

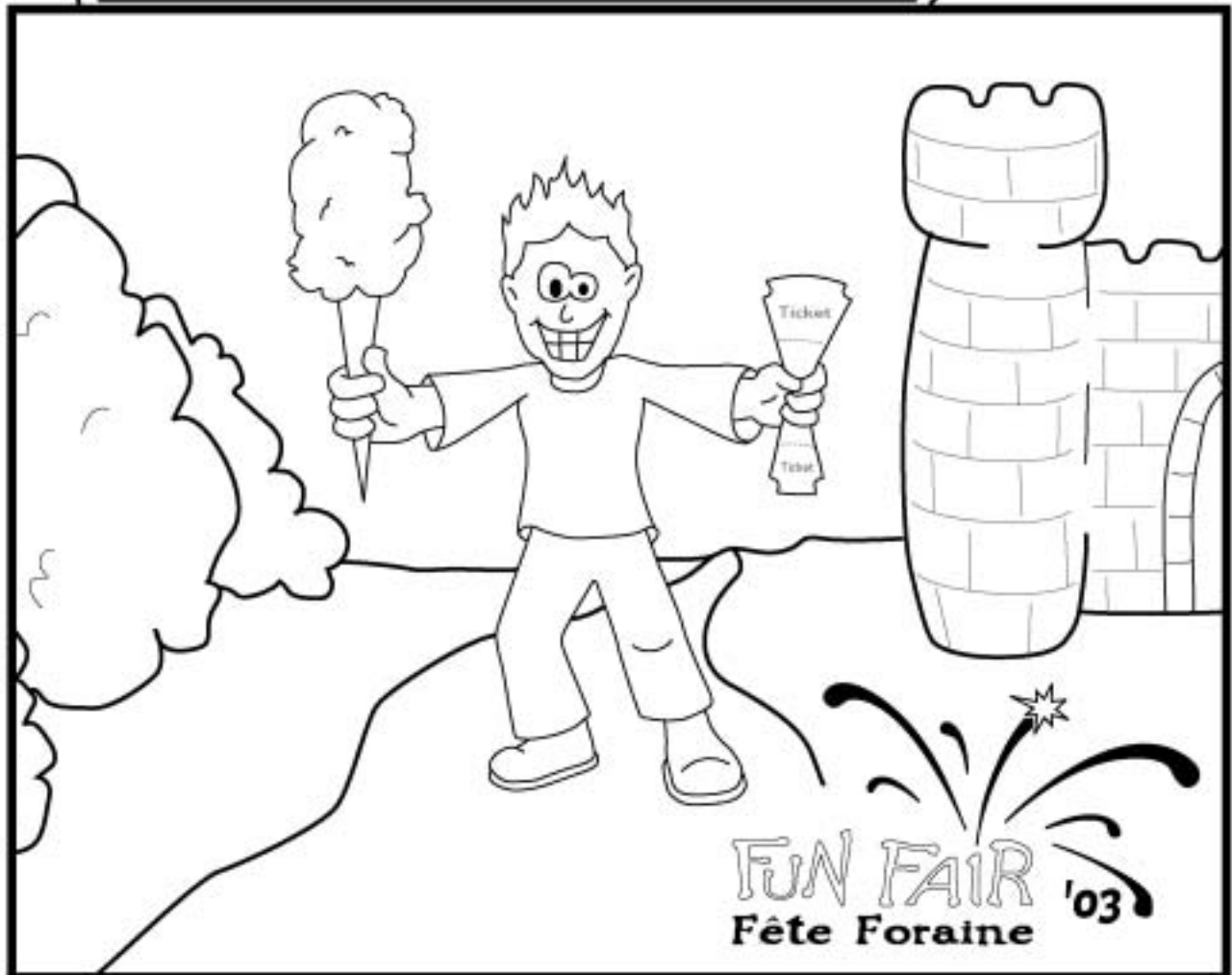
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## Colouring Contest



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Cotton candy and tickets to the Midway! Looks like another good time at the Blackburn Hamlet Fun Fair on June 14th. Something is missing though... how about colour? Make this more fun by picking out your favourite colours and finish the picture. Drop off your art at the Blackburn Library or during the Friday night dances at the Community Hall. You will be entered into a draw to win surprise gifts at the Blackburn Fun Fair. Watch for your name by the ticket table at the fair in order to claim your prize.

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## Fun Fair 2003 to be held June 14th

by Gord Hawley, Fun Fair chair

Fun Fair 2003 will be held on Saturday June 14. Although many of the Blackburn Fun Fair traditions will be back watch for some new and exciting additions. The traditional pancake breakfast will start off the day at 8 am. The parade which departs from Louis Riel School at 10 am finishes at the Blackburn Community Hall where the official start of the on-site activities will be held. The new location for the midway and some food concessions will be on the west side of the Community Hall and will operate until 5:00 p.m.

The ever popular community stage with free entertainment during the day will be back. The Youth Dance in the arena starts at 7:00 p.m. and after an outdoor stage show by Dr. Danic and friends, there will be a street dance for the adults. The Community Hall and patio will be licensed throughout the day. Fireworks are scheduled for 10:00 p.m.

A great group of volunteers has come together to help organize this year's event and, as always, community support is needed to make this event a success. If you would like to help out, call Gord Hawley at 612-1089 or e-mail him at [gehawley@rogers.com](mailto:gehawley@rogers.com).

## Winners of Kids Writing Contest

We are pleased to present the winning two entries in the Banar Writing contest on pages 10 and 11. Our committee members Bill Horne, Sharon Filiatrault and myself appreciated the creative works of our Blackburn youth.

## Upcoming BANARS

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## From The President

Here we are, spring again, finally. For those who love winter, we had a good one. For those who like winter a little less, it's over (almost, I think).

Regardless of the weather, the BCA has been functioning and preparing for spring and summer activities such as the Spring Clean-up, Community Garage Sale, Funfair, Garden Tour, etc. Paul Graham has resigned as Director for the Recreation and Parks Committee and Chris Noyes has assumed this responsibility. His committee has met and has allocated funds for the Diceman Park modification, as well as projects with the Emily Carr and Good Shepherd schools. This committee also looks after our outdoor rinks and park grooming in the summertime.

During the past year or so, both Rainer Bloess and I have received calls from Blackburn residents expressing concern about the blasting at the Lafarge quarry. We have had meetings with Lafarge,

consulting engineers, and soil experts to determine the impact this quarry activity has had on damages to foundations and walls in the Hamlet.

Our preliminary inquiries tend to indicate that much of the damage is a result of the recent dry summers we've experienced over the past two years, and the effect of trees drawing water from the clay soil causing it to settle unevenly around our foundations.

This is a serious concern to many of our residents, and in an attempt to explain the problem, the BCA plans to hold a public meeting (probably in April) in the Community Hall with guest speakers who can talk intelligently on this subject. If you are interested in attending, please email me, talk to a BCA Director or visit our website at [www.blackburnhamlet.ca](http://www.blackburnhamlet.ca). We will have the date and time of the meeting available by the end of March.

*Al Ross*

## Clean-up Time is Here Again!

On Saturday, April 26 come join friends and families in the Hamlet, to clean-up our community.

Bring along your rubber boots, gardening gloves (if you have them), and your enthusiasm to help us tidy up the neighbourhood.

Garbage bags, latex gloves, and suggested clean-up routes will be provided. Meet up at 9:30 am in front of the Community Hall (200 Glenpark Drive), and then join us for a BBQ at 11:00 am.

Everyone is welcome! If you have any questions, please call Barb Sweazey at 830-7286.

## Blackburn Spring Sale May 3



**Saturday  
May 3rd**

Participate in the annual Blackburn Spring Sale. Taking place on Saturday, May 3rd, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (rain date is May 4th), visitors from across the city will be cruising more than 50 participating streets in the Hamlet, hunting for the treasures that you have unearthed since last May!

Anything you don't sell and wish to "giveaway", should be placed at the curb after 4 p.m.

# M.C.S. Security: On Guard in the Hamlet

by Bill Horne

Looking in the Yellow Pages for an alarm company will result in a bewildering list of over 50 companies, all promising to keep your property and your loved ones safe. But you don't have to do a search; just call M.C.S. Security and Investigations Inc., a Hamlet based business, for all your security needs. Matthew and Carol Shea operate the business, with over 15 years of security industry experience. Matthew explains, "We are in business to make sure our customers are fully satisfied, all the time."

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## Queen's Golden Jubilee Celebration

by Brian Coburn, MPP, Ottawa-Orléans

I recently had the wonderful opportunity to honour over 75 local constituents by presenting them with the Queen's Golden Jubilee medal.

In honour of the Queen's Golden Jubilee marking the 50th anniversary of Her Majesty the Queen's accession to the throne, this commemorative medal was presented to approximately 46,000 Canadians in recognition of significant achievements or distinguished service.

It was established in 1967 as part of the Canadian Honours System.

Granting honours like the Queen's Golden Jubilee medal is a tangible and lasting way to pay tribute to individuals whose often-unsung achievements have benefited their fellow citizens, their communities,



*l to r: Rainer Bloess City of Ottawa councillor, Jim Newman, Denis St. Denis, Brad Hampson, Suzanne Leroux, Jim Watson, Al Ross, Brian Coburn, MPP, Ottawa-Orléans. Al Ross was recognized for 20 years of volunteerism. Denis St. Denis, for years of dedicated volunteerism. Suzanne Leroux, has given over 20 years of volunteering in Blackburn Hamlet. Brad Hampson, for volunteer work and being an exemplary ambassador for Canada. Jim Newman, for volunteering with charitable organizations.*

Ontario and indeed Canada. In addition, the jubilee provides a focus for raising awareness and honouring our collective values as an inclusive and diverse society.

I would like to once again congratulate all the recipients for their tireless effort and dedication to helping make this community healthy, safe and vibrant.

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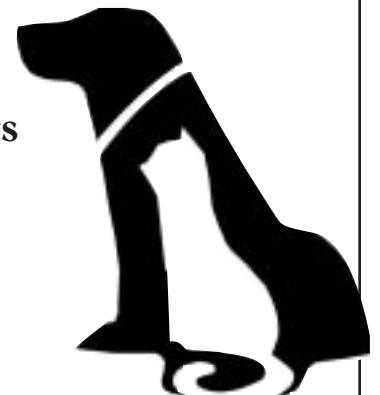
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## Blackburn Art Group holds 2nd annual exhibition

Now in its third year, Blackburn Art Group is proud to invite you to enjoy watercolour paintings in their second annual exhibition at the Blackburn Library during the months of April and May. The group was born from a common desire to "make more time to paint". Participants benefit richly from the interactions of the group's informal, and tremendously supportive atmosphere.

Many of the members take formal teacher-led classes and use this time to indulge

their passion and/or to complete assignments. This group is multi-levelled and multi-talented. Membership is open to any adult.

Painting is not magic, (although the interaction of watercolour on paper most certainly is!) and not restricted to the "talented". Anyone can learn to paint if they desire it and feel the passion.

To find out more about the Blackburn Art Group contact Marion Jones at 830-8904 or by e-mail at marionjones@rogers.com.



### Joseph Fletcher

Joseph Fletcher, a Blackburn Hamlet resident of 32 years, has been drawing and painting for many years, first in oils and more recently in watercolours. After retiring from the National Research Council, Joseph attended the Ottawa School of Art taking lessons

in watercolour painting techniques. His teachers included artists Morton Baslaw, Pieter Doef, Alan Bain and Roy Cottee. In addition, he attended workshops given by Montreal artist Denis Bourgeois and well known watercolour artist and author, Zoltan Szabo. Joseph also attended the Mississippi Mills School of the Arts in Almonte, Ontario. Joseph, a member of the East Central Ontario Art Association, ArtEast, and The Ottawa Watercolour Society, paints regularly with local watercolour groups in Blackburn and Ottawa.



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## Addressing the Address Issue

by Rainer Bloess

Some of you may have noticed a recent *Ottawa Citizen* article (March 3) headlined "Bloess Wants to Fast-track Postal Unity." I would like to take this opportunity to set the record straight regarding this article, which completely and carelessly misrepresented my intentions. The reporter to whom I made my original comments has already apologized to me for the misleading slant of the headline. *The Citizen's* editorial staff clearly didn't want the facts to get in the way of a good story, that story being that I was quite prepared to run up a colossal tab with Canada Post to get postal conversion for the entire City completed virtually overnight.

The point I was attempting to make is that since we are now well into the third year since amalgamation and officially the various former municipalities no longer exist, surely it is time that the City request that Canada Post look at the issue of converting the postal system and provide us with a time frame for this conversion. Those of you who are familiar with my record on Council, will know that I am categorically opposed to wasting taxpayers' money on any unnecessary exercise and this issue is no exception. Contrary to the claim that postal conversion will cost the City millions, Council has already been advised that urban areas, such as Gloucester, Kanata, Vanier and Nepean can be converted very quickly at little or no cost. As for the rural areas, I clearly stated that they could be phased in slowly or even left out if conversion would be too costly.

Of course, many residents and businesses have already taken the initiative

and made the change themselves in their own correspondence. For many businesses, use of the Ottawa name is far more recognizable to clients. And for many individuals, conversion to the Ottawa name, where several names were formerly used within a small geographical area (e.g. Orléans, Cumberland, Gloucester) has proven to be a convenience rather than a problem. It is obvious, however, that those who do not wish to change because they feel

some deep-seated attachment to their former municipality or community will continue to use their existing postal addresses. Their mail will continue to be delivered as long as the correct postal code is used. Nevertheless, I believe it is the responsibility of the first City Council of the newly amalgamated City of Ottawa to direct Canada Post to begin to address (pardon the pun) the recognition of the reality that we are now one unified City.



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# Canada Remembers ten decades of music with the Blackburn Chorus

by Walter Hagar

Choral music lovers of Ottawa will be treated to an unusual concert on Tuesday evening, May 13th at Centrepointe Theatre. The Central Band of the Canadian Armed Forces and the 65-voice Blackburn Chorus will come together for a rollicking — at times moving — musical review of favourite tunes from the ten decades of the twentieth century.

Sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Ottawa, the concert is a fundraising performance for the new Canadian War Museum, currently under construction on Lebreton Flats.

The list of old favourites will include such tunes as: By the Light of the Silvery Moon, A Bird in a Gilded Cage, Bill

Bailey, Won't You Please Come Home, Alexander's Ragtime Band, Moonlight Bay, Brother— Can You Spare a Dime?, Chattanooga Choo Choo, Ain't She Sweet?, etc.

With much of the music choreographed, and with duets and quartets and choir members in period costume, it promises to be a nostalgic evening full of fun.

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## Congratulations to two great writers

The BCA sponsored a writing contest in the February issue of the Banar for kids under 16. Entries were divided into two categories, by age: "12 to 15" and "Under 12". A committee chaired by Bill Horne, President of the Ottawa Independent Writers; Sharon Filiatrault, Blackburn Library and Evelyn Budd, editor of the Banar had the pleasure of reading the entries. The winner of the "ages 12 to 15" category was Clare Funston, age 13, who wrote a beautiful poem called "The Sea". Bruce Narbaitz, age 11, won with his hilarious story "Day of the Dancing Penguin" in the younger age category. Both winners received twenty-five dollars, courtesy of the Blackburn Community Association. Congratulations to both and thank you for participating in the contest.

## The Sea

*by Clare Funston, age 13*

The sea takes its time, takes its own sweet time,  
combing beaches with a careless ease,  
it picks up a stone, running wave over line,  
tugging gently on wrinkle and crease,

Turning it over in perceptive hands,  
draws every mark, every dent, every wave,  
beholds a beauty, shaped of no demand,  
life captured in each delicate scar, engraved,

Held now, softly, in the ocean's hand,  
lines grow weary, tired and old,  
as the stories of the world are swept up in the sand,  
with time, another stone is formed,

Yes the sea takes her time, takes her own, sweet time,  
writing stories in the cooling sand,  
and she smiles to herself, as she thinks up a rhyme,  
about a stone she once held in her hand.



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# Day of the Dancing Penguin

by Bruce Narbaitz

I walked to Loeb because my mom sent me to buy milk, but something was different. I was kind of waddling along similar to a duck. "Pssssh," I heard as my nose grew bigger and orange. I looked down suddenly and what I saw was very abnormal. I thought to myself, "Hey, I wasn't wearing a tux this morning!"

The truth was I had just transformed into a penguin, and not a normal penguin at that. I heard a car driving by blasting the tune "Staying Alive." What came next I could not explain nor prevent. I started disco dancing like crazy. I never missed a beat, doing all the disco moves I knew (and a few I didn't). And boy how I felt! It was like getting to stretch your legs after you have been tied to a chair for a year. The next car drove by playing "Jenny from the block." I burst into a series of break dancing moves (spinning on your head kind of hurts). Once again I could not prevent even one cool break dancing trick (not that I would've if I could).

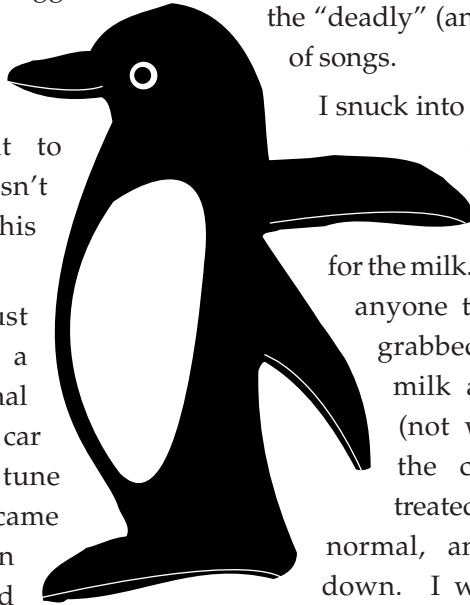
The music that I had always loved was now my worst problem of all. To get the milk from Loeb I had to walk along the "deadly" street of songs. Hip hop, disco, break dancing (and unfortunately ballet) was mixed together in a breakneck pace. "Up,

up, down", "spinning on your head", and the "finger point" were just coming out, one after another. I must have looked very silly (not including the fact that I was still a penguin).

Well, I eventually escaped from the "deadly" (and silly) street of songs.

I snuck into Loeb and ran (actually a f a s t w a d d l e) for the milk. I didn't want

anyone to see me. I grabbed a carton of milk and sprinted (not waddling) to the cashier. He treated me like I was normal, and I looked down. I was a human again. I think it was the milk that set me free but I will never know for sure.



*Congratulations to Bruce Narbaitz, who won twenty five dollars in the "under 12" category of the Banar Kids Writing Contest. Bruce is eleven years old and attends Good Shepherd Elementary School.*

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## Sharing the Trails

by Michael van Aanhout

Since the last article concerning the Greenbelt appeared in the BANAR, I have received a number of e-mails and phone calls from individuals looking to find out more about NCC trail development plans and offers to volunteer with trail work and tree planting. I have also received e-mails expressing concern about limitations/or lack thereof on dog walking in the Hornet's Nest and the adjoining NCC trails.

As you may be aware, the Hornet's Nest soccer fields belong to the City of Ottawa where city by-laws apply. The trails in the Green's Creek Area are on NCC land and as such NCC rules apply, specifically the new Animal

Regulations. To summarize these rules, dogs:

- Must be on leash in the Hornets Nest;
- Are prohibited on groomed cross-country ski trails in the Greenbelt during the ski season; and



- Must be on leash when the trails are open in the spring, summer and fall.

Restrictions concerning dogs in parks vary within the City of Ottawa. In the Gloucester community the rules are that dogs on leash and under control are allowed in parks and that dogs are prohibited from within two metres of children's play areas.

The BCA has discussed concerns about the dog-walking rules and intends to work on an awareness program including improved signage and holding an information session during the Funfair. As always, a bit of courtesy and respect will go a long way towards ensuring that we do not run into conflicts over the use of our treasured green space.

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## Dixieland Jazz

The Swampwater Jazz Band will be performing live in concert at école Louis-Riel Saturday May 3rd at 8 pm.

This Dixieland band was formed in 1976 and has enjoyed the participation of many of Ottawa's fine jazz musicians over the years. Current band members are Robert Godkin (soprano sax), John Palmer (clarinet), Jack Waisvasz (trombone), Larry Wilson (base), David Simmons (banjo and piano), Chris Daley (drums) and Pat Duval (vocalist). They have over 150 years of musical experience among them. Recent performances include a fundraiser for Juvenile Arthritis and at the AFP Philanthropy Awards dinner dance.

Their appearance in Blackburn is sponsored by the Parish of St. Mary the Virgin. Tickets are \$10. (\$8. for students and seniors 65 and over) and are available by calling 837-1839 or email: stmary@rogers.com.

## Dixieland Jazz

Le 'Swampwater Jazz Band' sera en vedette lors du concert à l'école Louis-Riel le samedi 3 mai prochain à 20h00.

Cet ensemble à ses origines en 1976. Plusieurs des meilleurs musiciens jazz d'Ottawa en ont fait partie au fil des années. Les membres en 2003 sont Robert Godkin (saxophone), John Palmer (clarinet), Jack Waisvasz (trombone), Larry Wilson (basse), David Simmons (banjo et piano), Chris Daly (batterie) et Pat Duval (chanteuse). Ils comptent plus de 150 ans d'expérience musicale en tout. Ils ont paru dernièrement à une soirée de prélèvement de fonds pour le diabète juvénile et lors du souper pour le 'AFP Philanthropy Awards'.

Le concert à Blackburn est parrainé par la paroisse St. Mary the Virgin. Les billets sont de 10\$ (8\$ pour étudiant(e)s et les personnes de l'âge d'or - 65 ans et plus). Tél : 837-1839 ou courriel : stmary@rogers.com.

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## To Do or Not to Do

by R. Mitchell Rowe LL.B.

**Y**ou're at the cottage, taking a stroll, minding your own business, doin' the summer thing, and you come upon someone lying face down in a puddle of water. You keep on walking.

Further on you come to some kid being robbed by a gang of kids. You look the other way, hum a few bars from the Grateful Dead, and keep on truckin'.

Later in the day, you're on the dock sipping a pina colada, catchin' a few rays, and you see someone fall out of their boat. You stretch a bit, turn the page of your book, take another slurp.

One of the paradoxes in our criminal law is that there is no law requiring people to assist someone in need. A failure to act is not a crime unless the law demands the person to act. Many civil law countries – France for instance – impose

criminal penalties for a failure to assist someone in danger. We are however a common law jurisdiction. Our legal history draws largely from the 1800's, when individual freedom and self-sufficiency were valued, and too much government intervention in a person's affairs was rejected.

The duty to act for the benefit of others in peril was mostly restricted to religion, the Good Samaritan, the moral person.

In the 20th century ideas like socialism and the welfare state changed public attitudes somewhat. The moral and compassionate man demanded affirmative action; the law imposed legal obligations to rescue, in some situations.

Today, if you create the dangerous situation, even by accident, you owe a duty to assist. You cannot hit someone with your car, even if it's not your fault, and drive away leaving him in the road. You face criminal and negligence liability.

But you still don't have to stop if you did not create the peril.

The pendulum seems to be swinging toward imposing a duty to assist. The line between moral duty and legal freedom from responsibility for another's misfortune is more blurred. This swing could start us down a different slippery slope. In our age of political correctness, it is not a stretch to imagine our law requiring caring and compassionate behaviour from everyone, on threat of criminal charge.

So here we have it — bust that guy at the cottage!! Bang up the smug fatback!! Let him give "us" a good reason for walking on by. What book was he reading anyway? What reverie comes from the Dead? Prove to "us" why you didn't get involved.

But wait. What about that other principle — the presumption of innocence? Why should fatback have to prove his innocence? But who cares? Throw that out too. One unresolved tension - rugged freedom vs. collective duty - begets another. Have the law make us all caring and compassionate. And guilty.

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by Bill Smith

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# Scouting: A pillar of the community requiring support

by Rob Shepherd

Scouting has a proud tradition in Blackburn Hamlet. When this modern community opened in 1968, 500 youths signed up, and scores of adults. Many scouting groups resulted — Scouts, Cubs and Beavers. For a while, half the Scouts registered in the Ottawa area were in Blackburn Hamlet!



Scott Shepherd, Thomas Shepherd, Steven Scott, Tom Scott and Margie Shepherd were part of the Scouting group that reached the top of the mountain in the Adirondaks.

As the years went on, our numbers achieved a more "normal" level. Currently in Blackburn Hamlet there are 14 Scouts, 1 Venturer (high school age Scout), 30 Cubs and 15 Beavers. Each of these groups meets once a week for instruction, socializing and games. The mission of Scouts Canada is to encourage and enable each youth member to grow to his or her full potential as a young citizen and to have fun at the same time. Scouts Canada encourages the leader, to get the youth outside, as much as possible. Scouts and Venturers do multiple day, back country, self-contained hiking and canoe trips. We make many trips to the Adirondaks High Peaks area of Upstate New York for hiking, and to Alongonquin Park for canoeing.

There is a Group Committee that works behind the scenes

to make sure that scouting functions well in Blackburn Hamlet. Scouts Canada requires that the Group Committee be fully staffed before they will allow us to function each year. We will require more people on Group Committee starting in September, and possibly sooner.

The rules of Scouts Canada prohibit an active section leader from serving either as chairperson, secretary or treasurer on the Group Committee. Besides these three key positions, we are looking for a treasurer, registrar, fundraising coordinator, facilities coordinator and quartermaster.

If you are interested in volunteering or looking for more details on the different positions, please speak to the Hawkeye, Akela or Scouter Rob Shepherd at 830-1464. The greater the numbers of people who contribute to their efforts, the less work each person has to do.

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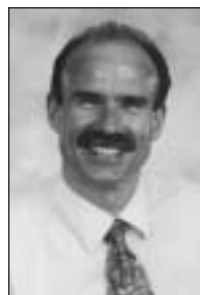
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## Guides de la 4e Cie St-Claude

par Viviane Côté-Maxwell, cheftain

L'hiver est arrivé et demeure! Du 10 au 12 janvier ce fut le premier camp de toute la compagnie qui a eu lieu à l'Érablière Charrette. La Carte d'exploration fut expliquée par les guides de 3e et nous avons vécu des « villages » en faisant des signes de piste, des bricolages, du patin, de la raquette et des exercices. Samedi soir ce fut la sortie en traîneau puis 7 guides ont couché dehors dans l'abri construit en après-midi. Comme il n'y avait que peu de neige à ce moment là, les toiles ont aidé à terminer l'abri.

Les chefs et secondes ont ensuite vécu un camp à Vénosta où il fallait se rendre en raquettes ou en ski de fond sur une distance de 6 km. Comme défi, préparer un gâteau sans se parler, vivre des ateliers de leadership, faire des pistes pour l'autre équipe, et la préparation du camp de printemps par les 3 Relais. En soirée nous avons joué un Meurtre et Mystère en essayant de deviner qui était fautif.

L'année se poursuit avec la participation à la cérémonie du Commonwealth le 9 mars puis la célébration du



A peinture sur bois, Sophie-Catherine, Samuelle, Diane au Camp d'hiver

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# Girl Guides celebrate Thinking Day

by Guider Rose O'Reilly, 202 Blackburn Girl Guides

The spirit and enthusiasm of Lord and Lady Baden-Powell live on in the Guiding movement around the world. Every year on February 22nd, Guides around the world celebrate the joint birthdays of Lord and Lady Baden-Powell. This is called Thinking Day because Guides think about their sisters in Guides in other countries and celebrate international friendship.

Our Blackburn District of Sparks, Brownies and Girl Guides celebrated Thinking Day with a ceremony on February 25th, at Glen Ogilvie School. We began our ceremony with a colour-party march past, singing O Canada and a brief background to Thinking Day by our master of ceremonies, Guider Michelle Marshall. The first activity was a creative skit in which Guiders Michelle and Rose O'Reilly cooked up the World Flag skit. Many of the girls thought there was some magic in the skit! Then all the monies for the Canadian World Friendship Fund were presented to our District Commissioner, Brenda Sowden. The girls have been collecting the monies over the past few weeks and it will be used to help support the development of international Guiding, the world centers, expenses for travel in and out of Canada and for special Guiding events. Next the Girl Guide Cookie poster winners were announced. **The new Girl Guide Cookies will be on sale mid-April.**

The highlight of the evening was a round robin of African culture. The girls and guests rotated to different stations where they personalized bookmarkers with hieroglyphic writings from Egypt, tasted cookies based on recipes from South Africa and Mozambique, learned some Swahili words from Kenya, played a hoop game from Rwanda and tried a dance, which was adapted from Benin.

At the end of the evening we all joined in with our handmade rain sticks in singing "Big Thunder, Dark Cloud". Each unit sang their final closing song.

Both girls, guiders, parents and guests told us they had



Thinking Day was celebrated by the Blackburn District of Sparks, Brownies and Girl Guides with an international mix of crafts, dance, skits, games, food and with the accompaniment of their handmade rain sticks and songs.

fun and enjoyed the Blackburn District gathering. It is part of the reason we all work so hard to keep this organization strong. The event was claimed a success.



Bird to birdwatcher "I don't sing because I'm happy, I'm happy because I sing."

## Fourth Annual Dinner and Silent Auction

by Carolyn McDougall

The Parish of St. Mary the Virgin hosted their Fourth Annual Dinner and Silent Auction on Saturday, February 22. In spite of blustery weather, over one hundred people gathered at École secondaire publique Louis-Riel.

A group of enthusiastic volunteers had transformed the Agora into an elegant dining room. Dave Smith of the *Place Next Door* served a delightful beef tenderloin and vegetable meal, finishing with Chocolate Opera for dessert.

Over one hundred and twenty items were donated by members of the parish and sixty corporate sponsors for the silent and live auction. They ranged from crafts, silver dishes, pictures and baskets of toiletries, to passes to museums and restaurants.

The auctioneer, Richard Johnson of the Covenant Players, captured everyone's attention with his wonderful voice and humorous delivery. His entertaining descriptions of the special items, which included cottage weekends, a cruise on the Rideau Lakes, box seats at a Senators game



*Lois Siegal, Mary Meuse, Judy Cliche, Joy Rutherford, Marjorie Bryant, May Walton and Ed MacIvor are members of the "A'Chord East" string ensemble and who performed at the St. Mary the Virgin's dinner and silent auction February 22nd.*  
Photo by Brett Maxwell

and a luxury day at a spa, encouraged vigorous bidding. Helen Stolfa, visiting from Kingston, remarked on the wonderful quality and variety of the music performed. *A'Chord East* (a string quintet), *The Goodman Suzuki Ensemble*, (a group of talented young artists), and St. Mary's own music group, delighted the audience.

Brett Maxwell, special events coordinator for the parish, said "We have refined the format for this fundraising evening over the past four years. The concept is to provide our community, including the secular community we live in, with a pleasant mid-winter diversion at a time when we all need it."

Each year also brings new people. Sylvia Patenaude said "My brother Paul and I saw the ad in the BANAR at the same time and decided to come. It was a very pleasant, low key, relaxed evening. We were surprised at how elegant the setting was, and thoroughly enjoyed our first experience at a silent auction."

"Enjoyable from start to finish," commented Barbara Roberts. "Brett did an amazing job, and he assembled and led a great team." All volunteers and donors were most appreciated. A special thanks must go to Brett's wife Viviane from Paroisse St-Claude, who tirelessly and efficiently assisted in organizing the evening.

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### Alzheimer Conference

The Alzheimer Society of Canada's 25th national conference, to be held April 10th to 12th in Ottawa, is an opportunity to learn the latest on Alzheimer research and care. It is also an opportunity to learn what it is like living with dementia from people who experience the effects of the disease daily, as well as from family members like the Honourable Peter Milliken, Speaker of the House of Commons, and Lyons Lecture guest speaker for this year's conference. The conference provides a forum to hear about the work of Alzheimer Society-sponsored researchers, ethical issues, public policy initiatives and more. For more information visit [www.alzheimerottawa.org](http://www.alzheimerottawa.org) or if you would like to receive the conference brochure by mail please contact the Alzheimer Society of Ottawa at 523-4004.

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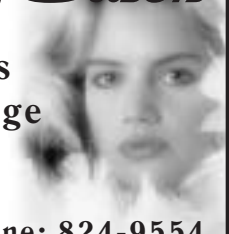
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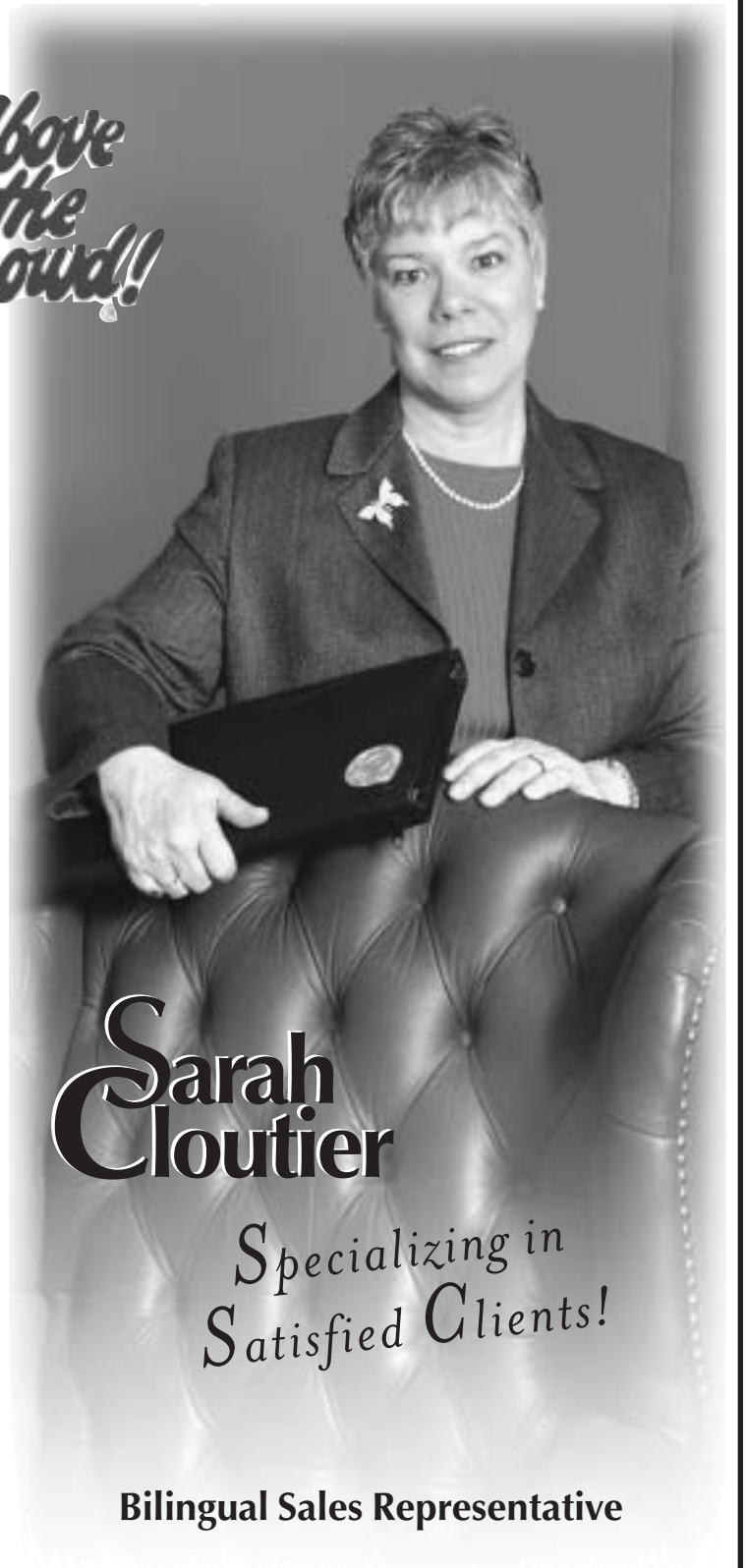
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