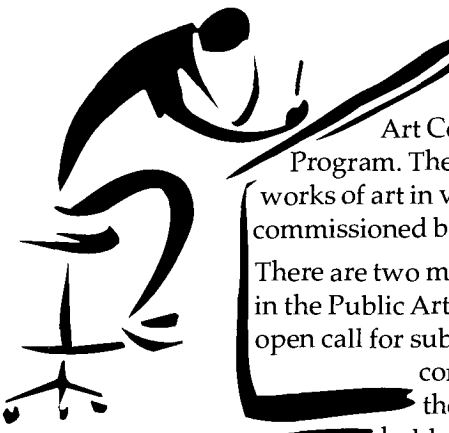

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Art in the community



The Gloucester Arts Board is responsible for purchasing art work for the City's Municipal Art Collection through its Art Acquisition Program. The collection is currently comprised of 45 works of art in various media, purchased or commissioned by artists from Gloucester.

There are two methods of purchasing art as described in the Public Arts Policy. One method is to have an open call for submissions where a jury selects completed works of art to accession into the collection. The other method is to hold a commission for a specific location.

Artists then submit proposals which are juried. The winning artist is commissioned to complete the work of art according to the contract requirements.

There has recently been a change in approach to Public: Art Programs throughout the country as illustrated in the Vital Links conference September 1997. Programs are now focussing on projects that involve community participation. Community involvement results in benefits to the community which include:

- Strengthening (or creating) the link between artists and communities;
- Raising the community's awareness of the art process;
- Gaining an understanding of the work prior to its installation;
- Encouraging innovative and creative partnerships;
- Allowing the community to take ownership and pride in the work;
- Providing a framework that communities can use within their own organizations.

Community art projects include some of the following examples:

- Tree of Knowledge (City of Gloucester, Gloucester Centre Library)
- Artists' Garden Installations (City of Ottawa)
- Pool Project '95 (City of Ottawa)
- Rideau Street Youth Initiative (City of Ottawa)
- Picket Fences (City of Vancouver)

Blackburn Community Hall selected as the site for 1999 Art Project

The City of Gloucester and the Gloucester Arts Board are pleased to announce the Blackburn Community Hall has been selected as the site for the 1999 Art Commission Community Art Program.

The program is designed to connect artists with community groups to develop a work of art that will become part of the Gloucester Municipal Art Collection. The Request for Proposals (RFP) will be out shortly which will detail the requirements of the commission. However, in the meantime, do you know of an artist or a community group in Blackburn Hamlet that would like to participate in the creation of a work of art for the new Community Hall? Groups that are interested are asked to telephone Maria Guevremont at 748-4236 or Johanna Jansen at 834-5128 for more information. Interested groups should indicate a contact person and phone number. The list will be included in the RFP as contact points for artists.

Interested artists will then be in touch to discuss their proposal, which must include a role for the community. The roles may range from being involved in the initial design to assisting in the creation of the work. The submitted proposals will be juried to select the winner.

**Good Luck to you all and
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Blackburn Hamlet entrance signs coming

by Lois Kemp

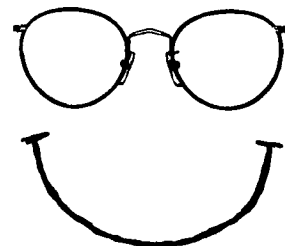
At the BCA General meeting of March 1997 a motion was past to erect entrance signs to the Hamlet at a cost of \$24,000 for two signs. The funds for this project were the Fun Fair shares from activities run by individual volunteers, street groups, etc. from 1978 to 1985 which went into a capital fund for a future project. Prior to 1978 all the Fun Fair profits (\$38,754) went into construction of Bearbrook Park. Since 1985 approximately \$183,000 has been given out in shares to the Fun Fair participating groups. Over the last two years 25% of the Fun Fair profits has been put into a community hall fund for tables, etc. A good portion of the \$40,000 for the construction of the new Community Hall was interest from the Capital Fund.

The saga of the construction of the signs!!

Corush, Sunderland and Wright designed the signs and in July 1998 the City of Gloucester put out the tender for us and Brentras Ltd. from Nepean was the low bidder at \$21,260.90 for the two signs. Every thing went well until the company that was making the aluminum casting went into bankruptcy. We got quotes from other foundries but they were \$6,000 plus taxes more than Aluminum Star. To make a long story short we are getting the two signs made for an additional cost of \$2,743.90. At press time the signs were being delivered to Bentras and the wrought iron ordered and should be installed by the New Year.

It has been very frustrating to say the least and I want to thank the City of Gloucester staff, Rodney Pitchers and Warren Whyte for the time and effort they have put into these signs and the patience they had with all my phone calls.

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First, I would like to thank Sue Sheridan not only for her contribution as President to the B.C.A. but for all the other numerous projects she has been involved in.

It wasn't easy but the Blackburn Hamlet signs on Innes and Bearbrook will soon be completed. See page 2 for the long story.

The community hall is on schedule and if all goes well will open in January 1999. It certainly will be well deserved by the many people who have been a part of the fund raising for this new community landmark. See page 3 for the Community Hall Update.

The Arts Board has offered an art form proposal for our new Community Hall in way of painting, sculpture, etc — we know there are many creative people in the hamlet and expect this will be of interest to many.

Merry Christmas To All

We are looking into the Detention Centre expansion. Thanks to Jack McQuinty for his dedication, research and time, keeping us up to date on what is going on.

Our Blackburn Hamlet Youth Association is doing well and is looking forward to holding their meetings at the new community hall. This month the Youth Association has included their newsletter in the Banar. See pages 10 and 11.

We still have vacant spots on the Board, please phone me at 824-3641 if you have some spare time or ideas.

Have you bought your B.C.A. membership? By joining the B.C.A. you are giving your support to the many activities in the Hamlet. Thanks to our canvassers who went door to door in October, you did a great job!

Have a great holiday and a wonderful new year.

Iris Phillips

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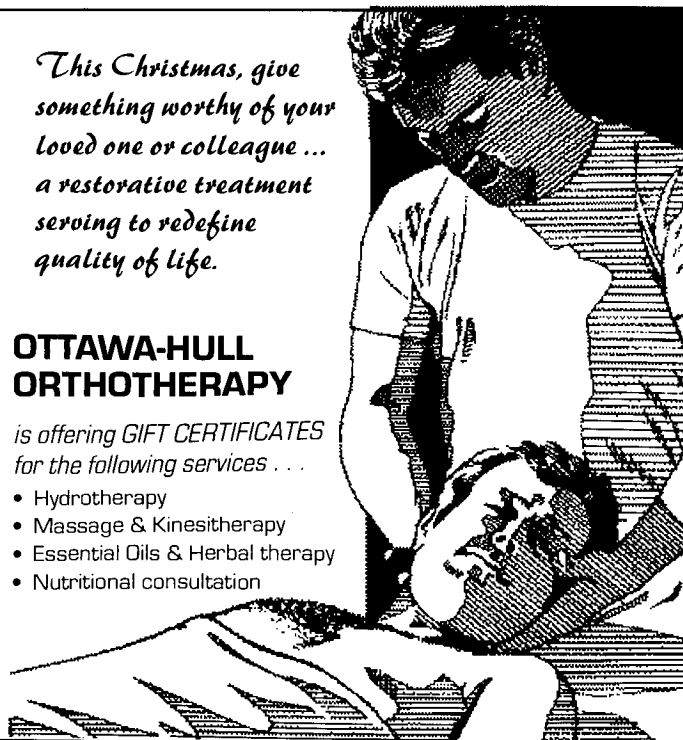
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Community Hall Update

by Al Ross

Work is progressing on schedule for the Community Hall, and construction may even be completed by the end of December 1998. We have been working on establishing rates and policy, and these should be ready by December 17th. The capacity has been determined by the Building Code to be 100.

We are in the process of purchasing tables, chairs and other furniture to make this hall as functional as we can right from the opening. The kitchen will be equipped with an oven, a microwave and a fridge. There will be no stove with surface burners since according to the Building Code, this would require a \$5,000 exhaust system. We will be looking for the oven, fridge, microwave, coat racks, etc., so if anyone has any contacts or community groups who would like to donate these items, please let me know as soon as possible.

We are also looking for a volunteer manager for the hall so if anyone one is interested please call me at 837-1504.

I have received some offers of assistance from residents, but if there are still people who feel they can contribute time or materials, we would be pleased to talk to you about it. We don't know yet how much help we will need, but I'm sure as things become clearer there will be ample opportunity to use all the resources we can muster.

We will be calling a meeting in early December of those potential users of the hall who attended our public meetings early in the planning stages of the hall. We want to inform the community groups of the rates and policy issues so they can plan their activities accordingly. Reservation forms are available at the TD Bank and my house at 6 Centrepark. If you were not contacted, please call me at 837-1504

The Gloucester Arts Board has proposed the Blackburn Community Hall as the site for the 1999 Art Acquisition Program involving a commissioned work of art.

Community organizations interested in participating in this project should give me a call and we can set up a meeting with the Arts Board. The level of community involvement may take a variety of forms:

- Participation in the development of the concept or / and
- Participation in the creation of the artwork itself.

LETE Lands issue

Some residents in the Oakhurst / Eastpark area near the former LETE Lands, have complained to Rainer and myself about the noise created by the testing of military vehicles along the various roads and pathways on this site. Although the Military and vehicle testing groups have officially moved away, there still is an agreement between the NRC and the RCMP, that allows the NRC to test some military vehicles on this land. The site was visited by Rainer and me last month and after viewing the testing first hand, we asked if they could move the noisier experiments further away from the section that borders Oakhurst and Eastpark. Apparently this site is one of the few areas where this type of testing can be carried out in Canada, and it's the best. They appreciated the feedback, and agreed to do what they can to reduce the noise level for the next phase of testing. Things seem to have improved since our visit.

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Roads, Detention Centre and Hockey (but not connected)

by Rainer Bloess

A number of items and issues have happened over the past month pertaining to Blackburn Hamlet. First, the open house on the Innes Road design took place at the fire hall in late November. Although this public session was advertised in the Gloucester News and I had placed posters in the library, at Loeb's and at the Home Hardware, a number of residents have indicated they did not have the opportunity to provide input. It is not too late to share your views. To do so, you may call me at 748-4119, or Kelly Martin of the city's works department at 748-4332 or email us at corp@city.gloucester.on.ca.

Recently, I attended, along with representatives from the BCA, the mayor's office, Jack McGuinty and a Regional Detention Center staff member who lives in our community, an information session organized by Gilles Morin, our MPP, concerning the Regional Detention Center. Staff from the Ministry of Correctional Services provided an overview of the proposed construction at the center and responded to the questions raised. While the information was quite useful, it did not answer all the questions, nor ally all the concerns. At the time of writing, a number of us were setting up a tour of the facility to gain a better understanding of the issues and the proposals. A public session is to be held in Blackburn Hamlet early in the new year as part of the environmental assessment before this project can proceed. Please stay posted for additional information.

On a final note, I wish to express my appreciation to a couple of people who have in a quiet unsolicited way

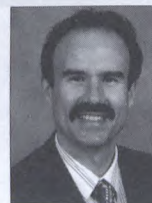
contributed to make our community better. Mr. Donald who has done extensive volunteerism in the past in hockey and baseball in Blackburn, donated several boxes of trophies and plaques which we hope to use for outdoor shinny tournaments this winter. Another long time community veteran, Al Ross, who has made his volunteer role full-time with the BCA, the community hall and Gloucester minor hockey, provided t-shirts for our youth helpers who have always come to the rescue when there is heavy, back breaking work to be done at community events such as the FunFair. To Sean, Matt, James, Caleb and Andrew, thanks for all your help.

In closing, I wish you all a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and the best of health during the holiday season.

As usual, if you have any comments or questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 748-4119 (city hall) or at 837-5975 (home).

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All coaches must take Level I training, which will be provided through Little League Canada.

For further information please contact:

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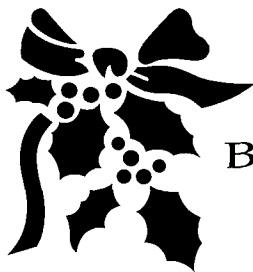
Marsters qualifies for next year's Ms Canada Fitness Competition

Congratulations to Blackburn resident Mariko Marsters for her sweep of the Ms. Ottawa, Ms Northern Ontario and Ms Ontario Fitness events earlier this fall.

Although Marsters has only been competing in fitness for a year, she obviously has the competitive spirit, discipline, and talent to succeed. Living in Blackburn since 1982, Mariko has always been athletic and has enjoyed competitive skating, being a Rough Rider cheerleader and now fitness competitions. Mariko says that she loves the challenge of fitness, a variation of bodybuilding that focuses on gymnastics and dance based routines and has been training at Unlimited Fitness for four years.

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Dr. Bruce Harfield



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Quality dining comes to the Hamlet

Have you noticed the changes that are taking place at the Common Shopping Mall in the Hamlet recently?

The Blackburn Arms, under the stewardship of Captain Barry McKay, has again expanded and taken over the space previously occupied by Carleton Travel. Further down the mall there is now a new sign "McEvoy's Catering" over the premises last known as Penelope's Restaurant.

McEvoy's Catering is owned by Hamlet resident Norm McEvoy and has been operating for five years. The business is rapidly expanding and he is in the process of moving into the old Penelope's location. McEvoy's Catering provides quality catering services to functions of from 20 - 500 persons throughout the Ottawa Carleton area. Now, with a room capable of accommodating up to 55 persons, they can also provide catering to private parties on-site. "The premises are ideally suited to our needs", says Mr McEvoy, "and being a Hamlet resident, it is icing on the cake to be able to locate here."

The Blackburn Arms, in business since 1984, has recently opened a brand new dining room "The Blackburn Dining Lounge" which offers fine dining on Friday and Saturday evenings with brunch being served on Sundays. The room can seat up to 28 persons, is tastefully furnished and totally separated from the pub area by a moving soundproof wall. It even has its own sound system. A unique and innovative feature is that on Monday mornings the wall is rolled back, the furniture stored away and the room is set up for darts. On Friday mornings the process is reversed.

"I am convinced there is a need in the Hamlet for an establishment offering quality dining" says Captain McKay. "But we have become well known as a pub over the last 14 years, and it will take some time for the word to get out that we now have a top notch restaurant on the premises. However, using the room for two distinct and separate purposes during the week, provides us the luxury of gradually building up our dining lounge clientele over a period of time."

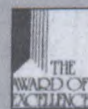
McKay & McEvoy go back over ten years, and, as both their ventures have many similarities, it is to be expected that there will be cooperation between the two owners. "It is in everyone's interest that the businesses on this mall thrive" says McEvoy, "and Barry and I will work together wherever necessary to ensure that this occurs".



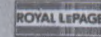
Barry McKay and Norm McEvoy look forward to bringing the fine dining experience to Blackburn Hamlet.

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Fun Fair '98

To all Participating Groups in FUN FAIR 1998

by Jean Neufeld, Co-Chair, Fun Fair '98

I hope you have had time to digest the 1998 Fun Fair Financial Statement appearing in the last Banar. 25% of the Fun Fair proceeds go towards the new Community Centre for the purchase of equipment. The group cheques for your portion of the income from Fun Fair '98 may be picked up at the T.D. Bank. Share values for Fun Fair '98 amounted to \$58.80. If a group wishes to donate their shares, or any portion of them towards the new Community Centre, please call Jean or Neil. For all the directors, I would like to thank you for your tremendous efforts in contributing to the success of Fun Fair '98, especially in view of the late start.

It is a positive reflection on the spirit and dedication of our community by the manner in which we all pulled together to ensure that there was a Fun Fair '98. Indeed, it was no surprise to once again experience the tremendous effort of our community working together for a common cause.

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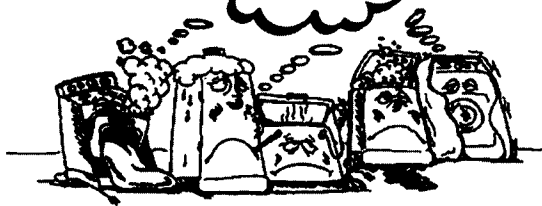
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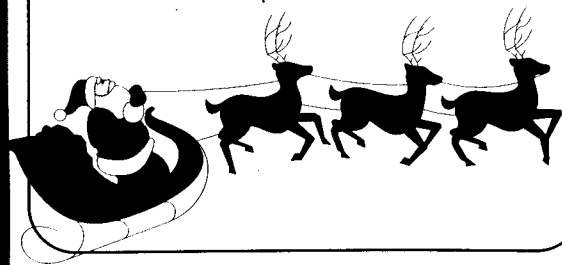
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Do We want an expanded Ottawa Carleton Regional Detention Centre ?

by Jack McGuinty

The Ministry of Corrections recently announced an expansion of 192 beds to the facility on Innes Road. These beds are to be maximum security beds and may hold inmates sentenced for up to two years less a day.

The Ministry has advised the writer on October 19, 1998 that this facility will be considered a Maximum security installation when the changes are completed.

History

The present facility was built in 1971/1972 and the Ministry at that time committed to the community that this unit would not hold more than 200 inmates and these would be of the following types:

- Those awaiting trial
- Those sentenced to 90 days or less
- Those who had been away on long term sentences and were serving the two months of their sentence on day parole as a way of easing their way back into the community

The present population of the institution is now, according to the Ministry, 347 and includes some long term maximum inmates. The new addition is to hold 192

more maximum security inmates without any increase in guard staff which is insufficient now according to people who work on the inside. A recent meeting chaired by our local MPP Gilles Moran and attended by invited members of the community and ministry staff did not prove enlightening as the staff would only advise that they will continue with the project unless directed to give it up by their political masters. An attempt to get a definitive answer on the total inmates to be housed here proved absolutely fruitless.

The Property on which this building is located is owned by the National Capital Commission and any changes must be approved by them. Therefore we suggest the following action. If you object to this proposal make your objections known to the following:

The City of Gloucester

The National Capital Commission

Mr. Rainer Bloess, City Councillor

Mr. Gilles Moran, MPP, who has agreed to act on what the community wishes .

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Youth Association

Fall 98 Update:

Gord Hawley, President

It's now December and it has been a very long first year for our organization.

The Blackburn Hamlet Youth Association (BHYA) has grown to over 150 Members since our meager beginnings in the spring of 98.

Halloween Dance:

We held our **First Annual Halloween Costume Party and Dance** on October 30th. Special thanks to the local businesses that provided door prizes for this event – **Shoppers Drug Mart, Video Flicks, Subway and Hamlet Donuts!**

Games Program:

Our **Tuesday Evening Board Games Program** is well under way. We meet at the **Blackburn Fire Hall at 6:15 p.m. until 8:15 p.m. each week.** We have a large number and variety of games available for group play with new games being added each month. Come out and join us for **Monopoly, Payday, Twister, Yatzee, card games and a whole lot more!**

We try to select games that our participants have requested and every session is supervised by a minimum of 2 adults. If you are interested in volunteering to help run one of these sessions, or have other skills to offer please let us know.

We are also interested in arranging car pooling for this and other of our events. If you need transportation to the events, or could provide transportation let us know.

Santa Claus Parade:

On Saturday November 28th we participated in Gloucesters first **Parade of Lights, Santa Claus Parade.** We had over 40 participants involved with our float. **Special thanks to Frank Harris for his Karioki machine, and to Wally's and the Blackburn Bingo Sponsor Association for their sponsorship of the cost of the float.**

When you see our kids walking around with the Black with Yellow lettered BHYA Sweat Shirts, ask them how they liked being in the parade!

With the success of this year's parade, I'm sure that Gloucester will be offering a similar program next year. We are already looking for ideas and suggestions are welcomed.

Let's Dance!

We have set our next dance date to be **Friday January 29th** at the new **Blackburn Community Centre.** This will be a **Pre-Valentines Party,** so everyone **MUST** wear something **RED!** We have booked **Rick's DJ Service** who hosted our Halloween Dance, again for this event.

Tickets are required!

They are **FREE to BHYA Members** and Membership in BHYA is also **FREE.** Tickets will be available on a

Fall 98 Update:

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first served basis at our games nights at the Fire Hall, and can be reserved by calling our hot line number at 837-5987.

We have scheduled an indoor garage sale **FUND Raiser** at the Innes Park Administration Building on **Sunday January 17th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Donations of used toys, furniture, equipment and misc. items can be dropped off at the site Monday to Saturday during the week of the sale. We will be offering a small tuck shop during the event. Coffee and soft drinks will be available for 50 cents and there will be other light refreshments. We are also giving away 5 white BHYA T-shirts, valued at \$10 each as door prizes. One will be drawn every hour starting at 10:00, winners must be present to win!

We are also looking for the loan of card tables or similar display tables for this event. If you could provide one or more of these for this event that would be greatly appreciated. Please let us know early in the week if you have one or more to loan us. Thanks!

Stocking Stuffers:

We have a small supply of BHYA white T-shirts available in L and XL sizes at a cost of \$10 each that would make a great Christmas stocking stuffer. Ideal for your child or grandchild if they are Members of the BHYA.

Angle Tree:

Blackburn Bingo, in co-operation with the **BHYA** has arranged an Angel Tree to collect toys and gifts for younger children in need for the **Christmas Wish Foundation**. Your gifts can be dropped off at the Bingo Hall before **December 21** – when they will be collected and taken to the local Fire Hall for sorting and distribution.

Membership:

Registration for the BHYA can be picked up at the Fire Hall on Tuesdays, at the Garage Sale in January and are available on a regular basis at the **Library, the Arena and the TD Bank.**

To be a Member of the BHYA, you must reside in Blackburn Hamlet. You can bring friends to most of our events who are not BHYA Members, but they will be required to pay a nominal fee for participation provided there is space available.

Membership applications can be mailed or dropped off at **2733C Innes Rd. K1B 3J7**, attention Blackburn Hamlet Youth Association.

Welcome!

A special welcome to **Shannon Sutton**, who has joined our Board of Directors.

Shannon has been out to our games programs and was a big help at the Santa Claus Parade. At just 18, Shannon is demonstrating that there can be an active roll for our youth in the community. The BHYA is committed to having Youth Directors who can bring forward ideas and programs that their peers want in the community that we can help them achieve. I encourage all of the Youth in Blackburn age 10 to 18 to become active members of the BHYA and help us put together a plan of programs for 1999 that you want to participate in.

1999 Program Ideas:

The New Year is just around the corner and we are working hard on ideas for making 1999 a great year for the Youth in Blackburn Hamlet.

Starting in the winter we are hoping to arrange a couple of skating parties on

the outdoor rink at Bearbrook Park. If the weather co-operates they will probably be in late January and early February.

We are planning to add additional event dates for our games programs as more volunteers become available. If you could commit to providing 2 ½ hours per week or per month to helping to run this event let us know. We are developing schedules for the new year and it is important to have a good pool of qualified volunteers to call upon to make this program work.

We are planning some ideas for events around Fun Fair and the Gloucester Fair.

We are considering arranging some summer sports programming and are looking for feedback from our Youth on what programming is of interest to them.

We have had a lot of interest in more dances. We are working on providing several dates for dances and are looking at Theme Dances and Parties for different age groups within our Membership.

We are also looking into some additional fund raising programs to help us raise the much needed revenues that it takes to put on these programs.

BHYA

Hotline

837-5987

L'Association des Jeunes de

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Need a Checklist? I think So !

By Rollie Sanders

Even if your memory is still 100 % , it is a good idea for you to make a checklist of things to do before proceeding away from home. Whether it is for a long stay or short period of time, this list can be adapted to suit your own particular circumstances.

- Ensure major expenses such as taxes, house and auto insurance are looked after either through advance payments or equal billing;
- Ensure utility bills such as hydro, water, fuel and phone are satisfied through advance payments or equal billing;
- Ensure bank chequing accounts are set up to handle the above transactions;
- Advise both your house and auto insurance agencies of your itinerary so arrangements can be made for special riders and endorsements if necessary;
- Arrange for out-of-country supplementary medical insurance coverage; Take copies of prescriptions with you for all medications, eye glasses, etc. plus enough medication to last the duration of the trip, if possible;
- Insulin dependent diabetic should carry a doctor's

statement identifying the person in order to prevent any hassle about needles, particularly at border crossing points;

- Make copies of all important papers, credit cards and identification which will accompany you and leave the copies with a responsible person for safekeeping;
- Carry a copy of documents such as a recent utility bill, property tax notice and your driver's license with you. This provides some proof to immigration officials that you intend to return to Canada.
- Change fire alarm and carbon monoxide detector batteries and test;
- Remove batteries from remote controlled doorbells. Some types squeal very loud when batteries need replacement;
- Remove batteries from automobiles being stored during cold weather to prevent freezing;
- Cancel delivery of newspapers;
- Arrange to have TV cablevision and internet subscriptions placed on vacation mode;
- Place valuables such as jewellery and coins in a safe place;
- Turn off answering machine;
- Arrange with post office to have your mail forwarded or have someone reliable to pick it up regularly;
- Arrange for lawn maintenance or snow removal;
- Arrange to have a reliable person visit your house on a regular basis to check on security, temperature, plants, etc.;
- Ask neighbours to keep an eye on your property;
- Unplug all unnecessary appliances such as TVs, stoves, computers, electronic equipment etc.;
- Set timers to have lights, radios, etc. come on at random intervals;
- Turn off gas supply to fireplace;
- Turn off or lower temperature to vacation mode on hot water heater;
- Turn down furnace to 15 degrees °C during cold weather and turn air conditioner off during hot weather;
- Turn off main water valve;
- Contact your house security monitoring station and give them details of your absence; and
- Leave a copy of your travel itinerary with a friend or relative in case you need to be reached.

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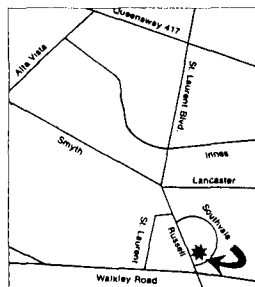


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Technicalities

by R. Mitchell Rowe LL.B.

Familiar is the naive complaint that the defendant “got off” due to a technicality.

Although couched in this pejorative term, “technicality” means in fact a breaking of the rules of the game.

Whether we like these rules or not, they remain the bedrock of our legal protections, upon which all our freedom and security is built. They are the one element that takes man to civilization from the jungle’s survival of the fittest.

While the business of the jury is to determine the facts, the business of the court is to ensure that the investigation, prosecution and trial is fair, that the established rules have been respected.

History has shown us, often through bitter experience, that a fair trial is guaranteed and justice best served when the holders of authority and power are forced to follow prescribed standards and rules, regardless of guilt or innocence and regardless of how horrendous the alleged crime.

Failure by our courts to enforce these rules invites short-cuts by officials who enforce the law in the first instance. And since the application and enforcement of the law depends on the local official or police constable, any whimsical, careless or arbitrary decision can mean a flattening of the individual by the steamrolling state.

That is the purpose of these so-called “technicalities” — to protect us all, equally, from the overzealous, arbitrary, inefficient, lazy, or corrupt people who sometimes find themselves in positions of power.

The difficulty, of course, is always: how do we determine these rules. Actions of officials that shock the conscience of one man may not shock that of another. Judges seek to determine these rules by referring to historical decisions of other judges who have considered the rule in question in similar circumstances.

In the U.S.A. this fundamental protection is called due process of law; in Canada it is called security of the person.

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Arts & Culture

Web Art

By Beth Logan Goldberg

As usual a five minute session to look for some art activity / lesson web sights turned into two hours! I just can't resist reading all that stuff!

Here are a few good spots for learning art fundamentals, teaching children, or for home activities with children.

The following sight has over 200 lessons and lots more: <http://www.bconnex.net/~jarea/lessons.htm>

For the "artgeek" interested in receiving lessons from readers, there are some unique ideas here: <http://www.dhc.net/~artgeek>

Drawing lessons here go far beyond charcoal: http://www.interrouse.com/com/charcoal_page/welcome.htm

Now for something completely different that is sure to cure the blues. Go visit the Newsletter of the Museum of Bad Art in Boston. Your life will never be quite the same. Click on all the highlighted text to see what they are all about. <http://www.glyphs.com/moba/>.

Suggestions of art related web sights are always welcome. You can send them to me at: hbsgold@fox.nstn.ca I am looking for satire and humor relevant to artists.

Beth Logan Goldberg, one of Blackburn's resident artists will be moving December 17th to Montreal. We wish you well!

Art Exhibits at Blackburn Hamlet Library Gordon Webster - January

Landscapes and seascapes are Gordon's favourite subjects. These are usually executed in coloured pencil using a technique that is uniquely his own. Working with a pencil that is as sharp as a needle Gordon uses just the weight of the pencil to apply the colour. This requires many layers to establish the necessary density of colour but these multiple layers are what produce the unique qualities of these works. It is a very slow process. Gord is past-President of arteast, teaches Drawing for Children and is one of the driving forces behind the Visual Arts Centre. Gordon can be contacted at 830-9643 or e-mail gawebster@cyberus.ca

Doreen Hardiman - February

Former Blackburn resident, Doreen enjoys all types of painting but more recently has been concentrating on silk painting. She mentions how silk painting is noted for the really vibrant colours and especially enjoys painting underwater scenes.

One of Doreen's painting is in the City of Gloucester collection and can be seen at City Hall. Doreen, now living in Navan, can be reached at 835-3209.

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Keeping the Holidays Simple and Fun for You and Your Child

by Karen Fleming,

Adults and children alike are turning their attention and activities to the Christmas season. The children are doing crafts and learning songs for the holidays and parents are decorating their homes and getting all the shopping and baking done.

Preparing for Christmas and Hanukkah celebrations is often stressful and time consuming, but it need not be. When shopping for the perfect gift for your children there are some things to consider. You are the expert when it comes to your child. Don't be influenced by the 'hot' Christmas toy of the year (remember the year of the Cabbage Patch Doll and Tickle Me Elmo!). Think of the things your child likes to do and what his or her interests and abilities are. Keep it simple.

Automatic toys with lots of bells and whistles can only do what they are programmed to do and don't allow for many different ways to use a toy. Craft supplies and simple toys like wooden blocks can be used in countless imaginative ways and will provide hours of entertainment

While gifts often seem to be the focal point of the holidays, it is important that the best gift you can give your child is to spend quality time with them and to get them into the holiday spirit.

Some inexpensive and fun activities could include:

- Bundling the kids up and taking them on a walking tour through your neighbourhood to admire all the lights and decorations. If you want to see truly spectacular lights, take a trip to Parliament Hill.

- Make and decorate Christmas cookies to be hung on the tree. Younger children can make pretend cookies with their own dough and cookie cutters (see play-dough recipe) and popcorn garland.

Have your kids go through their toys and choose some they no longer use and give them to a charity. This is a great way for a child to learn the gift of giving.

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Blackburn Recreation & Parks Board

by Paul Graham

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New to the Orient Park ice surface this year, end boards.

The outdoor rinks can be reserved for 1 hour, call Brian 841-6303.

Shinny for the young at heart

If you can remember Bobby Orr as a player, then come rekindle memories by tossing in your stick at Bearbrook rink, 9:00 PM Thursdays.

Playstructure

Keystone park structure is being replaced in the Spring. We need design input from those who signed the petition.

Ecole St. Marie has removed the school yard play structure. Plans are to replace the structure in the spring.

Gloucester Allotment Gardens

Gardeners signing up with Gloucester Allotment Garden Association at the March registration meeting will get a five dollar discount off the regular fee.

The Association will hold its registration meeting Tuesday, March 9 at 8:00 p.m. in the cafeteria of Louis-Riel School, 1655 Bearbrook.

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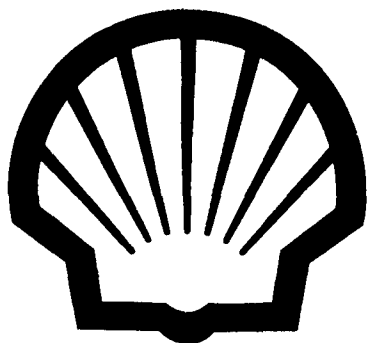
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Coming Events

Supper Dance Community Evening by Blackburn Hamlet's Optimist Club

February 20, 1999 from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m.

The Optimist Club of Blackburn Hamlet is organizing a pizza and meat macaroni community supper and dance at the new Blackburn Hamlet Community Center this coming February 20. The evening theme will focus on St. Valentine. Each attendant must wear, with discretion, a red item.

The supper will be followed by an evening dance with an open bar (beer and wine). Everyone is welcome. Door prizes will be given.

Tickets: \$10/person (maximum of 120)

To purchase tickets, please contact Diane Charlebois at 837-4819 or Bruno Leroux at 837-5287. No tickets will be sold at the door.

The Optimist Club members are friends of the youth. Our purpose is to assist our Community's youth by organizing activities and workshops related to their needs (first aid, safety on wheels, self defence, Just Say No). If you would like more information on the Club and/or to become a member, please call Diane Charlebois, President, at 837-4819.

Invitation à un souper-soirée dansante communautaire organisé par le Club Optimiste de Blackburn Hamlet le 20 février 1999.

Le 20 février prochain, le Club Optimiste de Blackburn Hamlet organisera un souper-soirée dansante communautaire à la pizza et au macaroni à la viande au nouveau Centre communautaire de Blackburn. Le thème de cette rencontre se fixera sur celui de la St. Valentin. Chacun(e) doit porter, avec discrétion, un item rouge.

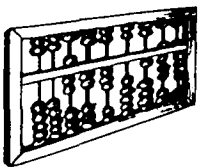
Le souper sera suivi d'une soirée dansante avec bar ouvert (bière et vin). Bienvenue à tous et toutes. Il y aura prix de présence.

Billet: 10\$/la personne (maximum de 120)

Pour acheter vos billets, veuillez contacter Diane Charlebois au 837-4819 ou Bruno Leroux au 837-5287. Aucun billet ne sera vendu à la porte.

Les membres du Club Optimiste sont les ami(e)s de la jeunesse. Nous visons à aider les jeunes de notre communauté en organisant des activités et des ateliers selon leurs besoins (premiers soins, sécurité sur roues, défense personnelle, Disons non). Si vous voulez en savoir plus sur le Club ou si vous désirez devenir membre, veuillez contacter Diane Charlebois, Présidente, au 837-4819.

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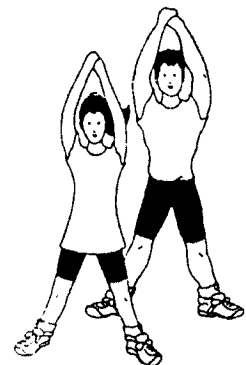
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