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Fun Fair 2002

A Local Event That Defines Community

by Paul Graham

Wind, rain and more wind did not stop the 31st Annual Fun Fair from taking place. The traditional parade, Dunk Bozo, midway, pet judging and home show were all well attended. The new activities of Art in the Park and Music in the Park were also well received by all. The high winds caused havoc with the tents and created anxiety for the fireworks. Fortunately the winds settled and a spectacular fireworks display took place courtesy of our corporate sponsor, Lafarge.

Fun Fair is a wonderful tradition that not only kicks off summer but also raises money for the volunteer groups that help stage the event. The funds distributed to community groups this year exceeded nine thousand dollars. Groups have received their shares and are now enjoying the benefit of their volunteer contributions.

The organizing committee, volunteer groups, corporate sponsors and City of Ottawa staff deserve our community's gratitude for a job well done.

The new chairperson, Gord Hawley will begin to plan the 32nd Annual Fun Fair in September. Please consider joining the organizing committee and help maintain this wonderful Blackburn Hamlet tradition.

More pictures on pages 12 & 13.



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From The President

The BCA held its Annual General Meeting in June for the year 2002 where we reviewed our past year activities and held elections for the coming year. Thanks to the efforts of Chris Noyes and his committee, we passed a resolution adopting a new set of by-laws that replaces our previous constitution.

We want to thank our resigning executives, Treasurer Marion Jones, and our bookkeeper Cate Palmer, for their excellent service to the community of Blackburn Hamlet over the past few years. Other directors who have resigned this year include Sandra Quaie, our Director of Business Liaison for two years, and Jennifer Collins, our secretary for the past year. Your BCA relies heavily on volunteers such as Marion, Cate, Jennifer and Sandra, to keep our (your) community active and significant.

Gord Hawley has resigned as Director of Youth Activities and has accepted the position of Treasurer and Pam Sorensen has agreed to become our Secretary. Paul Graham has resigned as Chair of the Funfair Committee, but will continue in the position he held before amalgamation, as the Director of

Parks and Recreation. Other members of the Board will remain in their current positions for another year.

There are still some vacancies we would like to fill, and new members with new ideas are always welcome to the board. If you feel you can spare some time for your community, please call me and let's discuss openings, or perhaps a new position for a special interest. As you can see, by this year's resignations, serving on the Board is not a lifetime commitment. There are always changes each year, and it is vital that we attract new members on an ongoing basis.

The Board meets in the Library Conference Room on the third Thursday of each month and we welcome residents to attend our meetings with their comments and concerns. If there is anything residents wish to discuss with the Board, they may call me and we can set up a meeting or dedicate a portion of the meeting to your issue.

Al Ross

Environment Director on BCA Board

Starting this fall, the BCA Board position for Environment Director will be open. This is an exciting portfolio with a great opportunity to have a direct impact on improving and protecting our local environment. Initiatives such as the Environmental Fair, Spring Clean-up Day, Garage Sale, and participation in the City's pesticide reduction campaign are just a few examples of the community-based activities that have been successful in the past few years. There's always room for new ideas too!

If you are interested in this position please contact Al Ross, president of the BCA. Alternatively, feel free to call Barb Sweazey (830-7286), past Environment Director, to discuss any questions about the portfolio.



The BCA Family Fun Run has once again proven itself to be a popular event for the active Blackburnites (sic). On Saturday, June 2nd at 9 am the participants left the Blackburn Community Hall and followed the 2k and the 5k routes along pathways and secondary residential streets. Water and encouragement were available in abundance and prizes and refreshments were given out afterwards at the hall. It was a great day to get out and have some fun!

The Season of Bloom or Gloom

by Rainer Bloess, Ottawa Councillor

Find that our relatively short summers here in Blackburn Hamlet are marked by several consistent characteristics, both positive and negative. On the positive side, we get weeks of great sunny, warm weather, acres of luscious greenery to enjoy in our parks and the greenbelt and the FunFair, which gives us the opportunity to re-acquaint ourselves with our neighbours while contributing to community programs. On the negative side are periodic stretches of intense humidity and a rash of predictable, mindless attacks by vandals, defacing and damaging taxpayer-funded public property.

As usual, this year the early summer brought out a slew of hooligans and numerous incidents of vandalism were reported. Especially hard hit were the bus shelters, not only in Blackburn Hamlet but across the east end. Another local target was the pool

area, and, as a result, security cameras have been installed to monitor activities twenty-four hours a day. This seems to have had the desired impact and discouraged the perpetrators, but it is unfortunate that such costly measures were necessary. I encourage all of you to report any suspicious activity or behaviour to the police. By remaining watchful and working

Tauvette to Beddoe) is well underway. Your feedback indicates that many of you have noticed the vast improvement this project has made in the look of the Hamlet.

While we are making our roadways safer with the installation of sidewalks, more than ever traffic issues are a prime concern. To address this problem, we have installed a number of multi-way stops to slow drivers down on many local streets. In addition, the police department's East Division Traffic Enforcement squad has been extremely visible and effective in our area. In the Orient Park area, for example, there were 69 traffic tickets issued in July. These statistics do not include the general patrol officers who also continue to do their best to enforce speed limits in response to residents' complaints.

On another traffic issue, I have received a petition for multi-stops on Bearbrook Road. It is quite clear that the volume and speed on Bearbrook is a problem for the residents and for children who must cross this street to go to school. I will be holding a community meeting to deal with this matter and look forward to your participation to make this street safer. In the meantime, let's all slow down and remember that most offenders actually live in the neighbourhoods in which they are ticketed.

Working to keep Blackburn families and property safe...

together we can protect our community and the investment we have all made in it from pranksters and vandals, the summer's other "blooms."

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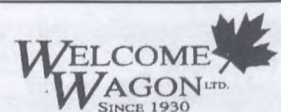
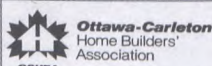
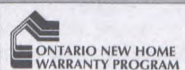
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This year's garden hosts were: Claire Geoffrion, Annette and Will LeClerc, Edna Lemyre, Gill and Mike Greenham, Cliff and Laurel Seibel, Henny and Barry Nicoll, Cathy Harris, Mira and Zbig Wasilewska, Evelyn and Don Budd. Thank you gardeners for a great day in which everyone had some fun, learned more about gardening and garden art, met some neighbours and supported a good cause.

The proceeds from this tour will be used for landscaping around the new gazebo which will soon be built near the Blackburn community hall.



Kevin and Jennifer Schife from Oakville followed a flagstone path to discover a perfect place on a garden bench to take a rest.

Special thanks also to the Garden Tour Alumni and Garden Tour sponsors, Budd Gardens, Budd Graphics, Amica at Bearbrook Court and the new Urban Dwelling Consignments Etc store.

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Hamlet "Relay For Life" continues to grow

Congratulations to the many Hamlet residents who participated in this year's Canadian Cancer Society Relay for Life held on June 7th and 8th at the Nepean Sportsplex. Once again Blackburn Hamlet was well represented, fielding four enthusiastic teams, up from last year's three. In all, our Hamlet representation contributed over \$7,200 to the Ottawa area total of \$440,000, a personal best and more than twenty per cent higher than last year's total!

Congratulations to the new "kids" on the track, Anne Gray's youth team, the Colonel By Cougars, Lucie Durning's Eclectics, Hannah Rycroft's "Friends" and the original Hamlet team, Bill and Marnie Adams' Omelettes. Thanks also to the many other dedicated local volunteers whose support helped

make this year's relay such a resounding success.

Across Canada, 162 teams and 33,000 volunteers participated this year in the event's overnight non-competitive relays, raising nearly 8 million dollars to fund cancer

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research, victim support programs and public information services. Team members pay ten dollars to participate and are encouraged as well to raise an additional \$100 each for the cause. The Relay for Life is not only a tremendously successful fundraising event but a celebration for cancer survivors and a tribute to

the lives of loved ones lost to cancer. The emotional sunset Luminary Ceremony that ends the event features the lighting of hundreds of candles surrounding the relay site dedicated to cancer victims and survivors. The dramatic impact of this ceremony brings volunteers back year after year to contribute to the fight against this dreaded disease which, at one time or another, seems to touch us all.

Our local coordinator, Kevin McGuire, hopes that next year we can once again increase the complement of Hamlet teams and event volunteers and he is looking in particular at fielding additional youth teams from local schools. Mark June of next year's calendar as the month when you and your family and friends can join our local relay contingent to play an active role in the continuing fight against cancer.



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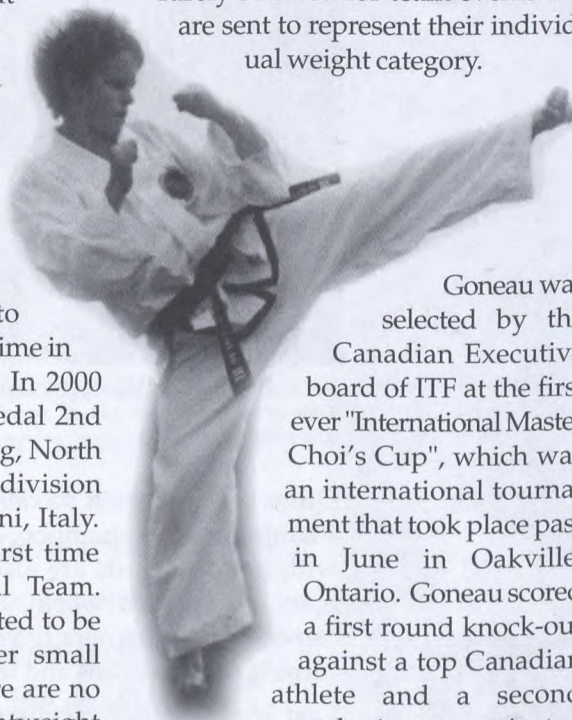
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Goneau prepares for Team Canada training!

As the highest-ranking assistant instructor at Blackburn Taekwon-Do, Julie Goneau is teaching the children of Blackburn Hamlet patience, respect and self-control through the art of Taekwon-Do.

This 18-year old young lady is not as shy as she first appears. She has qualified to represent Canada for a third time in the World Championships. In 2000 she competed to a silver medal 2nd Degree division in Pyongyang, North Korea and a 3rd Degree division Bronze medal in 2001, Rimini, Italy. This will however be her first time competing on the National Team. Goneau has never been selected to be on the team because of her small stature. In team events there are no weight classes, meaning a lightweight could fight a heavyweight. For this

reason, lightweight competitors are rarely selected for team events but are sent to represent their individual weight category.



Goneau was selected by the Canadian Executive board of ITF at the first ever "International Master Choi's Cup", which was an international tournament that took place past in June in Oakville, Ontario. Goneau scored a first round knock-out against a top Canadian athlete and a second round victory against a

British athlete who won the 4th Degree division Bronze Medal in the 2001 World Championships. The outcome of the tournament guaranteed her a spot on the team.

Julie Goneau has dedicated her life to Taekwon-Do, which has helped her learn how to discipline herself in life as she prepares for university next year. She is an inspiration to family, friends and fellow students and Blackburn Taekwon-Do is very proud to have Julie as one of their instructors.

Julie teaches twice a week at Blackburn Taekwon-Do with the goal of passing on her knowledge and experience to the younger generation. Her hope for the future is to build a more peaceful world.

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Last March Byron Matcheskie (he's single, ladies) opened **Detailers Edge** in association with Joe's Auto and Blackburn Shell. Packages, which include an exterior wash, chamois dry, door jams and tire shine, start at \$12.



Joe Kaadi and Byron Matcheskie have brought Avis Rent A Car and Detailers Edge to the community as well as continuing to offer a full service gas outlet and car repairs.
Photo by Sarah Cloutier

Other services such as dash detail, vacuuming, engine shampoo, carpet shampoo, door skins and 3-stage polish with paint sealants are also available. Byron's shop is open six days a week and business has grown as impressed car owners have spread the word about his turning out cars, vans and trucks in pristine condition.

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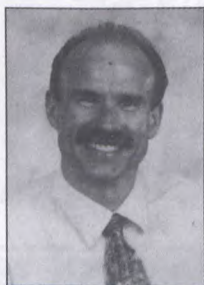
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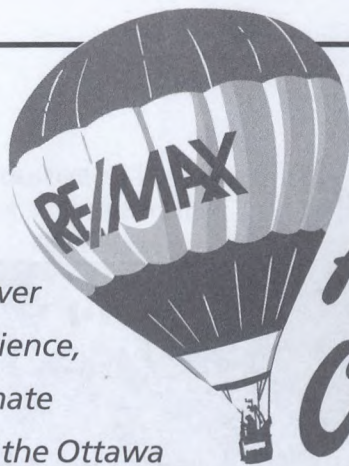
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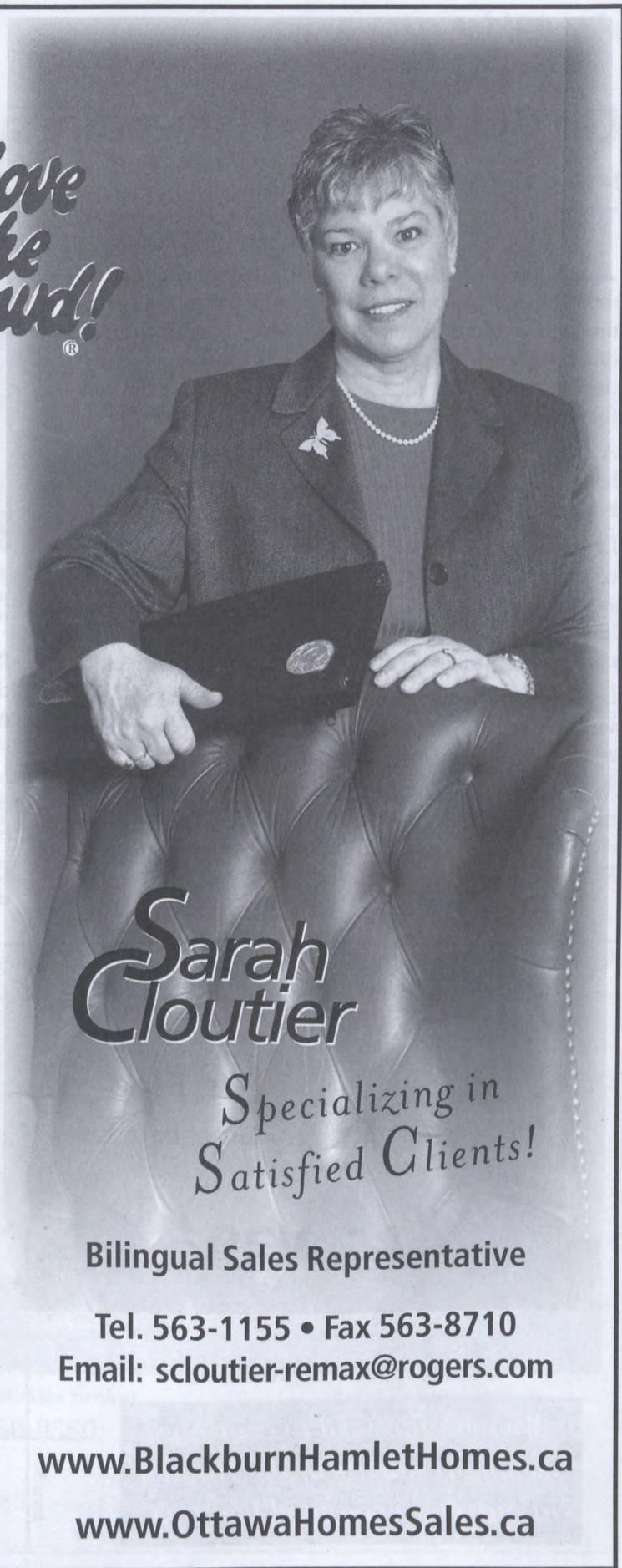
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Les Guides vivent l'aventure suisse!

par Colette D'Avignon et Karine Maxwell

Du 29 juillet au 13 août dernier, les Guides de la 4e cie St-Claude se sont envolées vers l'aventure! Ensemble, nous avons soulevé plusieurs défis, le moindre étant de braver la température (la pluie, la neige et finalement, le soleil, duquel nous avons bénéficié seulement que trois jours!), d'apprendre l'allemand et de vaincre la peur des hauteurs. Pour plusieurs des filles, c'était leur première fois en avion, en train et en téléphérique.

À Lausanne, nous avons visité sa cathédrale, son musée historique et nous nous sommes reposées en après-midi au bord du lac Léman.

Le 1er août, nous célébrons la fête nationale de la Suisse en regardant des feux d'artifices du pont à Lucerne. Notre excursion nous mène au pont piétonnier construit de bois, le lion creusé dans la pierre commémorant les mercenaires décédés aux Tuileries en 1792 et le musée des glaciers.

Lors de notre visite guidée de la capitale, Berne, nous avons vu le parlement, la fosse aux ours, le jardin de roses et un aperçu splendide des Alpes.

À Zermatt, ville entourée d'Alpes, nous avons apprécié les merveilles du mont Gornergrat situé à 3089 mètres d'altitude. De celui-ci, nous voyons le majestueux Matterhorn.



Colette D'Avignon, Stéphanie Cousineau et Karine Maxwell, trois des animatrices du groupe, formé de 20 jeunes filles âgées de 11 à 14 ans, se sont rendu en Suisse afin de vivre le guidisme international lors de leur camp d'été.

Il faut avouer, par contre, que malgré le pas pressé de nos déménagements de ville en ville, notre première semaine était d'autant plus reposante grâce aux talents culinaires exquis de notre chef cuisinier, Jürg Roth et de son épouse Monette, qui nous accueillait à tous les soirs avec un bon repas traditionnel Suisse au sein des divers chalets où nous habitons.

Pour la deuxième semaine, nous étions au chalet international Guide, *Our Chalet*, à Adelboden, sans chef



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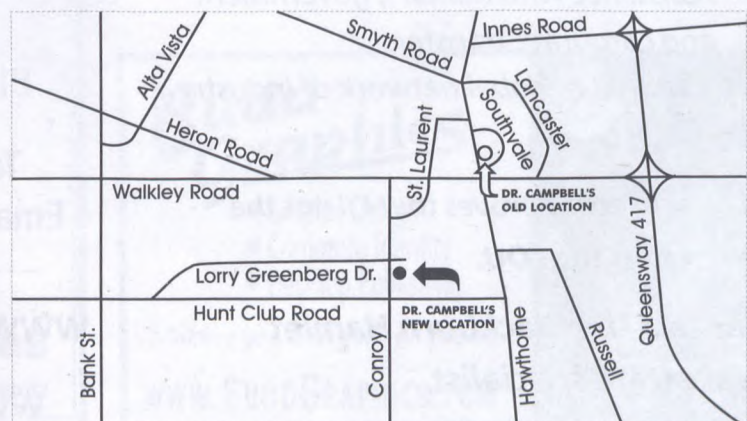
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Notre séjour nous a permis de se mettre en forme physique! Au total, nous avons marché 70 kilomètres! Parmi les programmes organisés, nous avons participé à diverses activités: excursions en montagne pour se rendre, entre autres, chez un sculpteur de bois; visite de la ville de Thun où l'on s'est baignées dans un lac glacial; montées en téléphériques à Einstligenalp et Oeshinensee pour voir des vaches de montagnes; visite du camp Scout international à Kandersteg; joute de curling Suisse dehors sous la pluie; et participation à des soirées internationales au *Chalet*.

C'est à Interlaken que nous avons passé une belle soirée. Nous avons soupé au restaurant et assisté à la pièce de théâtre de Guillaume Tell.

Parmi tous les défis surmontés, 17 de nos Guides (incluant les 5 animatrices) ont complété le *Chalet Challenge* et se sont donc méritées un badge. Afin d'obtenir ce dernier, nous devons apprendre des phrases allemandes (woe ist toiletten?), pratiquer un sport nouveau (curling Suisse), préparer un goûter typique de notre pays (sandwichs au beurre d'arachides et à la confiture) et partager des connaissances guides.

Bref, nous avons toutes bien apprécié ce camp d'été hors de l'ordinaire et les maintes aventures vécues. Ce groupe de jeunes était superbe avec leur enthousiasme, leur bonne humeur, leur endurance, leur positivisme et leur joie de vivre incessants. Nous avons réellement vécu l'amitié guide tout en découvrant un monde complètement nouveau. Merci à vous toutes ainsi qu'à tous ceux et celles qui nous ont épaulés afin de rendre ce voyage inoubliable.

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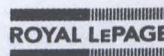
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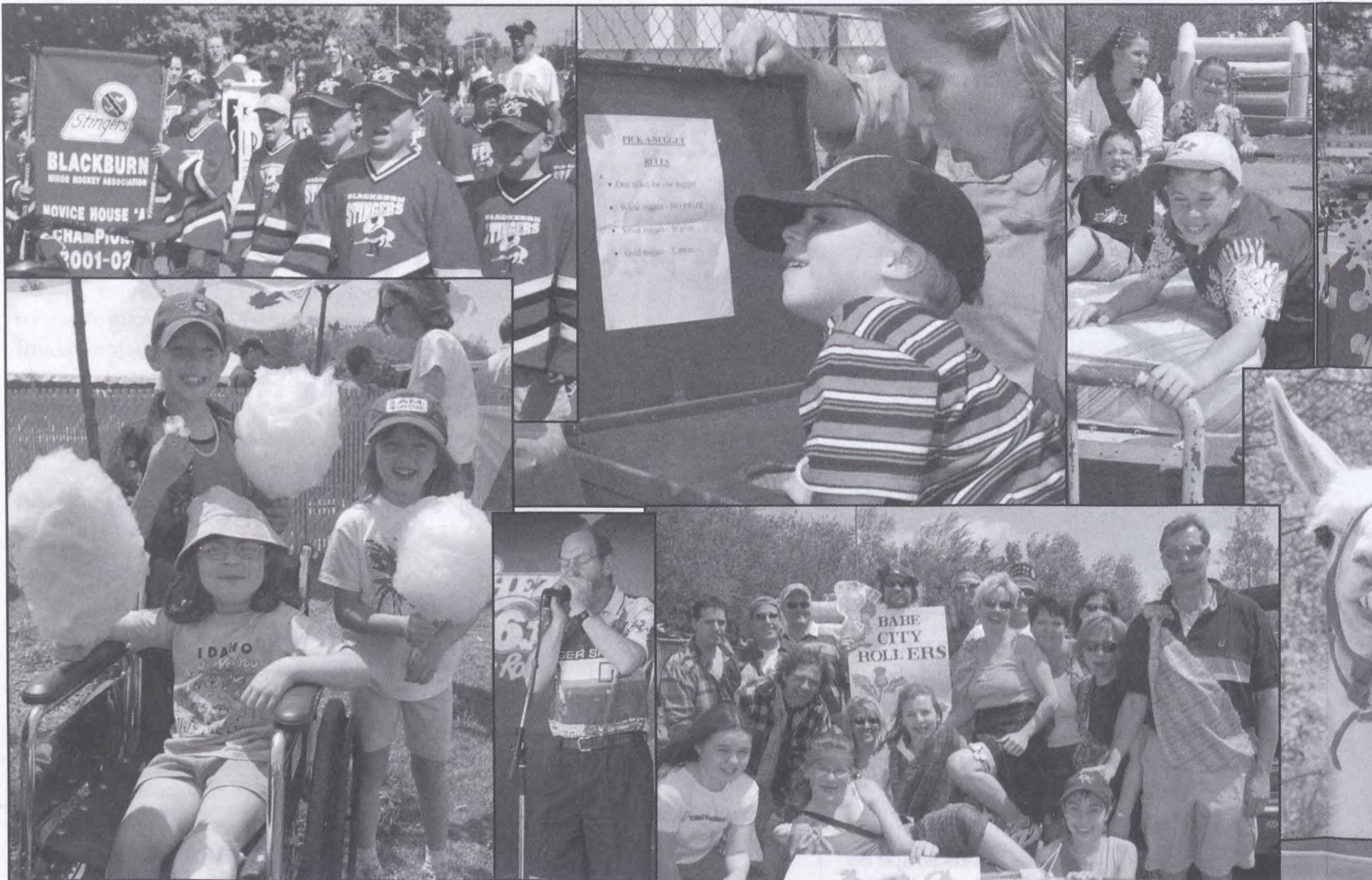
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Timetables In Transit Change

by Paula Rosenquist

The 2002-2003 school year is upon us and as always new schedules have to be arranged. The latest in budget cuts has resulted in reduced seating for elementary school students on old bus routes, with fewer buses and drivers. The solution is to change the start and finish times of local schools and have one bus and driver service two or more schools. So, in case you're not aware, two schools in Blackburn are changing their schedules. Glen Ogilvie Public School on Centre Park and Emily Carr Middle School off Innes are both moving to 9:00 am start and 3:30 pm finish with appropriate changes for kindergarten drop-off and pick-up at lunchtime. That means three schools within less than a kilometre of each other will have the same timetable. (The third school is Good Shepherd Catholic School.)

These changes pose a couple of problems for our community. The most visibly apparent problem will be increased traffic congestion at the above mentioned times on Innes and Bearbrook. This includes all forms of

accidents and frazzled nerves grows. Another problem associated with these timetable changes is not so apparent, but none-the-less inconvenient for daycare providers who look after children at more than one elementary school. It means being in two places at the same time, which is impossible. So, if you can wait 10 or 15 minutes before heading out the door at 8:50am, or if you can head north on Bearbrook, or avoid the traffic light at Orient Park and Innes, that would probably do a lot to ease the congestion. And if you find yourself caught in a line-up at the pedestrian activated light at Bearbrook and Good Shepherd School, just take a deep breath and watch out for all those eager kids running across the street (without looking) on their way to meet their friends at school.

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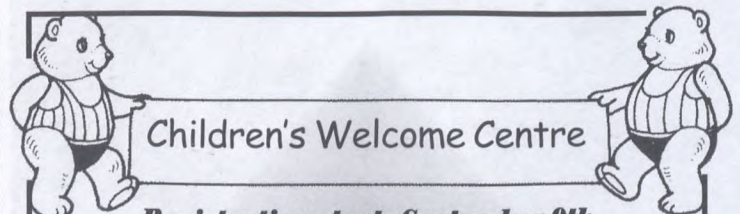
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The June 15th, 4th annual "Street BBQ" at 43 Woodburn Drive was advertised as "Rain or Shine!" Little did they know. In the early morning hours, while others slept, Des Pigeon took pencil and paper and created a plan for a rain shelter over his driveway. He then rushed to purchase lumber and plastic sheeting which he and some neighbours erected with dispatch. The BBQ, table and chairs were set up and the "Welcome" sign went up while the pouring rain never stopped. Des and Joan Pigeon, together with Paule and Rob Werner, have co-hosted this event for four years and their neighbours have been both supportive and appreciative. Disregarding the rain, some new residents were welcomed and farewells were made to others who will soon be moving elsewhere. Good neighbourhoods are made by good neighbours!



Planning Ottawa's Creative Future

by Christine Tremblay

In holding a forum on *Building Creative Cities* last June, the City of Ottawa showed that it is taking to heart the idea that the planning of Ottawa's future includes the integration of social, artistic and economic needs to build a more humane, vital and healthy community.

In fact, the City has encouraged the arts community to join forces and collaborate with municipal staff to launch an Arts Awareness campaign on September 5th. This is a very exciting new initiative — one that undoubtedly will boost the visibility of Ottawa's artists and arts organizations. In orchestrating this event, many people involved in the arts, at all different levels throughout the city, have come together to work towards the collective good of the arts community.

Christine Tremblay is executive director of the Gloucester Arts Council. For more information visit the Gloucester Art Council website at www.cyberus.ca/~gac-cag/ or call 749-4978.

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Safe Schools

by R. Mitchell Rowe LL.B.

Last spring there was an unusual number of cases where students were suspended for debatable reasons. One concerned a student's English paper that was thought to be threatening; one where a police dog sniffed marijuana; another where a student took a letter opener to school that was deemed to be a weapon.

The root of this sudden surge in suspensions seems to be the province's new Safe Schools Act and its Code of Conduct. A review of the Code causes my knobby doggy bone of angst to ache once again. In cases of uncivil behaviour the Code decrees that suspensions and expulsions are mandatory.

Years ago the Charter pretty much wiped out the imposition of mandatory sentences for crimes. One or two still exist, e.g., Latimer's minimum 10-year sentence for second degree murder. But one of our most important legal principles is that when sentencing someone the punishment must not only fit the crime, it must also fit the criminal. Mandatory sentences tend to violate this principle since all crimes and all criminals must be treated the same.

Under the Code, for example, swearing at a teacher brings an immediate mandatory suspension, no explanations allowed. As does uttering a threat to cause serious bodily


harm. I wonder if a student, who says "I'm going to kick your butt" must now be suspended. And does he actually have to mean it as a threat in order to be suspended, or is he suspended just for uttering the words? And if the words are said spontaneously, without any thought during a heated exchange, is that just too bad for him?

Suspensions may be reviewed and appealed. Of course, they will probably have already been served.

Mandatory expulsions are imposed for such things as possessing a weapon, giving alcohol to a minor, and for school fights where a victim needs some medical treatment. In law, anything can be a weapon — a pen if used as a weapon is a weapon. Medical treatment might be for a mere bruise or for hair being pulled out.

Zero tolerance strikes again. Rules, rules and more rules. Doesn't anyone trust their common sense any more? Suspensions and expulsions that are mandatory take away the ability for our teachers and principals to decide what is the appropriate punishment that fits the student.

Codes of Conduct try to make us all fit the same keyhole. But behaviour is complex and finding justice is not always that simple.



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A l'occasion de Pâques, l'Association des parents/enseignants (APE) ont décidé de faire un tirage d'un lapin en chocolat de 3,5 kg. Au lieu de vendre des billets, tous les élèves intéressés à participer au tirage devaient apporter une denrée alimentaire non-périssable à l'école.

Pour chaque aliment apporté en classe, l'élève recevait un billet de participation au tirage. Un petit bout de chou de la maternelle fut l'heureux gagnant de cet énorme lapin. Le Centre de secours alimentaire de Gloucester fut aussi

gagnant lorsque Sainte-Marie leur a livré une dizaine de boîtes remplies d'aliments. Quelle belle initiative et quelle belle occasion de partager et d'aider nos prochains!

Le 17 mai dernier a vu l'école Sainte-Marie participer à l'activité Sautons en coeur / *Jump Rope for Heart*. Malgré la température un peu froide, les élèves se sont beaucoup amusés à sauter pendant quelques heures pour cette cause très valable. L'école Sainte-Marie a amassé un total incroyable de 8 952,56\$ pour combattre les maladies du coeur. Quel énorme succès pour une école avec une population de seulement 220 élèves! Quelle générosité de la part des parents et de la communauté de Blackburn.

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Artists wishing to exhibit at the Blackburn Library should contact Marion Jones at 830-8904.

Seniors Club

The seniors had a wonderful summer starting with a pot luck dinner/dance to the wonderful music of Pierre in June and including a day trip to a cottage in the Upper Laurentians in August. Planning meetings resume in September on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. For any questions about meetings or events, please contact Sarah Cloutier at 841-4114.

Blackburn Chorus Auditions

The Blackburn Chorus has just a few openings left for our new season starting Tuesday September 3rd at 7:00pm. The choir is a 70-member, community-based, fun-loving group of diverse musical enthusiasts. Our selection of music is both fun and challenging, intending to satisfy many tastes. For information regarding auditions, please call Norma Thomsa at 824-3079.

Local Church Band Seeking New Members

The band at St. Mary the Virgin (Anglican) in the Hamlet (strings, woodwinds, brass, harmonica, guitar, electric bass etc.) is looking for new members, particularly a flautist and percussionist. We are volunteers who play for one service each Sunday morning (both modern and traditional music). Current members represent a wide variety of ages (from 14 up), experience (one year at middle school and up) and religious backgrounds (including some who belong to no church). We would welcome players of any instrument who are 12 or over. Good experience and a lot of fun. For more information call John Holding at 837-9395.

Newcomers And Neighbours Club

Ladies! Here is an opportunity to renew old friendships and make new ones. Whether you are a new or long term resident of Blackburn Hamlet you are welcome to attend our monthly meetings. Every month we get together to listen to a speaker or participate in some hands-on fun or just enjoy a social evening. We meet at the Amica at Bearbrook Court Retirement Home at 7:30, the third Monday of each month (with a few exceptions).

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Good Shepherd Parish Innes Road	824-4394
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Life Centre, The Pentecostal 2214 Innes Road	834-6585
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Orleans United Church 1111 Orleans Blvd	837-4321
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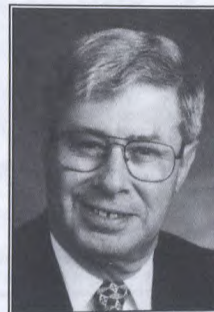
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The fees for adult badminton are: BCA members, \$35 for singles, \$45 for couples; non-BCA members \$45 for singles, \$55 for couples. Fees for Junior badminton (ages 9 to 15) are \$15 (Oct.–Dec.) and \$15 (Jan.–Apr.)

Adult badminton starts Wednesday, September 18th, 8:00–11:00 p.m. and Junior badminton on Saturday, September 28th, 1:00–3:00 p.m.

For more information concerning Adult badminton, 837-3818 and for Junior badminton, 837-3818.

Blackburn Ladies Recreational Volleyball

Ladies wishing for an evening of fun and exercise are invited to register on September 17th at the Emily Carr Middle School on Innes Road to play volleyball.

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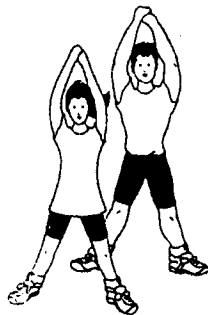
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Emily Carr Middle School (6-8)		824-5455
Glen Ogilvie School (K-5)		824-4014
Gloucester High School (9-13)		745-7176
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