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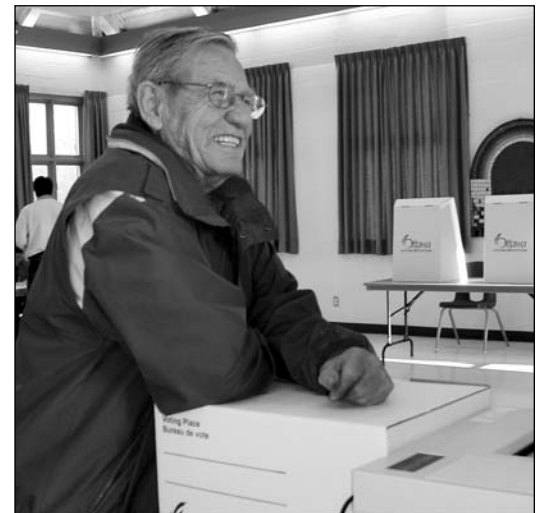
Ottawa residents go to the polls on Monday, November 10th to elect their Mayor, City Councillors and school board trustees in the municipal election.

Your vote makes a difference. By voting for a Mayor and Councillor, you are helping to set the future direction of the City of Ottawa. The City provides the day-to-day services you count on — from fire and police services, to clean water and parks, to public transit and libraries. City Council decides how your property tax dollars are spent and establishes the level and range of municipal services available in your community.

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You can vote in municipal elections (or be an eligible elector) if, on voting day, you are:

- a resident of the City of Ottawa, or an owner or tenant of land in the City of Ottawa, or the spouse or same-sex partner of such an owner or tenant;



Eldon Kemp at the advance poll held in the Blackburn Community Hall on November 1st registered his vote for mayor and councillor.

- a Canadian citizen;
- at least 18 years old; and
- not prohibited from voting by law.

To vote in elections for a school board trustee, you must be:

- a supporter of the school board for which the election is being held and either reside in the area of jurisdiction of the board, an owner or tenant of residential property in the board's area of jurisdiction, or the spouse or same-sex partner of an owner or tenant.

Take the time to be informed and vote!

The municipal elections are being held on Monday, November 10, 2003. You can cast your ballot between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. at the Blackburn Community Hall, Louis Riel, Saint Marie Schools.

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Letters to the editor

On the evening of October 6 our daughter's cat disappeared and we spent much of the night calling and wondering and hoping for the best. The next morning several signs appeared at strategic points along Westpark Drive and adjoining streets stating that an injured cat had been found the previous night and taken to the Humane Society. Unfortunately we soon learned that it was indeed our much-loved Ernie and that his injuries were so severe that he could not be saved.

To the person or persons who called the Humane Society and then went to the trouble of preparing and posting the signs, we offer our heartfelt thanks. We have been unable to find out who you are and hope that, by reading this letter, you will know that we deeply appreciate your kindness.

Shaw Family, Westpark Drive

Blackburn Lodge Seniors Residence was home to my mother for the last four years, until her death in September. Although it was a traumatic change for Mum when she moved from her own apartment into the residence, she soon came to feel that it was her home. The Lodge is a relatively small facility, which I feel helps to make it cozier and more "homey," and residents have told me that they actually feel part of a "family." I can say without hesitation that the staff at the Lodge are some of the most caring and dedicated people I have met. Although they are always busy with their regular duties, they routinely go above and beyond to ensure that residents are comfortable and well looked after, often giving of their personal time to assist residents or volunteering on their days off.

I know that Mum felt secure and included, particularly as her health declined, and my family and I wish to express our sincere appreciation to the staff of Blackburn Lodge for the loving care she received while she was with them. Thank you!

Ann McConnell

First, I want to thank the Blackburn Hamlet Board of Directors for their dedication and the good work they do for our community. However, the role of Mr. Michael van Aanhout in supporting the Orleans Nordic Ski Club (ONSC), which is bent on controlling our green space for their exclusive benefit, is somewhat disturbing.

We chose to live in Blackburn Hamlet because of its proximity

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From The President

The BCA has held one meeting this fall and we have been successful in recruiting **Roger Smiley (with support from Brigitte)** as our new secretary, and **Christine Carette** as a **Director-at-Large**. We have determined that **Membership should be handled as a committee and we are still looking for someone to head up this very important task**. We have people with experience that are willing to help out on this committee and we have the names of volunteer canvassers, but we really need a leader. For more information please call Monica de Romer at 834-8157. We will be addressing this issue at our meeting on November 20th.

Grant Co-ordinator Needed

The City of Ottawa does a pretty good job of providing support for community organizations. There is grant money available for worthwhile projects, such as the Good Shepherd shelter and the storage extension to our community hall. We also receive grants for the outdoor rinks and our summer park grooming activity. At our last meeting, it was decided that we need a Grant Co-ordinator to apply for and keep records of our grants, and to become familiar with the City staff that manage and distribute the grants to the communities. This would be a full Board portfolio and requires someone who is well organized.

Tree Planting in Blackburn

The BCA is continuously striving to serve our community the best we can, and in this spirit, we are organizing a meeting to which all interested residents are urged to attend. The purpose of the meeting is to

solicit ideas for community projects that are needed to improve our neighbourhood. Michael Van Aanhout will be calling a meeting of residents interested in planting trees on the streets in Blackburn. This will be a community project and I encourage those interested in this effort to come out and give Mike your support.

Open House to Discuss New Projects

As you can see there are many projects that require community support and input. To this end, we are hosting an Open House meeting in the Library Conference room on **Thursday, November 20th**, starting at 7:30 pm. We would like residents to come to this meeting, meet the BCA Board, and join our discussions on what our plans are for Blackburn. Refreshments will be served.

Vandalism in Blackburn

On a closing note, there have been many reports of vandalism within Blackburn, especially in the Community Hall area. We are meeting with the police to see what can be done to try to curb this activity, but I think it's going to come down to "what are **we** doing about it". We have tried to establish a Neighbourhood Watch program in the Hamlet, but getting people to sign up has been difficult. If you experience vandalism or see it happening, please call the police at 230-6411, or 911 if it's an emergency. If the police receive a lot of calls, maybe they will do something about it. If there is sufficient interest in security in Blackburn, I will arrange a public meeting to address this issue.

Al Ross

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The Fun Fair results are in

by Gord Hawley

As chairman of Fun Fair 2003 I would like to extend my personal thanks to all the volunteers who helped make this year's event a success. We faced many new challenges with a smaller board of directors and many new faces and positions as well as a wet morning that reduced our early day activities and lunch crowds.

Although the rain reduced some of the sales, it did not dampen the enthusiasm. We added a highly successful karaoke to our stage show and for the first time had a sound system that allowed us to cover most of the event grounds. We brought back the mixed adult baseball tournament and it was very successful thanks to Julie Laframbois. A special thanks also goes to Louise Bertrand for taking on the role of parade director just a few weeks before the event and pulling off a great parade.

I am looking forward to next year's board of directors carrying on this great community project and would encourage anyone interested in volunteering for next year to join us at our wrap-up meeting on Sunday, November

23 at 7:30 p.m. at the Blackburn Community Hall.

Each participating group will soon receive a detailed financial report with their share cheques so that they can see first-hand the effort and returns we generated.

This year's shares have been established based on a share pool of \$8,000 after drawing down some of our reserves. The plan for 2004 will be to return some of that year's profits back to the reserve fund for future bad weather years. This year each share is worth 70 dollars.

I would like to thank all the following businesses and individuals who provided support for this year's event: Lafarge, Loeb Blackburn, J&S Service Station, TD Canada Trust, Loeb Sunoco, Broebus Team, Sarah Cloutier/Remax, Councillor Rainer Bloess, Dr. Bruce Harfield, Drs. Louise Linney and Kathryn McFarland, BH Chiropractic, Lawyers MacQuarrie-Whyte-Killoran, Bunning and Farnand, Dr. Ahmed Sati, Budd Gardens Perennials, Blackburn Barber Shop, Anderson Law Office, Thomas Cook Travel, Buck or Two, A&W Gloucester Centre, Algonquin Travel Gloucester Centre, Blackburn Hamlet Pharmacy, Blackburn Animal Hospital, Blackburn Arms, Blackburn Lodge, Blackburn Taekwon-Do, Bowring, Bulk Barn, Coldwell Banker/ Diane Boucher, Cosmic Adventures, Dragon City, Express Fit for Women, Gaetan Unisex Hair Design, Garb Consignment, Hair Alive, Imilios Pizzeria, Kosy Nest, Molson Breweries, MPEugene Bellemare, MPP Brian Coburn, New Beginning Salon, Ottawa Beauty Academy, Paul's Painting, Perley-Robertson-Hill & McDougal, Radio Shack, Shoppers Drug Mart Gloucester Centre, Silver City, Special Moments, Speedy, Splash Wave Pool, Sub Way, The Children's Welcome Centre, True Brew, Valley Crafters Shoppe, Vezina & Vezina Opticians, Videoflicks Blackburn, Yuk-Yuks', Zellers and Hertz Rentals.

Again a special thanks to our 2003 Board of Directors: Rose Moore, Jane Mahoney, Brenda Sowden, Edelgard Lelacheur, Jason Dubue, Peter Holt, Louise Bertrand, Jason Dupuis, Dan, Sandra and Bev Hobbs, and Lynn Morris.

If you have any questions about the 2004 Fun Fair please contact me. The date is set to be Saturday June 12, 2004. Call me at 612-1089 or e-mail gehawley@rogers.com.

Summary of Incomes and Expenses		
Income	Gross	Net
Midway	\$ 3,285.00	\$ 1,747.95
Food Concessions	7,167.45	3,348.20
Fair Features	2,549.00	- 799.65
Plant Table	0.00	632.45
Book Table	0.00	543.90
Beer Garden	3,887.24	1,789.56
Auction	1,551.23	1,551.23
Baseball Tournament	500.00	421.97
Youth Dance	1,389.95	789.95
General Store	0.00	300.00
Donations	3,905.00	3,905.00
Refunds/Credits	1,263.06	1,263.06
Total Revenues	\$ 25,497.93	\$15,493.62
General Operational Expenses		
Not directly associated with Specific revenues	\$10,929.02	
Operating Profit	4,564.60	
From our Reserve Funds	3,435.40	
Total Paid out to Shareholders	8,000.00	
At the rate of \$70 per share		

Blackburn tennis wraps up season

by Barbara Nolen

On Saturday, September 13th the Blackburn Tennis Club wound up the season with a record attendance at a fun-filled Family Round Robin and BBQ. The members once again celebrated a successful season of daytime and evening round robins, as well as four sessions of Junior Tennis Camp, and many well-attended social events, with play continuing until the end of October.

A notable achievement this year was the winning of first place in the National Capital Tennis Associations' Division IV by our Blackburn team. Donieta Lister, Team Captain, sends this report:

Blackburn led the league throughout the season, finishing with 94 points; St. James in second place with 64 points. We then had a play-off evening against them, with Blackburn triumphant winning 6 out of 10 points. As captain of the team (for the past seven years) I would like to thank all the participants who made this possible. First, thank-you to my partner in Ladies' Doubles, for the past ten plus years, Marie-Andree Lepage, for her loyal dedication to our winnings. In fact, this past year we lost but one set throughout the season. Many thanks to the rest of the team — Susan Gardiner, Ladies' Singles; David Roberts, Men's singles; Simon Abbey/Hark Kroll, Men's Doubles; Helen Jokela/David Jokela and Andre Lepage (shared) Mixed Doubles. I would also sincerely like to thank my spares who were there when we needed them: Helen Lambert, Heather-Jane Robertson, Jocelyne Desgagnes, Dan

Duchesneau, and Michel Haddad. It was a great season with lots of fun and camaraderie. We look forward to a bigger and better season next year, so please sign up at our spring registration if you are interested in joining us.

If you are playing indoor tennis this winter, have fun, otherwise we'll see you on the courts in the spring.



Me, Mo., Beth, Brendon, Sydney July 03

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Bearbrook Quarry Open House

Lafarge employees at the Bearbrook Road quarry in Ottawa were very proud to open their doors and show off their site at 1651 Bearbrook Road in Ottawa. The event was held September 13th and attracted in excess of 1800 people.

Over 60 employees from all products lines of Lafarge Construction Materials contributed in putting together an event that explained the Lafarge site and the Lafarge business. It gave the public an opportunity to see first-hand what "Construction Materials" means. There was an opportunity to ask questions, look at demonstrations, climb on "Monster Machines" and most important of all — have fun.

The site was decked out in festive attire with tents, music, displays, games, etc. The main attractions included:

- An extensive display of road building, ready mix, and large quarry equipment with the opportunity to climb on many units and take great photos
- Displays explaining safety, quality control, and property — all staffed to answer questions
- Sandbox and ball games for the children
- Paramedic unit
- Cake-cutting ceremony
- Bus tours of the quarry with a crushing plant in operation and a presentation on geology
- A quarry blast that was seen by 500 persons
- A barbeque that served over 1000 persons
- Prizes and contests
- Photo contest

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Lafarge Open House (cont'd)

Due to the overwhelming attendance, not everyone was able to tour the quarry or have their questions answered. Plans are being made to try to accommodate these in the near future.

Great weather contributed to making the day a resounding success. Employees were extremely proud to show off their work and their workplace to the community and their families. They appreciated the interest of the public and the many compliments they received during the day. They were grateful to the community for its interest and support of the event.

Winners of the photo contest:

1st Prize: Isabelle Chartrand-Dubois who received a Lafarge scale model truck

2nd Prize: Mr. & Mrs. Mattocks who received a Lafarge scale model truck

3rd Prize: Mr. & Mrs. Leich who received a Lafarge leather knapsack

Photos that were received with a self addressed envelope will be returned shortly.

Although this is not an annual event at this site, it will be repeated in the future. We, at Lafarge, thank everyone for their participation in our contest and the Open House.

For more information contact Heron Chatterjee at heron.chatterjee@lafarge-na.com.



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Plenty of action coming to the Blackburn Library

by Carrie Rathwell

The book club is gathering steam—and new members! Join us the second Wednesday of every month at 7 pm. The books include: November 12—*A Yellow Raft in Blue Water* by Michael Dorris; December 10—*The Sound and the Fury* by William Faulkner; January 14—*Rush Home Road* by Lori Lansens; February 11—*Family Matters* by Rohinton Mistry.

The Blackburn Hamlet branch is holding "Holiday Magic" storytimes for children ages 3 to 6. Drop by to hear stories of celebration and winter, with two separate storytimes: Tuesday, December 9 at 10:30am or 1:30 pm; and Wednesday, December 17 at 10:30 am.

You'll want to keep in touch in the New Year as well. At the nearby branch of North Gloucester, the library will be hosting a 3-part series "Understanding Herbs and Health". On Thursday, January 22 at 7 pm, local traditional herbalist Kathleen Leeson offers "Herbalism 101" for those looking to enhance their health. The next parts of the series, "Natural Alternatives Through Menopause" and "Understanding Immunity and Allergies" will be held in February and March. Registration for each session can be made by phone at 748-4208 or at the North Gloucester branch, 2036 Ogilvie Road.

Also in January, the Blackburn Hamlet branch will offer teens computer training on how to make a

resumé and apply for jobs on-line. Let us give you the edge on the perfect part-time or summer job. Choose from two sessions on Saturday, January 10 at 10:30am or 12:30 pm. Registration is by phone at 824-6926 or drop by the branch at 199 Glen Park Drive.

And just so you parents don't feel left out, Blackburn is offering "Parenting the Internet Generation". If you have concerns about what your kids are doing on the Internet and how to address these issues, get some sound advice on Tuesday, January 27 at 7 pm.

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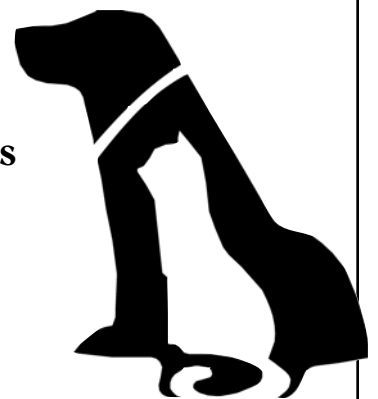
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Run for the Cure

by Lynn Sewell

Thanks to great community support, Blackburn's First Annual Run for the Cure was a success, well beyond expectations. The run/walk which was held on October 5th raised \$6743.50 for the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation. For three years a handful of Blackburn residents donated and walked the distance in Blackburn, this year just one month ahead of the run date, they decided to make the walk here a true community one. And that it was—complete with “Team Blackburn Hamlet Run for the Cure” T-shirts and a banner that all participants signed (to be displayed at each year’s run). Many people enjoyed the venue as an alternative to the big walk down town and certainly our pathways here in Blackburn made it a very enjoyable route for all.

Thanks to Rainer Bloess, our official starter at the 1st Annual Run, LOEB Blackburn for providing refreshments before and after the run, and our community association for use of the Community Hall.

The organizing group is meeting within the week to go over ways of improving the Run for next year—and from the experience of this year, a goal of \$10,000 and 100 participants seems quite possible.

Next year the Run will be held on October 3rd and by mid-summer the organizing will start. If you are interested in helping in any way, please call Lynn Sewell at 837-4792.

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Les aventurières de la Magie Guide

par Colette, Arlène, Roxanne et Viviane

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Il y aura ensuite la vente de jujubes pour le district en décembre, 30 sacs à 2\$ dont les profits aident à maintenir le camp Kateri, la distribution du Banar de Blackburn pour la FGFO et GFC, un nage-thon pour la leucémie en avril et la Fête Foraine en juin.

Nous vous remercions d'avance, chers parents, pour votre encouragement et votre participation.



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“Serving my constituents for the past three years has been a rewarding experience, marked by significant progress in the reorganization of our City and the development of long-range plans for its future. There is still much to be done.

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On November 10th vote for the candidate who has shown his commitment to our community.

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Local businesses receive Welcome Wagon plaques

Long-term sponsor presentations were made to two local businesses by Monica de Romer, the Blackburn Welcome Wagon hostess. Micheline Barbarie, owner of Hair Alive, was presented with a 20 years of sponsorship plaque and Sue McDougall, manager of the Blackburn Shoppers Drug Mart, was presented with a 10 years of sponsorship plaque.

Welcome Wagon hostesses have been providing a warm welcome to new residents throughout Canada for over 70 years. They give individuals or families they visit details about the community and answer


many questions. They also introduce and recommend local stores and services.



Pictured above from left to right: Sue McDougall, manager of the Blackburn Shoppers Drug Mart and Micheline Barbarie, owner of Hair Alive receive long service community awards from Monica de Romer, the Blackburn Welcome Wagon hostess.

In "the most famous basket in the world" are invitation cards and gifts from many community-minded businesses. An additional gift or service is available free when you visit each sponsor's store or office.


If you've moved into the Blackburn area in the last few months and have not received a visit yet or if you are a local business that would like more information on how to participate as a sponsor, call Monica at 834-8157.




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Tree planting in and around the Hamlet

by Michael van Aanhout

If there were a survey of Blackburn Hamlet residents, surely trees would be one of the attributes about our neighbourhood that we value most. I have been approached by a number of individuals and groups interested in tree planting – both in the Greenbelt and on boulevards, around schools and in parks within the Hamlet. With help from Rainer Bloess' office, I have been in touch with the City's Forestry Services Department and their Community Partnership Tree Planting Program. This program will consider tree planting projects on private or public property if an agreement can be established that will ensure the success of the planting and affirm a commitment to long-term maintenance. Grants of up to \$2000 are available to community groups, schools, or other non-profit organizations. Preference will be given to organizations that are prepared to match funding and/or are willing to provide in-kind resources to ensure the successful implementation and maintenance of their project.

I have arranged for a representative from the City to attend a neighbourhood meeting at the Community Hall on Monday, November 24th at 7:00pm. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss a long term tree planting plan for the Hamlet and to get advice on preparing a successful project proposal that will be submitted to the City by December 15th for tree planting projects next Spring. Any individuals or groups interested in participating are welcome to attend.

We were all shocked by the terrible tragedy that occurred in Green's Creek

this summer. In an effort to address community concerns, the National Capital Commission (NCC) is working to implement measures to improve security on the Capital Pathway Network. In the past couple of months a Safety Audit was conducted and a FORUM ON SAFETY was held with Interest Groups to identify and prioritize trail security measures. If you have any

questions about these activities, you can contact Elisabeth Lacoursière at the NCC (239-5196 or elacours@ncc-ccn.ca). If you have any other questions or concerns regarding Greenbelt issues, drop in to a BCA meeting or contact Michael van Aanhout, the BCA Greenbelt Representative, at 824-5380 or pknzak@rogers.com.

Promoting a Healthy Environment

by Paula Rosenquist

Glen Ogilvie Public School Council was the recipient of a Community Environmental Project Grant (CEPGP) from the City of Ottawa. The BCA applied for the grant to promote a policy of "No-Idling" on the property and in the immediate street side vicinity on Centre Park of Glen Ogilvie School. Signs were commissioned and installed on the school property, literature promoting the benefits of no-idling was distributed to the school

community and Birgut Isernhagen from the City of Ottawa's Environment Management Department gave a clear and concise presentation during a school assembly.

Why is a policy of "No-Idling" so important? Many students are picked up and dropped off by busy parents who idle their vehicles while waiting for a child who will be "out any second." This results in an environment that is full of exhaust fumes. Since children breathe faster and inhale more per pound of

body weight they are particularly vulnerable to air pollution. Glen Ogilvie Principal Mme. Bouchard reiterates that "about 2 years ago we were faced with many of our students and staff members suffering from breathing problems. A thrust for cleaner air and improvement in the health of all involved was key. We continue to encourage parents and community members to make a personal commitment not to idle. Our children's health depends on it." Make the choice today to get on board and turn off your vehicles if parked for more than 10 seconds and, you can save fuel costs in the process (especially these days with rising prices).

For this 2003/2004 year CEPGP grant money has been approved for a similar initiative to be launched at Good Shepherd Catholic School. All that is required is for some dedicated volunteers from the Good Shepherd school community to take up the reins of this worthwhile project. Please contact Paula Rosenquist at 824-5062, if you are interested in helping out.

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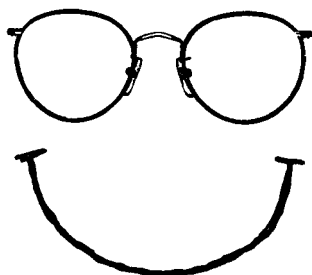
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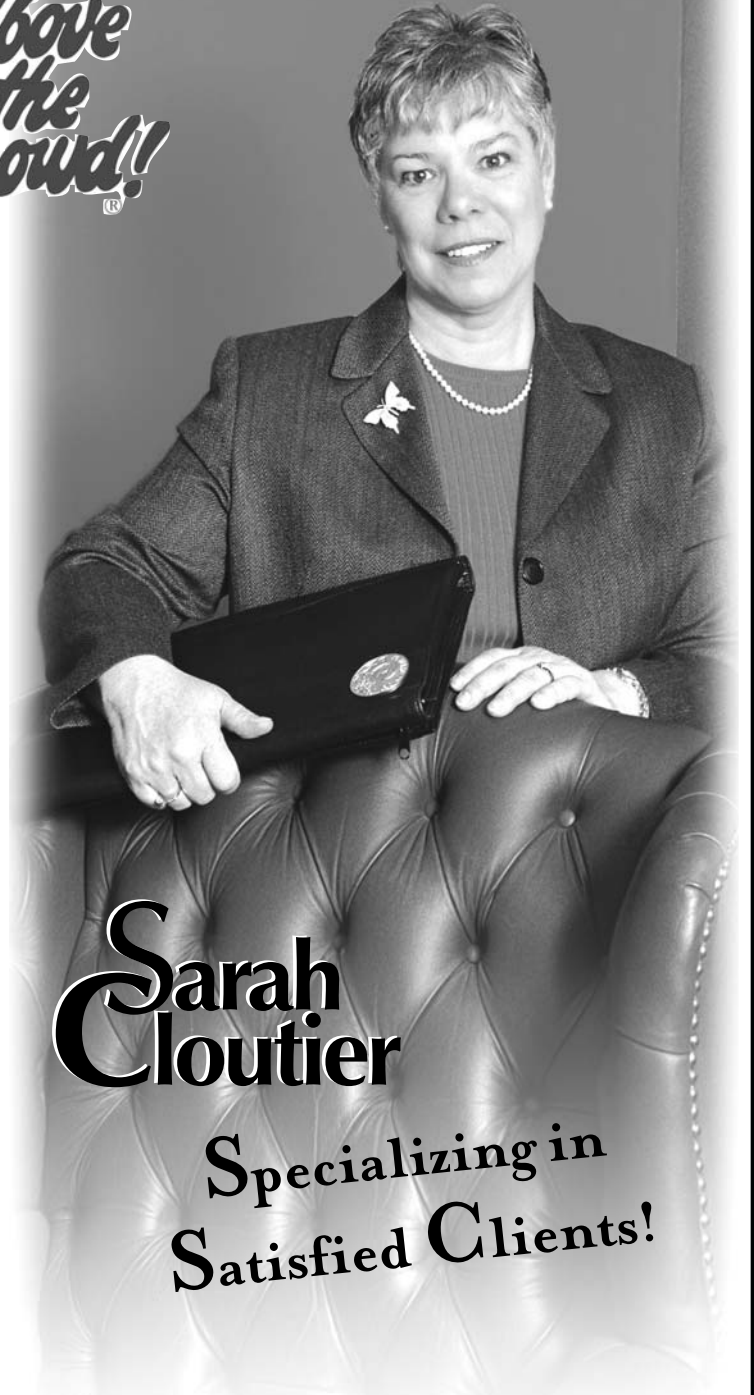
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Emily Carr Middle School supports co-op partners

by Sheila Perry, Vice-Principal, ECMS

This year, Emily Carr Middle School is pleased to partner with Co-op Education at Gloucester High School. Four Grade 12 students work closely with ECMS staff and students each afternoon. Cooperative Education is a work-education program for which a student receives credits. The program promotes skill development, career development and self-awareness by integrating classroom learning with supervised work experience.

According to Stephanie Boyd, Cooperative Education is a great opportunity to get hands-on experience in a field you are considering for a career. "This year, I am working with Mrs. Eadie's grade 6 Homeroom class. I follow the students to all of their afternoon classes. As a result, I get to

work with a variety of teachers and their various techniques of teaching. This is a great opportunity for me, as I am considering becoming a teacher in the future. Being a co-op student in a school helps me to see if teaching is really something that I see myself doing everyday."

Richard Clark feels that not many people know what co-op is " I often get asked

Cooperative education is a win-win situation.

why I am working at school. I am often asked why I want to be a teacher. I don't necessarily want to be a teacher, I just like working with kids. Doing co-op here at Emily Carr gives me a chance to see what

I want to do. This is not an easy choice though — for teachers make it seem easier than it actually is!"

Both Stephanie Tudin and Shannon Farrall are former Emily Carr Students.

Shannon indicates that "this experience at Emily Carr has brought a lot of perspective to teacher and student points of view. This is a big contrast to my time spent here as student. I get to meet and carry on conversations with a lot of great students here and I enjoy working with such a variety of people."

This year, Stephanie is working with Mrs. Baker-Lesage, Grade 8 teacher. "We mainly focus on English and History. We work together each day to do tasks like homework, photocopying — my favourite and helping the kids to learn. My responsibility is to keep track of our everyday school events and keep a journal that my Supervisor at Gloucester High School marks. Cooperative education presents challenges that will prepare us for the future and help us get ahead in life. As a former student at Emily Carr, it is really neat to be on the other side of learning!"

To staff and students at Emily Carr, cooperative education is a win-win situation. There is no doubt that the placements offer students a practical application in real life situations and an understanding of employers' expectations in real job situations. In addition, students and staff benefit from additional support in the classroom. There is a greater appreciation for the world of work and an opportunity to discover true interests, abilities and aptitudes, while earning a credit.

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Emily Carr Middle School faces possible closure

by Paula Rosenquist

In any town there is a web of interdependence that may not be apparent at first glance. The factors that are taken into consideration when people decide to move into an area can be many and varied, or the decision can be based on an emotional response that, when put into words is simply expressed as, "I like it here." Our community is one of those places that meets both those criteria and for some, Emily Carr is an important piece of the puzzle that is Blackburn. Last year the school celebrated 30 years of operation. If Emily Carr was to close what could you see as happening in the community as a whole? Many aspects would be affected. Some

areas include the quality of education (music, science, computer skills for 6's, 7's and 8's); a valuable community resource (volleyball, cub scouts, co-ed soccer); jobs (careers disrupted, loss, possible relocation); businesses (loss of revenue, less money available for sponsorship, vacancy); housing sales and property values ... (well you fill in the rest).


If this possible closure is something that you would not like to see happen I urge you to let your views be known. Talk to your friends and neighbours and write your Minister of Education (Gerard Kennedy), your trustee (David Moen), your new MPP (Phil McNeely), and/or the editor of the newspaper. Check the Blackburn website—www.blackburnhamlet.ca

to view a point-by-point synopsis of an open meeting held at Glen OPS on October 15th prepared by Mike Lachapelle (now past chair) of the Emily Carr school council. A motion was carried by all those in attendance at the meeting that the Board proposal was inadequate and unacceptable as presented. A second meeting is planned for Wednesday, November 12th at Emily Carr MS at 7 pm with the four schools affected by the proposal (Emily Carr, Glen Ogilvie, Forest Valley, and Henry Larsen). All are invited to participate.

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par Brenda Abud-Lapierre

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Le 17 décembre, à 19 h, les élèves du cycle préparatoire (maternelle et jardin) présentent leur spectacle annuel de

Noël, comme seuls les enfants savent le faire. Venez vous joindre aux parents et aux amis de l'école.

Vous êtes tous les bienvenus à participer à ces événements portes ouvertes et à venir rencontrer madame Nicole Sénéchal, notre nouvelle directrice. Pour de plus amples renseignements, veuillez communiquer avec celle-ci au 824-6558.

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We're planning various events for the future including an **information seminar and a fun day**. Anyone with ideas or suggestions for what you'd like to see included should contact Sarah Cloutier at 841-4114.

On the 3rd Wednesday of each month we hold our regular planning meetings at the Community Hall at 1:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information contact Sarah Cloutier at 841-4114.

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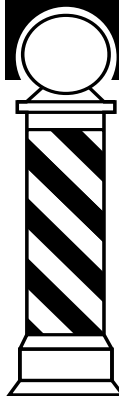
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Safe Path Campaign

by Lisa Campbell

In the wake of the tragic death of Ardeth Wood along the cycling path at Green's Creek, members of the community-led Safe Path Campaign are working with municipal and regional officials, as well as the police and safety organizations, to increase safety on the pathways. A study was conducted on the Green's Creek area on September 23rd, and will consider ways to improve safety, including possibly cutting underbrush to improve visibility, and putting in place better signage to help shorten emergency response time. As well, the National Capital Commission is conducting a forum on safety on Tuesday October 7th. One of the issues that will be considered is expanding the volunteer-driven Pathway Patrol system to entire 170 kilometres of cycling pathways in the Ottawa-Gatineau region. If you are interested in signing up as volunteer with Pathway Patrol or would like more information about the program, please contact the Ron Kolbus Lakeside Centre at 828-4313. The city's pathways are a part of what makes Ottawa beautiful, and we must all work together to ensure that they remain safe and accessible for all members of the community to use.

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to the city and its green space giving one the feeling of living in the country, allowing us to fully enjoy walking, exploring the woods and cross country skiing with our dog. New access restrictions will be imposed in this area, thanks to the ONSC's request.

Life is too short, winters can be really long and who knows what tomorrow may bring? Therefore, I don't intend to "hibernate" and miss my favorite outdoor activities. Please, no intimidation or harassment on our land.

It is beyond my comprehension that some people work hard to deny others what they themselves appreciate especially when they already have access to more than 200 km of trails in the Ottawa region and the Gatineau? Should this free, simple pleasure of life called nature be enjoyed only by privileged clubs? What does NCC care about who walks in the woods where the trails are too short and tortuous for avid skiers. NCC simply yielded to pressure from this interest group. If we understand the true meaning of sharing, we will be less selfish, will have fewer conflicts and consequently, live more in peace.

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