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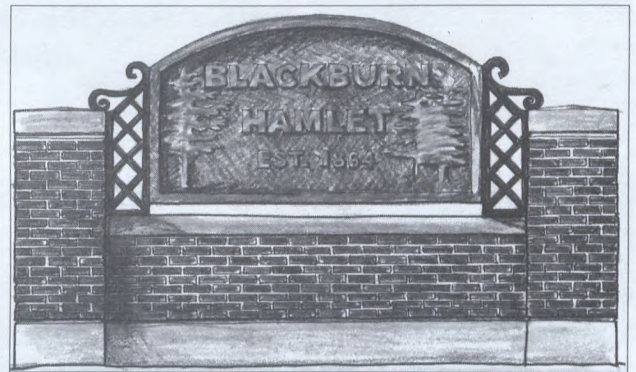
### Blackburn identification sign to be unveiled Fun Fair Weekend

by Lois Kemp

Blackburn Hamlet residents are invited to view the identification sign designed by the architectural firm of Corush, Sunderland and Wright at the Blackburn library from March 30 to April 12th.

The Blackburn Community Association is at present negotiating with the city regarding locations at the Tauvette Park entrance off Innes Road By-pass and Bearbrook Road just past the Hornets Nest. The third sign if the budget allows at this time will be near the firehall. The target date for unveiling the signs is Fun Fair Weekend.

This project has not been a spur of the moment decision. Many committees have been formed over the twenty years since the money was raised at the first Fun Fair, but a decision on a project was never made.



Cast metal sign with metal trellis work on red brick wall with concrete base

This sign project is for everyone, past and present, who have made Blackburn such a great community to live in and be proud of.

#### THUMBNAIL SKETCH OF THE EVOLUTION OF BLACKBURN HAMLET:

- The 1834 assessment roll showed there were 13 families registered on the land that became known as Blackburn.
- The community was first known as Green's Creek after Mr. Green who owned and operated a sawmill.
- When three families of Dagg's settled in the early 1850's it became known as Daggville.
- In the early 1880's the community with the help of Robert Blackburn, who was a member of parliament and former Reeve of Gloucester, got their own post office which was called Blackburn in honour of Mr. Blackburn.
- Jacques Greber's idea of a greenbelt around the capital of Canada in his 1950 masterplan took in all of Blackburn. In 1958 the Prime Minister announced the Federal Government would acquire the land.
- Blackburn formed a Property Owners Association and with the help of Dolphin Enterprises Ltd. (Costain Estates Ltd.), one of the large land owners, a Hamlet area of 700 acres to have a final population of 10,000, was proposed.
- Finally in July, 1966 Costain started building homes in Blackburn Hamlet.

**Neil Papineau and Jean Newfeld have agreed to be co-chairs of this year's Fun Fair. Be prepared for a great time as you join in on the festivities on June 5th and 6th!!!**

## Blackburn Community Association

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**— May 30th**

## President's message

I am writing this on the first day of Spring, as I watch the snow still falling, wondering when this will all end. Secretly I am overjoyed, my Spring ski season was just extended!

### Ode to Spring

The sun will soon be shining bright,  
the flowers and buds crave the light;  
If only we can stop the snow,  
'Cause here in Blackburn Hamlet we have a ways to go;

Signs will be built to tell everyone,  
that Blackburn is a place for fun;  
A community centre will soon take shape,  
a welcome place to go for a break;

Programs, parties and a meeting place,  
will put a smile upon our face;  
Teens, seniors, and everyone,  
C'mon in for the fun;

Earth Day events will abound,  
as the trees find new ground;  
Tree planting, walks and workshops,  
will continue to make Blackburn tops;

Innes Road, Oh Innes Road,  
No matter who we have told;  
You are our main street,  
But with the RMOC we can't compete;

Fun Fair is almost here,  
we need volunteers to help this year;  
Cotton candy, fun and games,  
Please just send us in your names;

Blackburn Hamlet is the place to be,  
our spirit makes our community!

*Sue*

# EARTH DAY

Earth Day is celebrated on April 22 this year and we are planning a number of events to celebrate the environment.



**Saturday, April 25 from 10:00 a.m. to noon** at the Blackburn Public Library — Bill Strugnell, Director of Parks, City of Gloucester will be making a presentation on "Hiring a Contractor" and "Pruning and Caring for Ice Damaged Trees".

**Saturday, April 25 at 2:00 p.m.** will be a tree planting ceremony in Bearbrook Park. Come out and enjoy spring with the family, there will be balloons and other goodies for the kids. We will be planting native tree species in Blackburn Parks and so encourage residents to do so as the planting season draws nearer.

**Sunday, April 26 at 1:00 p.m.** we have our 3rd annual Family Nature Walk. We will meet in the parking lot of the Blackburn Arena and continue from there. Please dress for the weather, boots will be a must. The walk will center around Signs of Spring with activities for both adults and children. This event will be cancelled if it is raining.

For more information on any of these events please call Sue Sheridan at 824-8936.

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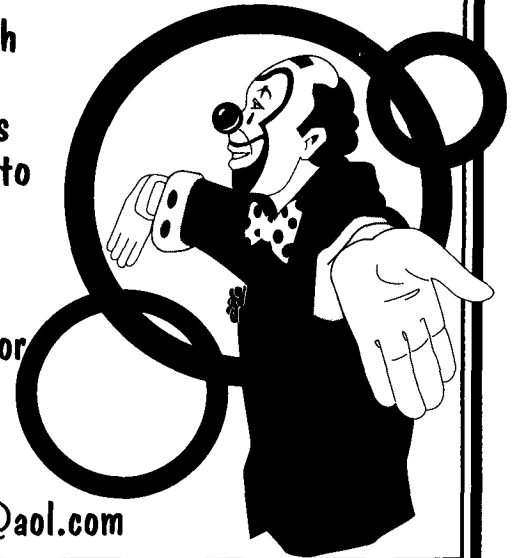
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# Fun Fair

Friday, June 5th  
Saturday, June 6th

Anyone with ideas, suggestions or wanting to volunteer may call

Jean at 824-2304 or Neil at 830-9295 or e-mail npapineau@aol.com



## Blackburn Community Association GARAGE SALE



Saturday, May 2nd

9 am to 3 pm

(Raindate Sunday May 3rd)

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Advertisements will be placed in all newspapers and radio, if you wish to place a sign at the end of your street, this is your responsibility.

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*Clear out your cupboards and participate.  
Your throw-aways are some else's treasures.*

# Pre-Spring Update

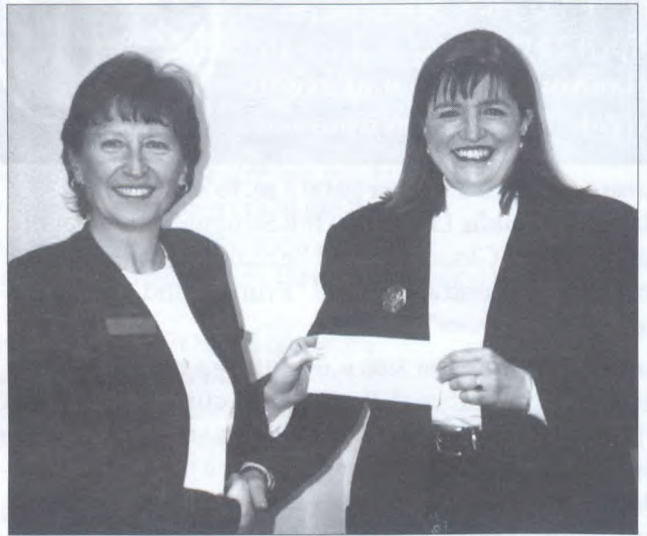
by Rainer Bloess

It's that in-between season most of us restlessly want to get through on the way to spring and summer. As the last vestiges of winter disappear, a number of remnants remain. Primarily, it never ceases to amaze me how many dog owners still do not poop and scoop. At this time of the year, the cumulative effect of the winter is most apparent in our parks and along our sidewalks as our outings turn into a matter of tip-toeing through the doggy doo. Once again, I remind you that dogs must be leashed in our parks and that owners are required to clean up after their animals. While recognizing that enforcement of animal by-laws is most difficult, I have asked our by-law staff to be vigilant and, if necessary, lay charges against those who do not keep our community clean.

On the Innes Road front, as of January 1, 1998, this stretch has been transferred to the City of Gloucester. However, in spite of this transfer in ownership, our regional councillor attempted to sell a strip of the road shoulder in an underhanded, secretive deal to Wally's/Blackburn Bingo. When the deal did not go through prior to the transfer, the region, in spite of its denial of any responsibility for any upgrade of Innes, asked Gloucester to complete the sale and forward the proceeds to the region.

Needless to say, when I appeared before the regional transportation committee, I made it quite clear there would be no sale and that no funds would be given to the region. In fact, I pointed out that if this type of a deal were undertaken by our regional councillor as a private individual, he would be charged under the criminal code for attempting to fraudulently sell real estate to which he no longer had clear title.

On the reform front, as most are undoubtedly aware, the Citizens Panel assigned to find a solution to our municipal governance problems has resigned. This unfortunate turn of events means a home-grown solution is most unlikely and has lobbed the issue back to province. In the absence of any local consensus on restructuring our local government, the province will most likely appoint a mediator or commissioner who will make the final decision for us.



It was a Smart Choice when Janice Buss chose to attend the TD Bank's Smart Investor/Smart Funds seminar February 19th. She walked away with a \$100. mutual fund door prize. Pictured above from right to left is Janice and Susan Jewell, Janice's TD Investment Specialist. Look for more of the same from your TD branch in the near future.

On another front, OC Transpo is about to be studied to the tune of nearly \$1 million to improve services and to make the organization more efficient. One needs to ask what the general manager (Mr. Steacy, come on down....) at OC Transpo is doing since he and his fellow senior managers are being well-paid for their expertise. Also, what happens to all the feedback received during the "Transplan" public consultations? This hollow PR exercise seems to result in much good advice from the users of OC Transpo being ignored.

This study will be another case of advice being more valuable when you pay big bucks to consultants rather than listening to the customers who use the buses and to the employees who daily see the shortcomings of our public transit system.

As usual, if you have any comments, issues or complaints, please do not hesitate to contact me at 837-5975.

**YOUR DOG CAN POOP BUT CAN'T SCOOP**

Dog owners must take responsibility for their pets — and not only when someone is looking.



# Target date for Community Hall November 1st

by Al Ross

I always seem to start the Community Hall update with "In the last BANAR we reported; well, I believe we really have made a very encouraging breakthrough since the last BANAR. A couple of joint meetings have been held with the City, the RBP and the BCA, and it looks as though we have a realistic plan with a correspondingly realistic budget, that has more than an excellent chance of success.

It's Changed: The addition onto the front of the arena has been rejected, and the current plan calls for a free standing, single floor, wood frame, or concrete block, building, to be located beside the arena on the southern edge of the small parking lot West of the arena. The size of the Hall will be approximately 2,000 square feet. Based upon the costs of a similar hall under construction in Nepean, the estimated cost for our hall is \$345,000. this puts the total budget for the project, including the

\$45,000 that was spent (and lost) on the previous design, to \$390,000 - which is \$90,000 over the budget set last year.

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The City has agreed to provide an additional \$60,000 to the project, with the remaining \$30,000 coming from the community. The Community in this case is the BCA and the RPB. Upon reviewing the financial situation of the RPB and the

BCA, an agreement was reached between the two groups that the RPB would provide \$20,000 and the BCA \$10,000. Both these amounts have been officially approved by their respective Boards, and notification of this has been sent to the City.

So we now have a reasonable budget, which is fully funded, and confidence that the project is doable and will be completed this summer. We will, however, continue with our fundraising plans since significant funds for furnishings and equipment will be required.

What's the next Step: The City staff are putting together a proposition which will be sent to Council for the March 31st meeting. As soon as council approval is given, the City will hire an Architect to develop working drawings for tendering, and the process will evolve from there. The target opening date is November 1st 1998.

## Innes Road Development

A site plan and a request for rezoning has been submitted to the City to develop the piece of vacant land on Innes Rd. just West of the J & S Service Station. The owner has a developer who is planning to build 14 Town House units on that site, which will require a change to the zoning by-law. There is a tentative date of April 21st for a public discussion at the Planning and Advisory Board meeting on the proposed zoning change.

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## Blackburn's Ice Storm Hero

Linda N. Desrosiers, an eleven year resident of Blackburn was recently recognized for the work her and her family did in Limoges during Ice Storm '98. Linda also composed a poem which was read and passed around in Limoges as a thank you message to all that helped out not only in Limoges but across the nation.



Linda with her three children Sophie, Andrew and Jesse.

Linda is a single mother of three children, one son that is Autistic, the other that has Attention Deficit Hyper-active disorder and a 12 year old daughter. "Doing voluntary work for one week (7 days including sleeping there) was not impossible for us to do" says Linda "If you really want to help out, anyone can find it in their hearts to go out there and give it their best shot. We did and the experience we lived through in Limoges and the new friends we made was something we will never forget. They greatly appreciated our help and we now thank God that we made new friends and were able to help out".

## A LITTLE HEART WENT A LONG WAY During Ice Storm '98

*What a beautiful scene, the trees were shining and glittering,  
But the damage that Ice Storm '98 left behind was saddening.  
As families left their cold homes to seek warmer shelters,  
Their hearts were broken by the disaster of mother nature.*

*The endless need for help overwhelmed our communities  
This is where we have to thank our many celebrities  
Yes, the volunteers performed great work during this disaster  
They came from near and far to help out one another.*

*Volunteers worked long hours to keep people warm and comfortable  
The kitchen staff kept plenty of great food on the table.  
Others maintained the telephone to calm and relieve the caller  
While others handed out candles, wood, food and simply water*

*We cannot forget the great work performed by the army  
From washing the dishes to cutting wood, they surely moved  
quickly.*

*The firefighters gave us all they had 'til the end and we'll never  
forget*

*Hydro men also worked on power lines until our needs were met.*

*Many thanks also directed to the different companies and  
organizations*

*Bringing in food, clothes, medical supplies and plenty more  
donations*

*Without all of you we could not have made it through this disaster  
Thank you so much and we will keep you in our hearts forever.*

*Composed by Linda N. Desrosiers*

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## Blackburn Ladies Ringette win Gold in Markham

by Pam Naylor

The Blackburn Bosom Buddies found a unique way to escape the January Ice Storm and the February Blahs! A team of eleven ladies got up for the challenge, and packed their sunglasses, their bikinis, their head wear, and their skates and headed South to Markham for the 12th Annual Midnight Madness Ladies Ringette Tournament.

The Bosom Buddies surprised not only their opposition, but the refs and spectators, with their unique (to say the least) uniforms. These ladies, in their full gear, proved to be too much for the other teams, as they were often caught gazing from behind.

Team spirit, team play and an aggressive style, gave Blackburn two victories and a loss to Woolwich in their three round robin games, and they won the Championship by defeating the same Woolwich team 7 - 2 in the final game.



Despite all of their hot fun, the Blackburn Bosom Buddies won the Golden Pig Trophy. In addition, they were also the recipients of the team Shootout Award. So the team that wore a pair, won a pair - how can we top this?

## Stingers win O.D.H.A. Title

The Blackburn Bantams Rep "B" hockey team has continued their winning ways. They recently participated in Renfrew, Ont. at a Bantam "A" tournament winning all five of their games and defeating the Nepean "A" team 2-1 in the final. The Stingers outscored the opposition 29 - 3 in the tournament. The Stingers have also won the Ottawa District Championship by defeating Orleans in two straight games and going through the playoffs undefeated. This caps off the season where the Stingers went 2-1 in regular season play and captured tournament wins in Pembroke, Port Huron, Michigan and Renfrew. Congratulations to the players for their hard work and dedication.

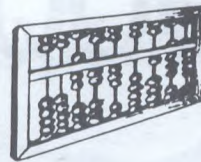
## Women's Hockey Team wins Season and Playoffs

The Gloucester Cougars in their second year have taken both season and play-off Championships in their O.D.W.H.A. Division. Their final play-off game on March 29th was won in the 3rd overtime period with a goal by Karen Austin. The team includes six players from Blackburn — Karen Austin, Claire Bemben, Katherine Bemben, Evelyn Budd, Sylvie Coch and Carrie Polomark with other Gloucesterites Julie Drouin, Julie Gagnon, Ruth Gates, Francine Perras, Lori Seale, Karen Smith, coaches John Frogley, Eric Drouin, Shawn O'Grady, and Tanya Martin (manager).

*They are able because  
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Vergil (70-19 B.C.)

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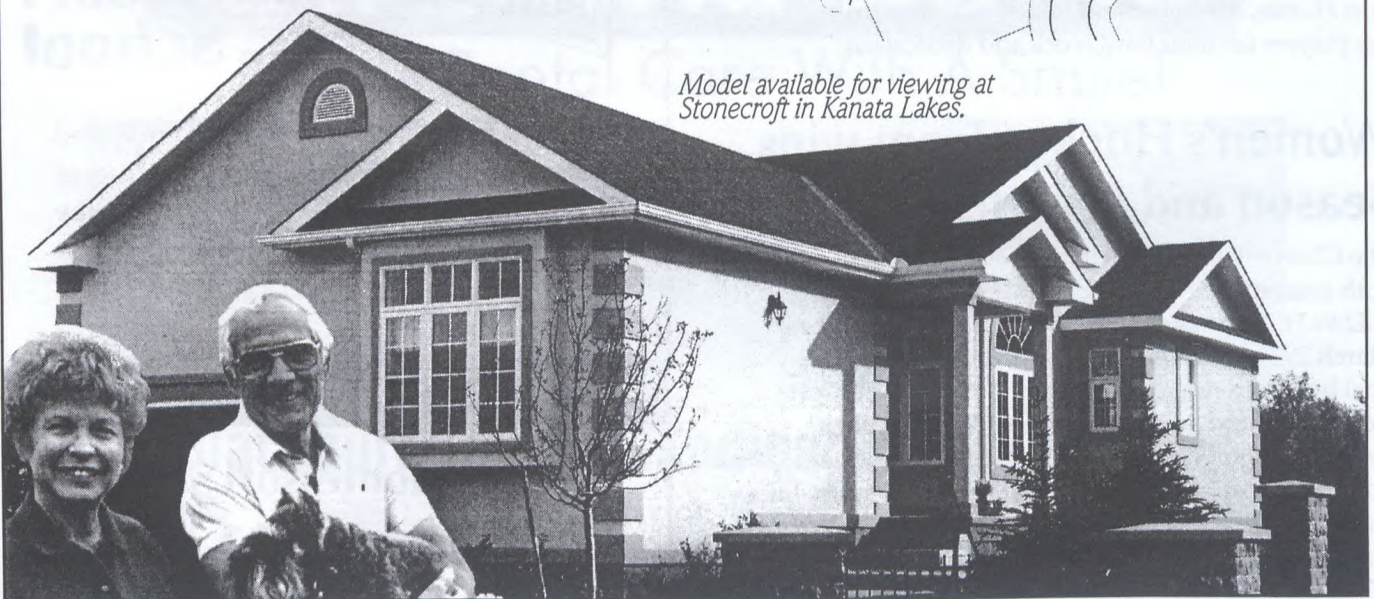
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# Local Builder moving to Blackburn

This fall we will be welcoming some new neighbours to Blackburn Hamlet—a matter of fact—thirteen new families including Denis and Susan Laporte will be moving to Paxton Lane.

Denis, president of Denmoor Development Corporation is building single family bungalows on thirteen lots in Blackburn Hamlet off Valewood Crescent in the north end of the Hamlet. He is a local builder having grown up on Montreal Road, (part of the Laporte Gardens family). Having refined his skills and experiences by working for major successful builders, Denis decided in 1995 to launch his own business specializing in building homes for the mature buyer. After visiting many Adult Lifestyle communities and builders in Montreal and across the United States it was felt that the time had come for a builder to become a specialist in the Ottawa Carleton Region. Denmoor also have a similar development in Kanata Lakes on the Kanata Golf and Country Club.

Part of the company philosophy is purchase parcels of land that have certain quality features. When the land became available on Valewood Crescent, Denmoor quickly purchased the property. To have a project that is adjacent to the NCC Greenbelt with all of its amenities as well as being in an upper class community were all that was needed to seal the purchase.

People who want out of their big labour intensive homes but aren't willing to give up single family living for townhouses or condominiums will like what they see at Paxton Lane. Six floor plans have just about everything the homeowner needs on one floor, including bedrooms, bathrooms, living/dining areas, kitchen and laundry rooms. There are other pluses: each home is equipped with a monitored security system, an optional maintenance package (offers snow removal and grass cutting) and the homes' exteriors are maintenance free, thanks to all vinyl windows, aluminum fascias and soffits, and combination brick and siding finish. The interior designs are nothing like the boxy, nondescript bungalows built years ago. Floor plans feature 9 foot ceilings throughout the house as well as 12 foot ceilings in the living and dining rooms. All the windows are large with additional transom windows. The kitchens are large and spacious with generous counter space with many of

the designs including island counters. Standard ceramic flooring in entrances and bathrooms, crown mouldings in living and dining rooms, oak railings, under cupboard valance lighting in kitchens are only some of the exciting features incorporated in the Denmoor home.



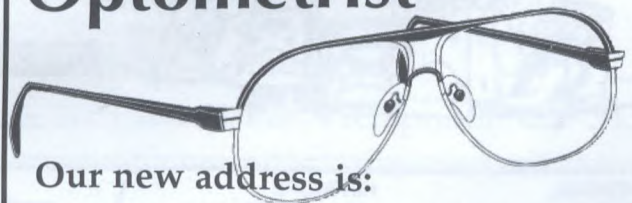
*Denis Laporte, president of Denmoor Development Corporation*

If the standard plans don't quite suite your needs, Denmoor will gladly customize the plans to your personal needs and wants. The designers will do just about anything. They will sit with the people and go over designs. The purchaser can get customized designs at a very reasonable price.

The units being constructed in Blackburn Hamlet range in size from 1313 square feet for the Azalea model to 1550 square feet for the Hibiscus model. Prices start at \$179,900. All models have optional finished lower levels. Although floor plans are different in Kanata Lakes there is a model available for viewing which will

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# Recreation and Parks Board

## Blackburn Hamlet Recreation and Parks Board reports

by Paul Graham, (830-2868)

The Recreation and Parks Board (RPB) consists of volunteers from Blackburn Hamlet appointed annually by Council. We perform a leadership role in the provision of leisure opportunities which includes: direct programming, facilitation of new program initiatives and support of local groups in the delivery of programs. We are also responsible for minor capital projects in parks, operate ball diamonds, outdoor rinks, community facilities and above basic maintenance in parks within Blackburn Hamlet and Chapel Hill South.

Given this mandate we are pleased to actively participate in the **Community Hall Project**. In addition to attending organizational meetings, board members have also committed a maximum of \$85,000

from the RPB reserve fund. This money will help with the community portion of the construction costs.

The **outdoor rink season** has come to an end. The Board would like to thank Mr. Brian Van Sickle and family for maintaining the ice surfaces and supervision of the warming huts. Our goal was to offer good ice for skating and reduce the vandalism. Brian's hard work has resulted in exceeding these stated goals. Also a thank you to the BCA for organizing the Sunday family skate. Next year plans are being formulated to offer more activities, suggestions include broomball and adult pick up hockey. Contact any board members with your ideas.

**New Play Structure Bearbrook Park:** Members of the community have been filling out a questionnaire

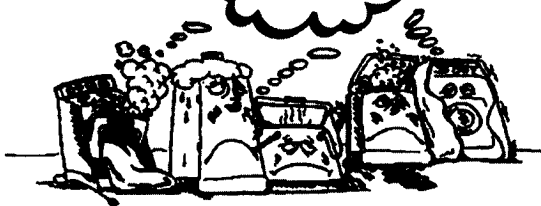
to help Jennifer Dalrymple our City Recreation Planner select a design. Special accolades to the students of Emile Carr School for their numerous suggestions. Look for the new structure this spring.

**Budget Time:** The city requires that the 1998 RPB budget be formally established in late April. Any organization who would like to apply for financial assistance must submit written requests no later than April 17, 1998.

If you have an **interest in helping with recreational issues** within Blackburn Hamlet or Chapel Hill South, space is available on the Board. Call for info.

**Board Members** are Susan Brett, Jim Canning, Carol Kerwin, Gerda Spindler-Birchard, Roger Pyper and Paul Graham.

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## Spring cleaning – inside and out

by Iris Philips

It's time to clear out your cupboards and prepare for the annual Garage Sale, recycling surplus is what keeping our earth cleaner is all about, don't forget any items not sold or stuff you just want to get rid of, even if you don't participate in the garage sale can be placed at the end of the driveway and be picked up and used

by someone else — less going to the landfill.

It's also time to consider water barrels for the summer and using non-chemical lawn care for your grass. Instead of chemicals try using cayenne pepper and water as a bug killer, or placing a clove of garlic in the garden (just press in), even soap and water will rid your plants of most bugs.

We are hoping to replace some of the trees lost in the storm. The community association is looking into getting some help with the cost and also looking for good prices. Broken branches may be placed at the curb for pick-up after Easter.

*Have a successful garage sale.*

### Looking for Hosts for visiting Japanese students

Global Partners Institute, a non-profit organization, is now looking for families who would be interested in hosting a visiting Japanese student in their homes this Summer. Four different groups are visiting this area at different times:

Tokyo — 21 July to 10 August  
all girls ages 15/16

Caritas — 27 July to 11 August  
all girls ages 15

Meiji Gakuen — 7 to 16 August  
coed ages 14/15

Kobe — 5 to 17 September  
all girls aged 18/19

On weekdays, these students will be involved in school classes and on field trips; on weeknights and weekends, host families share the Canadian cultural experience these young students have also come to learn.

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# Circumstantial Evidence

by R. Mitchell Rowe LL.B.

I was struck by our local press coverage of two recent trials, the Morgan murder trial and the money-bag theft from the Loomis armoured truck. Each story dwelled on the circumstantial nature of the Crown's evidence against the accused, as if this kind of evidence was somehow unreliable. Nothing could be further from the truth.

There are two kinds of evidence - direct and circumstantial. Direct evidence is testimony from a witness who observed the acts of an individual with his own senses (usually sight) and relates what he has perceived.

Circumstantial evidence is a network of facts from which inferences are made and deductions are drawn, resulting in the indirect proof of a specific fact. A court is asked to infer the real meaning of this network of facts.

This network of facts may be weak and unsubstantial - it may vanish at a touch. There may be gaps and breaks in the chain.

It may however be consistent and unbroken, coherent and convincing, all facts pointing in the same direction and leading to the same conclusion. Thus Morgan and the Loomis employee were each convicted.

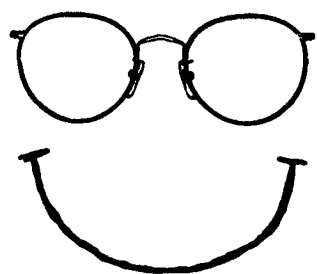
To find truth, accuracy is paramount. Eyewitness observations are notoriously inaccurate and sometimes deliberately misleading or false. The eye may focus on

one sector of the scene and be hypnotized by it, to the exclusion of all else. Sympathy or bias may transform what we do see into what we would like to see. Emotional stress merely adds to this risk of inaccuracy.

It is just as hazardous to rely on memory. Since no one usually anticipates litigation, there is no reason to concentrate on specific events, which turn out to be important years later. Ordinarily we cannot remember what we did a month ago. And then unfortunately, human nature often prevents a witness from admitting error, especially in a crowded courtroom.

It is much easier to get at the truth when witnesses are unaware of the importance of a seemingly insignificant event. When logically connected a series of innocent and unrelated events may lead to conclusions that are quite revealing. Circumstances, if numerous and varied, are not easily manipulated and thus rarely can be made to mislead.

Most players in the justice system are firmly convinced that circumstantial evidence is more satisfactory than the testimony of a single individual who swears he has seen the very fact which is the trial issue. As a result, justice is more certain when a case is built on a tight and strong foundation of circumstantial evidence, from which inferences may then be drawn.



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*by Gerda Birchard*


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| <b>Subway</b>             |                             |

As well, look for the special BUY INTO BLACKBURN poster at any of the Blackburn stores in the area and you'll know they are participants.

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Support the BCA by sending your name, address with postal code and phone number to:

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

## Children in the community

### Kindergarten — What's it all about?

by Chantal Goyette and Arlene Clark-Brown

The concept and value of kindergarten is continuously changing. Historically, kindergarten was perceived to be a time when children were first exposed to group activities and opportunities for socializing. But this is not always the situation in the 90s. Children often participate in playgroups, community activities, library story hours, or are enrolled in nursery or preschool. As a result, an increasing number of children are exposed to group situations and learning activities at an earlier age. Therefore, when many children enter kindergarten they are ready to take on more academic activities, as well as further develop their socialization skills. The learning potential of this age group is sometimes underestimated.

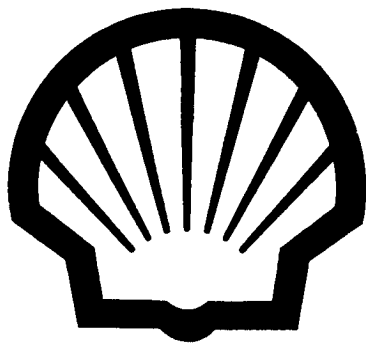
In kindergarten, children are exposed to a variety of concepts and skills. They learn important school skills such as listening and showing courtesy and respect to others, and taking their turn to speak and be heard. We have found that through hands on play and exploration, challenging games, songs, poems, finger plays, stories, and repetition children can and often do develop counting skills to 100 by 1, 5, 10, word and number recognition, phonetic knowledge and partners and shape discrimination. Exposure to reading and math concepts in kindergarten are then easier to grasp and integrate in grades 1 and 2. The challenge facing teachers of this age group is to try to balance all the needs (physical, emotional and intellectual) of the individual children while preparing the child for the realities of a larger school environment. Above all, a good kindergarten program should foster a love of school and learning, in a fun and respectful environment. For parents who are looking for aids on how to prepare their child for kindergarten, we would strongly recommend *How to Prepare Your Child for Kindergarten* by Florence Karnofsky and Trudy Weiss.

*Arlene Clark-Brown and Chantal Goyette are two certified teachers who have recently developed a private Kindergarten program, The Gloucester Junior Academy/Académie des petits de Gloucester in Blackburn Hamlet. They can be reached at 834-9789.*

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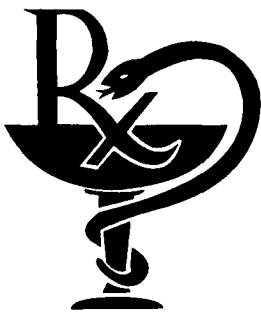
and book centres — as well as in indoor and outdoor facilities for large muscle and motor skill development. Four year olds have a more structured activity time in their programs to stimulate pre-writing, reading, math and investigative skills.

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## Gardening Fever

If space is scarce around the house, don't give up on having a garden. The Gloucester Allotment Garden Association is offering garden plots at both Orient Park and Anderson Road sites. Plots are 7 x 14 meters and service includes tillage, water supply and a generous (1 cu. yd.) scoopful of compost. The fee is minimal. For more information call the Registrar at 841-7893 or the President at 824-6524.

## Men's Fastball

There is always room for more pitchers and players. Cost is \$120. and you must attend a player evaluation practice to be held on April 18th (Raindate April 25th).

All players are welcome and will be placed on teams through our annual draft process.

For further information contact Peter, 830-3330 or James 841-0686.

## Blackburn Little League

The Little League 1998 season will be starting May 1st. Children ages 5 to 18, wanting to register (T-ball to Big League) should call Diane Palen 834-6819 or Larry Pyman 824-9441.

## Blackburn Tennis Club

Registration will take place at the Blackburn Tennis Clubhouse, 2669 Innes Road, on **Saturday, April 18 and Saturday, May 2** between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon.

Special "Early Bird" fees, available on these dates only, will be as follows: family \$95.00; couple \$80.00; single \$55.00; junior (18 and under) \$35.00; senior (65 and over) \$35.00. These fees, which are \$5.00 off regular fees, are for BCA members. For non BCA members and for families with more than two adults (over 18), there will, in each case, be additional charges of \$10.00.

Again this year, **private and adult evening group lessons** will be offered. As in previous years, there will also be a junior tennis program during the months of July and August with qualified instructors using Tennis Canada's latest teaching methods. The program will consist of three two-week sessions: July 6-17; July 20-31; and August 3-14.

Children in the **Junior Tennis Program** will be divided into four groups, each with different hours of instruction: under 10 years, 12-12:30 p.m.; 10-11 years, 12:30-1:30 p.m.; 12-13 years, 1:30-2:30 p.m.; 14 and over 2:30-3:30 p.m.. Fees for each two week session are \$25.00 for the first group, and \$50.00 for the other groups (\$10.00 extra for non-members).

**Social round robins** for adult club members will again be scheduled this year. These popular events are held every morning, Monday to Thursday, and every Thursday evening.

There will also be a **Junior round robin** on Friday evenings for players ages 11-15.

The **Annual General Meeting** of the club will be held on Wednesday, May 13 at the clubhouse at 7:30 pm. All club members are invited to attend.

## Blackburn Co-Ed Recreational 3-Pitch Softball League 1998 Season

**Location:** Blackburn Diamond (behind Blackburn Arena)

**Day:** Friday Evenings

**Time:** 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm or 8:15 pm to 9:45 pm

**Beginning:** May 8, 1998    **Ending:** August 28, 1998

**Cost:** \$25.00 per player

**Registration:** Limited to the first 60 players to register.

**Contact Person:** Keith Erskine 834-0278



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### Emily Carr School 25th Anniversary

#### Celebrations Friday, May 15 & Saturday, May 16

On Friday, from 5-8:00 p.m. will be an Open House at Emily Carr, plus later socializing at Chimo Hotel

*(We would really appreciate the loan of all forms of memorabilia)*

On Saturday, 10 a.m.-3:00 p.m. will be alumni sports/fun day at Emily Carr, plus the BBQ and then in the evening from 6:30 p.m. a dinner/dance at Chimo Hotel (\$35.00 per person, reservations required)

For more info regarding the above, plus:

- how to register,
- special group hotel rates at Chimo Hotel,
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- ordering of school clothing items,
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### Gloucester High School Re-union

Gloucester High School is celebrating its 35th anniversary! Please spread the word! This is a chance to relive old memories with former classmates and staff.

Friday, May 1 from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. is the GHS Pub Night with Finger Food, Cash Bar, Sports Activities, School Band Performances.

Saturday, May 2 includes sports activities from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., 11:30 - 2 p.m. a cash BBQ, 5:30-6:00 p.m. Cocktails, 6 - 9 p.m. BBQ dinner and 9 to 1 a.m a dance (with DJ). All events are catered by Dave Smith.

Call if you are interested in participating in the following activities: band, men's football, women's basketball, men's basketball, women's field hockey, women's touch football, women's soccer, men's soccer, hockey or the Gator 5000 (5km race - running)

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### Rothwell United Church 40th Anniversary

Former and present members of Rothwell are invited to Rothwell's 40th Anniversary on May 2nd and 3rd.

Saturday, May 2nd from 2 to 3:30 p.m. there will be an organ recital, photos of the early years, an audio tape of music by the first choir and refreshments; 3:30 to 5 p.m. there will be puppeteers and games for the children and from 6:30 to 11 p.m a dinner and dance.

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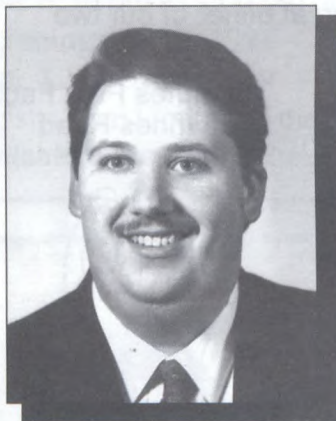
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