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"BUILDING OUR COMMUNITY"



Meet me at the Fair!

by Sherry Woodburn and Chantal Goyette

It's Fun Fair time again, and Blackburn is bracing itself for another great event. This year is the 26th anniversary, and keeping with the tradition of putting funds back into the community, proceeds of the Fair (25%) will be donated towards the expansion of the Blackburn Community Centre (at the arena). The remainder will be shared among the various non-profit community groups in the Blackburn Hamlet community.

Fun Fair has always been treasured as a fun family and community event. It is always exciting to walk with family, friends and neighbours in the Fun Fair parade, and to see that the majority of the Blackburn residents are *in* the parade, not watching it. Children relish the parade, fireworks, and all the surrounding activities.

Last year, some new activities were added to the festivities, among them: "The Farm", demonstrations, the cow plop contest, the nail-driving competition, canoe races in the pool, and the "Bouncy castle". Most of these activities are back, and a few new ones have been added.

Keeping in mind that the Fun Fair goal is for all ages to have fun, here are some of the new activities. On Saturday, at the tennis courts, individuals can have their pitching speed or their

hockey shots measured by radar. In case you want to know if you like tennis, a free clinic has been arranged from 1-2 p.m. A mini-putt is also being added to the list of new activities.

Tube races in the pool are being organized, and a tug of war is also in the works. As well as "3 on 3" bas-ketball challenge and the recreational volleyball tournament, there is also the softball tournament, which is a two-weekend event. Organize a team and join in the fun, or come on out and watch the challenges and root for your team.

Kiddie Car Adventure will be on the grounds and children up to the ages of 7 are guaranteed to have a great time driving these battery operated cars.

By popular demand, the cow plop and nail driving challenges will also be back.

This year you will notice a few changes in tradition. The judging of the decorated bicycles will now be held at 6:10 p.m. on Friday at Louis Riel School, prior to the parade.

Also, the bicycle rodeo has been changed to "Safety Fun". This safety awareness challenge will be fun for children 5 - 15 years of age.

Another noticeable change is the location of the Adult Dance on Saturday night. This year it will be held under the "Big Top" (on the outdoor rink) in the Fair Grounds. As usual, tickets for the adult dance are available at the Toronto Dominion Bank or from a Fun Fair director.

Come on out. Join in the fun! We look forward to seeing you at the Fun Fair, rain or shine!!

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From the editor's desk

I had planned a long, long, interesting piece of prose for this editorial. Unfortunately, this issue is packed with information and articles. I'm glad I took the occasion to say thank you to everyone last issue. Anyway, those that know me know that I hate long farewells.

To Evelyn Budd, the next *BANAR* editor, go my best wishes. I know she's going to come up with some innovative ideas that you will enjoy.

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BCA GENERAL MEETING

— ELECTIONS TO THE BOARD —

Where: Blackburn Firehall

When: Thursday, June 19, 1997 at 7:30 p.m.

Why: Annual election of the BCA Board of
Directors

All positions on the Board are open for nomination. All residents of Blackburn Hamlet who are members of the BCA are entitled to serve on the Board and to vote in elections.

For further information,
contact Michael Martin at 830-5530

BCA Executive Reports

President's Message by Michael Martin

ANOTHER GENERAL MEETING?

Yes, it's that time of year again. On June 19, the BCA will hold annual elections for its executive. Help choose your next executive, or better yet, serve your community and join the action as part of the Board.

As per usual, the meeting will be at the Blackburn Fire Station at 7:30 p.m. All 1997 BCA members living in Blackburn Hamlet are entitled to vote or join the Board.

BUY INTO BLACKBURN!

The BCA has embarked on an exciting new promotion together with local businesses called "Buy Into Blackburn". Participating merchants will provide customers with valid BCA memberships discounts or other benefits. Details are provided elsewhere in this issue of the BANAR.

Briefly, however, the objectives of this program are to: 1) help promote local businesses to Blackburn residents; 2) encourage residents to shop locally; 3) provide additional benefits to BCA members; 4) encourage membership in the BCA.

ALAS, ANOTHER YEAR GONE BY . . .

As this is my last president's message for the current executive year, I thought it would be fitting to review the accomplishments of the BCA over the last year - and it's been a very busy one!

The strength of this community and its long history of volunteerism was perfectly exemplified with a terrific 25th annual Fun Fair, which remembered the agricultural roots of the Hamlet.

The volunteer spirit continued in October with the Bavarian Fest. This event provided another opportunity, in addition to the Fun Fair, for residents to get together and have fun. And fun it was. Indeed, everyone attending seemed to have such a good time, the BCA has decided to do it again in 1997.

And, of course, how can I forget the Community Hall. After many years of waiting, we are finally getting one. Although its presence will certainly expand the range of activities available in the community, one important objective is to have a place to run youth programs. Anyone reading the pages of the BANAR over the past year knows of some of the youth problems we have had in the Hamlet.

To that end, the BCA introduced a youth program in cooperation with The Life Centre during last summer. "Quiet

Riot" was run on a pilot basis and was quite successful. Unfortunately, because of a lack of facilities, a youth program couldn't be continued through the winter.

We hope to repeat the "Quiet Riot" program again this summer, and the community hall should allow us to continue through the winter.

Of course, the BCA, has been working on other issues. We've lobbied against the development of the NCC lands at the corner of Blair and Innes into a large retail complex. Such a development would have a negative impact on our own local businesses.

As usual, we have been engaged in the seemingly never-ending dispute with the Region over improvements to Innes Road.

The BCA has also worked to keep on top of the ever-changing issue of municipal restructuring as this could have a significant impact on how municipal services are delivered and the responsiveness of municipal government to local concerns. As we head into the summer, this issue will only intensify.

A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE!!!

Blackburn Hamlet is a community with an incredible spirit of volunteerism. It never ceases to amaze me how hard so many people work to ensure that we live in a vibrant and caring community. Thus, it is particularly gratifying to see Blackburn Hamlet volunteers formally recognized outside of this community.

Of nineteen City of Gloucester annual Volunteer Recognition Awards given out this past April, six went to Blackburn Hamlet residents! Congratulations to Evelyn Budd, Terry Huculuk, Elizabeth Huculuk, Iris Phillips, Kim Shonfield and Stewart Shonfield.

A special congratulations to Lois Kemp who received the Association of Commercial Travellers award for Sports Volunteer of the Year.

WHILE ON THE SUBJECT OF VOLUNTEERS...

To close, I would like to thank the BCA Board members for all of their work. This year's board has been exceptionally hard working and has certainly made my life as president a pleasure.

A special mention to BANAR editor John Stevens, who is leaving the Board. His dedication, creativity and many long hours of work made the BANAR the envy of every community association around.

I would also like to acknowledge the hundreds of Blackburn Hamlet residents who have volunteered time to BCA activities - the Bavarian Fest, Fun Fair, membership Drive. Your efforts make Blackburn Hamlet a great community to live in.

I wish everyone a great summer - see you at Fun Fair!

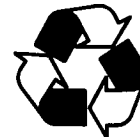
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The Blackburn Bavarian Fest is Back!!!

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Environmental Report



by Iris Phillips

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- 1/2 cup of liquid soap
- 1 cup of ammonia
- 2 cans of beer

LATE SEPT. AND EARLY OCT. TONIC

- 2 cups of Epsom salts
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 - 3 tablespoons of baking powder
- Fill up to one quart with water.

LETS MAKE A DEAL

Local Employment Trading System (LETS) is a community initiative which enables people to trade goods and services. LETS is based in Ottawa and they welcome traders from the greater region. At this time, we are encouraging people to join Ottawa LETS instead of starting a barter system here in the Hamlet. If enough people are interested, an information evening can be arranged.

To know more about LETS, you can call 236-LETS (5387) or visit: www.ncf.carleton.ca/freeport/community.associations/lets/menu, their web site.

Your LETS membership entitles you to receive the Ottawa LETS Exchanger, a newsletter listing current trades offered and wanted, plus a list of members by neighbourhood, account statements of your trading activity, and Revenue Canada tax guidelines.

The following are some examples of what can be traded:

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Walk Safe Day - Wednesday May 28

by Sharon Martin

WHAT IS WALK SAFE DAY?

Glen Ogilvie Public School and Good Shepherd Catholic School have organized a special day to encourage safe walking.

Parents are encouraged to walk with their children to school the morning of May 28 and join in the festivities.

Exciting activities will be happening at each school and special guests will be participating in this event.

WHY A WALK SAFE DAY?

- ◆ to encourage walking to school
- ◆ to heighten awareness among parents and children about walking safety
- ◆ to increase pedestrian safety in the community
- ◆ to remind motorists to drive carefully and to watch out for children who walk to school in Blackburn Hamlet

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Outdoor Update

Now that spring is in high gear, we have all once again started to enjoy spending time outdoors.

By the time this issue of the BANAR goes to press, city street sweeping, sidewalk sweeping, debris and litter pickup and sod repair should be completed and the last vestiges of winter long gone.

The city's asphalt overlay program, which is designed to extend the life of our existing roads, includes Westpark Drive as a must-do this year. If favourable tenders result in sufficient savings, Parkwood and Valewood Crescents are on the list of supplemental sections which merit attention this year.

This spring will see improvements to several of our parks as well. Orient Park will be receiving new play structures to replace outdated, worn out structures with more current equipment more suitable for the demographics of the neighbourhood. New infant swings should be installed in both Bearbrook Park and South Park as well.

The public consultation by our recreation staff in regard to improvements at Bearbrook pool went well with members of the public providing a great deal of feedback which is being compiled at this time. To date, there is no fixed concept for the improvements. However, as it is more cost efficient to do all the required

work at the same time, this summer will likely see the installation of a temporary sun shelter rather than anything permanent.

Efforts are underway to come up with some additional funding for the tennis courts which are deteriorating somewhat. I have been working with city staff on this budget item to augment the funds raised by the tennis club, but budgets are very tight — stay tuned.

Finally, please remember that dogs must be leashed in our parks and that owners are required to clean up after their animals. Let's all aim for a peaceful co-existence this year between the dog-lovers and the dog-less.



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Buy Into Blackburn by Diane Woollard

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At the time of writing, the local businesses in the chart on the right have offered incentives to current BCA members who show their BCA card at the time of sale.

The list of participating businesses will be updated in each issue of the BANAR. Participating businesses and their promotions may, however, change from time to time between issues of the BANAR. Please confirm with local merchants whether they are participating and the details of their promotion. Businesses involved in the program will have *Buy into Blackburn* signs posted.

Everytime you shop in Blackburn you buy into your community --help support your community and its businesses by buying into Blackburn.

If you have any questions about the program, call 834-7144.

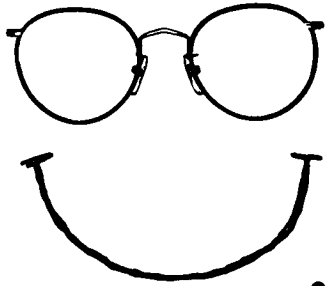
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Blackburn Home Hardware 824-9654 Dave McDonald	7% discount or \$5.00 off your next purchase when you bring in this article (this offer is not valid with any other promotional offer). Limit of one \$5.00-off offer per BCA card.
Blackburn Pharmacy 830-1212 Lou Frangian	10% off all over the counter products.
Edward Jones 841-9315 Robert Real	Open up a new account and receive a \$5 silver, maple leaf coin.
Hamlet Wines 830-0096 Peter Sample	Save the GST on all wine kits, supplies etc. (free delivery in the Hamlet)
Huffman & Associates 837-8777 David Huffman	10% discount. Home shopping program delivering products and services to your doorstep, including educational software on CD-ROM.
Judi Paterson & Associates 824-7320 Judi Paterson/Lee Wallace	10% discount on any counselling session
Lighthouse Grill 824-8500 Mike Hill	There will be a different special each month. To start the ball rolling, buy any menu food item, get a second one for half price (valid Sunday through Thursday only).
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Penelope's Table 834-9595 Suzanne Thibault/Steve Hardy	25% off lunch menu or lunch buffet
PT2000 830-5075 Lise Desjardins	Lise is a personal trainer who offers programs such as nutritional improvement and weight training. Join Lise and your fellow residents for a 1 hour walk around the Hamlet for the first four Mondays in June. Meet in front of Loeb's at 7:30. Participation is free (regular price \$3 per session). Please call 830-5075 to register.
Robert F. Carscadden, CGA 824-3436 Robert Carscadden	5% discount on accounting services
Royal LePage 830-3350 Tom Mountain/Marie-Pierre Gagnon	\$200 will be donated in your name at the time of sale or purchase to your choice of either the BCA or other non-profit community group operating in the Hamlet.
Shoppers Drug Mart 824-2557 Joe Devlin	10% off Life Brand and Rialto Brand Products.
Wally's Bistro and Bar 824-8822 Sam Elias	20% off meals eaten in restaurant. Not to be combined with other offers.
YBC Your Business Centre 837-6948 Linda Saunders/Al Vlietstra	15% off any seminar or training offered at YBC (includes Kids' Komputer Club)

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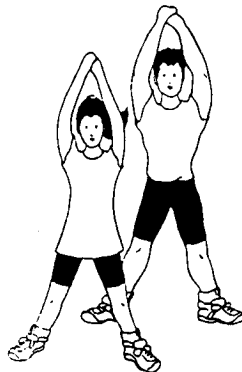
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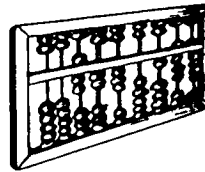
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20 STEPS TO SUCCESS ON FINAL EXAMS

by Lee Wallace & Judi Paterson

High school final exams are just around the corner. Here are some timely tips for students on how to improve your marks.

STEP 1 - ATTITUDE: Your attitude is the key. If you *really* want to do well, you will do what you need to do to be successful. Also, you have to believe that you *will* do well. A positive attitude is very important.

STEP 2 - START EARLY: Some can cram the day before an exam, and get good marks, but most cannot perform to their capabilities if they leave it to the last minute.

STEP 3 - ONCE IS NOT ENOUGH: By starting early, you will be able to go over the material more than once. Research shows this reinforces learning and helps you understand and remember better what you need to know.

STEP 4 - KNOW WHAT YOU NEED TO STUDY: Some finals cover work done in the whole course; others deal only with the second half. Know which is which for you.

STEP 5 - HOW MUCH TIME ARE YOU GOING TO NEED?: You will probably not spend equal amounts of time studying each subject. For some you will have a lot of notes. For others; like English and French, you will probably need to reread all the literature you have taken.

STEP 6 - PLAN: When your exams are scheduled, draw up a detailed plan in your planner of when you will study and what you expect to work on in each time slot. If you aren't using a planner, you should be; it really does help!

STEP 7 - FOLLOW THE PLAN: Although obvious, the reality is that *many* who make plans don't follow them! If you *really* want improvement, stick to the plan, despite any distractions.

STEP 8 - YOUR TEACHERS ARE YOUR BEST RESOURCE: Make good use of what your teachers say. They emphasize certain information (ideas, procedures, skills, etc.). If teachers think it's important, there's a very good chance it will be on the exam. Teachers also give students exam previews through review sheets and class sessions. This is the time to listen carefully to comments about what he/she thinks is important (it's probably on the exam).

STEP 9 - UNDERSTAND, DON'T JUST MEMORIZE: Exam questions are seldom the same ones you have done before, in class, on homework and assignments, and on tests, but they will be similar. Your teacher wants to know you really understand the ideas and information and haven't merely memorized facts. Remembering factual information is important; what is more important is being

able to use this information to answer the questions. While you will eventually forget most of the facts; the ability to understand will benefit you throughout your life.

STEP 10 - HOW DO YOU STUDY BEST?: What is effective for you may be very different from others. There's no one right way to do it. Here are some techniques many find useful. Make study notes that highlight the most important ideas and information. This is, for most, much more effective than merely reading the notes. If you learn best by hearing and talking, try having someone ask sample questions which you can answer orally. Whatever works for you is what you should do.

STEP 11 - GET HELP IF YOU NEED IT: As you study, identify topics and concepts you don't understand. Then, ask for help; that's the smart thing to do. Leaving studying to the last minute, then running around desperately before the exam trying to find the teacher or anyone for help, pushes natural nervousness over the line — not a good situation for someone who has to be sharp!

STEP 12 - KNOW THE EXACT DATE AND TIME OF EVERY EXAM: It's amazing how many show up to write an exam at the wrong time, late, or having studied for the wrong exam! Avoid these problems by knowing your schedule and leave home in time to arrive well before the exam begins.

STEP 13 - GET A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP: Many students do not do this, especially crammers, which is bound to affect performance. You have to be alert to do your best — hard to do when tired. You may get away with late-night sessions for awhile, but it catches up to you!

STEP 14 - DRESS COMFORTABLY AND IN LAYERS: Dress in clothes you like and feel comfortable wearing. Dressing in layers is a good idea. In winter, many schools have difficulty regulating the heating, leaving some rooms too hot and others too cold. In June, exam rooms can be very hot, but if air conditioned, they can be quite cool. Dressing in layers allows you to add or remove clothing, as needed.

STEP 15 - TAKE EVERYTHING YOU NEED: Make sure you know what you are expected to bring: calculator? drawing instruments? coloured pencils? A good idea to have with you always are: extra pens and pencils, a good eraser, calculator batteries, tissues, and a watch.

STEP 16 - CONTROL YOUR NERVOUSNESS - BREATHE!: Being nervous can be a very good thing, since it helps people to "get up" for a situation where you want to do well — like exams. Nervousness is a prob-

lem only when it hinders performance. If you find yourself becoming too nervous, there's a quick technique that helps most — deep breathing. What you need to do is close your eyes and take a series of deep breaths, using your abdomen more than your chest. Concentrate on your breathing and clear your mind of the source of the stress — the exam. Doing this for a couple of minutes will do wonders for your nervousness and ability to concentrate!

STEP 17 - LOOK OVER THE EXAM BEFORE YOU START ANSWERING: It really does help to look over the whole exam and plan your approach. Which questions do you want to do first? Which questions need to be given more time? If there is a choice, which can you answer best? Jot down on paper the ideas and relevant facts that come to mind when you look over each question.

STEP 18 - ANSWER THE QUESTIONS ASKED / SUPPORT YOUR ANSWERS WITH EVIDENCE: A main reason why students lose marks is that they don't answer the question asked. For example, on a question about a novel, spending most of your answer merely outlining the plot and not discussing the actual question (all facts, no opinion) will usually result in a low mark. Don't make the opposite mistake (all opinion, no facts), and lose marks by giving only your opinion without providing evidence from the novel to back up the ideas. Another reason students lose marks is that they answer only part of the question. Read them very carefully, mark the key instructions, and do exactly what you are asked to do.

STEP 19 - WATCH THE TIME: Many lose marks because they don't allocate time very well. They spend far too much time giving long answers to questions worth only one or two marks and leave too little time to work on those worth more. When looking over the exam at the beginning, decide how much time you need to do each question. Once you have decided, stick with your schedule.

STEP 20 - CHECK IT OVER: Too often, students who finish writing before time has expired merely put their papers aside and wait to be dismissed, or rush their work in order to be finished and leave early (where allowed). In both cases, the students have missed the opportunity to improve their grades. Taking the time to check over your answers can save you a lot of marks.

If you do all of these things, you will be able to work to the best of your ability and get the best marks you can. If you want to enough, you can!



Systematic Withdrawal Plans

by Don Mc Gregor

When people retire, they are frequently advised to put their money into a term deposit or a guaranteed investment certificate and live off the interest. At first glance, this may seem to be a wise decision, because the income from the interest initially appears to be sufficient to meet their needs. Over the years, however, the income received decreases in real value because of the effects of inflation and the taxes paid on interest income.

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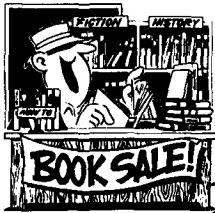
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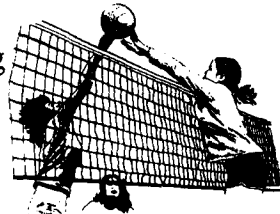
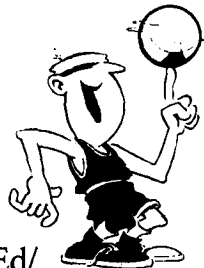
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Book table
Toys and Puzzles
Plants Table
Donut Corner



Children's 'hands-on' craft-making

Challenges

Softball Tournament (Finals, Sunday, June 3)
Basketball Challenge
Euchre Tournament
Bed Races
Tug of War
Arm Wrestling
Tube Races in the Pool
Beach Volleyball (Recreation/Co-Ed/
6 persons per team)
Professional Arm Wrestling
with Nancy Locke



Midway

Fish Pond
Lollipop Tree
Ring Toss
Hockey Shoot
Bean Bag
Apron Ladies and more



Parade

Decorate your bike and come join the fun. Judging of the bikes will take place at 6:10 pm., in the parking lot at École Secondaire Louis Riel. Look for your age group: 4 and under, 5-7, and 8+. This is your chance to be in a parade!
The parade will assemble at 6 pm at Louis Riel School. Floats will be judged for the best commercial entry and the best community group entry. Trophies will be awarded at the park on the stage. The parade will start at 6:30 p.m from Louis Riel, south onto Bearbrook Road to Innes, then east along Innes to Emily Carr School.



BUILDING OUR COMMUNITY

FRIDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES

- Parade - Float and Bicycle Decorating awards
- Bavarian Garden & Sing-a-long
- Fireworks
- BBQ
- Karaoke
- Teen Dance (12 - 16 years) Featuring: "Fresh Water"
- Safety Fun (bicycle awareness challenge for ages 5-15)
- Arm Wrestling in the Bavarian Garden with Canadian champion Nancy Locke
- Mini-golf in the Bavarian gardens

FUN FAIR TICKETS (3 FOR A LOONIE)

Tickets for games, food, etc. will be sold on the fairgrounds: 2 ticket tables Friday evening and 3 on Saturday.

Fun Fair tickets ONLY can be used at the fair except in the General Store and Bavarian Garden.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

A children's magic show featuring "Circus Delights" is sure to delight young children. The show will start at 10:30 a.m. Tickets will be pre-sold at the Blackburn Nursery School (behind the arena) and at ticket table # 1 located at the pool.

Look for the Kiddie Car adventure, the bouncy Balloon Castle, or the children's races. Contact Jackie Ruano at 830-5800 for further information. This year, the Pony Rides are being made available, courtesy of J & S Service Station (Innes Road).

CHALLENGES - JOIN IN THE FUN

COW PLOP CONTEST

A beautiful prize purebred Hereford Cow will be grazing in a fenced area. In that area, a grid of 160 squares will be number-

ed. Pick the "cow plop square" and you may be the lucky winner of a prize.

TUG OF WAR

Teams of 6 will tug and test their endurance against each other. This is a fun, not dangerous event. (You may want to bring gloves though). Pull together a team of 6 and register ahead to Linda Canham at 837-1344.

TUBE RACE IN THE POOL (4 PERSONS REQUIRED PER TEAM)

Team players will have a great laugh participating in this event as the crowd cheers them. The game is simple: 4 players sit on a truck tire tube and race against other teams in Blackburn's lovely outdoor pool. (N.B The pool is being warmed for this event, but participants should bring a change of clothing in case they get wet. For further information, or to register your team, call Arlene Clark-Brown (Gloucester Junior Academy) at 830-4056.

BED RACES (5 PERSONS REQUIRED PER TEAM; 1 IN BED, AND OTHER 4 PUSH)

Beds (on rollers) are available, or you can decorate/set up your own. For further information, or to register your team, call Joe O'Connell at 837-4750. Prizes and trophies are awarded in Men's and women's divisions. Bed races will take place at 3:00 p.m. behind Good Shepherd School.

LOTS HAPPENING AT THE TENNIS COURTS
Tennis Clinic: Learn a few basics about tennis. Register ahead to the Tennis Club or show up at 1:00.

If you want to find out how fast you can throw a ball, come to Tennis Court # 6 between 10:00 and noon to have it measured by police radar, or if you want to see how fast you can shoot a puck, show up between 1 and 3 p.m.

BASKETBALL CHALLENGE

If you are between 14 and 16 years of age

and like to play basketball, this is your opportunity. There are 3 persons per team. There will be two divisions: male and female. Registration fee has yet to be determined. Call Mike Lee at the TD Bank to register your team, or for further information.

BEACH VOLLEYBALL RECREATIONAL TOURNAMENT

Get together with friends or neighbours or classmates to make up a team of 6 with a minimum of two women (or two men) per team. Registration is \$20 per team. Trophies and prizes awarded. Call Stephane Maxwell at 837-1839

EUCHRE TOURNAMENT

Pre-registration for Euchre (\$5.00) is at 10:30 a.m. in the Bavarian Garden. Tournament will start at 11 a.m. Four cash prizes (50% of the registration fees) for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th place winners.

FUN FAIR SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

May 17 & 18. Final tournament: June 2. Mixed teams of Blackburn residents. Each team must field at least 5 women at a time. Cost: \$40.00 per team. To register, call Cathy Parent at 837-7625 or Ali Hatson at 837-3466.

ADULT DANCE - SATURDAY NIGHT

Advance tickets can be purchased for \$8 at the TD Bank or at the ticket booths on the Fairgrounds. Price at the door \$10. Tables of 8 or 10 can be reserved. A drop off for the Gloucester Food Cupboards will be provided at the adult and teen dances.

TEEN DANCES

The teen Dance will feature "Fresh Water" a local band. The teen dance, 12 to 16 years, will be held at good shepherd School Gym, 8 - 11 p.m. Admission is \$3 or 9 tickets.

AUCTION

Bargains, bargains!! A great selection of items are up for auction including gift certificates and merchandise. The Auction will be held from 1:30 - 3 p.m. at the Bavarian Garden.

PET PARADE

The Pet Parade is at 10 am at the Farm Show Ring. Registration is at 9:45 a.m. Entrance fee is 3 tickets. Showcase your pet's talents.

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2. Shortest fur
3. Look-alike
4. Longest whiskers
1. Shortest Tail
2. Droopiest ears
3. Best behaved
4. Look-alike



26th Blackburn FUN Fair Celebration Dance

Saturday, May 31 at 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m.

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Tickets: \$8.00 in advance Tables of 8 or 10 can be
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Reserve your table (824-9600), or pick up your tickets at
the Toronto Dominion Bank on Innes Road.



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Blackburn's 26th FUN FAIR

Friday, May 30 and Saturday, May 31, 1997 Bearbrook Park and Emily Carr School

Friday, May 30

Parade float judging Louis Riel School	6:00 pm	Sale of Neon Necklaces (\$2.00)	7 pm - 9:30 pm
Bicycle judging contest	6:10 pm	Fireworks (behind Arena)	At dusk
Parade leaves Louis Riel School	6:30 pm	Teen Dance ("Fresh Water")	8 pm - 11 pm
Safety Fun (behind Good Shepherd)	7 pm - 9 pm	St. Claude's Strings & Orchestra	8 pm - 9 pm
Awarding of Parade Trophies & Poster Contest	7:30 pm	(at Eglise St. Claude)	
Youth Appreciation de la Jeunesse du Club	8 pm	Professional arm wrestling (Beer Tent)	9 pm
Optimiste		Bavarian Garden	7 pm - Midnight
BBQ	7 pm - 9:30 pm		
Karaoke in the park	7 pm - 9:30 pm		

Saturday, May 31

Pancake Breakfast	8 am - 10 am	Cow Plop Contest	3:30 pm
Pet Parade (at the Farm)	10 am	26th Fun Fair Dance	8:30 pm - 1 am
Tug of War (near Midway)	10 am	(under the Big Top)	
Tube Races in the Pool	10:30 am		
Children's Magic Show	10:30 - 11:15 am	10 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. (ONGOING AT FUN FAIR GROUNDS)	
(Emily Carr library)		General Store (Emily Carr gym), Basketball Challenge	
Baseball Throwing Contest	10 am - noon	(behind Good Shepherd School), Volleyball	
(Tennis court #6)		Tournament (Bearbrook Park), Midway, Dunk Bozo,	
Pie Throwing Contest	11 am - noon	Pony Rides, Petting Farm, Balloon Castle, Children's	
Euchre Tournament (Bavarian tent)	11 am - 1 pm	Play Area (Park behind pool), Children's Craft	
Children's Bingo (Bavarian tent)	11:30 am - 1 pm	Workshop (Emily Carr Gym), Nail driving	
Hockey shoot (radar measured)	1 - 3 pm	competition, Laserquest, Kiddie Car Adventure	
Tennis Clinic	1 - 2 pm	(behind Emily Carr School), Portable Golf Green (Big	
Auction (Bavarian Gardens)	1:30-3 pm	Top Tent), Firehouse	
Bed Races (Behind Good Shepherd School)	3 - 4 pm		

Sunday, June 1

Mixed softball Tournament May 23, 24 Final (Blackburn arena Diamond) Sunday, June 1

GENERAL STORE

The success of the General Store depends on donations. We appreciate all donations of baked goods, plants, toys, games, puzzles, upscale, treasures etc. If you can help please drop off donations at Emily Carr School on Friday, May 30 between 5 and 7 p.m. or Saturday May 31 between 8 and 10 a.m.

Advance donations will be greatly accepted at the following addresses:

Baked Table Goods: Jennifer Pfeifer, 11 Centrepark (Tel) 837-6772 or Joan Klenavic, 62 Southpark (Tel) 824-4820

Upscale Treasures (White Elephant): Lynn Ragan, 27 Burnview Crescent (Tel) 841-7402 or Lee

Faller, 2354 Keystone Court (Tel) 837-3636

Book Table: Jo-anne Thomas, 2446 Braeburn Place (Tel) 824-6607

Plants: Barbara Roberts (Tel) 824-8203

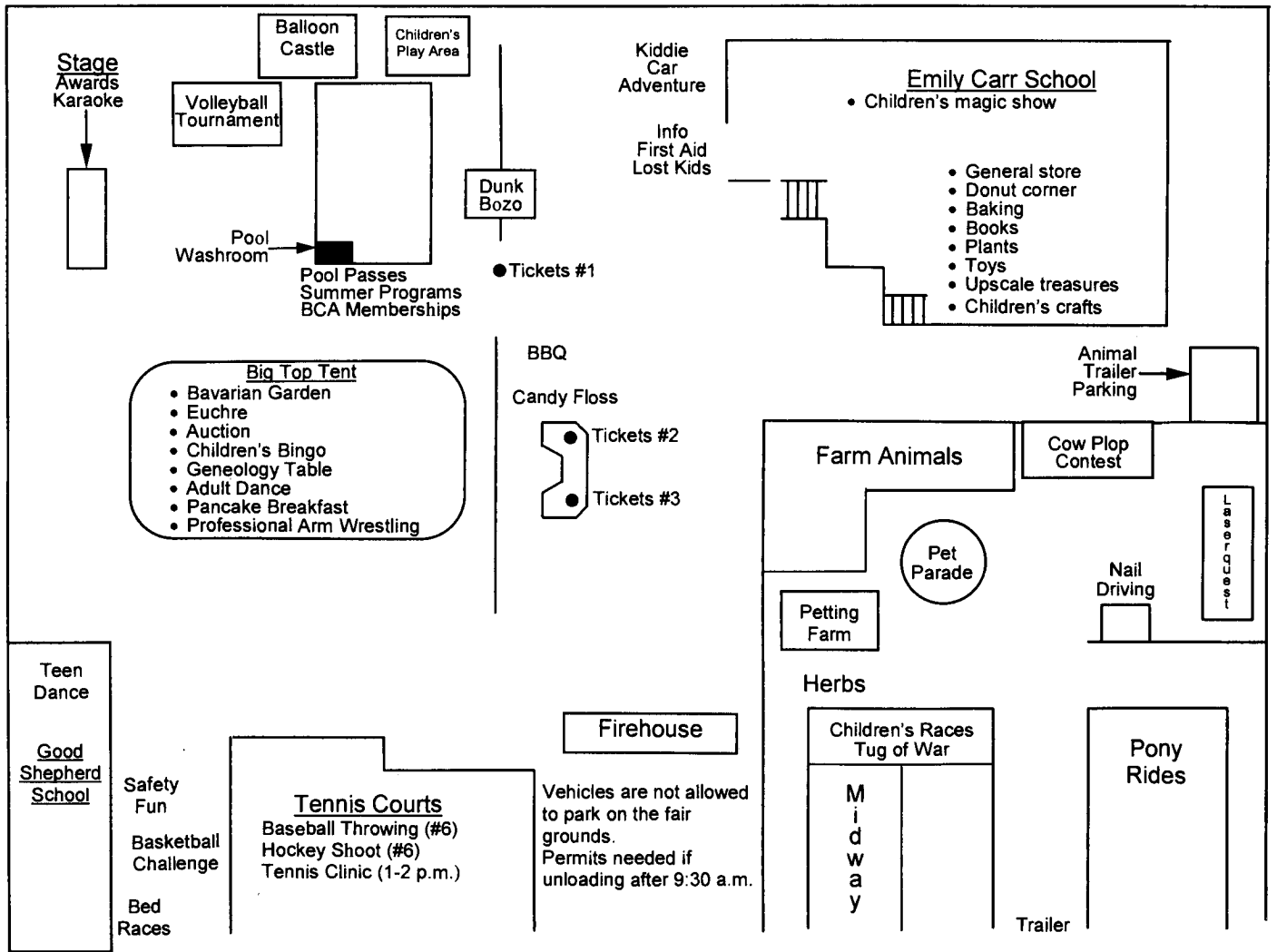


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In Defense Of The Teenager

by R. Mitchell Rowe LL.B.

My line of work naturally places me in the unenviable position of defender of our criminal justice system. One of today's topics - that our teenagers are more criminal than we were in the '60s and '70s - just does not bear scrutiny. Difficult cases like the local murder of Sylvain Leduc exacerbate these beliefs, especially with local media's emphasis on very serious youth crime.

Contrary to these perceptions, most youth crime is minor and is not repeated.

The following statistics, taken for Ontario over the period 1980 through 1993, demonstrates the contrary. According to a 1996 report prepared for the Federal-Provincial Task Force on Youth Justice:

1. The number of youths suspected of committing an offense decreased from 9 per 100,000 to 8.2 per 100,000;
2. The number of youths actually charged increased from 3.2 per 100,000 to 5.9 per 100,000;
3. The proportion of youths apprehended but not charged in 1980 was 65 per cent - by 1993 this proportion had decreased to 29 per cent; and
4. The incidence of murder, homicide and serious sexual assault has remained the same.

The above statistics suggest that despite the slight decrease in the actual number of offenses since 1980, the actual number of charges laid against the teenager has increased almost double. A youth of today, once apprehended, is two times more likely to be charged than was

a youth in 1980, yet the level of serious offenses against the person has remained constant.

Our misperception stems from the increase in the number of charges laid. Teenagers are flooding the courts. But this increase in the number of charges laid is not a result of an increase in the number of incidents - the increase in the number of charges is a product of our belief that our teenagers have no respect for the law and will get off easy anyway, when sentenced. Police, reinforcing this public mood, charge for every misdemeanor, rather than dealing with the minor incident in the home of the offender, with their parents, as often happened when we were young.

And what of our teenage years, those halcyon days of peace and long-haired hippies. I admit to a certain reverence for Lennon, Dylan and Young and their lyrics of youthful, peaceful revolution, yet we do not open our newspapers today, as our parents did then, to headlines of sit-ins and campus violence, the US National Guard, and "peaceful" protests gone amok. There are no assassinations nor demonstrations at political conventions (although I do admit to a certain nostalgia - they certainly were interesting times).



And what of our generation's glorification of illegal, mind-expanding drugs such as pot, acid and mescaline, the "peaceful trips" of the '60s and '70s youth. For us, the real world could wait. Contrast this with today's teenagers, who largely reject this glorification and, unlike us, face daily the uncertainty of finding a job.

No, I don't think that the teenagers of today deserve to be viewed as pariahs, and certainly should be viewed no worse than we were by our parents. In many ways they are more peaceful and law-abiding and certainly no less disrespectful of the law. Yes, there are and will always be the Ace Crew gangs of today, but I remember biker gangs in the '70s. They just seem less evil now, perhaps because they were largely white.

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Blackburn Volunteers Honoured by Gloucester

by Amy Nolan

At the Gloucester Volunteer Recognition Award Ceremony for 1997, six of the nineteen winners were Blackburn Hamlet residents.

The presentations were held on April 6 in conjunction with the opening celebrations at the new city hall. Mayor Claudette Cain welcomed everyone and reminded us of the important role volunteers play in our community. The masters of ceremony, Mr. Pierre Jolicoeur and Ms. Liz Fauteux outlined the accomplishments of each committed individual, and the councillors of the different wards presented the honours.

EVELYN BUDD

The first Blackburn resident to receive an award was Evelyn Budd.

Evelyn has coached minor hockey for six



years, basketball for two years, and has served as a trainer, assistant coach and ice scheduler for the Gloucester Girl's Hockey Association. She has been a parent volunteer at many local schools, as well as serving 24 years as an adult volunteer within the Girl Guide Movement. Evelyn has spent the past 18 years as a teacher, Junior Coordinator and organizer of the Junior Bell Choir at the Rothwell United Church. She began the Fruit Stand at the annual Blackburn Fun Fair and she still canvasses door-to-door for the Cancer Society, Heart and Stroke Foundation, The Salvation Army and Kidney Foundation. Thanks for more than twenty years involvement in the community.

TERRY AND ELIZABETH HUCULAK

Since Terry and Elizabeth Huculak moved to Blackburn Hamlet in 1988 they have been heavily involved with sports in their community. Terry has served on the Blackburn Minor Association Board of Directors for the past six years as Hockey School Convenor, Novice Convenor, Vice-president of Hockey Operations and most recently as Atom House League Convenor. When spring arrives he organizes a post-season ice hockey tournament, as well as a summer hockey program for Blackburn residents.

Elizabeth is the Special Events Coordinator on the Blackburn Minor Hockey Association Executive Committee and for the past three years she has been the tournament chairperson and organizer for the Gloucester Peewee House League Hockey Tournament. During the summer months when ice is not available Elizabeth turns her energies to coaching a ball hockey team, as well as serving as an area coordinator for the Canadian Cancer Society for the past two years.

They have both been involved with the Blackburn Fun Fair, representing BMHA activities and directing the parade for the past two years. We thank-you for your tireless work.

IRIS PHILLIPS

Iris Phillips' volunteer work not only improves lives, but helps save them as well. Her work with the Canadian Cancer Society, the Lupus Society, the Heart Fund, CHEO and the Salvation Army is greatly appreciated. She also contributes precious hours to the Brownies, babysitting co-ops,



Gloucester Arts Council, Shepherds of Good Hope, Fun Fair, single mothers support group and volunteer teaching at Blackburn Public School. She works with clean-up, recycling, and environmental projects within the community. As it was said during the ceremony, "Iris is one of those people who walks gently on the earth but leaves footprints for all of us to try to follow."

STEWART AND KIM SHONFIELD

Stewart and Kim Shonfield have been sharing their time with the community for over two decades.



Since moving to Blackburn, Stewart has coached for the Blackburn Minor Hockey Association at most age levels, has convened a hockey school and has served on the Blackburn Minor Hockey Association Executive. He also helps organize Blackburn Little League and has served on the Board of Directors for the Ottawa-Vanier Kiwanis Club for eight years.

Kim has been a Block Parent since 1987, served on the Blackburn Ladies Softball Executive Committee for five years and through them has organized the Donut Corner at the Blackburn Fun Fair. She has also volunteered as a team manager for many hockey teams and is currently a team leader for BMHA Bingo. Thanks for sharing your time with us.

We all know Blackburn Hamlet would not be the community it is without the hard work and dedication of volunteers such as these.

LOIS KEMP WINS GORD TRIVETT

The first week of April proved once again that Blackburn Hamlet is a community of volunteers. Lifetime Blackburn resident Lois Kemp was recognized for her role in organizing ringette in the national capital region.

For her extensive efforts over many years, Lois was awarded the Gord Trivett Memorial Trophy as sports volunteer of the year at the 44th annual ACT Sports Dinner.

Mrs. Kemp, whose reputation for getting involved and getting things done



is renowned throughout the community, is also a previous recipient of a Gloucester Volunteer Recognition Award.

Lois was accompanied by a number of her many offspring, two of whom had also won awards from the City of Gloucester and the ACT, showing that for the Kemps, volunteering is a family affair.

SURE-SHOT BETH

Beth Nelson of Blackburn Hamlet is only 10 years old and already shows signs of a future basketball star for sure.

This past January and February, she participated in the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition among her fellow schoolmates at Good Shepherd Catholic School.

There was just no stopping her! She won at the school level and went on to the K.C. Council level to win with 12 baskets out of 15 shots. Next she competed at the K.C. District level winning with 15 baskets out of 25 shots. The final level, the K.C. Regional level, was held in Orleans on February 22, and Beth, once again, showed her shining skills winning with 16 out of 25 made consecutively!

Beth is now the leader for 10 year old girls from Barry's Bay to Hawkesbury. Her parents, teachers, Knights of Columbus members, and schoolmates are certainly proud of her.

Good luck in the future Beth with your basketball!



1997

BCA MEMBERSHIP

The Blackburn Community Association raises its operating funds through a yearly \$10 family membership. These operating funds pay for the cost of publishing the BANAR (Blackburn Area News And Reports). If you haven't purchased your 1997 membership, please support the BCA and the BANAR by mailing this membership application to:

Blackburn Community Association
PO Box 47062, Blackburn Hamlet
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Name: _____

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____

Telephone: _____

Yes, I'd like to help the BCA as a volunteer. Give me a call!

Girl Guide Update

The 186th Pathfinders have been busy delivering the BANAR, running BBQs, bake sales, and car washes. They have successfully raised enough funds to travel to Niagara Falls. The girls will be traveling to Niagara on June 12 - 15 to see the sites and attend the Shaw Festival. A job well done, enjoy your trip!!!

Fun Fair Family Nature Walk

Join us on Sunday June 1st for a family nature walk, continue the Fun Fair spirit and enjoy some of the NCC trails adjoining the Hamlet.

WHEN: Sunday, June 1 at 1:00 p.m.

WHERE: Parking lot of Blackburn Arena

Your guides for the afternoon will be Scott and Beth McKinnlay and Sue Sheridan. Programs for adults and children will be offered so come and join the Fun!

Remember to dress accordingly (boots or duckies a must)!!

For more information please call Sue Sheridan at 884-2753



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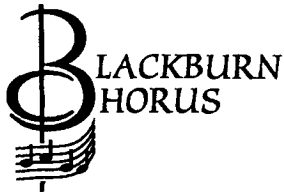


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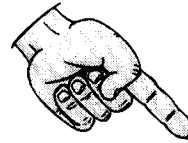
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WATCH OUT FOR OUR GARAGE SALE!

by June Bowie



Since 1984, Blackburn Chorus has been entertaining not only Blackburn Hamlet residents but an audience from a much wider area with a variety of music to suit all tastes. (Our Christmas concert has become a particularly popular event - in fact, a remark was heard on the bus during one pre-Christmas season that Christmas celebrations hadn't really started for him until he'd attended the Blackburn Chorus Christmas Concert!) We also sing at Seniors' Residences in the area.

It has become the Chorus' habit to perform two concerts a year - one before Christmas and one in May - and we hope to see you on Friday or Saturday, May 23 or 24, at Orleans United Church. We promise you a light and varied programme - one that will send you home humming.

In this age of reduced performing arts grants, the Blackburn Chorus is looking for ways to augment its income and this is where we ask for your support. Plan to attend our garage sale on June 7, 1997! Details are as follows:

LOCATION: Good Shep-herd Roman Catholic School Parking Lot -
STARTING TIME: 9 a.m.
DATE: Saturday, June 7, 1997

Please note that, in the event of rain, the garage sale will be held in the parking lot of the Blackburn Medical Dental Centre on Sunday, June 8, 1997.

See you there! You'll not only have an opportunity to pick up a bargain or two, but you'll be helping the Blackburn Chorus to continue singing.

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BILLETs: 13 \$ [svp appeler: Sandra (824-8837) ou Caroline(834-1022)]

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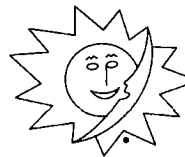
DATES: Friday, May 30 and Saturday, May 31 at 8 p.m.

PLACE: the SAMUEL-GENEST Catholic College, 704 Carson Road (east of Montfort Hospital)

TICKETS: \$13 please call: Sandra (824-8837) or Caroline (834-1022)

*Thank You Blackburn!
Your patronage this tax season
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by Frances Balodis M.Ed., A.R.C.T., R.M.T.

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Blackburn Hamlet Kristine Swaren

824-8024

Seniors' Corner

by Rollie Sanders

BLACKBURN COMMUNITY HALL

The April issue of the BANAR brought you up to date on the progress of the Blackburn Community Hall. In order to make the best use of this new facility, now is the time to start planning for activities. Seniors' groups may wish to get themselves organized for such things as shuffleboard, carpet bowling, darts, exercise classes, card games, etc. This type of information is necessary in order to plan for interior layouts. Please pass on your comments and/or suggestions to Al Ross at 837-1504 or Rollie Sanders at 824-6237.

WANT TO SAVE MONEY?

In an effort to assist both local businesses and seniors, members of the Blackburn Business Association will be canvassed over the next few weeks to determine what discounted or other types of services they are prepared to offer retirees and seniors. To save time, any member wishing to pass on this information may do so by mailing it to Rollie Sanders, 66 Woodburn Drive, Gloucester, ON K1B 3A7, or by phoning 824-6237. A summary will be published in a future issue of the BANAR.

A CHILD'S VIEW OF RETIREMENT IN A MOBILE HOME PARK

After a Christmas break, the teacher asked her small pupils how they spent their holidays. One small boy's reply went like this:

We always spend Christmas with Grandpa and Grandma. They used to live up here in a big house, but Grandpa got retarded, so they moved to Florida.

They live in a place with a lot of retarded people. They live in tin huts. They ride big, three-wheel tricycles. They go to a big building they call the wrecked hall. But it's fixed now. They play games and do exercises, but they don't do them very good. There is a swimming pool and they go to it and just stand there in the water with their hats on. I guess they don't know how to swim. My Grandma used to bake cookies and stuff. But I guess she forgot how. Nobody cooks ... they all go to restaurants.

As you come into the park, there is a doll house with a man sitting in it. He watches all day so they can't get out without him seeing them. They wear

badges with their names on them. I guess they can't remember who they are.

My Grandma says Grandpa worked hard all his life and earned his retirement. I wish they could move back home, but I guess the man in the doll house won't let them out.

WHAT IS THIS WEB, ANYWAY?

The world wide web has a lot of opportunities for seniors, however, unless you know what you are doing, instead of surfing the web, you can get tangled in it.

What I'm trying to form is a seniors' computer club where you can learn from your peers in a non-threatening environment. No matter what your previous computer knowledge, you can learn the skills necessary to expand your horizons and have a lot of fun, too.

Just think, you can send electronic mail (e-mail) to loved ones and have it arrive instantly. You can also browse the world for vacation ideas and tips. What you can do on the internet is only limited by your imagination.

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SPRING IS A WONDERFUL TIME AT THE BLACKBURN HAMLET PRESCHOOL!

202 Glenpark Dr., (behind the arena) 824-3251

Many exciting events have been taking place:

- ♥ no more snowsuits
- ♥ bikes are out
- ♥ things are growing

Some of our visitors this spring have included a doctor, a dentist, a dental hygienist, a police officer, and a firefighter. Each visitor shared important information with the children.

Another exciting event was the 5th Annual Time and Talent Auction on Saturday, April 19 raising \$4239.00.

These funds will go towards the purchase of a new climber for the outdoor playground. Many thanks to the preschool parents and the following local businesses for their support: Home Hardware; Lynn Novak Flowers; Penelope's; Hair Alive Beauty Salon; Blackburn Hamlet Shell; Shopper's Drug Mart; Berry's Pet Food; Loeb's; Carleton Travel. We could not have done it without your help!

Registration for September is on-going and spaces are filling quickly. Don't Wait! Call Louise at 841-5568 for an appointment to visit.

Don't forget about our great summer camp for 3, 4 and 5 years olds. Camp

runs for 6 weeks starting the week of July 14th. There are morning or afternoon sessions available. So sign up for one week or all six! The cost is \$40/child/week. Each week has a different theme, with great crafts, stories, indoor and outdoor play time. We have a great playground with tons of rider toys, a water slide, a sand box and lots and lots of fun. We provide a nutritious snack with juice.

Registration is on May 27 and 28 from 7 - 8 p.m. at the Preschool. All children must be toilet trained to attend camp. If you require more information call Cathy at 830-8210.



Dinosaur Bones located in Blackburn by Chantal Goyette



A paleontological dig in the sandbox at the Gloucester Junior Academy resulted in the finding of several bones by the students at the Academy.

For a few weeks the students had been preparing for the dig and studying about dinosaurs.

We have been discussing different types of dinosaurs, whether they were carnivores, herbivores or omnivores and various explanations for their extinction.

Ask any of the enthusiastic mini-paleontologists to explain their unique theories of dinosaur extinction.

On Tuesday, April 15 they came prepared for the dig: shorts, T-shirts, a water bottle, and of course, a straw hat. It did not take long before bones were located and excavated.

So, where does one look for dinosaur bones. First, the sandbox was inspected for ridges or bumps. Paintbrushes (not shovels) were used to probe the sand for bone pieces and once located, fine brushes were used to scrape the sand or dirt away from the bones.

The children were ecstatic when they first found the bones. Great care was taken to ensure that the bones were

removed gently and kept in tact. Bone pieces were then identified and the findings were marked on a grid.

During the week of April 21, Bill Arnott, a Professor of Geology from the University of Ottawa, gave a dynamic and exciting talk to the students. The enthusiasm was palpable as Bill presented some slides, dinosaur teeth, ammonites, and a variety of fossils, including the head of Edmontosaurus. The students also had an intriguing conversation with Bill about what the world looked like when the

dinosaurs lived, and how the dinosaurs became extinct.

It has been a month of great fun. Not only have the students learned a lot about dinosaurs, fossils, dinosaur digs and history, but the students even put together a giant (paper maché) dinosaur, "Thunder" who is now standing proudly at the school. Watch out for Thunder at the Blackburn Hamlet Fun Fair parade on Friday, May 30, 1997.



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THE SUNOCO TOUR OF THE HAMLET

by Christine McKinty

The first annual Sunoco Tour of the Hamlet was a great success. The day was met with sunshine, great food and fun, plenty of spectators and more than 200 participants and volunteers taking in all of the action.

The Tour included a 6 km walk, jog or stroll through the streets and recreational pathways of Blackburn Hamlet, and a Duathlon, which featured a 6 km run, 20 km cycle to Navan and back, and a 2 km run to finish off at the Blackburn arena.

TBM Sport & Fitness Events President, Terry McKinty, was very pleased with the day. "The interest in the community was tremendous. We had close to 200 participants, lots of Blackburn volunteers, and many curious spectators. The support of the business community was great," McKinty commented.

"We will most certainly be back in 1998 and hopefully for years to come. Now that we have a good model in place, we hope to build on the concept and on the community fundraising aspect of the event," McKinty explained. "As we plan for 1998, we may look at a date a little later in the spring, and we will get the word out earlier to groups and individuals so they can plan to join in."

The Sunoco Tour of the Hamlet was the first event in the adidas Eastern Run Series, and the Duathlon of Blackburn was the first event in the Corel Eastern Duathlon Series.

For those who have "caught the bug" to do a few more events, you can find out about the upcoming adidas Series and Corel Series events by visiting the Running Room, Fresh Air Experience, or by calling the TBM-Cantel Eventline at 837-9538.

TBM would like to thank all of the participants, spectators, volunteers, and sponsors for their support and efforts in helping to make the Sunoco Tour of the Hamlet a success. Visit A Taste of the



Photo by Larry Grover, Photo Sport Plus

Rock to see the photographs of the event, courtesy of Photo Sport Plus.

A Special Thanks to:

Sunoco, Edward Jones, Blackburn Arms, Subway, adidas Canada, Running Room, Fresh Air Experience, Cycling Support Services, Blackburn Hamlet Service Centre, Relenergy Massage Therapists, Blackburn Community Association, Photo Sport Plus - Larry Grover, The Star/L'Express, Chez 106, Gatorade, Bagel Bagel, Cantel, A Taste of the Rock, The Weekly Journal, Michael's Deli & Donuts, Tom Mountain/Marie Pierre Gagnon - Royal Lepage, Shopper's Drug Mart.

RESULTS

For full results, you can visit the Running Room or visit the TBM Home Page at <http://www.cyberus.ca/~t-bm>.

TOUR OF THE HAMLET - COMPETITIVE

1st Male Bruce McNicoll - Gloucester
2nd Male Dave Kary - Gloucester
3rd Male Randy Givogue - Maitland

1st Female Christine Lloyd - Smiths Falls
2nd Female Judy Andre Riel - Nepean
3rd Female Cindy Ettinger - Orleans

TOUR OF THE HAMLET - BLACKBURN

RECREATIONAL

1st Male Andreas Noe
2nd Male Ross Carruthers
3rd Male Stephen Gagnon

1st Female Caitlan Renneson
2nd Female Susan Sween
3rd Female Jennifer Nutt

DUATHLON OF BLACKBURN - ELITE

1st Male Bryan Higgins - Kanata
2nd Male Rick Lage - Greely
3rd Male Jean Blain - Embrun

1st Female Shelley McKay - Ottawa

DUATHLON OF BLACKBURN - AGE GROUP

1st Male Tom Marshall - Brockville
2nd Male Scott Eavenson - Montreal
3rd Male Michel Somogyi - Orleans

1st Female Shelley McKay - Ottawa
2nd Female Lynda Hickman - Kanata
3rd Female Lee Anne Day - Ottawa

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Summary of BCA Meetings - Mar. 17, 20, Apr. 17, 1997

MARCH 17 - BCA GENERAL MEETING

A general meeting was held for the purpose of approving expenditure of BCA funds toward the erection of community signs and a community hall.

Community Hall: A preliminary design for the community hall was presented. The Blackburn Community Association would be contributing \$30,000, the Recreation and Parks Board would contribute \$65,000 and the City of Gloucester would contribute the remaining \$205,000. In order for the project to proceed for city approval it was necessary for the BCA to approve the expenditure at this general meeting. The following motion was voted on by the membership:

Are you in favour of the Blackburn Community Association spending up to \$30,000 towards the construction of a Community Centre? The motion passed unanimously.

Signs: An overview of the reasons for proposing the erection of signs for the community was given. The objective of the BCA was to have signage which would 1) identify the community, 2) advertise community announcements/events, and, 3) advertise the businesses of Blackburn Hamlet. To this end two types of signs were proposed: business signs and community identification signs. Several different drawings of signs were presented. It was pointed out that at this point in time, no locations for any signs are available and that the BCA would have to negotiate with the NCC and the Region in order to obtain their consent as they presently control all of the lands where signs could possibly be put. Thus, the expenditure vote by BCA members was to obtain the mandate from residents to proceed in the first place. If and when possible locations become available, the community will be consulted one more time to obtain their approval for specific signs and specific locations. Optimally, it was felt that a business sign could best be erected in the vicinity of the west entrance to Blackburn Hamlet on Innes Road near the detention centre. Community identification signs would ideally be situated at each of the entrances to Blackburn Hamlet. The following motions were voted on by the membership:

Are you in favour of the Blackburn Community Association spending up to \$5,000 towards a business sign? The motion carried by majority.

Are you in favour of the Blackburn Community Association spending up to \$24,000 for community signs? The motion carried by majority.

MARCH 20

New Directors - Two new directors were appointed to the Board of Directors: Dianne Woollard as membership director and Marion Jones as secretary.

Community Hall - Initial estimate by the architectural firm for construction was \$340,000, \$40,000 more than the budget limit. The City is searching for assurances from the BCA to cover this overage in case the bids come in that high. Agreement that it would not be prudent to provide such assurances without any actual bids. We will wait to see what the bids come in at. If the original figure of \$300,000 is exceeded, then we will decide what to do.

Business Partnership Proposal - The possibility of joining into a joint marketing program with local businesses was discussed. With the changing community - aging residents and smaller families, the need to broaden the appeal of a BCA membership is becoming evident. At the same time, it is recognized that local businesses are having an increasingly difficult time surviving in the community and that there is a need to better focus on local residents in providing goods and services. To this end it was proposed that the BCA enter into a partnership program with local businesses through the Blackburn Business Association. The idea is that BCA cardholders could be entitled to some sort of discount or other benefit at the discretion of the business. Additionally, interested businesses could sell BCA memberships. Initial discussions with the business community have been positive. It was agreed that this could be a very positive program for both businesses and the BCA. Motion passed to pursue the program on a pilot basis until December, 1997 and evaluate it at that time. Dianne Woollard will meet with businesses in order to design and implement the program as soon as possible.

BANAR - John Stevens notified the board that he is resigning after the May issue of the BANAR.

Membership Canvassing - Discussion about ways of recognizing BCA membership canvassers and encouraging canvassers to complete their canvassing sooner. Iris Phillips suggested that other organizations offer prize incentives to encourage people to finish. Agreed that it was too late this year, but that it might be a good idea for next year. Michael suggested that all canvassers receive a formal "thank you" for their help. This will be done.

Amalgamation - Everyone reminded of the April 2 consultation meeting being put on

by the City of Gloucester in Blackburn Hamlet regarding the "Greater Ottawa" model and the Ottawa-Cumberland amalgamation. Some discussion over the role of the BCA in this process. Should BCA be taking a "position" or is it better to simply provide information in order to permit residents to decide for themselves. It was suggested that the role of information provider would be better. Iris Phillips suggested that maybe now is the time to have Gardner Church present to the community. She will look into it.

BCA Reserve Funds - \$65,000 in deposits are maturing March 21. Neil Morris sought direction on reinvestment given the impending financial commitments for the community hall. Given current low interest rates, it doesn't matter much. Decision made to rollover for shortest time possible right now - 30 days; to be re-discussed when we have more information about when we will need money for the community hall.

BCA Accounts - BCA still using manual ledgers. Neil Morris suggested that his job would be much easier if he could use a computerized accounting system - i.e. Quicken. Agreed on the purchase of the software for the BCA.

APRIL 17

New Director - Gertha Decoste appointed to the board as Education Director.

Bavarian Fest - Sue Sheridan presented a proposed budget on behalf of the Bavarian Fest committee to evaluate the feasibility of holding the Bavarian Fest again this fall. Costs from last year's event were cut considerably, and it is believed that the event could be held again at break-even or with a small profit. Motion passed to hold the Bavarian Fest again, on the weekend of October 4 & 5, 1997.

Earth Day - Sue Sheridan proposed that an "Earth-day" walk be held in the Hamlet the Sunday of Fun Fair. All in agreement.

Re-zoning of NCC lands on Innes and Blair - "The Woodburn Farm" - Michael briefed everyone on the status of the zoning application by the NCC to the City of Gloucester for these lands. NCC applied to zone the property as commercial, with the view that it would become a large retail centre. A public hearing was held at city hall on April 16 by the city planning commission. Considerable opposition was voiced by Pineview residents. On behalf of the BCA Michael expressed opposition to the rezoning on account of the overall principle of rezoning such lands by the NCC, the fact that Gloucester needs to use up its abundance of existing commercial space before placing a property this size on

the market, and because of the downstream impact on businesses in Blackburn Hamlet. The planning commission denied the rezoning application; however, it must still go to city council for a final decision.

Volunteer Awards - Michael recognized Lois Kemp for her ACT Volunteer of the Year Award and Iris Phillips for her Gloucester Volunteer Award. Five other Blackburn residents received Gloucester Volunteer Awards.

Amalgamation - Michael reported a poor turn-out at the public forum on April 2. It was suggested that the BCA actively promote the issue of municipal government reform in the region and the proposed amalgamation of Gloucester and Cumberland through the BANAR in order to inform residents.

NCC Greenhouses - Rainer Bloess reported that NCC has found a tenant for the vacant greenhouse property at the West end of the Hamlet. It will be utilized by a market garden operation.

Other - Status reports given on the community hall and fun fair. Both activities progressing well. BCA board volunteered to serve drinks at the beer tent and for the supper dance. BCA will also participate in the parade.

The above is a summary of the highlights of the BCA meetings. If you would like a copy of the actual minutes, please leave a message on the BCA Info-line at 786-1405.

NCC UPDATE

NCC lands at the intersection of Blair and Innes are being considered for development. An application for highway commercial development has been launched and appeared on the City of Gloucester Planning Advisory Committee Meeting in late April. The Planning Advisory Committee voted by a majority to disallow application approval at this time. This item will be on the Agenda at the May 13 Gloucester Council Meeting.

Points of contention:

- Right of first refusal should be given to the expropriated owners;
- Local concerns for increased traffic in an already congested corridor;
- Economic overload on local "small business" in nearby communities.

Watch for council decisions in your local newspapers.

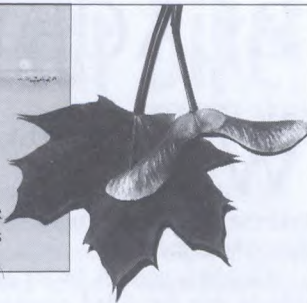
Editor's note: Gloucester City Council approved the rezoning of the NCC land at Blair and Innes. Having attended the meeting mentioned in this article, I would like to know why councillors would change their minds like this. Perhaps we will receive an explanation in a future BANAR.

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 June 30 to August 22.

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Emily Carr Middle School
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 \$80.00 per week
 June 30 to August 22.

This summer youth program provides participants between the ages of 11 to 14

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On Your Bike!

by John Stevens

A group of cycling enthusiasts has started a club in the Hamlet, designed to provide enjoyment for those that like to have companionship while riding and getting exercise.

The group meets once a week each Sunday at 9 a.m. It assembles in front of the Blackburn Arena.

All levels of riders are welcome to participate.

For more information, call Neil Morris at 824-1029.

Gloucester Public Library Blackburn Hamlet Branch

The summer schedule of events at the Gloucester Public Library will be available by mid-June. Watch for the return of drop-in storytimes, Kindermusic, fun afternoons and science experiments. The theme for the Summer Reading Programme is Splash-Splash. Other activities include a juggler, endangered species, and how to set up an aquarium.

June and September are good months to schedule group visits to the Blackburn Hamlet Branch.

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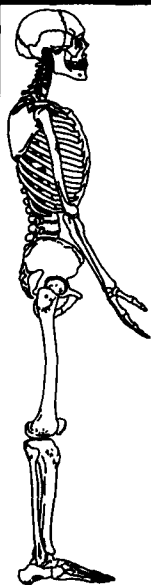
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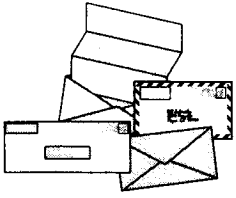
1987-1997 A Decade of Chiropractic Care

The Blackburn Hamlet Chiropractic Office is celebrating its 10th year in the Hamlet.

Dr. Cyr and his staff, Julie, Gill and Betty, are privileged to have been a part of the health services to the residents of the Blackburn Hamlet community.

In a decade of providing chiropractic care, we have been fortunate to contribute to the better health of many.

The Blackburn Hamlet Chiropractic Office will continue in its next decade to be an active participant in the health care of the Blackburn Hamlet residents.



Letters to the Editor

WE'RE HERE, TOO

Dear Editor,

I would like to add to the ongoing dialogue on home-based businesses.

I run an independent home day care on Glen Park Drive.

An informal survey leads me to conclude that there are another six businesses just like mine within three blocks.

I would also guess that in the Hamlet there are approximately fifty home day cares.

One of my neighbours is a member of the Child Care Providers Association and another is associated with Gloucester Home Child Care. We are professional home child caregivers.

Good quality day care is essential to parents who work, go

to school or need a break from the rigorous job of parenting.

Home day cares offer a caring and safe environment where children have opportunities to play and learn.

Not only do home day cares provide a service to parents, we also support other businesses. I shop at the Loeb, the Adonis Bakery, Shoppers Drug Mart, Home Hardware, and Your Business Centre, because I can walk instead of taking my car.

Sincerely,
Victoria Anderson-Selst
La Promenade Home Day Care

P.S. The other day care centres in my neighbourhood are:

Jill's Home Day Care
Jill Walser
Cozy Corner Home Child Care
Daphne Poulin

Crawford Home Child Care

Earleen Crawford

Barb Newcombe

Sandi Walker

Barb Copeland

Sharon Fortune

GOODBYE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

We are writing to express our appreciation for the time, energy and effort you have willingly volunteered to produce high-quality, professional, "fun" editions of the Blackburn BANAR over the past two years.

We have lived here for the past eight years and look forward to receiving the BANAR to update us on the activities within this great community.

Through your creativity, humour and expertise, you've

been able to faithfully do that in a manner that has given us another reason to be proud of living here.

Thank you, Mr. Stevens, for dedicating the many, many hours (especially the early morning ones!), for putting some fun into "reading the news" and for drawing the community together by keeping us informed!

Regards,
John & Robin Vandekleut

P.S. This is not a paid political announcement.

Dear John and Robin,
Many thanks for your kind words. What more can I say?

Best wishes,
The Editor

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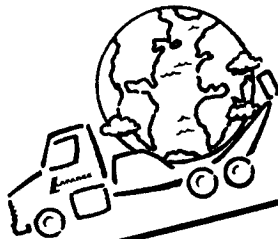
Dear neighbour,

Lafarge started up its aggregate operation on April 22, 1997. This involves drilling, blasting, crushing and trucking. Production is expected to continue until the fall.

As in past years, work will be done in several locations of the quarry. This means that some residents will feel and hear blasting operations more than others. We have and will continue to monitor all blasting, and ask that if you have any questions or complaints, to call the quarry at the number you find at the bottom of this page. Please leave your name, telephone number and address and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Thank you for your time, and we look forward to a safe and sunny summer.

*Sincerely
John E. Cory
Mining Superintendent*



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