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Don't miss the fun at the Bavarian Fest Friday, October 17 & Saturday, October 18

by *Onkle Hans Papineau*

Fall is upon us and the time for the Blackburn Hamlet Bavarian Fest is here. The festival begins in the heated Festival Tent in Bearbrook Park at 8:00 p.m. on Friday evening with music, dancing and entertainment by the Ottawa Rube Band. Great German sausages, sauerkraut and refreshing beverages will put everyone in the Gemütlichkeit mood. On Saturday evening the dancing and good times resume with the Jan Koster Band.

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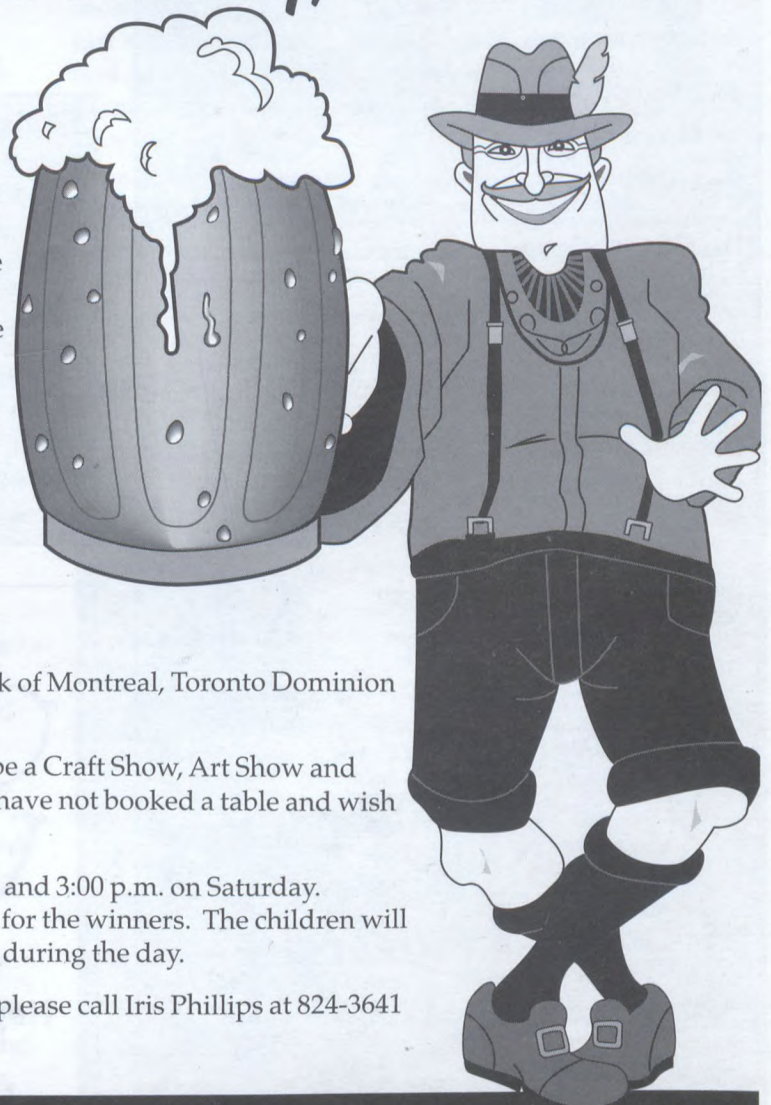
Tickets: \$6.00 for general admission
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Tickets can be purchased at the City of Gloucester, Bank of Montreal, Toronto Dominion Bank, Home Hardware and from any BCA director.

On Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. there will be a Craft Show, Art Show and Bake Sale hosted in the festival tent. Local artists who have not booked a table and wish to, can call Iris Phillips at 824-3641.

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If you can help by volunteering at any of these events, please call Iris Phillips at 824-3641 or Neil Papineau at 830-9295.



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From the editor

This issue of the BANAR has a great deal of information that is important to Blackburn residents. I would like to thank the contributors for their excellent articles and appreciate having them delivered by the deadline date.

I would like to suggest to anyone who wishes to send in some news that a short article 200 to 250 words is more likely to be read. Of course when details are needed for clarification the space will be available. Pictures, short stories, poems and cartoons **from all ages** would be greatly appreciated.

We have limited the number of boxes and logos thereby making our paid advertising more visible. We recognize the very valuable contribution that these businesses make to Blackburn Hamlet and the BANAR and send our thanks.

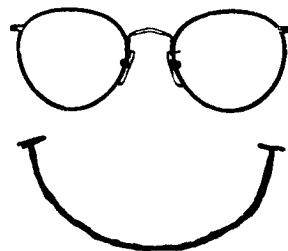
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President's message

by Michael Martin

With regret, I am writing this month's message as outgoing president of the BCA. Changes in my personal and work circumstances over this past summer no longer permit me to give this position the attention necessary to be effective and I have decided to resign. I leave the BCA with both a sense of sadness and loss as I have thoroughly enjoyed serving on the board over the past five years. I will especially miss the fine people who have been on the board with me over the years and I regret not having the opportunity to work with the many new directors this year. Sue Sheridan will be taking over responsibilities of president and I wish her and the board the best.

What about the community hall . . . ?

In my last president's message, I indicated that barring any disasters we should have a community hall by Christmas. Well, disaster struck in the form of an improved economy. Bids received were way over what was estimated, leaving us about \$130,000 short of what was allocated. The Community Association certainly doesn't have this kind of money and the city has shown no interest in funding the difference. Councillor Rainer Bloess will be presenting to the community the option of having this money raised through the tax levy which is directed to the Blackburn Hamlet Recreation and Parks Board. Certainly, this is one option and it will be up to the community to decide if it wants to fund the difference for the community hall through additional taxes. Additional details are elsewhere in the BANAR.

Greenbelt issues . . . AGAIN!!

Before I moved to the National Capital Region 5 years ago, I had never heard of the greenbelt. Now that I live here, the ever changing plans of the NCC regarding the greenbelt lands around Blackburn Hamlet have proved to be a never ending source of consternation in what seems to be an eternal love-hate relationship with the NCC. And for good reason. Blackburn Hamlet as we know it today is a direct by-product of the greenbelt and our character and identity as a community is intricately tied to it. Residents who have invested in this community have done so with the belief and many assurances by NCC that the integrity of surrounding greenbelt lands would be maintained. Cash strapped, the NCC has now conveniently identified sections of the greenbelt lands which they see as no longer fitting into the vision of the greenbelt and which should be sold. Cut off from the surrounding greenbelt lands, the buffer on the south side of Blackburn Hamlet adjacent to the

bypass is especially vulnerable. NCC started this process several years ago when the fire hall was constructed. The sale of the corner property to Good Shepherd church represented a further erosion of the buffer. Now the NCC is trying to sell off the remaining property adjacent to the fire station. In their most recent plan, the NCC assured the community that it would not develop the buffer adjacent to the bypass. In defense of their decision to sell the property next to the fire station, however, the NCC has stated that this promise only referred to the buffer stretching east to Navan Road. How convenient. I don't expect it will be long before the NCC will construct another fiction to justify selling the rest of the buffer along the bypass. The community has more of a stake in what happens to the greenbelt than just about any other. We must always remain vigilante and remind the NCC that we won't be pushed around or manipulated. In this regard, I would like to thank Sue Sheridan for her efforts in organizing a petition against the selling of these lands as well as all of the other concerned Blackburn Hamlet residents who have organized against and lobbied the NCC. Your work is very much appreciated.

Meet The Candidates Meeting

As in past election years, the Blackburn Community Association has arranged a public meeting where residents have an opportunity to meet the various candidates soliciting our vote in the upcoming Municipal Election, and ask questions. Candidates for Mayor, Ward 3 Councillor (Blackburn Hamlet & Chapel Hill South), Regional Councillor, and Regional Chair, have been invited to address the residents.

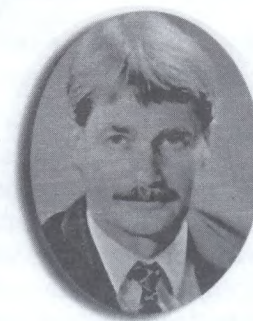
The meeting will be held at
Glen Ogilvie School on Oct 22nd
starting at 8:00 pm

We look forward to a good turnout.



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Community Hall — It's YOUR choice!

At the beginning of this year, I described 1997 as possibly being a A "banner" year in a number of ways for our community.

There were a number of good news items such as the Gloucester budget which resulted in a 5% tax decrease for all city taxpayers and approval for much-needed repairs to the Blackburn arena.

However, the project which was to provide the Hamlet, at long last, with a community hall has not yet materialized. As many of you know, this initiative which was enthusiastically received by the many community groups that participated in the consultations has stalled due to delays in the tendering process and higher than expected costs.

To address this matter and to involve the public, an Open House is being held on October 15 at our library branch to review the project and the costs and our options. The open house will also present the masterplan for Blackburn parks and the final concept plan for the Bearbrook pool renovations will also be on display. An overview of the status of the community hall is published in this edition of the BANAR and I will be present at the Open House to answer any questions.

I share the dismay of those members of our community who have invested considerable time and effort in this endeavour. For me personally, this remains an unfulfilled commitment but I want to be sure that you are involved. To gauge the extent of the community's support, the BANAR has a ballot for you to provide your feedback. You can also respond by calling a special number set up specifically for this issue (748-4357 extension 3300) or by faxing Jennifer Dalrymple at 748-4352 or by e-mailing your response to: HYPERLINK mail to:corp@city.gloucester.on.ca.

Please look closely at the costs involved and the options available to us. Take the opportunity to discuss this matter with your neighbours, with members of the Blackburn Recreation and Parks Board or the directors of the BCA or with me.

Your views on this matter are important, as you ultimately will be asked to pay the bill. This is your opportunity have direct input into a community project. I look forward to your responses in what I consider an important exercise in participatory democracy.

As usual, if you have any questions or issues, please call me at 748-4119.

Community Hall Update

by Al Ross, Civic Affairs

In June, the City hired a Construction Manager to oversee the construction, and co-ordinate the sub-trades for the construction of the Community Hall. Tenders were requested for the various parts of the construction, but unfortunately there were some aspects of the project which did not receive responses, and those that did come in, were higher than expected. The City then decided to ask General Contractors to submit tenders for the whole project, and when the lowest tender was received in September, the cost of the project worked out to be approximately \$137,000 over budget, including GST, Permits, Design, and Contingencies.

It is also apparent that one of the reasons for the selection of the "front annex" design must now be reconsidered.

As reported in previous BANARS, as far as the City was concerned, funding for the Community Hall was limited to \$300,000 for the basic building structure. The preliminary cost estimates we had at the time the design options were presented, indicated that the annex on the

front of the arena was approximately \$85,000 less expensive than the second floor option. This option was therefore selected to proceed with the preparation of plans for tendering. During the summer, as the plans began to unfold, further fine tuning of cost estimates were realized and it was believed that the total project could come in at around \$340,000. The BCA, together with the Recreation and Parks Board (RPB), believed through fund raising and other sources of funds, we could handle this figure.

It is now apparent that the community association cannot come up with the necessary funds to cover the costs that came in through the recent tendering process, so we now find the project in limbo until a new financial plan is put together. It is also apparent that one of the reasons for the selection of the "front annex" design must now be reconsidered.

We are now at the point where two questions must be answered before we can proceed. The first is, "Does the community still support the spending of additional funds for the Community Hall?", and if so, "What is the desired manner of raising such funds?"

There will be a public Open House on October 15th in the Blackburn Public Library where residents can discuss the City's Master Plan for Parks in Blackburn Hamlet, and where public input on the Community Hall will be received. Take time to respond to the notice from the City of Gloucester soliciting your comments with regard to the source of funding for this project.

Open House!

October 15, 1997



SPECIAL OPEN HOUSE REGARDING A COMMUNITY HALL IN BLACKBURN HAMLET

An important notice to Blackburn Hamlet residents

The City is ready to begin construction on the Community Hall in Blackburn Hamlet. However, the total cost of the project is approximately \$140,000 over the amount approved by Council. In order to continue with this project, the City is seeking support from the residents of Blackburn Hamlet for an annual contribution of approximately \$4.00 per household per year. This annual amount would be added to the Recreation and Parks Board (RPB) local area levy for approximately 15 years to cover the extra cost of the Community Hall. In 1996, the average household paid approximately \$10.10 for the RPB local area levy. In 1997, it was approximately \$7.75. The proposed rate for 1998, with this expenditure will be approximately \$11.75.

Residents of Blackburn Hamlet are being asked to indicate their support or opposition to this project by:

- ✓ attending a public Open House at the Blackburn Hamlet Public Library on October 15, 1997 between 7:00 pm and 9:00 pm, or
- ✓ filling out the attached ballot and dropping it in one of the ballot boxes at the Blackburn Arena or the Blackburn Hamlet Public Library, or
- ✓ telephoning the Blackburn Hamlet Community Hall Hotline at 748-4357 ext. 3300 and registering your vote, or
- ✓ faxing the City at 748-4352, Attention: Jennifer Dalrymple, or
- ✓ e-mailing at: corp@city.gloucester.on.ca

Your support or opposition to this project should be directed to City staff by one of the above communication methods no later than Friday, October 17th.

Make your vote count.

Other Issues for Discussion

Results of the Recreation Masterplan detailing proposed improvements in the Blackburn Hamlet parks will be on display for residents to review. As well, the final concept plan for the Bearbrook Pool renovations will be displayed.

Ballot

Name: _____

Address: _____

- 1) Are you in favour of having this community hall? ___ yes ___ no
- 2) Are you in favour of paying an average of \$4.00 per household for the next 15 years? ___ yes ___ no

Get ready to rumble this November when West Side Story hits the Centrepointhe Theatre.

Presented by The Company of Musical Theatre, this classic is guaranteed to knock the socks off the city. The story revolves around two street gangs: The Jets (Americans) and the Sharks (Puerto Rican's), based in New York City. The groups, angered by society, struggle to conquer their territory by dueling it out. Among them are an American man, and a Puerto Rican woman, who accidentally fall in love, creating more confrontation for the two groups. In general, this is a modern day Romeo and Juliet, where such topics as love, hate, death, and happiness all collide.

Blackburn Hamlet's Derek Eyamie, known around Ottawa for his career in Musical Theatre is in the



Derek Eyamie

production of West Side Story. He has one of the lead roles, playing the part of Riff. His training includes voice lessons, music theory, ballet, jazz, modern and tap dancing. Some of his credits include "The Pirates of Penzance," "Fame," and "Crazy For You." Derek plans to pursue his career by attending Sheridan College next year. He proudly states that "This show is one not to be missed."

West Side Story runs at Centrepointhe Theatre from November 20th through November 30th. Tickets range from \$18 to \$20. Children and Seniors have a discount of \$2 per ticket. Tickets can be ordered by calling Centrepointhe Theatre's Box Office at 727-6650, or in person at 101 Centrepointhe Drive.

BANDATHON '97 supports CHEO

The Colonel By Secondary School Music Department will be holding their 17th Annual Band Marathon, "BANDATHON '97", in support of Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO). Throughout the past 16 years, this event has helped to raise over \$52,000 for this very deserving cause.

"Bandathon '97" will be held in the atrium at Colonel By Secondary School from Friday, November 14 at 1 p.m. until Saturday, November 15 at 2 p.m. Approximately 100 musicians from the Colonel By Secondary School Music Department and Colonel By Community Wind Ensemble will be participating in this 25 hour event. A few local celebrities will be guest conductors on the Saturday morning. Local businesses such as Loeb, Pizza Hut, and Sterling Ford are helping to sponsor this event.

BCA memberships available

The Blackburn Community Association raises its operating funds through a yearly \$10 family membership. These operating funds help pay for the cost of publishing the BANAR (Blackburn Area News and Reports) and many other projects. This month volunteers will be going door to door asking you to give your support to your community. If you haven't purchased your BCA membership, please support the BCA by sending your name, address with postal code and phone number to:

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A Buffer by any other Name

by Sue Sheridan

The residents of Blackburn are to be commended for their efforts and support in opposing the sale of more Greenbelt land in the Hamlet.

Over the summer an additional 9.8 acres of open space was put up for sale. This property is located at the eastern end of the Hamlet between the Good Shepherd Church Site and the Blackburn Firehall.

Residents of the Hamlet and surrounding area were quick to get involved in opposing the sale of land. A petition with 370 names was gathered, that number has since increased to over 430 with calls still coming in. This petition was presented to Gloucester City Council on September 9th along with two symbolic trees which were signed by more than 60 children.

Our goal in going to Council at that time was to make the Mayor and Councillor aware of our concerns. In selling this land the NCC opens the door to developers and the City would be involved in any zoning changes or approvals.

We are seeking the support of our Mayor and Councillor in dealing with this issue. I am pleased to say that our local Councilor Rainer Bloess has publicly stated he will not support development on this property. We would like this commitment from the rest of council. Please keep this property safe from development. Respect the need for environmental appreciation and allow us to become Stewards of this land.

Preserve the Greenbelt Committee

NCC Greenbelt Update

Sale of Greenbelt Land - Over the summer months the NCC has put an additional 9.8 acres of Greenbelt land up for sale. The land between the site of Good Shepherd Church and the Blackburn Firehall. By putting this land up for sale the NCC breaks one of their most important mandates for protection of the environment and opens this land up to prospective developers. The precedent for selling Greenbelt has already been set and the temptation for "fast cash" is again underway.

Residents of Blackburn must again send a message to the NCC, Region and City of Gloucester. Do Not Allow the sale of Greenbelt lands in Blackburn Hamlet and Do Not Allow changes in zoning of designated lands. We must ensure the property on Innes Road (next to the Firehall) remains Greenbelt and is not put up for sale to developers.

Please make your voice heard, sign a petition which will be presented to Gloucester City Council, the National Capital Commission and the Region. We must have a say in what is right for our community and our quality of life.

If you have any questions or comments please call the BCA Info Line at 786-1405. Please sign and cut out the following petition card. **You may drop it off at the Blackburn Home Hardware or Loeb, Blackburn Hamlet.**

Thank you for taking the time to get involved and do what is right for our community.



To the Mayor and Gloucester City Council

I am asking for your support to stop development of the buffer along the By-pass between the Good Shepherd Church site and Navan Road.

Signature

Name

Phone #

Address

Blackburn Hamlet Tennis Club has great summer

It has been a great summer at the Blackburn Tennis Club. The weather was perfect and all the planned activities were enjoyed by the club members, young and younger alike.

Following a successful Junior Tennis Camp, which was attended by over seventy youths aged eight to fifteen, and numerous social events the Davis Cup Tournament was organized and held at the end of August. A good time was had by all who participated in this event. Thirty-six very enthusiastic members participated in the tournament which represented 6 teams; Mexico, Canada, Italy, England, Australia, France and the United States. Each country divided their team members in three groups of doubles according to their strengths. After several hours of tournament play, resulting in a first place tie between Team Canada and Team Italy, the latter was declared the winner. After all the court action was done the members sat down to sample culinary delights representing each of the countries. Complete with festive decorated tables and music from each culture, the members who attended enjoyed the event as a time to unwind, talk and dance with fellow community members. Pauline Martin and John and Monique Benfield, the organizers of this very special and

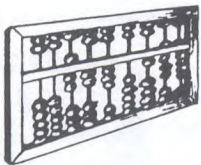


Back row, l to r: Jacques Marcheterre, David Roberts, José Barrio, David Barrio, Helène Barrio; Front row l to r: Lisa Fong and Danny Barrio

successful social tennis gathering, are to be congratulated for all their effort and their spirit.

A mention should also be made in appreciation of the sponsors who helped make all this years events possible. Wally's, The Lighthouse, The Blackburn Arms, Gloucester Bulk Barn, Olympique Sports, Loeb's (Blackburn Hamlet), Loblaws (Gloucester Center), Sherry Woodburn-Floral Fantasia, Penelope's (Community restaurants), Images on Bank.

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Big Leaguers win Big

by Richard Bercuson

Funny, isn't it, how little communities can sometimes do it all?

Blackburn's Big League division baseball team managed that recently when they won their league championship. This was no minor accomplishment. The Blackburn contingent came from perhaps the league's smallest area to stun first place Canterbury in a two-game sweep of the final.

It had been over a decade since a Blackburn team had won the highly competitive "A" division, though others had managed to capture "B" titles. This year, when head coach Larry Pyman suggested to the team of 16-18 year olds they had a choice of divisions, the players chose the tougher one.

They finished the season in third place, two points out of first, and captured one major tournament title. They lost but one playoff game while Canterbury went undefeated in a double knockout format.

Blackburn won the first game 6-4 which set up the championship matchup.

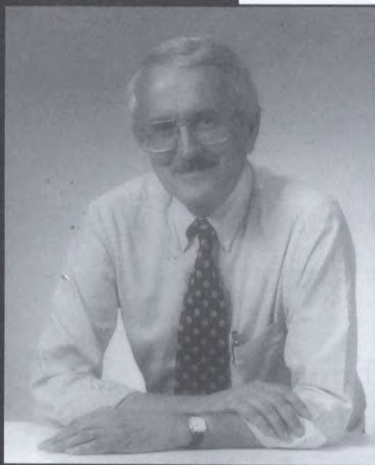
Heroics in the 1-0 final victory were shared among various Blackburn athletes. Pitcher Rick Logan tossed a brilliant three-hit shutout. In the fourth inning, with the score still 0-0, centrefielder Benoit Gatien threw a strike from the outfield to catcher Geoff Streib to gun down a runner trying to score from third on a sac fly.

In the fifth, Mark Renneson reached first when hit by a pitch. He reached second on a sacrifice bunt by Jordan Nadeau and went to third on a sacrifice fly from the team's leading hitter, Robin Clement. (Clement posted a .488 average during the season while the team hit at a .316 clip.) With Nadeau on third, Streib nailed an infield single through the hole and Nadeau thus scored what became the winning run.

City bragging rights now belong to Blackburn — Big League Little League champs.



From l to r: David Mindorff, Robin Clement, Benoit Gatien, Jamie Brownhill, Andy Scott, Rick Logan, Jordan Nadeau, Geoff Streib, Mike Pyman, Daniel Bissonnette, Ryan Taylor, Andy Ivoll, Mark Renneson, Pat Brisbois



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Business Buzz

by Gerda Birchard, BCA Business Director

As the newly elected Business Director, I am looking forward to hearing from Hamlet residents and our local business community in order to channel concerns, problems and ideas between our business community namely, the BBA and the members of the BCA.

Mike Hill, the President of the BBA (Blackburn Business Association) and owner of the Lighthouse Grill here in the Hamlet let me know that the BBA will be celebrating its first formal anniversary in November. He has asked me to remind everyone that the "Buy into Blackburn" program is an ongoing venture with the Friendliest Business Award just one of many ideas that will assist in the rejuvenation of our shopping district. As well, the BBA is



*Bride Sarrell and Caroline Swank,
new owners of Carleton Travel*

encouraging any and all suggestions in order to better respond to the needs of the community.

Also, we have a new addition to our business community. Caroline Swank and Bride Sarrell have become the new owners of Carleton Travel, located on 2672-B Innes Road in the Blackburn Shops Plaza.

Caroline and Bride are more than please to discuss any and all travel plans with the community. Drop on by and say "Hi".

Until next time!

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Pierre MAHEU



Friendliest frenzy catching on - tell us your story and you could win \$50 spending money

The ballots are coming in for the Friendliest Business in the Hamlet contest and the race is close.

It is interesting how local merchants are going that extra mile in dealing with their customers.

If you have a story to tell, or if you've been given exceptional service by any retail or home-based business, why not say thank you to them by filling out the form below (or send us a letter). For your vote to count, you must fill in the section marked "why", otherwise it will be ignored.

Each household is permitted one vote per business. That means you can vote for several businesses but only once for each one from any residence. You don't have to use an official ballot to vote, just make sure you include your name, address, telephone number, the name of the business, and, most important, why you feel it deserves to be considered.

The voting ends on December 31, 1997. The winner will be announced in the new year.

To make it more interesting, a draw will be made for prizes donated by local businesses, however, we can't tell you what they are because it might influence your voting.

So why not fill out the form today and drop it off or mail it to the BBA? It will be a nice way to say thank you to those who have served you so well.

Any questions should be directed to John Stevens at 824-8736.



Friendliest Business in the Hamlet Ballot

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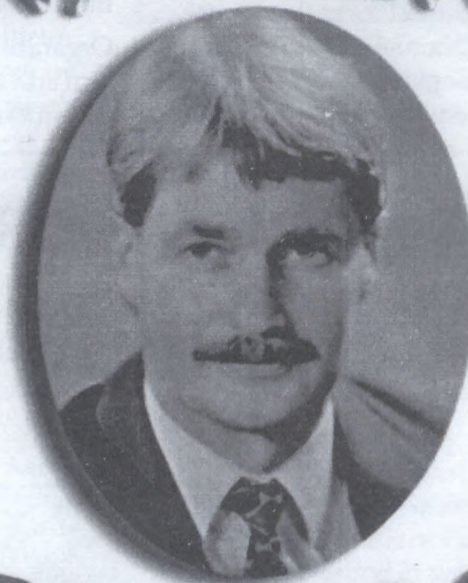
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Best Corn Roast ever launches Blackburn Hamlet Preschool's 26th year.

by *Gaston Barban*

Neither the threat of rain from a late-summer grey sky, nor the possibility of a home run missile from the neighbouring softball game could keep parents and children from enjoying themselves at the annual Blackburn Hamlet Preschool corn roast held September 7. The school's playground was transformed into a

noisy, gleeful "picnic in the park" of kids, blankets and lawn chairs, where old friends exchanged summer stories and new acquaintances were introduced to one of the Hamlet's most enduring institutions.

Organized on behalf of the school by Tim and Connie McFarland and their committee of helpers, this year's



A tired, but happy group of volunteer assemblers pose before the new Kompan play structure at the Blackburn Hamlet Preschool.

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profitable corn roast was the biggest and most successful yet. The numbers tell the tale — 180 people ate 228 hot dogs, 216 ears of corn and drank their way through 120 boxes of fruit juice!

Entering its 26th year, the Blackburn Hamlet Preschool is fully engaged to provide stimulating and rewarding activities for the children. This year sees the introduction of a special program for four year olds at the school. In the coming weeks they will be developing their investigative skills examining items as diverse as apples, oceans and the noble potato! In addition to the regular program of crafts, exercises and "circle time", a trip is planned, in keeping with the harvest season, to a vegetable garden from which the preschoolers will return with the fixings to cook their very own hearty "Blackburn Broth"!

For information about the Blackburn Hamlet Preschool call Louise at 841-5568 or Phyllis at 824-3251 between 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm.

Consider the postage stamp: its usefulness consists in the ability to stick to one thing till it gets there.

Josh Billings



Physically Disabled Parking Programme Part I

by *Rollie Sanders*

The Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton (RMOC) and the area municipalities within the RMOC have developed a parking policy for the physically disabled which provides both physically disabled drivers and physically disabled passengers with special parking privileges in public parking areas and on public roadways under their jurisdiction.

Who is Eligible

Any person who holds a disabled person parking permit issued by the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario, may use the special parking privileges as outlined here. An application may be obtained by calling 1-800-268-4686 or contacting the local license bureau office.

Use of Permit

The disabled person parking permit must be displayed upon the dashboard or sun visor of the vehicle (it must be visible from the outside of the windshield), whenever you are using the special parking privileges. Your permit may be left on the dashboard or sun visor of the vehicle when you are not being transported as long as the vehicle is not parked at a location which is prohibited to non-permit holders.

On-Street Privileges

The following special parking privileges are provided to disabled person parking permit holders on public roadways. Please note that

these privileges do not apply to parking areas under other jurisdictions such as the Federal Government and Private Institutions (ie. Ottawa-MacDonald-Cartier International Airport, Hospitals, etc.)

- a. Parking time limits for vehicles transporting permit holders are extended to 4 Hours at parking meters and elsewhere where parking is permitted, regardless of the time limit posted on the signs.
- b. Parking at meters is free for vehicles carrying permit holders.
- c. Vehicles carrying permit holders may be parked for up to 4 hours in "no parking" zones.
- d. Permit holders may be picked up or let off in "no stopping" zones, and "loading" zones. Drivers are not permitted to wait at the curb for permit holders to return after they are let off.
- e. Permit holders may be picked up or let off in RESERVED BUS LANES and RESERVED BICYCLE LANES as long as the movements of buses or bicycles are not hindered. Drivers are not

permitted to wait at the curb for permit holders to return after they are let off.

Other Restrictions

Vehicles carrying disabled person parking permit holders cannot stop in bus time point zones, school bus loading zones, taxi zones or police vehicle zones. Notwithstanding the special parking privileges discussed here, vehicles must not be parked or stopped so as to obstruct traffic. Further information concerning the regulations in the Traffic and Parking By-law is available upon request.

Off-Street Privileges

All parking lots in the RMOC with 20 or more public parking spaces are required to reserve at least 1 parking space for the use of disabled person parking permit holders. Permit holders are required to pay the same parking fee as charged other parking lot users.

Additional Information: 560-2064.
 NEXT ISSUE: *In the next issue we will discuss City of Gloucester By-law 1-96 which governs our own programme and in addition the many abuses that take place.*

Because little interest was shown in forming a club for seniors (only three people expressed an interest) it has been decided not to proceed further at this time. The notice was contained in the Seniors' Corner column of the BANAR-May 1997.

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Alternative Products for Homes

by Iris Phillips

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Air freshener: Boil cinnamon and cloves in water, use pot-pourri. Place a box of open baking soda or dish of white vinegar.

Abrasive powder: Lemon dipped in clorax, dense Ammonia-based cleaners
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Bleach: Vinegar or baking soda

Disinfectants: 1/2 cup borax in 4.5 litres of water

Drain declogger: 1-2 handfuls of baking soda, half cup of white vinegar, leave for one hours, run water

Polish: 1-2 parts lemon juice to olive or vegetable oil

Oven cleaners: Baking soda and water

Metal cleaners: Flour rubbed over surface with dry cloth

Rug and furniture cleaners: Sprinkle dry cornstarch, leave 30 minutes and vacuum

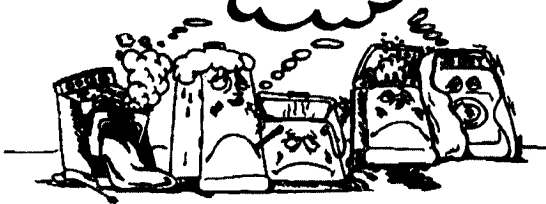
Silver polish: Soak in boiling water with baking soda, salt and piece of aluminum foil

Windows, glass: 2 tbsp vinegar in 1 litre of water in spray bottle

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A Reply

by R. Mitchell Rowe LL.B.

It has been mighty frustrating having to wait for over a month for the opportunity to respond to the letter to the editor written by E. Van Schaik RN, BScN, COHN, which appeared in the last *BANAR*.

My article, "In Defense of the Teenager", took aim at the mistaken impressions and scaremongering that has too often been directed towards our youth. The article proposed some causes for these mistaken impressions and attempted through statistics and opinion to dispel their correctness. At the end of the article I suggested that one additional reason for society's misperceptions about youth violence perhaps may be attributed to our short memories and the changing nature of our population in the past 30 years. From the context of both the paragraph and the article I thought it clear that this additional cause was meant as a further critical example of society's mistaken impression. My meaning was the very opposite of the meaning suggested in this letter to the editor. Isolated and taken out of context, this sentence is alarming, both to E. Van Schaik and to me. I thought the context and the message was consistent and clear. I apologize if this was not the case, and if I have offended anyone.

Our courts recognize that racial discrimination cannot be ignored and may, if safeguards are not implemented, prevent an accused from receiving a fair trial. One safeguard available is known as the challenge for cause, which is the questioning of a potential jury member to determine if the juror can impartially, fairly and without prejudice decide a case.

The challenge for cause has been used

traditionally in trials where the crime is scandalous, with a lot of media coverage. The court permits the potential jury members to be questioned in order to determine if they are impartial and have not been unduly influenced by the media reports. If it is impossible to secure an impartial jury, then the trial is moved to a different city.

Recently, the challenge for cause has been broadened to include the questioning of potential jurors based on racial bias. The case, *Parks* (1996) has been criticized for moving our system too close to that of the U.S., where jury selection takes on a life of its own and often results in as long a process as the trial itself. On the other hand, allowing an expanded challenge for cause has been applauded by some as recognizing that a fair trial cannot be risked, and that juror discrimination is a risk.

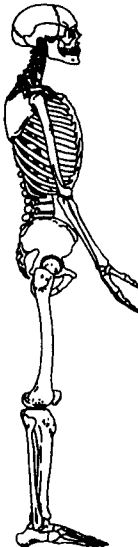
In *Parks*, Court of Appeal Justice Doherty held that "in at least some cases involving a black accused, there is a realistic possibility that one or more jurors will discriminate against that accused because of his or her

colour" Ontario's highest court has therefore permitted questions that go to a potential juror's racial bias.

On the other hand, a different case, *Adolph B.* (1997), the same Court of Appeal refused to broaden this challenge for cause to permit questioning jurors as to any bias they may have against the crime alleged to have been committed. In this case, jurors could not be questioned about their feelings toward sexual assault and whether, as a result of these personal feelings, they could fairly and impartially try the accused charged with this crime.

In effect, the court distinguished a bias against an accused, as in *Parks*, from a bias against a crime, as in *Adolph B.*

Again, it has been the changing nature of our population, and judicial recognition of this fact, that has forced our Court of Appeal to rethink and expand the law pertaining to challenging a juror for cause.



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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.

Coming events

Learn to Skate Program

Gloucester Ringette Association's learn-to-skate program will hold a general registration on **October 18**, 8-11 a.m. at the Blackburn Arena. Gloucester children ages five and above are welcome. Cost for October to March season is \$75. Copy of birth certificate, and health card number will be required. Classes every Saturday morning at 9 a.m. at the Blackburn Arena. It is recommended that those wishing to register call in advance for information at 830-9124.

Blackburn Hamlet Preschool Annual Gift and Craft Sale

The preschool will be holding their annual sale on **Monday, November 10** from 7-10 p.m. at the preschool, 202 Glen Park Drive (behind LOEB adjacent to arena).

Used Toy & Stuff Sale

Organize and clean your used toys, sports and camping equipment, furniture, etc. Seller keeps 75%. Inventory sheet required. Item drop-off on **November 7**, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Gloucester High School. For more information call the Children's Welcome Centre contact at 745-5597.

Christmas Craft Sale

The Good Shepherd School is hosting a Christmas Craft Sale on **November 8th** from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Also featured will be a Christmas Tea Room and Bake Table. Crafters interested in having a table to sell their crafts should call Suzanne 837-4714 or Michèle 834-0369.

Newcomer's Club

The Blackburn Hamlet Newcomers' Club is a social club for the women of Blackburn Hamlet. The club meets on the third Monday of the month in the library of Good Shepherd Catholic School at 7:30 p.m. Upcoming events include a talk on reflexology and aromatherapy by J. Fairbrass in October and an evening of crafts and fun in November. The Moms 'n' Tots Playgroup (ages 0-4 years) meets every Monday from 10:00-11:00 a.m. in the Blackburn Hamlet library and the Book Club meets the last Thursday of each month at varying locations. There is also interest in forming other groups (skiing, hiking, etc.) Call Carol at 841-6904 for more information.

Little League Baseball

Annual Meeting (Re-scheduled)

The Blackburn Hamlet & Chapel Hill South Little League Baseball **annual meeting has been re-scheduled to Tuesday, October 28** from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Blackburn Public Library on Glenpark Drive.

Volunteers are needed to fill positions on the Executive, to coach and to act as convenors. Members are invited to attend to raise concerns and elect the Executive for next year.

Includes T-Ball, Coach Pitch, Minor, Major, Junior, Senior, Big League—Home of the the Big League City Champions. The league boundaries incorporates Blackburn Hamlet and that part of Chapel Hill south of Innes Road.

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Thanks go to the **Blackburn Shoppes** for donating proceeds from a sidewalk BBQ to the Community Centre.

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Congratulations to first time grandmother **Gerda Birchard** on the birth of grandson Tony Marero on September 9th at 3:24 a.m. in Fort Lauderdale.

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