, any amount, and take part. Collect pledges as well, right up to the day of the event. You're still a valued part of the team, with or without a customized t-shirt. In this case, please let Dannie Horne know, 837-2166, or djhorne@rogers.com, if you are coming so we have enough refreshments.
- Contact all your friends and family and get them to participate, or have them sponsor a registered participant. Have them contact Dannie also, if they are coming on the 3rd.

This event is open to anyone. You can also visit www.blackburnhamlet.ca, for updates on the Run, route map, etc. (but no registrations).

See you on October 3rd, rain or shine.



From The President

I hope you had a relaxing summer and by now the rat race continues where it left us in May. The same old problems will haunt us this year as they did last. I predict we will be facing the same budget restrictions from the City, more vandalism due to irresponsible parenting, and school closures will linger on the side.

The Fun Fair was a great success thanks to Gord Hawley and his competent board of directors. The new events went well, attendance was up and the weather co-operated. The shares will be distributed this fall.

The garden tour once again drew visitors from as far away as Quebec City. Thanks goes to the Blackburn gardeners and organizers Evelyn

Budd and Mary Appleton.

The rain barrel project continues to be a great success, thanks to Caroline Harris-MacDonald and Jan Whitehouse. It will continue as long as there is a demand.

Paul Graham's Fun Run went well, and thanks Paul for doing it again.

Don't miss a great opportunity to help the Ottawa Police's various community policing programs. The meeting as outlined on page 5 will be held on October 7th at the Blackburn Community Hall at 7 pm.

The BCA Board meets on the third Thursday of each month, in the Boardroom at the library. We are always looking for active volunteers so why not come to our September meeting to see if you

want to participate? Our Annual General Meeting will be held in December and new Board members will be elected at that time.

The Board is always receptive to community projects that benefit Blackburn. If you have any ideas, the BCA would like to work with you to make them happen. Also, if you would like the BCA to sponsor a public meeting on some topic of interest, we would be pleased to work on it. Please come to our Thursday meeting, or try it out your idea with a Board member first if you like.

Visit the Blackburn website at www.blackburnhamlet.ca. Helen Rousseau **with your support** is able to provide updated information for organizations and events.

Al Ross

Bloomin' Blackburn

by Mary Appleton

The 7th Annual Blackburn Hamlet Garden Tour was another outstanding display of gardening talent and creativity in the Hamlet. More than 160 visitors viewed ten gardens of all shapes and sizes. Many also took a refreshing break at Amica at Bearbrook for lemonade, BBQ treats and live entertainment. The gardens included surprises such as waterfalls and fountains, spray painted flowers, rock walls, inukshuks, a live rabbit, and a breathtaking display of flowers, ornamental shrubs and trees. Proceeds from the tour will be used for landscaping projects in the Hamlet.



Thanks to all the gardeners Jacqueline Madill, Cliff and Laurel Seibel, Joyce Buckley, Gilles and Vivienne Robinson, Steve and Joanne Stasiuk, Claude and Lucille St-Cyr, Sara and Barry Zeigler, Eleanor and Emery Ansari, Evelyn and Joe Thompson, Evelyn and Don Budd, and to our

sponsors Budd Gardens, Amica at Bearbrook and Urban Dwellings Consignments who made the garden tour another enjoyable event in Blackburn.

We are now looking for gardens to display in the 8th annual tour June 26, 2005. If you like gardening you probably have a yard that others would enjoy seeing. New gardens are needed each year to keep the tour interesting. Blackburn homeowners who have volunteered their garden for this tour will tell you it's lots of fun. It's also a great way to share creative ideas and meet people from the community. If you are interested please contact Mary Appleton at 834-8242.

Much ado about yard waste

by Rainer Bloess, Ottawa City Councillor

As most of you are no doubt aware, one of the cuts approved by City Council during this past winter's budget deliberations was the elimination of leaf and yard waste collection through July, August and September. It seemed at the time to be a relatively minor service reduction based on the significant reduction in garden waste during the summer months as compared to spring and fall. But, once the heat of summer and the growing season were upon us, the public reaction to and disapproval of this cutback was overwhelming.

Although some on Council (myself included) supported a motion to reverse this decision, our proposal was defeated in the course of a fourteen-hour marathon council meeting on July 14th. Subsequently, in response to the public outcry we were all hearing, and the dumping of yard waste on the side of

our roads and in vacant lots, two of my east-end colleagues, Herb Kreling and Rob Jellett, brainstormed with me to come up with a solution to the waste problem for our east-end constituents.

Thanks to the cooperation of Waste Services Incorporated (WSI), we were able to establish three temporary yard waste drop-off sites through July, August and September. Receptacles were provided at the ORC, Blackburn Arena and the Ray Friel Centre on several Saturday mornings. (For those who can't wait for the resumption of regular service in October, at this writing there are still two more drop-off dates, on September 11 and 25 at all three sites.)

The public response to the drop-off program has been both appreciative and enthusiastic. On the first Saturday, one industrial-sized bin was already filled well before our scheduled opening. For the most part, the program has pro-

ceeded smoothly, with the exception of the few who have unfortunately attempted to stretch the definition of yard waste way beyond reason. A number of other Council members have since followed suit with similar interim arrangements across the City and it is almost a certainty that the leaf and yard waste collection service will be fully reinstated during next year's budget sessions.

Surprisingly, these Saturday morning drop-off sessions have proven very informative and valuable to me as your representative on Council, providing residents with the opportunity to unload not just their yard waste but their pet peeves and views on a number of other municipal issues as well. I have enjoyed chatting with many of you these past few months, in spite of the setting, and, as always, I appreciate your feedback.

Note: Good news on the policing front: I recently had the pleasure of meeting with our new officer, Wayne Wilson, who is posted at the Blair Community Policing Center specifically to work on issues within Blackburn Hamlet. Wayne grew up in the east end and knows this community from his youth when he played football for the Blackburn Bengals. This should help reinvigorate our local Neighbourhood Watch program and provide an additional and welcome liaison between our community and our police service.

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The Ottawa Police Service believes in community policing — solving community problems with the assistance of members of the community.

Community police centres rely heavily on trained volunteers.

Residents are selected on the basis of their ability to perform the required tasks, which may vary depending on the needs of the community. For example, in Blackburn, a resident may chose to participate in the

Neighbourhood Watch Program, a program that we are trying to revive. A volunteer may also assist at the Police Centres in their neighbourhood, and provide answers to questions about the police service and crime statistics for their area.

Volunteers needed for Ottawa Police Service

Most opportunities demand as little as four hours a week, during week-days. Volunteers must be 18 years to apply.

If you are interested in getting involved, a community meeting will be held at the Blackburn Community Hall, 7:00 pm on October 7th.

Information can also be obtained through the Ottawa Police Service website at: www.ottawapolice.ca under “volunteer”, or by calling Diana Boudreault at 236-1222 ext 5850.



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Oktoberfest Party being held on October 1st

The St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church is proud to announce the launch of their First Annual Oktoberfest Party to be held on Friday October 1st at the Louis Riel High School.

After a very successful New Years Eve Gala, they have partnered up with Hawley DJ Services to offer the community a new evening of entertainment. In years past there have been Oktoberfest parties from time to time. With questionable weather at this time of year an outdoor location under a tent is not always appealing. It is sure to be a great evening of traditional German Oktoberfest music and food items during the evening.

The doors will open at 6 pm with a pay-as-you-go food buffet featuring tradi-

tional German Oktoberfest sausage and sauerkraut, a German style beef stew, salads and black forest cake for desert. Food service will continue until 9 pm with music and cash bar open throughout the event.

At 9:30 pm a polka competition will be held and prizes awarded for the best traditional dressed couple and best beer stein. Admission for this event is just \$5 per person (adults only) in advance and \$7 if tickets are still avail-

able at the door. Tickets will be limited to 200 and can be reserved by calling Brett Maxwell at 837-1839 or by e-mail to stmary@rogers.com. Tickets will also be available on Saturday, September 18th at the Loeb Blackburn Hamlet at the Blackburn Hamlet Youth Association fund raising table.

Make your plans now and bring some friends to help launch this new community event.

Fun Run October 16

The fall Blackburn Hamlet Fun Run is being held on Saturday, October 16th at the Blackburn Community Hall. Registration starts at 8:30 am and the event starts at 9.00 am. Cost is \$2.00 per person and \$5 per family. The 2k route travels to Glen Olgilve School and back to the Community Hall while the 5k route circles the Hamlet parks and finishes near the Community Hall. This is a participation event with many draw prizes.

For more information please call Paul Graham at 830-2868.

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There is a lot more at the library than books!

by Carrie Rathwell

We are pleased to announce that local author and business owner Evelyn Budd (who some of you know as the editor this fine publication) will be giving a talk on Fall Gardening the evening of **Tuesday, September 14th** at 7pm. As well as digging into such topics as mulching, trimming for winter garden-scapes, and creating new beds to be ready for spring, copies of her recently-published gardening journal will be available to buy. There will be draws for plants as well for the journal!

On **Wednesday, November 3rd** at 7pm, we welcome two Ottawa-based romance authors to offer an inside scoop: "Spotlight on Romance". Joyce Sullivan and Laura Paquet will present a lively discussion about the appeal of romance novels and introduce readers to the numerous sub-genres of romances, as well as to those written by Canadian authors. For those with their eyes open for Christmas presents, the authors will be bringing copies of their books for sale. Please don't forget our book club will be resuming again after the summer

break. We are always happy to see new faces, so don't be shy...

Tortilla Curtain by T. Coraghessan Boyle on Wednesday, September 8, 7 p.m.

Sisters in the Wilderness by Charlotte Gray on Wednesday, October 13, 7 p.m.

Life of Pi by Yann Martel on Wednesday, November 10, 7 p.m.

Village of the Small Houses by Ian Ferguson on December 8, 7 p.m.

As well, come in and view this month's artwork, by artist Mary Brett.

Mary came to Canada to teach in 1969 and is known for her versatility—she paints in acrylics, watercolour and on silk and has recently studied mixed media. Her work is bold, colourful and "impressionistic with a touch of realism." Mary enjoys teaching art through the Ontario School Board.

Modern Square Dancing

The Orleans Village Squares offers free instruction to beginner couples (lady and gent') at our "Open House", September 8th and 15th at 7:30 pm. at the Roy Hobbs Community Centre (corner of Champlain and Larch). Experienced dancers are also welcome.

Phone 837-8774 for more info or visit www.trytel.com/~thompson/village_squares.

Looking for musicians

Divertimento Orchestra is an Ottawa-based group of 70 musicians. The orchestra is presently looking for more string players. If you are interested in joining the orchestra or have questions, please send an email to personnel@divertimento.ca or visit the website at www.divertimento.ca.



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Louis-Riel en Europe

par Louis Jacques

Nous sommes un groupe d'élèves de Louis-Riel qui ont suivi un cours d'histoire l'année dernière. M. Camirand, professeur d'histoire et ancien guide pour les sites historiques canadiens en France, nous avait offert de participer à un voyage en France et en Belgique pour voir sur place ce que nous avons appris dans son cours. Nous avons vu et apprécié : les jardins du Luxembourg, le musée de l'Armée aux Invalides, la tour Eiffel, les Champs-Élysées, l'Arc de Triomphe et la cathédrale Notre-Dame-de-Paris. Le lendemain était consacré à la visite du château de Versailles.

La troisième journée annonçait le début des visites des sites historiques de la 1ère Guerre Mondiale. Ça a été un choc de voir ce que les alentours du monument



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de Vimy nous montraient : Un petit boisé dont le sol présentait encore les marques laissées par les obus à la fin de la bataille de 1916. Sur le terrain, où il reste encore le système de tranchées et de tunnels, les explications du professeur prenaient alors tout un sens. La journée continua avec la visite de trois cimetières. C'est alors que nos esprits s'ouvrirent à d'autres aspects de ces

guerres. Les journées suivantes étaient, elles aussi, remplies de visite de musées et de cimetières autour de plusieurs places en France (Arras, Caen, Dieppe et les plages de Normandie) et en Belgique (Ypres).

Ce voyage a été merveilleux et a dépassé mes attentes. Ce type de voyage est à souhaiter pour les jeunes canadiens, cela permet de se souvenir de ce qui s'est passé, de comprendre ce que nos ancêtres ont vécu. Et cela permet aussi d'avoir une forte opinion sur les guerres et les conflits, autant passés que présents, qui ont changé notre façon de penser.

J'aimerais aussi remercier tous ces personnes qui m'ont aidé financièrement pour que je réalise ce voyage: Louis Dufour, Françoise Genest-Schmit, Guy Forget, CAIB, CIP, François Jacques et Robert L. Real, CFP.

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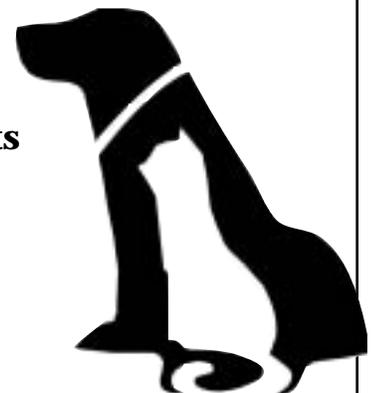
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September 29th BINGO Bonanza
Under the “B” for BINGO Bonanza at Bearbrook — Senior’s Bingo afternoon with refreshments and fun and prizes.

October 6th Second Annual “Cool Colours” Fall Photography Tour— Calling all senior camera buffs to join some of the residents in the Amica bus for a trip to Manotick Mills. Accompanied by a local photographer, you will learn interesting techniques for subject choice and picture composition. Come and take some lovely autumn pictures. There will be time to enjoy the decorated streets and shops of Manotick and to treat yourself to lunch at the Miller’s Oven—famous for it’s “Kilometer High Lemon Meringue Pie”.

October 31st Halloween Party. We’re inviting seniors to a fun-filled Sunday afternoon. Plan to put on a costume and join in the fun!

Bearbrook Holiday Bazaar 2004 Saturday November 13, 10 am – 2 pm. Crafts, gifts, baking and more! For table information, please call Heather McKibbin at 937-8720, ext. 17.

Safely Home™ Program

Alzheimer Disease, the most common type of dementia, is a progressive, degenerative, irreversible disease that affects the brain and results in impaired memory, thinking and behaviour. It impacts people's abilities to carry out daily activities and occurs most commonly in people over the age of 65 but it can also affect younger individuals. There is no known cause or cure. However, there is medication to treat some of the symptoms.

DID YOU KNOW:

- 60% of people with Alzheimer Disease and related dementias will get lost.
- There is no way of predicting who will or will not get lost.
- 24% of residents who wander, wander from long-term care homes.
- Safely Home™ is a nationwide program designed to help find the person who is lost and assist in a safe return home
- Safely Home™ was developed by the Alzheimer Society of Canada in partnership with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.
- Safely Home™ is a registry that stores vital information confidentially on a police database.
- This information can be accessed by police anywhere in Canada and the United States.
- Registration is voluntary. One-time \$25 fee.

"In Ottawa, there are approximately 10,000 people with Alzheimer Disease and related dementias," says Kathy Wright, Executive Director of the Alzheimer Society of Ottawa. "In Canada, an estimated 364,000 Canadians —that's 1 in 13 Canadians over age 65 — have Alzheimer Disease and related dementias."



Susan Kemp from the Alzheimer Society works with family members, caregivers, friends, neighbours, co-workers and others who must cope with the effects of Alzheimer Disease.

The Alzheimer Society of Ottawa is grateful to the Ottawa Police for its collaboration in working together to promote awareness of dementia and the Safely Home™ Program in the community. "In partnership with the Alzheimer Society, we're working together to enhance our officers' knowledge about the symptoms of Alzheimer Disease and related dementias so they can identify and respond to someone with the disease, and help ensure the safe and speedy return of individuals with Alzheimer Disease who become lost," says Donna Watson-Elliott, Manager of the Victim Crisis Unit at the Ottawa Police."

For further information or a registration form on the Safely Home™ Program, please contact the Alzheimer Society of Ottawa at 523-4004 or asoc@alzheimerott.org or visit its office located at 1750 Russell Road, Suite 1742, Ottawa.

World Alzheimer's Day Coffee Break Party September 21st at 2:30 pm.

Join Amica at Bearbrook Court in supporting research and programs of the Alzheimer Society on September 21st at 2:30 pm. They will be hosting a silver-collection Coffee Break Party with a guest speaker who will introduce the Safely Home™ Program. Come and learn about the impact of dementia on family and friends, and support a very worthy community organization. For more information call Lesley Anne at 837-8720. (Proceeds from the coffee break will be donated to the Ottawa Alzheimer Society.)

Dr. Bruce Harfield

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Blackburn Fun Fair on June 12th



Fun fair photos by H. Rosseau

Blackburn Garden Tour on June 23rd



Garden photos by E. Budd

Fun Run June 19th

Photo by P. Graham



Close to 300 volunteers help at Fun Fair

by Gord Hawley, Fun Fair Chairman

I would like to personally thank my Board of Directors for their dedication to helping make the 2004 Fun Fair another success. Rose Moore who served both as Midway Director and Secretary; Jane Mahoney, Fair Features; Brenda Sowden, BBQ's; Ben Charlebois, Treasurer; Kathy McFarland, Fund Raising; The Hobbs family- Bev, Sandra and Dan, General Store; Jason Dubue, Internet and Design; Steve LeGrow and Victoria from the Blackburn TKD, Facilities and Louise Bertrand, Parade Director. We also had a group of active committee members who worked with these key groups of directors without whose help we could not have successfully brought this program together.

In all there were close to 300 volunteers for the event this year. A special thanks to them and also to our great sponsors and donors who helped to provide funding for the event.

This year we introduced a new look to the midway, created a new Community Stage and dance floor and saw the expansion of our features to include the new GM Sens Street tour in operation. Thanks in part to some great weather we had lots of smiling faces from the start of the parade to the end of the evening. If you were not able to attend, you missed a great Community Event and I would recommend you plan to attend next year's Fun Fair scheduled for Saturday June 4th.

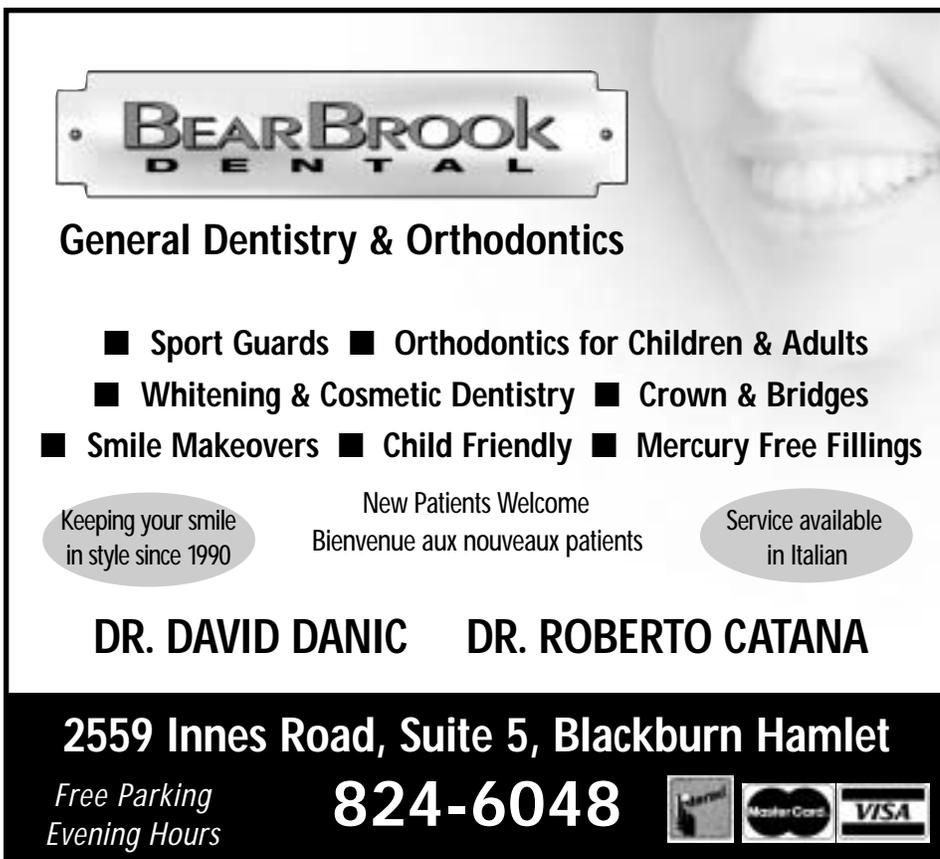
In spite of our great weather we did not reach our objective with this year's

fund-raising through the Fun Fair and as a result our participating groups will be receiving smaller share value cheques. Part of the lower results can be attributed to several other major events being held on the same day as well as some smaller Fun Fairs in the Orleans area. We had some additional costs to recover this year with replacing the old midway. We also tried to hold down the cost of food and events so that participants could enjoy more of the Fair. Next year's board of directors will need to keep tight controls on the ever increasing costs of operations for this annual event.

We would like to thank Molly-Colleen Thomson who at just 6 years of age was the winner of the Name the Mascot contest. Our Fun Fair mascot will from now on be known as "Maxx". We hope to continue to build on this character including eventually getting an appropriate costume for him.

We will be presenting financial results at the September BCA meeting and will have our results published in the November Banar.

After three years of serving on the Fun Fair Committee, one as Food and Youth Director and for the past two years as Chairman, it is now time to step aside and let someone with fresh ideas come forward to serve in this capacity. We have a great board with most of this year's members remaining for next year. If you would like to become more involved in our community and serve in one capacity or another with the Fun Fair, please contact Rose Moore our Secretary at 824-7852 or rosemoore@rogers.com



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Blackburn Hamlet Youth Association at Cross Roads

by Gord Hawley

The Blackburn Hamlet Youth Association has been operating in our community since April 1998. Our most successful events are our weekly youth dances. We have now hosted over 200 successful dances for youth ages 10 to 17 with a core group of about 70% being ages 13 and 14. These are well supervised events and over the time we have hosted them we have only had to have our local police respond 5 times and always only to remove from the property youth who have been banned from the dance for inappropriate behavior. On some other occasions we have had visits from our local police as part of their regular duties which include patrolling the parks but not as a result of any problem or complaints about our events. House rules are clearly posted and enforced.

Like most non-profit groups we try to keep the costs of our dances to a minimum to allow the widest access for youth in our area. Our only source of funding is admittance at the door and fund raising events. In the past year our fund raising opportunities have declined as have revenues from attendance. Every year we have lost money during the summer months but have chosen to keep the dances going for those young persons who are not away on holidays.

This year, for the first time, we have had a severe problem with very low attendance during the summer. In part this has been caused by a large number of young people opting to attend the bush parties behind the hall — often without their parent's knowledge! Some parents drop their children off in front of the hall, watch them wave goodbye and then the youth walk around the hall and out into the woods only to return at 10:45 pm to be picked up as if they had been at the dance. If the problem of the bush parties is not adequately addressed by next summer we will be forced to cancel the summer program!

With fund raising activities being reduced and a general lack of volunteers we are forced to make adjustments to our programs. In an effort to continue to provide a quality, safe venue for our youth we are forced to increase the admittance fee to \$8 per person starting on September 10th. Without sufficient revenue to cover operating costs we will be forced to cut back on the number of dances being held, or completely stop the program.

We encourage parents to bring their children to our event,

check-out the facilities and see first hand the quality of the event that we are putting on. Even at \$8 per person it is still one of the best valued entertainment packages available for a four hour event. As always, volunteers are always encouraged to offer their services. We attempted to offer a summer youth camp at the Community Hall this year and although the concept was well received it seems we started promoting it too late and had to cancel the program.

We will be hosting a Grand Prix Chess Tournament at the Community Hall on December 11th and 12th with some of the best chess players in Eastern Ontario attending. Stop by and watch some of the matches.

On **Friday, September 24th** we will be holding a General Meeting of the BHYA and invite all interested parents to attend. We are trying to determine the future direction of the BHYA. When I started the program, my children were 10 and 12. They have now outgrown the program and it is time for other interested parents to take up the role of leading this program into the future. The meeting will start at 6 p.m. and should only be about one hour.

Contact me, Gord Hawley, at 612-1089 for further details.

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Scouting with the 1st Blackburn Scouts

by Michel Binda, Commissioner

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Camping with my children was a rewarding experience that I'll never forget. Following this weekend together, the children look forward to another season of scouting with new challenges and I am looking forward to my first year as a Cub leader.

During the camping weekend we had the opportunity to learn many things. The children in the Beaver section had the chance to make paper from scratch, hike, swim, learned valuable social skills and much more. The Cubs also learned many skills and had the chance to do many activities. They tried hiking, fire building and safety, swimming, and learned about many wild animals.

The Scout's program included a hiking and camping trip in the Adirondacks. They also went on a canoeing and camping weekend in Algonquin Park.

I would encourage parents to come and sign up their children on September 13th at Emily Carr School starting at 6:30 pm. The leaders will be on hand to answer any questions you or your child may have.

We also would like to have parents volunteer some of their time in helping our group. If you wish to help in any way please e-mail me at michaelbinda@rogers.com and I will be happy to introduce you to our scouting group. You are also invited to visit our website at www.blackburnscouting.com

Registration takes place September 13th

Registration is being held Monday September 13th at the Emily Carr Middle School gym from 6:30 pm to 8 pm.

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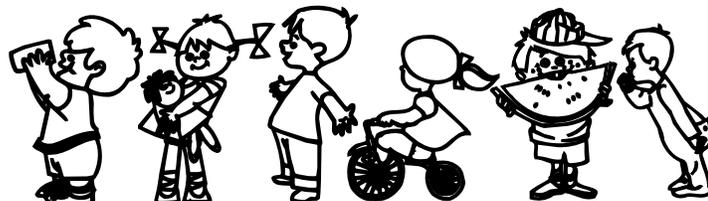
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Opportunities for Musicians

The Hamlet's Anglican church, St. Mary the Virgin, is looking for musicians (especially woodwinds and strings) to join the parish music group. Age and experience don't matter: adults who haven't played since school are welcome, as are middle school band members looking for some extra practice and high school players in need of volunteer hours. Music ranges from the 1600s to the 1990s, and includes several traditional and contemporary styles. The music group plays for one service a week (Sunday at 10 am), with extra services at Christmas. Practice on Sunday at 9 am. New members start with one or two pieces a week, and progress at their own pace. For more information, or to request a call from the co-ordinator, call 265-7838 or email stmary@rogers.com or drop in to our worship service on Sunday at 10 am, at Louis Riel High School.

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Blackburn Art Group

The Blackburn Art Group has been active for several years now, and invites local artists to get together for "painting time" in a relaxed and friendly way. There is no instruction provided, just time to paint, learn from each other, and have tea! In the interest of all participants oil painters are requested to use odourless products. The group meets at the Blackburn Community Hall every second Monday from 1 pm till 4 pm.

Information and registration: The first session in the fall is Monday, September 13th at 1 pm. Call Marion Jones 830-8904 or Joseph Fletcher 834-4772.

ALPHA this fall in the Hamlet

This fall, St. Mary the Virgin Parish (Anglican) will be offering the ALPHA course. People of all church backgrounds or none have enjoyed this course in the basics of the Christian faith. This course will be held in the Hamlet on Saturday mornings, starting at the end of September. Each session includes breakfast, a video and discussion. If you are interested but the time doesn't work for you, we can put you in contact with nearby courses offered by other groups at other times. For details of when and where, or for further information, call 265-7838 or e-mail stmary@rogers.com .

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Membership in the adult badminton program will be limited, as it was last year, to the first 40 persons who register. This is to ensure that, with our three courts, there will be sufficient playing time for all who wish to participate on a given night. A waiting list will be established if necessary.

The hours of play are from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, beginning on Monday, September 20th through to Friday, June 3rd, 2005. Fees for BCA members

will be \$125 per season or \$70 per half season (\$135 and \$75 for non-BCA members). That averages to less than \$1.50 a night.

Over the years, club members have had a good mix of skill levels, from beginner to advanced.

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For more information or to register in advance, please call Dale Bemben at 830-1936 (daytime 734-7291), Ray du Plessis at 824-2671 or Elizabeth Burton at 824-6715 or e-mail the club at blackburnbc@yahoo.ca

Junior Badminton

Registration will be held on Monday, September 20th and Wednesday, September 22nd at the Glen Ogilvie School, 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. The junior program, which is operated by the Blackburn Badminton Club, is non-competitive, its sole purpose being to introduce young players between the ages of 9 to 16 to the sport of recreational badminton.

The program begins on Saturday, September 25th, and will take place every Saturday at the Glen Ogilvie School from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Play will continue to the end of April, 2005, and, as in previous years, there will be an additional hour every Saturday from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. for parents to join in for an hour of family badminton.

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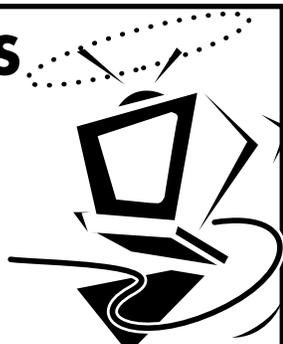
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