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Blackburn Area News And Reports

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Funfair'99 celebrates "A Place of Our Own"



Join your neighbours at Fun Fair'99 on Friday, June 4th and Saturday, June 5th. The Funfair has moved to a NEW location — the Blackburn Community Hall and Arena.

More photos from previous years inside



Blackburn Community Association

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Shoppers Drug Mart owner, Ben Mizrahi and Izzy Snider from headquarters presents a \$1000 cheque to Regina Benhk for the Gloucester Emergency Food Cupboard. Shoppers Drug Mart was celebrating the new expansion of their store that included a spacious cosmetic section, a full-service retail postal outlet and now a free prescription delivery service. Shoppers Drug Mart continues to serve Blackburn well seven days a week from 8 am to midnight.

Letters to the editor

Dear Madam Editor:

Our family appreciate the Banar editions, letting us know what is happening in our community.

As a longtime resident of the Hamlet it is encouraging to see the great progress that is being made in our little community. It does not come without much hard work and dedication.

The new signs that grace both entrances to Blackburn make us all feel good about where we live and in welcoming others. The new community hall will be a tremendous asset in it's very strategic location near the arena.

April 18th, at the new Good shepherd Church on Innes Road, we witnessed yet another first for the Hamlet. Through the courtesy of Father Bluger and his parishioners, the spacious church became a concert hall for the first ever major choral work replete with orchestra, soloists and the very professional Blackburn Chorus under the direction of David Chin. It was amazing to hear the music of the masters —in this case Haydn and Handel in such a wonderful setting. The capacity audience which included a great many young people will attest to the success of this evening. So, along with our new structures we take great pride in our very own Blackburn Chorus which continues to excel in their music and bringing pleasure to its many fans.

We thank all for this unique and historical event — another first for Blackburn Hamlet.

Regards,

Garth Hampson

FUN FAIR BLACKBURN HAMLET FÊTE FORAINE

June 4 & 5 juin

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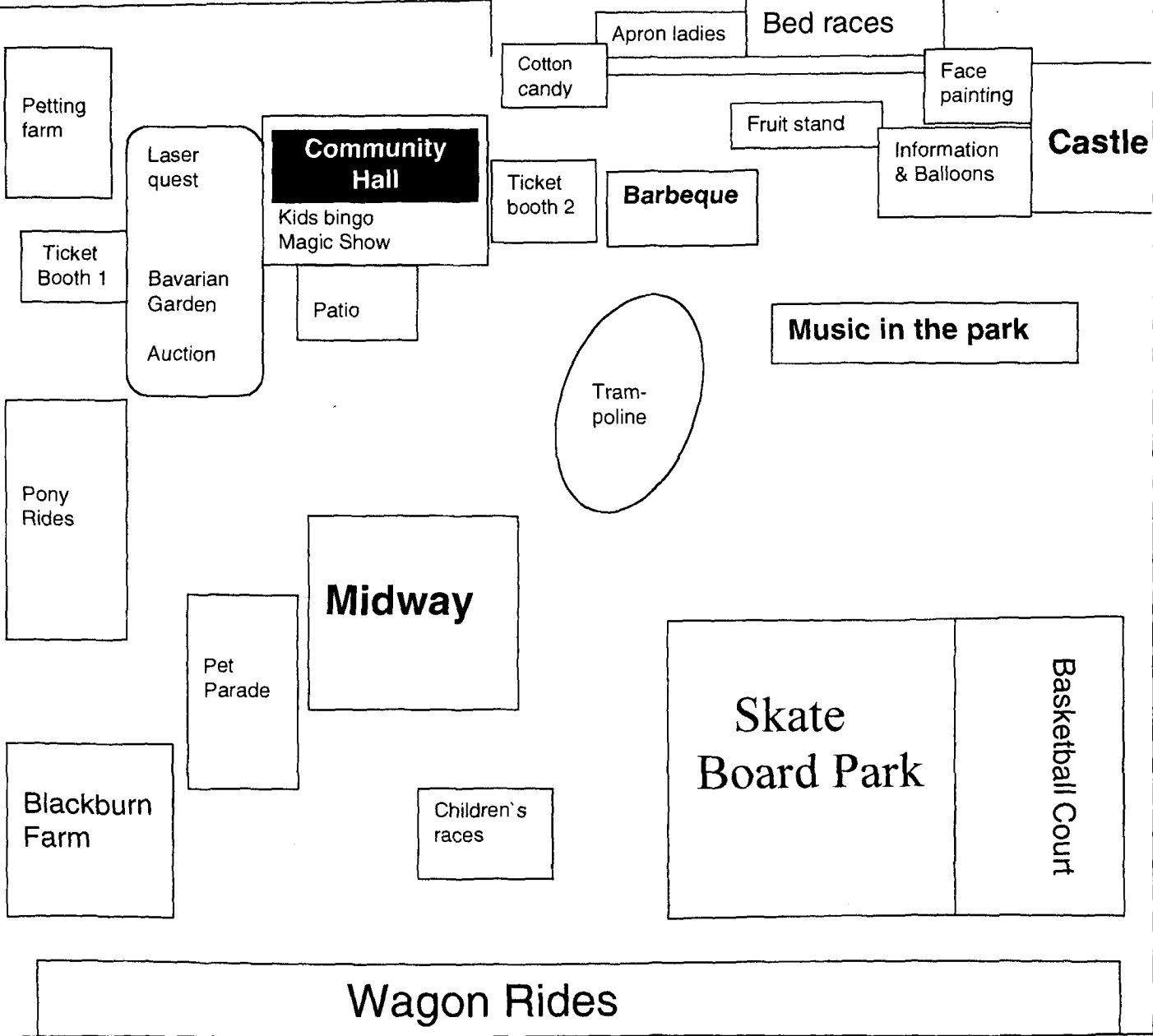
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Events



Friday June 4 vendredi le 4 juin

- Parade judging6:00 pm
- Parade 6:30 pm
- General Store6:45-9:30 pm
- Barbeque6:45pm-12:30 am
- Midway7:00-9:30 pm
- Bavarian Garden7:00-12:30 am
- Entertainment in the park ...7:00-9:30 pm
- Bed Races 8:00 pm
- Teen Dance 8:00-11:00 pm
- Fireworks9:30 pm
- Candy floss6:45-9:30 pm
- Balloon Castle6:30-9:30 pm



Saturday June 5 samedi le 5 juin

- Pancake breakfast8-11:30 am
- Wagon rides9:00-4:00 pm
- Midway9:00-4:00 pm
- General store9:00-4:00 pm
- Craft show9:00-4:00 pm
- Petting Farm9:00-4:00 pm
- Laserquest9:00-4:00 pm
- Adult dance8:00 pm
- Pony rides9:00-4:00 pm
- Bike rodeo10:00 am
- Pet Parade10:00 am
- Trampoline demo10:00-3:30 pm
- Skateboard demo1:00-3:00 pm
- Kids bingo10:00-3:00 pm
- Magic show10:30 & 11:30 am
- Barbeque11:00-4:00 pm
- Wagon Rides9:00-4:00 pm
- Dog obedience11:00 & 2:00 pm

FUN FAIR BLACKBURN HAMLET FÊTE FORAINE

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General Store

Bake table
White elephant
Plants
Donut corner
Craft show

Donations

We need your donations of books, records. Please bring them to the Community Hall on June 3 or to the arena on June 4 & 5.

Any leftovers from your garage sale? Please donate them to the white elephant table on June 4.

Blackburn Volunteers recognized by City

Volunteers are concerned citizens who put their values and beliefs into actions — sometimes quietly, sometimes boldly. Collectively, they are a driving force for positive change and for an improvement in the quality of life in our community.

On Monday, May 24th the City of Gloucester presented the Gloucester Volunteer Appreciation Award to Lee Coutu, Jean Neufeld, Roger Pyper, Al Ross and Jane Ross.

Lee Coutu

Lee has been a volunteer in Blackburn Hamlet for over 10 years. Her volunteer commitment has centered around children, helping children in schools, in recreational activities and as a Block Parent in her community.

Lee has been involved on the parent executive committees at the elementary, middle school and high school levels in the Ottawa Carleton

School Board. She served as Chairperson for three years each at Emily Carr Middle School and the Gloucester High School Council.

Lee is an active member of the Scouts movement as a Beaver Leader, a Cub leader and on the Blackburn Group Committee.

During her "spare time" Lee has co-chaired the Blackburn Hamlet Fun Fair for two years and also as a Director for several years.

Lee is on the executive of the Newcomers Club as well.

In all, Lee Coutu is very deserving of this volunteer award, she has what it takes to make a positive difference in her community.

Jean Neufeld

Jean has had a long and illustrious career volunteering in Gloucester. Over the last thirty-three years, she has had a tremendous impact on a

wide variety of organizations within our community.

Jean has helped many groups, most notably the Boy Scouts of Canada for an amazing 17 years. She has also assisted such groups as the Children's Aid Society of Ottawa-Carleton and the Blackburn Home and School Association. Jean has also served as a volunteer on the Gloucester Arts Council.

Organizations such as the Cancer Society, the Salvation Army, the Kidney Foundation, the Heart Fund and the Blackburn Community Association have benefited from her dedication as a fundraiser.

Jean has helped many families within our region by volunteering her time to the School Volunteer Program, services to shut-ins and to the volunteer family counselling services. Jean has also been a volunteer in the Blackburn Newcomers' Club and at the Blackburn Court Seniors Residence.

Jean has helped to improve the quality of life for many Gloucester residents, and make our city a better place to live.

Roger M. Pyper

To adequately describe Roger's many contributions to his community since he arrived in 1981 would require a biography.

Upon arrival, Roger quickly became involved in the Blackburn Community Association as a member, then Civic Affairs Chairman, and then in 1984, President. While still involved with the Blackburn Community Association, he also became a member of the Blackburn Recreation Centre Board where he acted as



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secretary. In 1990, he was instrumental in founding the Citizen Review Committee for Waste Management. Since 1996, Roger has been a member and secretary-treasurer of the Blackburn Recreation and Parks Board.

The City of Gloucester and Blackburn Hamlet are extremely privileged to have Roger Pyper as a resident of our city.

Alan and Jane Ross

Alan and Jane have been active volunteers in the community of Blackburn Hamlet for more than twenty years. They have worked as a team and individually on many project and aspects of life in the Hamlet. Both have a strong sense of community and have been an asset to Blackburn Hamlet.

Al has been involved with the Blackburn Minor Hockey Association as Convener and helped in designing the Blackburn Stingers crest. He has also been the Pee Wee Convener, Head Convener and President (2 years) of the Gloucester Hockey Association. Presently Al is responsible for schedules, playing rules and administration. Al is also a very active member of the Blackburn Hamlet Community Association (BCA). He holds the position of Director, Civic Affairs. Fun Fair, Bavarian Fest or any activity which involves or impacts Blackburn, you will find Al Ross. His commitment and desire to "get the job done" makes him a valuable volunteer within our community.

Jane Ross has been involved in many volunteer roles over the past twenty years. She has been active in the Scouting Movement as a Beaver Leader and most involved within


the Ringette "Arena" as a coach, player and involved with administration for the Blackburn Ladies League. Though some players won't admit it openly, "she is one of the top skaters in the League."

Jane has been involved with the Fun Fair in various capacities since its inception. Her most memorable participation has been running the Candy Table and handmaking over 1500 blue and white chocolate "Smurfs" which were individually


wrapped and tied with a bow! She has also been involved in different aspects of Fun Fair and the Bavarian Fest, wherever and whenever help is needed.

Jane has also canvassed for the Heart and Stroke Foundation and the Kidney Foundation.

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New and exciting menu at Susanna's Cafe

The community sends their thanks to Susanna's Café for sponsoring the opening ceremonies of the Gloucester Senior Games. Brad Sloss, organizer, commented that "The presentation and variety of food was outstanding and nothing but positive comments were heard".

Susanna's Cafe, named after Bonnie Ashford's grandmother brings to the community a refreshing and healthy menu, unlike anything else served in the Hamlet before.

Located conveniently in the Alexander Mall at the four corners Susanna's offers an array of fresh bagel breakfasts, fast and freshly made sandwiches and homemade soups.

The business, previously mainly a donut shop type operation is now offering more variety in lunches such as special hot lunches and salad specialities including homemade salad dressings. Most of the Cafe's desserts are prepared by the owner Bonnie and her capable staff. Donuts, which are still a popular snack are made freshly

each day by the on-site baker.

Bonnie Ashford, who previously operated *Victorian Catering* with Donna Zelmer, is also a baker (Algonquin College graduate) She, wants the working and retired community to be able to stop and enjoy a break in their

busy day, meet with friends for a treat or tea time speciality such as fresh flans, tarts and homemade muffins and scones with jam.

Fresh coffee is always brewing and reading materials are available to help

contribute to the relaxing and friendly atmosphere that we hope to find in the Blackburn Hamlet Community.

Susanna's Cafe has been very encouraged by the community interest and support and would like to **invite all to drop in during their special Grand Opening on May 28th and 29th.**

They are currently open Mondays to Fridays from 7 am to 7 pm and Saturdays 8 am to 7 pm, but plan to extend hours beginning in June.



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BNI opens it's Arms to the Hamlet

No, it is not a revised version of the Blackburn Business Association but rather Business Network International, an organization serving to provide a positive, supportive and structured environment for individuals to further their business via a system of referral marketing.

BNI's most successful chapters are comprised of participants who are strongly committed to assisting one another through networking. Each chapter functions as a team and as a member of this team, each is responsible for complying with its policies, these being...

- chapter meetings are weekly, commencing promptly at 7:00 am and terminating 8:30 am
- each member must represent their primary occupation, not a part-time business
- members are permitted 3 absences every 6 months otherwise are subject to their category being opened
- members are required to bring bona-fide referrals and/or visitors to their chapter of BNI.

What makes BNI truly unique however is its restriction of one member per profession in each chapter. Once one has joined a chapter, no competitor may participate in that chapter. And, most importantly, BNI members receive excellent referrals!

Such policies ensure that members remain dedicated to increasing each others business through referrals. Other benefits include increased exposure to numerous other people and businesses, tools to network more effectively, the right to participate in up to 52 meetings per year as well as participation in business trade shows

As our economy becomes increasingly competitive, many businesses rely solely on word of mouth. Word of mouth advertising is the best form of advertising and BNI provides a structured system of giving and receiving business. Due to this 'givers gain'-philosophy, BNI members have succeeded in passing over 767,000 referrals for each other in 1998. Considering BNI was founded in 1995 by Ivan Misner first in the US and then in Canada, such is a remarkable business achievement!

What is even more impressive is that the Eastern Ontario region has become one of the most successful areas that have been touched by BNI, with 17 chapters alone striving in the Ottawa region. Blackburn Hamlet is a recent addition to this list, formally uniting January 29th, 1999.

Existing members of Blackburn's BNI chapter include: Robert Real, Investment Representative, Edward Jones (President); David Huffman, Custom Builder, CAREPRO

Construction Services (Vice-President); James Whyte, Barrister & Solicitor, MacQuarrie, Whyte, Seligy & Killoran (Treasurer); Robert Carscadden, Certified General Accountant (Membership Committee); Joe Potenza, Home, Auto & Travel Insurance Agent, Allstate (Membership Committee); Lisa Gammon, Orthotherapist, Ottawa-Hull Orthotherapy (Visitor Host); Anita Hoare, Residential Real Estate Services, ROYAL LEPAGE; Coleen Hurley Kelz, Loans & Mortgages, Toronto Dominion Bank; Dave Tanner, Owner, Home Ecology Systems/ water filtration; Kelly Johnston, Owner, SmARTsite Web design; Dr. Dave Danic, Dental Surgeon; Charlotte Flanagan, Distributor, Magnetic & Infrared health products; Robert McFarlane, Account Manager, Laser Networks; Brent Cnnway, Life Insurance Agent, First Choice Insurance; Marc Beauchamp, Owner, TechStar Telecom; JB Aubrey, Owner, N.A.C. Auto Centre

The Blackburn chapter continues to look for new members as many professional categories remain unrepresented. Interested parties may inquire with the Chapter's President, Robert Real of Edward Jones, at 841-9315.

In BNI's attempt to connect with the community and prospective members, the Blackburn Chapter is planning to sponsor events at the Fun Fair as well as hold a Trade Fair at the Community Hall in Septmeber. Residents are invited to attend in order to acquaint themselves with the network of professional services that are available to them. Door prizes and complimentary refreshments will be offered as well.

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Greenbelt Agreement with Gloucester and NCC

The Greenbelt has been an integral part of what makes Blackburn Hamlet a suburban jewel as is often featured in local newspapers.

It is with considerable satisfaction therefore that I report on the fruition of several years of negotiations with the NCC which has resulted in a deal to protect the green space around the Hamlet.

Many of you may recall that approximately four years ago the NCC embarked on a Masterplan review of the Greenbelt at which time certain lands such as the buffer zone behind Orient Park and Glen Park were designated as no longer essential to the integrity of the Greenbelt. A local organization sprang up under the banner of "Save The Greenbelt" to represent the interests of the residents. This group, led by Sue Sheridan and Bill Smith, mobilized the community and forced the NCC to come to the Hamlet to listen to what we had to say (the NCC had hoped to limit its hearings to a meeting in Orleans). I was pleased to support the "Save The Greenbelt" committee, both morally and financially.

Of the all the public sessions in the region, our "consultation" at the Glen "O" gym was the best attended with a standing room crowd of approximately 400 residents. It was an occasion when the community spoke loud and clear about its wishes and, in fairness to the NCC, they listened. The Chair of the NCC, Marcel

Beaudry, committed to making a fair deal with the City of Gloucester to protect the lands in question.

The result is an agreement between Gloucester and the NCC (subject to ratification by the Treasury Board which should be just a formality) which exchanges some lands and leases others. For instance, Gloucester has acquired the 41 acres at the Hornets Nest in exchange for 148 acres of Mer Bleue lands. As well, leases have been entered into for the buffer zone adjacent to the bypass, the garden plots on Anderson Road and the Greens Creek toboggan hill.

Overall, this deal is a satisfactory culmination to a process begun a number of years ago. It provides the city with control over recreational lands while assigning environmentally sensitive lands to the NCC. At the same time, the 15 year lease at \$1 (one dollar) per year protects the buffer zone around Blackburn from regional encroachment by future expansions of the transitway and the bypass.

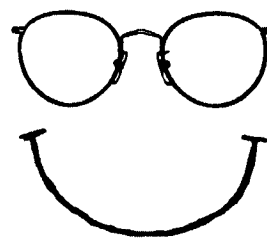
On another note, at the time of writing, Gloucester was honouring a number of citizens with this year's "Volunteers Recognition Awards". Five of these deserving recipients are from the Hamlet. Kudos to Lee Coutu, Jane and Al Ross, Jean Neufeld and Roger Pypier who epitomize the care and involvement which makes our community such a wonderful place.

As usual, if you have any comments or questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 748-4119 (city hall) or 837-5975 (home) or by email at bloessr@magma.ca or corp@city.gloucester.on.ca

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Recreation and Parks Board Report

Last P.D. Day

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Summer Camps in Blackburn

The City of Gloucester offers programs from June 28th to August 20th:

Fun & Friends (4-7/8-11)

Specialty Camps

Future Kids- Compu Camp (grade 3-8)

Soccer N' Swim (9-12)

Show Biz Kidz (5-11)

Tennis N' Swim (9-12)

Sports Zone (9-12)

Basketball Camp (9-12)

Register early at the Community Center from 5:30 - 8 pm on June 2 and June 16. Contact Joanne Baker for more information at 748-4100 ext. 3091.

Outdoor Pool

Buy your seasons pass during FUN FAIR and save the taxes. Register for Learn to Swim programs and private lessons at the same time.

A Community Celebration by the Pool

The Official Opening of the renovated Bearbrook Pool will be held on Saturday, June 26th. The BCA, RPB and Aquatics staff invite your family to a community celebration by the pool. A full day of activities are planned to celebrate the Hamlets renovated crown jewel.

Keystone Park

The new play structure is on order and the final park design is in its final stage. Feedback from the open house has resulted in minor changes, its not too late to offer your comments, contact Diane Emmerson 748-4238.

Board Members: Khaled Boustany, Jim Canning, Rainer Bloess, Gord Hawley, Chris Noyes, Carol Kerwin, Gerda Spindler-Birchard, Paul Graham.

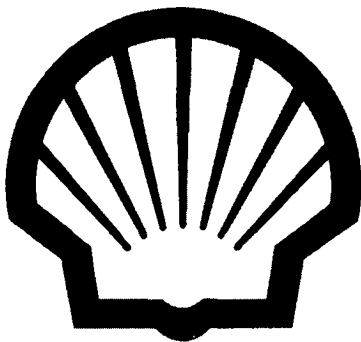
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Safe Driving and You

by Rollie Sanders

Do you realize there are, on average, 3 road deaths and 270 traffic injuries per day in Ontario ?

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To assist seniors with driving safely in today's society, a Senior Driver Education Program has been developed by one of our Blackburn Hamlet residents, Jim Newman. Mr. Newman has 40 years experience in driver and safety instruction, and for the past 14 years in Ottawa as a MOT Centre Supervisor and Senior Driver Examiner.

I have reviewed the program with Jim and as a former transportation specialist myself, I recommend that every senior seriously consider attending one of these refresher training seminars. Everything you ever wanted to know about driving is covered in a two hour session.

Arrangements can also be made for a separate in-car assessment of your driving skills and other remedial

training needs. By attending the two hour presentation, you will be entitled to receive 1 1/2 hours of private instruction for the price of one hour.

The first session is scheduled to be held at the new Community Hall from 10:00am to Noon on June 14,. You may register by contacting Jim Newman, 837-6841, or at the door. The cost is \$10.00.

Fox and Hound Rallye

Consideration is being given to conducting a car rallye in early October involving seniors 60+ as drivers and newly licenced teenaged drivers as navigators. More details will be available in the next issue of the BANAR.

What a Cool Idea

For insurance purposes take photos or make a list of your personal belongings (including serial numbers) or use your Neighbourhood Watch List, wrap them in aluminium foil, and store them in your freezer. Believe it or not, in the event of a major fire, your freezer is one of the best places to protect your records from being damaged or destroyed.



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Elections and Promises

by R. Mitchell Rowe LL.B.

Election campaigns sure are filled with promises.

According to definition, a promise is an agreement to do or to not do something. Agreement is the basis in law for a contract. So is a promise a legal contract made between the politician and the electorate? Is it enforceable? Can we sue the politician for breaking his promise?

Fundamental to a contract is the presence of consideration, the legal term for the benefit each side to the contract receives under the agreement. If there is no consideration there is no contract. That's why so many agreements, where one party is actually giving property to the other, include the payment by the receiving party to the giving party of a nominal sum of money, usually \$1.00. Both parties therefore receive something in the transaction - the consideration. One party received the property and the other receives the \$1.00. The contract is now a legally enforceable agreement. The giving party can no longer renege on his promise to give.

Is there consideration present in a politician's promise to the voter? Unlikely, since the consideration necessary to have a legal contract would be the vote, and this is by

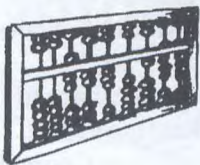
secret ballot. Who can say who voted for which candidate? Who can prove their vote was given as a result of a certain promise? Since there is no consideration between the voter and the politician there is no contract.

What is more important about all these political promises is how they tend to overshadow any debate on complex issues and how they exacerbate our already fragmented society. Political promises are almost childlike in their simplicity, and it is this simplicity which appears most appealing to the voter and therefore to the politician. Political issues are most often complex — the promise is as simple as offering candy to the child.

By directing promises to targetted social groups, politicians in turn exacerbate our already fragmented society and lead groups to fight amongst themselves for these favours, each group arguing they are the most in need. The greater social interest — the old idea of the social contract which tied all citizens together — is thereby reduced to a bundle of competing interests. The winner becomes the one who receives the most promises.

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Les jeunes de Ste-Marie disent non

par Danièle Brûlé

Le 20 février, les élèves de la 4e à la 6e année ont adhéré au club "Disons Non" ou ont renouvelé leur engagement de dire non à la drogue, à l'alcool et au tabac. Ce programme est parrainé par le Club Optimiste de Blackburn Hamlet.

La cérémonie a eu lieu à l'église St-Claude. La maire, Claudette Cain, le curé de la paroisse, le père François Laflamme, le constable Denis Chevalier du Service régional de police d'Ottawa-Carleton, ainsi que les agents Patrice Poitevin et Randy Walsh de la Gendarmerie royale du Canada accompagnés de la mascotte Ourson prudent étaient présents.

Les invités d'honneur ont adressé la parole aux élèves leur rappelant l'importance de toujours dire non.

La présidente du Club Optimiste, Diane Charlebois, est aussi la directrice du programme "Disons Non" de l'Est ontarien.

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National Capital badminton winners

Two Blackburn Hamlet high school students have won top honours in a National Capital badminton tournament. Mike Armstrong and Alex Green, representing St. Peter High School in Orleans, won the senior boys doubles National Capital Secondary School Athletic Association badminton tournament held at the R.A. Centre on April 20.

Both of these young players are former members of the Blackburn Badminton Club and both first learned the sport as members of the Junior Badminton club that was active in the Hamlet a number of years ago.

Mike, who is now 18, started badminton when he was 12 years old and Alex, who is 17, was introduced to the game at the age of 9.

The Blackburn Badminton Club is hoping to get junior badminton going again in the Hamlet. Parents who would like to see their children learn how to play and enjoy badminton are asked to contact Lynda Inkster (837-3532) or Ray du Plessis (824-2671). If there is sufficient interest, play could begin in the Fall.

Weaving the Community Together

The Gloucester Arts Council and Place d'Orleans Shopping Centre are thrilled to announce that "Weaving the Community Together", a community tapestry project, will take place til June 13th in Place d'Orleans Shopping Centre. Thanks to grants from the Ontario Arts Council and the City of Gloucester Arts Board and the support of the Gloucester Craftsmen's Guild and the Cumberland Township Arts & Crafts Guild, artist Thoma Ewen and her tapestry loom will be welcoming shoppers and the community to join her in weaving our community's newest public art acquisition - a work truly created by and for the public. The finished tapestry, will hang in the Cyrville Community Center

Thoma welcomes you at Place d'Orleans Shopping Centre at the Scotiabank entrance for "Weaving the Community Together", your hands-on art project between May 20th and June 13th every Thursday to Sunday. Call the Gloucester Arts Council at 749-4978 for more information.

Get Ready for Summer

by Karen Fleming

The staff and children of the Blackburn Hamlet Preschool have already said goodbye to snowsuits and boots and have welcomed back their sunscreen and sandals!

Once again this year, the Preschool children will be decorating their bicycles, tricycles and wagons to march in the Fun Fair parade. The Preschool will also be responsible for the children's entertainment.

The beginning of summer also marks the end of the school year. While we all look forward to the freedom of those lazy summer days and having the kids at home, we also worry about keeping our children entertained for the whole summer. Here are a few simple, inexpensive ways to keep summer fun for your children:

1. Watch airplanes take off and land at the airport.

2. Take a train or bus ride together.

3. Make a bird feeder by cutting windows in a rinsed bleach bottle and filling it with seed.

4. Make a window garden by planting seeds in cut-down milk cartons.

5. Brush liquid starch or white glue on dark-colored paper. Blow dandelion seeds at the paper and enjoy the pattern they form.

6. Mix equal parts of white glue and liquid starch to make home-made silly putty.

7. Go on a picnic. Keep the food simple and the place close by.

8. Save empty food containers and play store together.

9. Make masks out of paper plates.

10. Suggest giving dolls a bath, or toy cars a good washing outdoors on a warm day.

11. Draw on the sidewalk with chalk.

12. Make mud pies.

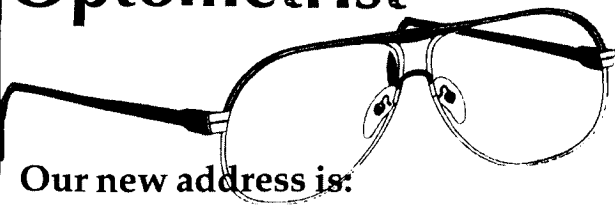
13. Blow bubbles. A wire coat-hanger makes a great bubble wand. Stretch it into a big circle and

14. Visit the Experimental Farm or the R.C.M.P. Horse stables.

The Blackburn Hamlet Preschool is also offering a fantastic Summer Day Camp Program which focuses on fun and play for three, four and 5 year olds. The camps will run on a weekly basis July 12th through August 20th. There are two Camps daily, either 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. or 1:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday costing \$45.00/child for each weekly half-day session. A 10% discount is offered to those registering for 4 weeks or more.

Call Cathy Montpetit at 830-8210 for more information.

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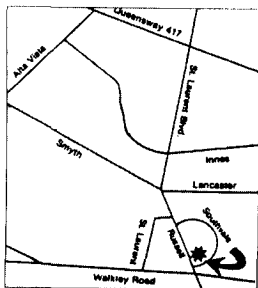


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Free Half Day Camp

The Ultimate Adventure with Jesus - a fun filled camp with stories, games, sports and snacks at Pinegrove Bible Church 2144 East Acres Road (south of Laport Gardens), August 16 - 20 th 9- 11:30 am. Groups for ages preschool to grade 5. Please contact Cathy McGregor for details 841-7148.

Emergency Food Cupboard

Come Fill-a-Bus with food. Volunteers will be collecting food donations for the Gloucester Emergency Food Cupboard on June 19 at the Loeb Store in Blackburn.

Art at Blackburn Library

Angela Waterman will be showing her paintings in the Blackburn Library for the month of June.

Missed Early Bird Tennis Registration?

You can still register at the Club House anytime during the day when the monitor starts working as of May 20th after 4:00 p.m.

Junior Tennis Program

The Blackburn Tennis club has designed a Junior Tennis Program with qualified instructors using Tennis Canada's latest teaching methods. The program promises to be FUN for all ages and all ABILITIES.

Each program consists of three two week sessions. New themes and skills are developed in each session. The two week sessions run from July 5th-16th, July 19th-30th and August 2nd-13th.

For children under 10 years program time is 12-12:30; Ages 10 to 11: 12:30-1:30; Ages 12 to 13: 1:30-2:30; and Ages 14 and over: 2:30-3:30. Cost for children under 10 is \$25 member/\$35 non-member. Cost for full hour program is \$50 for members and \$60 for non members. Inquire about sessional discounts for three or more children in one family.

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Lions and Tigers and Bears, Oh My!

by William Felepchuk, 9

Where in Canada can you pet tigers and live to tell about it? At Junior Zoo Keeper Camp held at Papanack Park Zoo, Wendover Ontario. I liked this week-long March Break program so much I begged my mom to let me go again this summer. The program was educational and fun and included activities such as: crafts, hands-on interaction with animals, and informative games and talks.

My favorite part of zoo camp was all the opportunities we had to get close to the animals. Even though there was a chain-link fence between me and Sabrina the Siberian Tiger, I still was scared stiff!! However, I had a wonderful feeling when I petted her and saw how gentle she really was.

Another great experience was a chance to pet a white lion cub. As of October 1998, there were only 31 in the world. Then one morning the owner of the zoo, Keith Forgey, discovered his lions had given birth to four white lion cubs!

Not all the animals in the zoo are in cages. In fact, there was a baby goat that lived in our classroom! He had been abandoned by his mother and froze in a puddle. We got

to name the goat and the group voted for "Caeser", because the camp was during the ides of March. My sister Erin had suggested Moses because the baby goat was abandoned, but unfortunately this name did not get enough votes by the group.

Another thing I liked about zoo camp was the informative talks about each animal in the zoo. We also did field work, identifying flowers, birds and tracks.

A Junior Zoo Keeper also gets to do a zoo check. What is this? It's like a doctor's rounds at a hospital. Each Junior Zoo Keeper makes a chart and is assigned an animal. I got rabbits; my sister got deer; and my friend Joseph got tigers. Every day we check for these things and mark them off our chart: that the animals have water, their cages are clean and in good condition, the animals are not hurt, and there is the right number of them. This exercise is used so you can get a feeling of what it's like to be a Zoo Keeper.

The price is \$250 for one week. It includes busing there and back, pizza lunch on Friday, a sweatshirt or t-shirt, souvenirs and snacks for the whole week. Call Papanack Park Zoo at 613-673-7275 to find out about summer camp dates.

I recommend this camp for all animal lovers.

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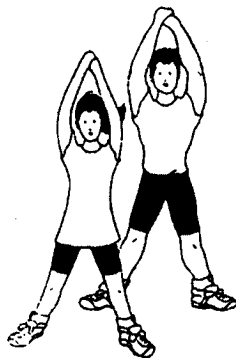
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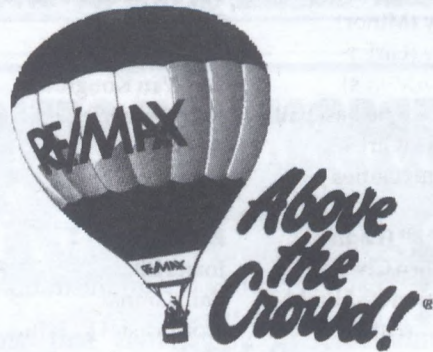
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