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The \$4 Million Question - Who Should Pay?

by Rainer Bloess

Why are Gloucester taxpayers about to be stiffed for \$4 million in regional financial liabilities? This question can only be answered by our very own regional councillor, Richard Cantin, who as Chair of the Regional Transportation Committee, is about to preside over the transfer of a \$4 million regional road obligation to Gloucester ratepayers.

The RMO proposal for the City of Gloucester to assume Innes Road in Blackburn Hamlet is a convenient way for the region to download its financial obligation onto a lower level of administration. Up to now, Innes has been a regional responsibility, but the existence of the Bypass, to a degree, justifies the region's

position that Gloucester should take over the Blackburn stretch of Innes. The crux of the issue, however, is whether Innes road should be upgraded to an urban standard by the region before being transferred.

The current notion at the

RMO is that Blackburn Hamlet asked for the Bypass and our residents are the primary beneficiaries. Regional councillors and staff contend that we, the local residents and the Gloucester taxpayers, should

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From the editor's desk



Blackburn Hamlet is a very special place to live. My wife and I have been here for five years and I can't think of any other place in the region that can match it.

Since I have been editor of the BANAR, I have come to realize why this is such a great place to live. There are so many good people who live here. Most of you seem to care a lot about your community. You care enough to volunteer to make it into the type of place that makes you feel you belong.

However, as editor, I have also become more aware of some of the problems that exist in our community.

I've learned that many of the businesses, already struggling, are having to cope with vandalism, robbery, and violence outside their stores. I'm sure you've noticed the ever-increasing commercial spaces. My fear is that more will leave and the unique quality of life in the Hamlet will be lost.

We have to support our merchants more by providing them with a safer place to do their trade.

Also, I would like to thank Mederic Lebreton, Wayne Bower and Gary Scherling for helping my computer run better.

I still have a long way to go, though. It appears I need more RAM. I push the keys and often wait 45 seconds or so for something to happen. It sort of feels like sitting on the Queensway in rush hour trying to get home in a blizzard. You make progress, but you aren't moving at the speed you want.

If anyone reading this can help by donating some extra memory and a laser printer (if possible, or letting me borrow one for a few days), it would be appreciated. It would certainly cut down on the amount of time I spend putting this document together.

For those who made kind comments on the last issue, they were appreciated. Why, I even got a couple of letters to the editor (see page 26). I hope you enjoy this one even more.

Sincerely,
John Stevens

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President's Message

by Neil Papineau

At the September 21 BCA meeting, three new directors joined the board: Joel LaPalme, Business Director, Wayne Nichol, Culture Director and Don McGregor, Sports Director. I would like to extend a warm welcome to these volunteers.

At this meeting, Colleen Stimpson, the BCA Day Camp Chairperson, noted that we had a successful summer day camp. The Day Camp averaged 50 children each week for the seven weeks it was in operation. Colleen has been running the BCA Day Camp for a number of years and is not pursuing another term. The Board would like to thank Colleen for her many years of service to the BCA and the community.

The Fun Fair Chairperson, Brett Maxwell, filed his report on Fun Fair. It was a great success, even with all the rain. Fun Fair brought the Blackburn residents together for three days of fun and many activities, and was successful in achieving fund raising for all the groups participating for a total of \$10,851. Brett will not be pursuing the Chairperson position for the 1996 year. The BCA Board would like to thank Brett for his dedication and hard work in being the Chairperson/Coordinator of Fun Fair for the past two years.

The BCA Treasurer, Renata

Boudreau, resigned as of September 21. The Board would like to thank Renata for all her work and effort in fulfilling the treasurer's position for the last two years.

Vacancies on the BCA Board, Treasurer, Day Camp Chairperson and Fun Fair Chairperson, need to be filled. I urge anyone interested in these positions to give me a call at 830-9295.

I am pleased to announce a new project supported by the BCA. The Blackburn Beautification Committee, through Jill Finlayson, approached the BCA to help them to develop a natural flower garden park in Bearbrook Park. This project would not only create a pleasant natural park setting, but its creation would employ youth to help set up this garden. The efforts of Jill and the other volunteers on her committee to initiate and promote this project are greatly appreciated. Rollie Sanders, a member of this committee, has accepted to be Chairperson of the new BCA Blackburn Beautification Standing Committee. Further details on this project are reported in this Banar.

The BCA Board has been advised that a group of residents on Ridgeburn Gate, Southpark Drive and Westpark Drive have started petitions to restrict or eliminate OC

Transpo buses on their streets. The residents of Ridgeburn Gate want to eliminate totally the OC buses while the residents of Southpark and Westpark want to eliminate OC buses in the evening hours only. It has been stated that very few residents use the buses in the evening. The residents on these streets are requesting that OC Transpo buses in the evening hours run only on Bearbrook Road and Innes Road, since the buses are noisy and are shaking their houses.

Although I am sympathetic to the views of the residents who want to restrict or eliminate bus service, I believe the issue has to be looked at as a concern of the Hamlet as a whole. These buses are utilized by many residents, especially youth in the evening hours. The greater walking distances that would be required, if the buses were diverted, would be a large burden to the residents, especially with inclement weather or -30 degree winters. Also, the safety of our residents is at issue. Increasing the walking distances to their homes in the evening may put them at risk.

Efforts must be made to come to a solution which can meet the transportation needs of the community and still minimizes the disruption and

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annoyance of those who live on the bus routes. Bill Smith, a BCA director, is making inquiries and will be discussing this matter at the December 21 BCA meeting at Glen Ogilvie Public School at 7:30 p.m. The BCA will decide what position it will take on this matter at this meeting. If you have concerns or issues regarding this bus matter,

please write or telephone your concerns directly to the OC Transpo Commission.

The BCA is attempting to arrange a drop-in center for moms and tots, youth and seniors. We are trying to locate space and make appropriate arrangements to operate such a facility. This matter will be discussed at the November 16 and December 21 BCA meetings.

This last note may not reach you in time, but Mayor Claudette Cain will be attending the November 16 BCA monthly meeting to speak to the residents and to listen to their concerns. Please attend to be informed and voice your concern. The meeting will be held at Glen Ogilvie Public School in the library at 7:30 p.m.

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What a year it was!

by Claudette Cain

1995 was a busy year at the City of Gloucester. Not only did Council approve the purchase of a new City Hall for its residents, the decision was also made to provide staff with 1996 budget guidelines that include a reduction of 3% in property taxes.

Council Members were invited to join me at public meetings in the six wards September through November. These meetings were set up to give residents an opportunity to speak on matters of concern to them as well as to brief them on

what is happening at their City Hall. We were very pleased with the interest shown and my personal thanks go out to residents of Gloucester who attended.

On November 8, the City honoured nearly 400 citizens at the 15th Annual Gloucester Achievement Awards at Gloucester High School. Our community is enriched by those who strive to excel and we all shared in their pride.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite all senior adults to spend an evening with

the Mayor and Members of Council during the Holiday Season. A spectacular program will again include the Blackburn Chorus. Refreshments will be served. This event will take place on Wednesday, December 6, at 7:00 p.m. at the Orléans United Church.

On behalf of Members of Gloucester Council, I extend our warm, best wishes for a wonderful Holiday Season, and may 1996 be filled with health and happiness for you and yours.



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therefore happily pay for any
improvements to Innes.

This latest exercise in
revisionism completely ignores
a number of basic facts.
Namely, that the Bypass was a
regional transportation
requirement demanded by
developers and residents to the
east of us to meet their
commuting needs. As well,
the region in its own reports
acknowledged 15 years ago the
necessity to upgrade Innes to a
two lane urban collector
standard, even though the
Bypass was to be built.

At no time did regional staff
or politicians ever refer to any
upgrades being in lieu of a
bypass. As well, past references
to funds being available to
improve Innes have somehow
been forgotten and such
monies, if they ever existed,
have mysteriously disappeared.

Another misconception is
that responsibility for sidewalks
on Innes rests with Gloucester.

In fact, our engineers have
confirmed that sidewalks on
roads such as Innes and Blair
are the region's obligation.

Many residents have told
me that it is time to bring Innes
Road, which for the most part
consists of a rural standard with
open ditches and no sidewalks,
into the 1980's (albeit a little
late). To date, in spite of my
lobbying the regional council-
lors from Gloucester, I have
not been able to persuade them
to acknowledge the region's
obligation.

As the Regional Transport-

ation Committee recently
deferred its decision on this
issue, I would urge all of you
to please take the time to call or
write our regional represent-
atives to remind them of their
duty to the local taxpayers.
After all, when they sought
your vote, they stated they
would remember where they
came from and they would
represent your interests at the
region.

To make your views
known, please refer to the
telephone numbers, fax
numbers and mailing addresses
shown below.



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Innes Garden Project

On Thursday, October 19,
Jill Finlayson and John Kremer
of the Blackburn Beautification
Committee (B.B.C.) made a
presentation to the Blackburn
Community Association.

Jill and John described the
goal of the B.B.C., which is to
create a community-built-and-
maintained garden on Innes
Road for use by all residents,
schools, businesses and visitors.

They described their
progress to date with the
funding search and explained
approval needs to implement
these goals.

The B.C.A. was asked to
give their official support for
the project and also to give
consent to become the sponsor
of the B.B.C.

The B.C.A. gave its
unanimous support to these
requests and created a standing
committee, headed by Rollie
Sanders, to strengthen the
bond. This creates a direct
involvement by the B.C.A. in
the project.

Anyone wishing further
information about the garden
plans, or who would like to
become involved in the project
is asked to call Jill Finlayson at
830-7720, John Kremer at 834-
9184 or Rollie Sanders at 824-
6237.



More Sidewalk Talk by Bill Smith

There are a number of concerns that have come to the attention of Civic Affairs over the past few months: the Greenbelt, the location of the bus shelter on Innes near Tauvette, and safety on Innes Road, especially the section bounded by the apartment buildings near Orient Park and Bearbrook Road.

Perhaps the most important, at the moment, is safety on Innes Road because of the number of schools in the area, and the number of older residents who live in the apartments, private homes, and the residence.

The problem is that there are no sidewalks. While walkways are marked by yellow lines, they will soon disappear under the snow.

The danger became more obvious when Karen Gaudreau pointed out that a recent C.B.E. policy has decreased bussing for some younger students.

The problem is this. Innes is a Regional road, and the Region is not responsible for building sidewalks. The City is hesitant to take over Innes in its present condition. And finally, the C.B.E. has a new transportation policy to reduce the cost.

I have made many phone calls to the City, the Region and the School Board to see if there is a possible resolution to the problem. I must say that I was very pleased with the informative answers I received from all of our elected officials and our employees outlining their jurisdictions and policies.

For now, the Board has agreed to bus the affected students through the winter (at no additional cost).

A suggestion has been made that the City should consider constructing the necessary sidewalks in anticipation of road upgrading.

Hopefully, the City and the

Region will continue negotiating some sort of cost sharing agreement for the road up-grade itself, especially in this very densely populated multi-use section of Innes.

Finally, a personal comment. My feeling is that the by-pass was not built to mollify Blackburn Hamlet residents, but to service the huge increase in housing to the east. Perhaps when such large housing projects are being planned in the future, the major road infrastructure should be in place before construction starts.

Planners surely knew that Innes could not handle the traffic load. The by-pass was not built out of sympathy for Blackburn residents. It was built because of the needs of our friends to the east.

I think this might be kept in mind when negotiating any cost sharing for the redevelopment of Innes Road.

Cumberland Transitway and Blackburn Hamlet By-Pass Extension Environmental Assessment Proposal by Sue Sheridan

An Environmental Assessment Proposal (EAP) was submitted to the RMOC - Transportation Department by Delcan Corporation. This is the first report in a project which will deal with the Cumberland Transitway and Blackburn Hamlet By-Pass Extension. The EAP is a preliminary

document which outlines the intended project and tries to streamline the planning process before the Environmental Assessment takes place. The following excerpts are taken from the Delcan Report (as submitted to the RMOC and public stakeholders). The EAP will:

- *provide strategic planning direction,*
- *focus future study and consultation requirements,*
- *gain early endorsement from the Ontario Ministry of the Environment and Energy (MOEE),*

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- *facilitate early public/stakeholder consultation ... develop an effective communication plan for the Environmental Assessment.*

Preliminary issues for discussion include:

- Transportation
- Land Use
- Natural Environment
- Social Environment

This project will have several implications for our community in terms of social and environmental factors:

- quality of life
- cost compared to need
- negative impact on woodlot, plants and wildlife habitat
- increased noise pollution, air quality
- search for transportation alternatives (car pooling, dedicated lanes)
- transit route changes, transitway buildings/amenities
- needs assessment of park and ride lots in the Hamlet
- and other impacts

A public information meeting was held on September 6, in which Delcan made a presentation to Stakeholders. Unfortunately, only three people were in attendance. A second public meeting will be held in the near future, so please watch for the advertisement in the Ottawa Citizen or phone the "Regional Information Line," 560-1245.

It is essential that we become aware and involved in this project in order to protect what we value by living in Blackburn Hamlet.

If you would like to express your views to the study team at Delcan, you may write or call Mr. Michel Gravel, P.Eng, Delcan Corporation, at 2001 Thurston Dr., P.O. 8004, Ottawa ON., K1G 3H6, Tel. 738-4160, Fax 739-7105.

Please get involved and make a difference! Call me, Sue Sheridan, at 824-8936. I am Chairperson of the Preserve the Greenbelt Committee.

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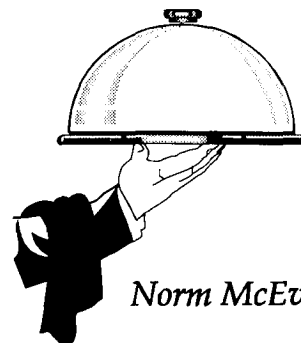
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Norm wishes everyone Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year !



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Blackburn Fun Fair 1995

Statement of Income

	Revenue	Expense	Income
Auction	3,787	0	3,787
Donations	3,291	88	3,203
General Store	2,574	632	1,942
Supper Dance / Beer Garden	9,381	8,106	1,275
Food Sales	3,415	2,154	1,261
Grants	1,000	0	1,000
Youth Activities	1,674	1,167	507
Fair Features	245	37	208
Parade	0	75	(75)
Midway	3,202	3,453	(251)
Souvenir Sales	1,138	1,437	(299)
Administration	612	1,176	(564)
Fireworks	0	1,196	(1,196)
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Preschool Children Astound Parents, Attend School by Gary Scherling

The 95-96 school year is now well underway at the Blackburn Hamlet Preschool.

Our annual corn roast was the first major activity. Families met, ate freshly cooked corn and hot dogs, and their preschool children saw the school and newly redecorated playrooms.

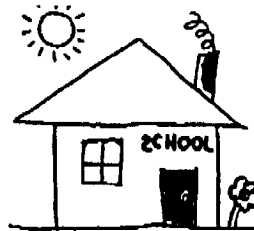
Our general meeting in September was very well attended by both parents and staff. A motion to extend the school year to the end of June was passed unanimously.

The children have been busy in September and October with many activities revolving around these themes:

- **Under the sea:** painting sea shells, fish and other sea

creatures and creating a sea scene

- **Apple time:** printing with apple pieces, making crepe



paper apples and lacing around apple shapes

- **Harvest & Thanksgiving:** making vegetable prints and several different turkey activities

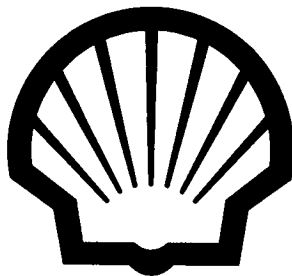
At the end of September, the 3-day children enjoyed a walk to a teacher's garden to harvest vegetables and made a

delicious vegetable soup for snack time!

If you don't know our school, or are considering enrolling your pre-schooler, let us share some information about our school:

Blackburn Hamlet Preschool is a parent cooperative established in 1971. We offer 2-day, 3-day or 5-day programs in the morning or afternoon. Children aged 22 to 42 are invited to attend.

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Environmental Issues

by Iris Phillips

Last issue I mentioned *Ottawa Re-Store*. at Cedarview Road in Nepean. Unfortunately it has closed, due to lack of support. More publicity might have helped. I will try to get the Region interested in the concept. This service has been mentioned to them already. Meanwhile, try to find people to reuse your give-aways. To help you with this, I am giving 25% of my page in the Banar to those of you who wish to give away items.

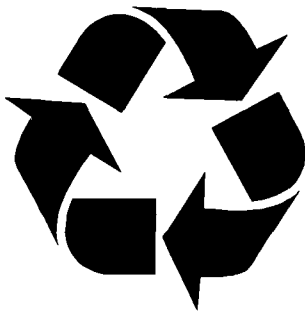
Phone 824-3641 with a description of the item and your telephone number and it will be placed free of charge. This service covers any items. If I run out of space, I will print it in the next Banar.

Some items can be saved for our free pick-up at the curb after the next garage sale, so if nobody phones you, put it out in May.

I have had inquiries about kitchen cupboards and rubber underpadding. Lots of people are getting rid of their carpets to have wood flooring.

Regional Solid Waste

A meeting at Louis Riel was poorly attended. I was told that the 10 that showed up was average. The region was not too concerned because the response it got from the questionnaire in their paper, *Wastelines*, was tremendous.



The blue-box bandits are being caught and fined, so that's good news. With newspaper fetching \$200 a ton;

aluminium, \$2000; glass, \$50; it makes a big difference to our taxes if somebody is stealing these materials.

If you see anyone picking up items from blue boxes, phone in a description of the vehicle and person (if possible) to the region. Their 24-hour telephone line (560-1335) is waiting to serve you.

Remember, only place your blue box outside when full.

On another matter, don't forget to keep using your composter in the winter.

Tips

Take zip-lock bags to grocery store bulk departments. They don't split as easy and they can be reused.

I tried vinegar and baking soda on a blocked sink the other day and it worked like a charm.

If you have any tips, call me (824-3641) and I will print them.



Join our circle!

The Blackburn Hamlet Newcomers' Club is a social club for the women of Blackburn Hamlet, whether new to the community or a long-time resident. The Club meets on the third Monday of each month in the library at the Good Shepherd Catholic School on Bearbrook Road. The membership is \$10 a year.

November 20

Hair Care & Styling

Guest Speaker:

Chris Sansregret

December 11

Christmas Dinner

January 15

To be announced

February 19

Potluck Dinner

Chinese Auction

For more information, please call Jaye at 824-2819 or H el ene at 830-3727

Les Guides de la 4e Cie par Viviane Côté-Maxwell, cheftaine

Voici que commence une nouvelle année guide avec 17 jeunes et 4 anima-trices. Notre thème: En Voyons D'L'Avant. Nous part-ons donc à l'aventure. Le début ne tarda pas avec un camp de fin de semaine à bord du Vibrations

ma et un regard sur l'univers des étoiles avec le Père Lanctôt, notre aumonier du mouvement guide d'Ottawa.

Nous avons aussi planté 66 tulipes à l'École Secondaire Louis Riel, lieu de nos rencontres hebdomadaires.

L'Hallowe'en apporta une fête de déguisement et une pastorale basée sur ses origines.

En Novembre ce fut la visite à un centre de personnes âgées, et un camp de service au Camp Kateri pour toute la compagnie.

Le jour du souvenir, M. Jean-Paul Charette est venu nous parler de ses expériences de la deuxième guerre mondiale.

Il nous reste donc à voir comment vivent les enfants en Chine ainsi que de découvrir les



Bricolage de camp de fin de semaine

dans les Lacs Rideaux pour les guides qui revenaient au mouvement. C'était l'étude des cartes nautiques et la reconnaissance sur l'eau.

En Octobre, nous faisons une petite découverte de l'Afrique avec Danielle Uyeya-

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célébrations religieuses de la Papouasie cette année.

La promesse guide aura lieu le 14 décembre, et le 21 nous chanterons dans les rues autour d'Innes en passant la Guignolée avec les Jeannettes. Arriverons-nous à temps pour Noël?

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by Joël LaPalme, Business Director, B.C.A.

The business community in Blackburn Hamlet needs your support. The purpose of this column is to keep you informed on what is happening to them so you may take advantage of what they have to offer or help them serve you better.

1. Did you know? You can enjoy more than just a coffee and donut at Hamlet Donuts. They now offer internet access.
2. Did you know? Between Loeb Blackburn and Shoppers

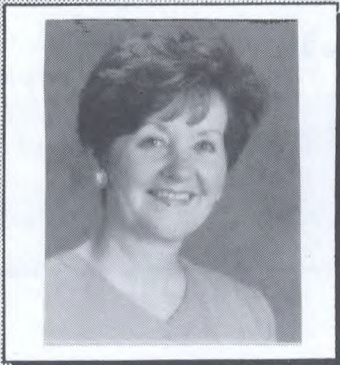
Drug Mart, an average of 50-60 shopping carts a week are picked up off the mall property - carts that should not have left the area. They are left damaged, thrown in ditches, and some are never returned.

3. Did you know? Your local business community needs your support in response to the increase in vandalism, shop-lifting and break and enters.

4. Did you know? Since the by-pass has been open, the

decrease in traffic flow within our business community has been drastic. This is why it is important for you to shop and support your local businesses.

If you have any concerns, comments or suggestions in regards to local businesses, on how we can improve or serve you better, please let me know sending a note to Joël LaPalme, 2636 Innes Road, Gloucester, ON K1R 4Z8.



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Les Chansonniers

par Viviane Côté-Maxwell

Notre troupe de 85 choristes et danseurs/danseuses reprend de plus belle en cette 22ième année d'existence toujours sous la direction de Gilles Julien.

Notre plus grand projet cette année est en effet l'enregistrement d'un disque laser qui sera fait en deux temps; en janvier et juin 1996.

En attendant, entre les répétitions et les rencontres amicales, nous participerons au FestivArts le 18 novembre au Gloucester Centre, et nous

donnerons un spectacle de Noël le 10 décembre à l'église Notre Dame de Lourdes.

En juin dernier, nous avons eu le plaisir de renouer contact avec le festival franco-ontarien lors du spectacle d'ouverture. Vous avez probablement pu voir l'émission télévisée de Radio-Canada le 6 octobre dernier.

L'autre fait très marquant fut la nomination de Françoise et Gilles Julien à l'Ordre des francophones d'Amérique. C'est une décoration décernée par le

Conseil de la langue française du Québec aux personnes qui ont oeuvré à la promotion du français en Amérique du Nord. Nous sommes fiers de nos fondateurs et nous leurs disons **MERCI ET FÉLICITATIONS!**

Vous pensez à Noël? Venez aux spectacles et procurez-vous nos cassettes et articles Chansonniers (choppes de bière et serviettes). et tous nous souhaitons de Joyeuses Fêtes dans un tourbillon de chansons. Bonne année 1996!

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Blackburn Chorus Premieres "Song of Freedom" by Brett Maxwell

During the Ottawa ceremonies commemorating the 50th anniversary of the liberation of Holland on May 6, the Blackburn Chorus performed the premiere of an original Canadian choral work.

The "Canadian Song of Freedom" was commissioned by *Canada Remembers* for this event and was conceived by Robert Swerdlow in collaboration with Andrew Huggett. The Chorus was honoured and thrilled to be asked to sing the first performance.

The 70-member Chorus, conducted by Music Director David Chin and accompanied by Sally Robinson, was joined by a youth choir of 26, formed specially for this presentation.

The choral work celebrates the liberation of Holland by Canadian soldiers, the birth in Ottawa of Princess Margriet of the Netherlands, in exile from 1940 to 1945, and the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Sung in English, French and Dutch, the "Canadian Song of Freedom" is dedicated to those who sacrificed their lives in the service of peace.

The participation of the Chorus was noted in the May 7 *Ottawa Sun*, which reported that: "...the highlight of the ceremonies was the Blackburn Chorus and Youth Choir, singing the heartfelt, 23-minute Canadian Song of Freedom,

commissioned for the occasion."

Tour of Nova Scotia

Another first for the Chorus in 1995 was a four-concert tour of Nova Scotia from June 30-July 9. The Chorus sang at Canada Day celebrations on Citadel Hill, gave a benefit concert for the St.-George's Lutheran Church Restoration Fund, partially destroyed by fire in 1994, and performed at the Wolfville United Baptist Church and the fully-restored Astor Theater in Liverpool.

The pleasure of singing and the warm hospitality of Nova Scotians led the 48 members of the chorus to perform a few impromptu concerts, including singing "Away from the Roll of the Sea" on the rocks at Peggy's Cove!

Christmas Concert

The Chorus is now hard at work preparing its traditional, family Christmas Concert to be held on Friday, December 8, and Saturday December 9, at 8:00 p.m. at the Orleans United Church, 1111 Orleans Boule-

vard at Sugar Creek Way.

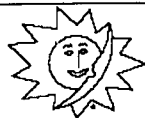
The theme for 1995 is "a European Christmas" and the program will present a variety of Christmas choral works, including some well known carols to which the audience will be invited to sing along.

Admission is \$12 for adults, \$6 for seniors and students, and children under 12 are admitted free. You can get tickets from Chorus members, by calling Audrey Kozak at 834-4757, or at FestivArts, November 18, at Gloucester Centre, where the chorus will also be performing.

Gift ideas and more

Looking for original Christmas gifts? A recent recording, "The 10th Anniversary Celebration" (CD or cassette), and an entertaining book by Jean Theresa Martin, "The Blackburn Chorus - The First 10 Years" are available. Contact Rose Hay at 837-6019.

The Blackburn Chorus is always ready to welcome new members who love to sing. Anyone interested is encouraged to contact Linda Yates at 824-3791.



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Club Optimiste Blackburn Hamlet par Viviane Côté-Maxwell

Il fallait bien être optimiste pour croire en un avenir meilleur il y a plus de 21 mois, mais le temps a prouvé que les gens d'ici étaient prêts... relever le défi. Nous voici maintenant 27 avec nos "runners" du Bingo. En parlant de ce dernier, oui, cela en vaut la peine comme le traduisent les chiffres de notre trésorier,

Claude Jacques. Les livres sont-ils en règle?... oui voyons puisque notre secrétaire, Bruno Leroux garde rigoureusement les classeurs à date.

J'aimerais en ce moment remercier tous les bénévoles des deux dernières années, tous ceux et celles qui ont cru au mouvement et au service pour les jeunes. Cette année, vous

nous verrez dans le défilé du Père Noël le 18 novembre qui représentera les services de nos clubs.

A ma nouvelle présidente, Dominique Jacques, je dis MERCI de relever le défi et je serai là pour la soutenir.

Un Joyeux Noël et une Bonne Année d'Excellence à tous!

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Seeking One's Quarry

by Michael Martin

What's in a rock quarry? On August 26, Blackburn Hamlet residents had a chance to find out as the Lafarge Quarry on Bearbrook Road conducted its first open house.

For years I have driven past its gates, watching the smoke billow out of the green smokestack, listening to (and feeling) the regular blasting, and watching huge, yellow, pit trucks rumble back and forth in the distance. The chance to see a real quarry close up was an opportunity not to be missed.

When the gates opened at 10:00 a.m. I was there with my wife, Sharon, and our two children, Heather and Stephen. By the end, approximately 600 visitors attended.

A display tent was set up with information about the rock blasting operations as well as other Lafarge products and the quarry.

As far as the kids were concerned, the tent was the place where they were given their very own hard hats and balloons.

And what's at the quarry? Obviously, the quarry itself, where limestone rock is mined and crushed. The site also contains an asphalt plant (the green smokestack) and a ready-mix concrete plant. And trucks. Lots of trucks. Some of the large pieces of equipment which work the quarry - a front-end loader, a cement truck and one

of the giant pit dump trucks - were on display. A raised platform permitted viewing of the trucks and to even sit inside of them. The kids were thrilled (not to mention some parents).

We visited the control booth of the ready mix concrete plant, where I learned everything necessary about the mass production of concrete.

The highlight was the pits themselves. School buses took visitors on a guided tour of the heart of the quarry where there are two massive excavation sites - the north and the south quarries (only the south is in operation) - as well as the rock crushing operations.

A total of 40 Lafarge employees volunteered their time showing and explaining everything about the operation. I appreciated every one of them. Not being an expert in the intricacies of quarry work, it helped to always have someone nearby to answer questions.

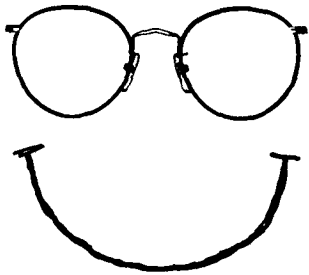
Peter Schwenger of Lafarge organized the open house and says that this is in line with the objective: to show and inform Blackburn Hamlet residents of what goes on at the quarry, to illustrate its role in the local construction industry, to demonstrate what is done to minimize its impact on residents, and to establish a good relationship with the community.

Although Hamlet residents

will never be completely happy with the quarry activities so nearby, Lafarge's open house was a solid demonstration of good will toward the community, and a firm step toward building closer ties. This is an obvious necessity and a long-term one. Although the quarry has been in operation since 1948, according to Peter, there is about another 30 years worth of rock to be mined.

If you have any questions about the quarry, contact Peter Schwenger. If you didn't attend the open house and would like to arrange to see the quarry, contact Mario Funai or Tony Johnson at Lafarge on Bearbrook Road, 834-4223.

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Tips for Shopping

by Rollie Sanders

There are some things you can do to make eating for one or two more enjoyable, as well as less expensive. Here are some tips:

⇒ Prepare a shopping list based on menus and recipes you plan to use for the week. Look for specials in news-papers and magazines, then decide where to shop.

⇒ Share the shopping experience (and large packages) with a friend.

⇒ Ask the store clerks or department manager to prepare and package smaller cuts of meat or fruits and vegetables for you.

⇒ Look at the shelf tags on products for the cost per unit when comparison shopping.

⇒ Buy only three pieces of each kind of fruit: a ripe one, a medium one and one that is unripe. Let the last one ripen at room temperature.

⇒ Buy small-sized fresh produce (eg. small lettuce, cabbage, squash).

⇒ Buy eggs by the half dozen instead of a carton.

⇒ Look for "no name" or store brands. These are often cheaper.

⇒ Check the "day-old" table for lower priced items.

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There are two ways to eat this sinfully rich dessert. Ice cream cake lovers will enjoy it frozen, while pudding lovers will gobble it up as is.

Preheat oven to 325°.



Base:

1/2 cup margarine
1 cup flour
1/4 cup sugar

Cut into each other until mixture resembles fine crumbs. Press into 9" or 10" square baking pan. Bake 25 minutes. Cool.

1 large banana, sliced

Layer slices over cooled base.

8oz. (250g) package cream cheese, softened

Beat together until smooth.

1/2 cup icing sugar

500 ml tub of Cool Whip

Stir into beaten mixture. Spread over banana slices

3 cups milk
170g (6 portion size) package of instant chocolate pudding mix
135g (6 portion size) package of instant vanilla pudding mix

Combine in a bowl and beat until well blended, about 2 minutes. Spoon over cream cheese layer.

1 cup (250 ml) whipping cream, whipped

Spread over the above.

12 crushed chocolate wafers or 1/3 cup finely chopped nuts

Sprinkle on top.

*From the Kitchen of
Margaret Betcher*

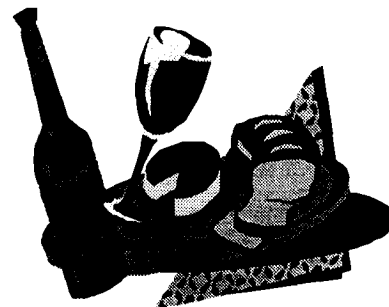
Refrigerate or freeze until ready to serve. If serving as a frozen dessert, let stand at room temperature 10 minutes before eating.

Please forward a copy of your favourite recipe to: Rollie Sanders, 66 Woodburn Drive, Gloucester, ON K1B 3A7

⇒ Share meals with friends or neighbours. Exchange recipes or cookbooks and discover new dishes.

⇒ Make a meal and freeze one. If you have a freezer, take advantage of it. Make several of your own TV dinners or casseroles for use at other times. Simply warm up the

dinners in an oven as you need them.



Novice Girls Win Silver Medal In Orleans Fastball Playoffs

by John Crabb

Blackburn's novice girls fastball team took the silver medal in the double-knockout Orleans Amateur Fastball Association playoff tournament held at Blessed Kateri and Garneau fields August 11-13.

Blackburn dropped the opening game against Orleans Red 13-12, then won five straight - defeating Gold 13-8, Mauve 19-9, Light Blue 20-5, Light Green 10-4 and Navy 15-12 - before losing to Red 14-5 in the final. The team finished the regular season with a record of eight wins and 10 losses, dropping five contests by a single run.

Blackburn made effective use of squeeze and drag bunts to outscore opponents 94 to 65 in the tournament and 267 to 255 during the regular season.

Sarah Vaughan, Stephanie Crabb and Erinn Davies gave the team solid pitching. The infield contributed a number of double plays during the year and included Sarah Smyth, Melissa Ismail, Sasha Carscadden, Lise-Marie Andrews, Lindsay Wright and Meaghan Kenny. Amy Nolen, Andrea MacDonald, Juliana Howes, Kate Headley and Sarah Cowper shared outfield duties.

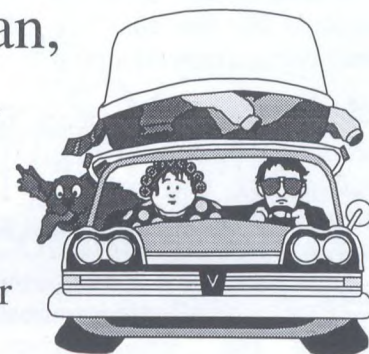
Stephanie Crabb led the team with 35 runs scored during the regular season. Sarah Smyth reached base 46 times and was scoring leader for much of the regular schedule. Shannon Heinstra, called up from Squirts, scored four runs in three games. Players voted Sarah Vaughan, Stephanie Crabb, Sasha Carscadden and Melissa Ismail most valuable players at the year-end team party.

The Novice team was coached by John Crabb, Bob Carscadden and Rita Davies.

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Blackburn Ladies Softball splits its seams! by Cathy Graham (with laughter that is)

This season was the best yet, with numbers at their highest and an ever-growing waiting list. Old contacts were renewed, new ones forged, and laughs were limitless.

Our players were so keen on having fun, they played their hearts out in sweltering weather at the Friendship tournament. Some even played for all of the teams!

During the season a few tried to convince an umpire that a monsoon was "just a little rain", and one team played so many late-night games they showed up in their pyjamas!

You gotta love 'em though. They had spunk, pizzazz - not to mention the lure of wings at the Arms after.

A huge thanks to umpires Graham Bailey and Frank Townsend. They really added colour to our games (Psst! Frank. Don't book yourself into Yuk Yuks yet!).

Congratulations to the League Champs (Royal) and the Playoff Champs (Red).

The end-of-year family fiesta, with the championship game between the Red and Green teams, was a roaring success! Between the children's games of musical chairs and fly-ball catch, and the antics on the field (and off), the camaraderie was astounding. A big thanks to special events director Darlene Alexander. Her work this year on the Friendship tournament and the year-end Fiesta was exhausting to watch, let alone do.

We would like to extend a warm hug and gratitude to Anne Best, our social director. She put together an amazing end-of-season banquet with all the trimmings. Quite impressive!

At the banquet, a special, new award was unveiled - our Sportsmanship Award, founded in honour of this league's special friend, Beulah Mathieson. Beulah, who recently

moved away from Ottawa, embodied the true meaning of friendship and sportsmanship.

Congratulations to the first recipient of the Award, Cheryl Toomey. As past and current President, Cheryl continues to surpass the boundaries of the words helpful, caring and friend. She can always be found at the field cheering you on and stopping to chat. She puts an enormous amount of effort into lighting and maintaining that fire of friendship. Way to go Cheryl!

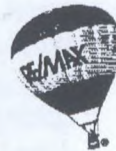
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A special thanks to those from the Men's League for organising our ball clinic, Rene Senecal for his continued help throughout the year with numerous tasks, and Ken Toomey for all his relentless efforts throughout our tournament weekend. Thanks guys!

Last, but not least, a big pat on the back to the remainder of our executive this past year: ♦Marie

Stevens for keeping our accounts straight and in the black, ♦Terri Sinclair for her perseverance with our stats, ♦Daphne Poulin for her diligence in obtaining the best deals and maintaining our equipment, ♦Kim Bednar for her secretarial help, and ♦Kim Shonfield, in her role as vice president, for being queen of our donut corner and registration, and for being cheerfully available for the daily presidential phone calls.

It's been such a great season, we can't wait for more. An exciting new executive, headed by Cheryl Toomey, is on the prowl! Don't forget to sign up next year! 1996 will be an novel year (there's been talk of WWF wrestling at 2nd base!).



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The One-Stop Shopping Place for Ideas by John Stevens

A few years ago, Canadian Tire did an advertising campaign around what you thought about when you heard their name. The idea was that Canadian Tire was much, much more than tires.

What do you think of when somebody says the word "library"? The first thought that comes to mind is books, but, like the store, a library is much, much more than books.

Being a shy person as a teenager, many a Friday night was spent at the Willowdale Public Library. Rather than limit my life, it expanded my horizons.

Having little spending money, where else could I go that would cost me nothing that I could explore the remotest continent or climb inside the tiniest molecule. I could do almost anything my imagination would allow.

I've grown to love the Blackburn Branch just as much as the library in Willowdale and perhaps even more.

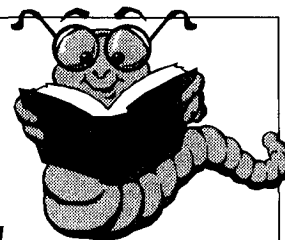
After speaking with Marcia Aronson, the branch head, I realized that the concept of a library has evolved quite a bit with the times. It can serve a variety of functions.

A library can save you a lot of money. Want to read your favourite magazine? With over 100 selections, there's a good

chance they have one you subscribe to. Why, they even have the ever-so-popular MAD magazine!

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Speaking of vacations, where are you going next year? Wouldn't it be nice to get a little information about your destination before you get there? You can plan most of your trip at the public library. They have travel guides that include hotels, bed and breakfasts, the popular sites, places to eat and other valuable information that can turn a good vacation into a trip of a lifetime.

If you're going somewhere that speaks a language foreign

to you, you can even pick up a bit of the vocabulary from the language books and audio instruction tapes.

I often take out cartoon books like Tin Tin and Lucky Luke from the vast French selection. They provide me with interesting reading while improving my language skills without being too childish. There are French books that will meet your level of literacy.

Going on a long automobile trip? Why not take a book along? There's quite a selection of audio books available. We particularly like Rumpole of the Bailey, and the James Herriot series. There are children's audio books too - ideal for helping to keep the kids quiet and entertained on a long journey.

If you prefer music, there's a good chance you can find an audio cassette of something you will like. By next year you will be able to borrow compact discs and video cassettes. The video cassettes will not be feature films that you would rent in a video store, though.

If you want to know more about computers, go to the library. They have a section devoted to them. Learn about what hardware you need. Pick up some skills on a particular software with one of the many "how-to" books they have.

Programmes for children

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- Stories in English for 3 & 4 year olds, Tuesday, 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday, 10:45 a.m.
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The Blackburn Branch offers various programs meeting the needs of its supporters. Check out the boxes on these pages to see what is coming up in the near future.

Looking for a job? The library is a good place to start. Remember all of the newspapers? The want-ad section is waiting for you. As

well, there are many books on topics from writing your résumé to advancing in your career once you get one.

Wanting to entertain friends? Why not wow them with mouth-watering recipes from exotic lands? There are only so many times you can serve Aunt Bessie's lasagna, however, make something Korean and chances are that, even if you fail, they won't know what it's supposed to taste like anyway.

For needs around the home, the library is just the ticket. From decoration to renovating to repair, it has it all. And when that's all done, there are even books on selling the place.

Does your car need

Programmes for everyone

- Chess every Monday evening at 7:00 p.m.

servicing? If you are a do-it-yourselfer, you find the information you need.

Looking for a long-lost friend? The city directories might be helpful. You can look up people by name, address and phone number.

The Blackburn Branch does its best to make itself as convenient as possible for you. There is a drop-box, so you can return your books after hours. Also, they have free inter-branch delivery with any Gloucester library and many outside they system. So, if you can't find the book in the Hamlet, chances are you can still get it.

Did you know that the Gloucester Public Library has a writer-in-residence? Charles de Lint will serve in this capacity until April 22, 1996.

A full-time writer and musician, de Lint's works include novels, short stories, comic book scripts, poetry and non-fiction, as well as reviews and columns for many magazines and newspapers. His most recent novels are *Memory and Dream*, *The Ivory and the Horn*, and *Jack of Kinrowan*. He has also served as Vice-President of the Horror Writers Association.

During his residency, Charles de Lint will be available by appointment to meet with local writers, assess manuscripts, and give general advice. Appointments can be made through Library Administration at 748-4226.

The best part of all of the services mentioned so far is that they all are FREE!

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Programmes for adults

- Christmas craft demonstration by Lewiscraft, Tuesday, November 14 at 7 p.m.
- Decorating your home like a pro, with Peggy McBain, Thursday, November 23 at 7:30 p.m.
- Aunt Beth's quilting, with Aunt Beth. History of quilting and a demonstration of old quilts. Thursday December 7 at 7 p.m.

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If you need a meeting room, space can be booked. The rate for non-profit organizations has just been reduced to \$15.

There are used books for sale at bargain prices.

Finally, you can call the Blackburn Branch at 824-6926 and ask them questions about anything. They will do their very best to find the answer.

So when you think of a library what do you think of? I hope I have been able to help

you realize it is much, much more than books.

Now, when you think of a librarian, what do you think of? Having met some of the staff at the local library, I think you should get to know them better, too. They don't quite fit the image of mean old ladies who walk around going "SHHH!"



PLEASE NOTE THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON ON DECEMBER 24, 25, 26, 31 AND JANUARY 1. PROGRAMMES WILL BE PROVIDED FOR CHILDREN DURING THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS. PLEASE CHECK WITH YOUR LIBRARY FOR DETAILS AT: **824-6926.**

Who's celebrating 50 years of marriage?



Audrey and John
LEWIS



Regina and Lloyd
NELSON

Setting Your Financial Goals by Don McGregor

With the hustle and bustle of daily life, most of us have little time to consider long-term goals, such as how we can save the money for the down payment on a house, or whether there will be enough left over for our children's education.

That's why it's important to take the time to think about your future, to think about your long-term goals and what you'll have to do to achieve them.

To set financial goals, your first step is to establish your net worth, the difference between your assets and your liabilities. Your assets should include cash savings, Canada Savings Bonds, the cashable portions of life-insurance policies, boats, cars, jewellery, RRSP's and, if applicable, the equity in any property or business.

Once you have determined your assets, add up your short-term liabilities, such as charge accounts, credit card balances, loans and taxes due this year. Then, calculate your long-term liabilities, such as mortgages and business loans.

Always remember to factor in cash reserves - equal to about three\four months' worth of

your salary - to cover emergencies, including loss of employment. Also, do you have enough to pay for short-term necessities, like vacations or appliances?

When you have calculated all of your expenses, how much cash is left to invest?

If there isn't very much, then you should seek a way to make both your fixed and liquid assets more productive. This is when you should examine your long-term goals, such as buying a home, a cottage, or taking a prolonged exotic holiday.

Other things you will want to consider are whether you will want to buy a larger home in the future, or perhaps move to a different neighbourhood. And do you want your children to attend a community college or university, or send them to an out-of-town institution?

Possibly the most important question you will want to ask yourself is: What kind of lifestyle do I expect to lead when I retire, and will I have the means to support it?

It's very difficult to pin a precise dollar value to these questions, which is why you may need to consult a financial

planner or investment advisor. A professional investment expert can advise you as to how much you'll need to earn to support your long-term goals and will be able to suggest ways in which you might better realize them.

These experts will likely suggest such investments as mutual funds, real estate, or a carefully selected common stock portfolio. Mutual funds, in fact, might be the most attractive option because they are liquid, diversified and managed professionally.

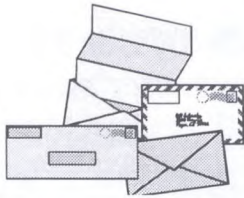
Consider all investment options carefully with the help of a professional financial planner or investment advisor.

Examining these options is an important first step in meeting your long-term goals. However, once you've established a plan, have the patience to make it work. You won't become a millionaire overnight, but by reducing your expenses and debts, planning your taxes carefully, and saving and investing, you can make a great deal of headway in realizing your personal financial goals.

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Letters to the Editor

CAUGHT WITH OUR PANTS DOWN?

Dear Editor,

I would like to congratulate you on the last edition of the BANAR. I was particularly amused with the person "mooning"



on the front-cover photo. You really bent over backwards for that edition. I was totally eclipsed by your coverage of the Fun Fair, too.

On another note, I would like to thank our neighbours on Centrepark, who reunited us with our 10-month-old Labrador pup, Warren. They were kind enough to take Warren in and started a search party looking for us looking for him. I would also like to thank the people out walking that Sunday evening who offered to keep an eye out for him.

Just goes to show you that, under any moon, Blackburn Hamlet is a great community to live in.

Sharon Paul

Dear Sharon,

I suppose I should turn the other cheek, but to suggest that we would put a photo of somebody "mooning" on the front cover on such a respected publication as the BANAR is sheer lunacy.

The saying goes "once in a blue moon" and that is exactly what you are seeing. The colour photo shows somebody with tight, light-blue shorts. Unfortunately, light blue, when reproduced in black and white, looks as if it is a flesh colour.

However, we want to get to the bottom of this or we will continue to be the butt of all jokes. If you can identify this person, drop me line so we can put an end to this photo business.

Thanks for your kind comments.

The Editor

HELPING PEOPLE HELP THEMSELVES

Dear Editor,

As I finished another evening with my Beaver Colony, I decided once again to double my pay.

Every once in a while I think I deserve it.

Periodically I'll do the same thing when I work with CIPS. Someday I'll even decide to triple my pay. After all, whether you double or triple it, zero plus zero still equals zero.

Volunteers get paid nothing. That's why they're called volunteers. Often, the scouting leaders, hockey coaches, association board members, community newspapers, are overlooked or forgotten. Parents drop their children off, read local papers, and attend community events forgetting that people behind the scenes are volunteers and should be recognized for their contributions to the community and society.

The people who do volunteer are often the busiest people in the communities.

Take myself. I've got a full time (often 50-60 hour week) job, I'm a beaver hawkeye (by default...no one else was volunteering), I'm helping set up the CIPS program for 95/96, and entrepreneuring with The People's Network. And what do I get? Asked to contribute more! Asked to do things better! And criticized about my efforts.

People should think before they criticize any of these volunteers or their organizations. It's easier to criticize from the

sidelines than to get involved and change things for the better.

After all, how are we going to improve our programs, communities and society?

I'll give you a suggestion -- do it one person at a time. If you want to help, volunteer for something in your community. If you help one person improve themselves, then show them how to help one person....and so on....and so on...we can change the world.

Next time you see a volunteer, thank them for their contribution to your community and society.

Gary Scherling

Dear Gary,

I, for one, know how much of a volunteer you are. You have helped me with my temperamental computer.

At our last ECA meeting, we discussed the idea of having a recognition night for the community - an evening where accomplishments in Blackburn Hamlet are showcased.

To make the idea fly all we need are a few (you guessed it) volunteers.

The Editor

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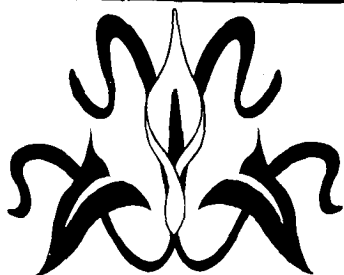
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Telephone Directory

Schools

Blackburn Pre-School	824-3251
Cairine Wilson (9-13)	824-4411
Carleton Board Office	721-1820
Carleton Catholic Office	224-2222
Icole Ste-Marie (K-6)	824-3600
Icole intermèdiare Pauline-Vanier (7-8)	744-1922
Emily Carr Middle School (6-8)	824-5455
Glen Ogilvie School (K-5)	824-4014
Gloucester High School (9-13)	745-7176
Good Shepherd School (K-6)	824-4531
Louis Riel High School (9-13)	837-2216
Lester B. Pearson High School (7-13)	741-4525
Norman Johnston Alternative High School	824-1581

Guides, Scouts, Brownies, Beavers, Ventures, Cubs

Guides and Brownies	Kathie Villeneuve	837-3713
	Sue Balint	824-6940
Registrar (Scouts)	Mike Gossen	824-6324
Beavers (5-7)	Tom Herbert	824-0542
Cubs (8-10)	Mary Jane Luloff	830-2086
Scouts	Sigurd Johannesen	834-3468
Ventures	Rick Aubrey	749-2628
Chairman Scouts	Chris O'Hara	834-7349

Mouvements Scout-Guides de St-Claude

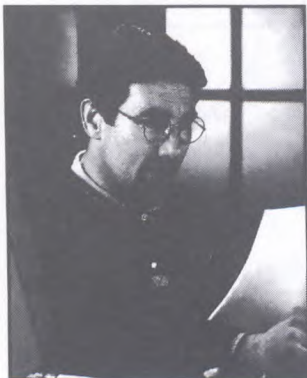
Castors	Lucie Arcand	830-9209
Louveteaux	Jean St-Louis	824-9856
Iclaireurs	Jean St-Louis	824-9856
Jeannettes	Nicole Andrecheck	824-9972
Guides	Viviane Côté-Maxwell	837-1839
Conseil de Gestion	Lyse Goneau	837-3941

Sports

BMX	Hedy Burton	824-1057
Badminton (Adult)	Ray du Plessis	824-2671
Badminton (Junior)	Lidia Taylor	837-6119
Bearbrook Pool	Christa Bennett	824-8300
Cycling	Graham Burton	824-1057
Football	John Rowe	824-6665
Hockey (Boys')	Roger Smiley	837-4293
Hockey (Men's)	Roy Van Koughnett	824-3921
Little League Baseball	Terry McLaughlin	837-8729
Ringette (Girls')	Al West	830-1401
Ringette (Ladies')	Jane Ross	837-1504
Skating	Terry Heaslip	824-3542
Soccer	Vacant	
Softball (Girls')	Gary Polomark	824-7010
Softball (Men's)	André Cloutier	824-2879
Softball (Ladies')	Cheryl Toomey	830-3607
Tennis	Heather Pyman	824-9441
Volleyball (Ladies')	Linda Grisold	830-5045

General Interest

Blackburn Chorus	John Gayton	834-0961
Block Parents: Northeast	Doris Budd	824-1076
Northwest	Susan Sheridan	824-8936
South	Lynn Bissett	824-3938
City of Gloucester Administration		748-4100
Information Gloucester		741-0770
Le Club Optimiste de Blackburn	Dominique Dufour-Jacques	837-4645
Library - Blackburn Branch		824-6926
Newcomers' Club	Jaye Stechey	824-2819
Neighbourhood Watch	Donna Bond	824-1522
Les Chansonniers	Germain Asselin	837-3883
Recreation and Parks Board	Jim Canning	824-1104



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Tax savings	
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Your total tax savings	\$ 4,500

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