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From The President

Need for Membership Coordinator critical

As I reported in November, the position of Membership Coordinator is still vacant. This is a very important position for the BCA, since it is the membership funds that primarily support the publishing costs of the BANAR. Nobody on the BCA wants to compromise the BANAR in any way, but if we cannot realize this revenue, the BANAR may have to be trimmed. We have volunteers lined up for most of the canvassing; we just need someone to co-ordinate it. The resolution of this problem will be the prime item on the agenda at our Annual General Meeting on Thursday, February 17th.

Why buy a membership?

People sometimes ask our canvassers why should they join the BCA and the simple answer is to support our community. This includes the BANAR which supports local organizations and businesses and informs residents of the many activities the BCA organizes in Blackburn, such as the Fun Fair, the Fun Run, the Christmas decorations, Winter Fun Day, Spring Clean-up, Voluntary Recognition events, Garage Sale,

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Garden Tour, etc. In addition to these events, the BCA solicits grants from the City for things like tree planting, play structures, the Good Shepherd shelter, toys for the pool, the Community Hall, anti-idling signs at Glen Ogilvie, park grooming, and outdoor rinks. We also work within the community to help with other issues in our neighbourhood, such as presentations to the School Board for Emily Carr, Lafarge Quarry problems, "Meet the Candidates" meetings and NCC issues. A very informative website (www.blackburnhamlet.ca) has been designed and is maintained by board member Helen Rosseau.

BCA Annual General Meeting

For a variety of reasons, we have postponed our Annual General Meeting, and it is now scheduled for the third Thursday in February (the 19th) in the Library Conference Room starting at 7:30 p.m.

We encourage you to come to this meeting and help us resolve some of our issues and work with us to make Blackburn an even better community.

You may contact me at 837-1504 or e-mail me at aljaneross@sympatico.ca if you would like to have an item put on the agenda.

Volunteer Recognition Evening

In Blackburn Hamlet we have many volunteers who make outstanding contributions. The BCA is planning its second annual Volunteer Recognition Evening where we will recognize the achievements of some of these worthy volunteers. Although the BCA is aware of the work of many of our volunteers, we are asking you to suggest candidates that you believe should be recognized. Jessica Tranquilli Doherty is the chair of our sub-committee for this activity, and is asking for names of candidates that you think should be considered for an award. Please help by sending the name of the candidate, together with a short summary of his/her activities, and the reasons you believe he/she should be recognized. Jessica's e-mail address is: j.tranquilli@rogers.com.

Winter Fun Day

Finally, as you can see from the front cover of the BANAR Mike van Aanhout is organizing a Winter Fun Day for families in Blackburn on February 21st. Come and join us for a great afternoon. Of course, further details will be published on our website.

Al Ross

BLACKBURN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP – Please mail in!

Blackburn Hamlet is known across the region for being a friendly, active and progressive community. Please show your support for the Blackburn Community Association by purchasing your \$10 family membership. The membership fee helps pay for the BANAR and many of the other exciting projects that you read about in its pages.

Call me about co-ordinating the membership drive. Call me about volunteering to canvas part of a street in Blackburn.

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New term begins with gratitude and renewed commitment

by Rainer Bloess

As we shovel, slip and skid our way into yet another frigid and frostbitten January, I want, first and foremost this new year, to express my appreciation to the voters of Blackburn Hamlet. Thank you for providing me with the opportunity to serve as your representative on City Council for a second term. The support I received from Blackburn residents, both at the polls and throughout the recent election campaign, was truly overwhelming. Special thanks to the dozens among you who served as campaign volunteers and to the hundreds who willingly displayed lawn signs and offered words of encouragement at the door.

One of the first tasks of the newly elected City Council was the determination of the memberships of its various standing committees. Having confirmed as I chatted with many of you during the election campaign that the transportation issue remains one of the major concerns of east-end residents, I was especially pleased to be selected once again to serve throughout the upcoming term on the committee that deals with transportation issues, now renamed the Public Works, Transit and Infrastructure Services Committee. I was also selected as a member of the Corporate Services and Economic

Development Committee, and for a second term on both the Pineview Municipal Golf Course Board of Management and as a Council representative on the Ottawa Youth Cabinet.

The first order of business for Council in the new year will of course be the budget and in fact consultations are already well underway. Check the City website at www.ottawa.ca or my own site at www.rainerbloess.com for information on upcoming meetings and the budget timetable. There is no doubt that the road ahead will be a bumpy one for our City but I am looking forward to the challenges of the new term and the opportunity to contribute to the development and implementation of solutions to the economic problems we currently share with municipalities across Ontario and indeed across the country.

As always, I look forward to hearing from many of you throughout the upcoming term. Your comments, suggestions, and even your criticisms are welcome and help to keep me up-to-date on your priorities and your concerns. Rest assured that I will continue to do my very best throughout the next three years to diligently and forcefully represent the interests of Hamlet residents at City Hall. And once again, thank you for your support and best wishes to all of you in 2004.



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Home break-in underlines need for vigilance

It was a regular Friday morning in the Hamlet—a chill in the air but for November 14th, it was quite pleasant. My wife left early to babysit our grandchildren in the Hamlet while I headed out to do volunteer work. When we returned home we found our steel back door broken in and our home violated. The thieves went to every part of the house. Items taken included RCMP memorabilia (collected from a career spanning 34 years), Royal Doulton figurines, a large telescope complete with the packaging it came in, as well as cases of pop.

My reason for writing this letter is not just to express our disgust that Hamlet people should have their “Home” space violated in such a manner but to alert readers that this seems to be becoming a common occurrence in Blackburn. We, as neighbours and friends, must be less complacent about what is happening around us. Take the initiative to watch and record and even report things that you may feel just aren’t right. License numbers can be a big help to police. Always be suspicious when you hear strange sounds or movement at your neighbour’s residence.

Some of you may wish not to deal directly with the police in such criminal matters but there is an alternative where you may remain totally anonymous. You’ve seen and read about it—Crime Stoppers at 233-8477 (233-TIPS). Our city councillor, Rainer Bloess, and I are both Board members and we can attest to its effectiveness in helping police solve crime. Be caring and always watchful. The extra eyes that are given to seeing criminal activity will be good for everyone in the long run.

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Blackburn Ball

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Viviane and Brett Maxwell were among the revellers at the party organized by St. Mary the Virgin Parish.



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Community Fights To Save Emily Carr

The Ottawa-Carleton District School Board has been considering closing a number of Ottawa schools, including Emily Carr Middle School located on Innes Road in Blackburn and has been holding public consultation meetings. Blackburn community residents made presentations at the most recent meeting on January 15th, 2004 asking that Emily Carr remain open. Petitions have been organized and residents have been encouraged to send letters to the Board. Written versions of some of the presentations made to the Board can be viewed on the Blackburn Community Association website at www.blackburnhamlet.ca.

The province had requested (not ordered) school boards not to close schools until after September 2004 as the province will be implementing a cap on class sizes for grades JK to 3 (requiring more classrooms) and making changes to the education funding formula. Time lines have not been announced and further information on these changes are not expected to be forthcoming until March 2004. The Ottawa Carleton District School Board has decided that, as their closure process was already underway, they should continue on with the process in order to get public input. The intention had previously been to make decisions on school closures on January 26th, 2004.

Emily Carr is a true middle school that includes grades 6 – 8. It is running at full capacity with specialized teachers for science, design and technology, computer science, instrumental music, and physical education in both the English and French immersion programs. It was set up in the 1970's to

offer a specialized middle school program to prepare students for their entry into high school. In conjunction with its core of academics, the school offers junior and senior band programs, specialized clubs, and has an excellent

...continue on with the process and to get public input.

sports program. The school runs a student leadership program, student parliament, and athletic council. The students are given ownership of a number of school activities including dances, assemblies, intramural athletics, and community outreach programs that annually raise

thousands of dollars for local charities.


The Board is now considering the closure of Emily Carr and diverting Blackburn middle school students back to Glen Ogilvie Public School which would then become a JK to Grade 8 school. Emily Carr students from Chapel Hill would be redirected to Henry Larsen Elementary School and Chapel Hill students presently at Glen Ogilvie would be sent to Forest Valley Elementary School. The rationale for the change is that enrollment at Forest Valley and Glen Ogilvie has gone down and therefore, according to the previous provincial government's space allocation model (which is to be changed under the present government), they are running below their assigned capacity.


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Court versus government

by R. Mitchell Rowe LL.B.

The other day I was at a conference where an esteemed judge of the Ontario Court of Appeal once again pleaded a case for an active rather than passive judiciary. It's all I hear these days, the flavour of the month.

Some of our judges are a little touchy I suppose, always trying to justify writing social policy decisions. Most remain undeterred. To me the critics who are out to get the judges just miss the point.

First of all, the Charter is an act of government. Second, it was intended to be the supreme law of the land. And third, it requires the court to review social policy laws. There is no point in calling something the supreme law of the land if it does not hold government accountable. From Morgentaler to Sunday store closing, mandatory retirement, euthanasia, prisoner voting rights, language rights, same-sex marriage and now to marijuana, courts, as well as government, define tough social policy issues.

The Charter "has encouraged the development of a human rights culture" said past Supreme Court Chief Justice Lamar.

Sure, as the critics allege, there is more litigation than before. And criminal cases are more complex and take more time to hear, causing court backlogs and delays. That is the price we pay for our growth as a society—people don't just lie down and give in to "city hall" anymore, at least not without a fight.

The purpose of the Charter is to protect those in the minority from being stepped on by those who happen to be in the majority—defined usually by the government in charge. The conflict is not really between the courts and government, but between the Charter and government.

Government holds the hammer in this game anyway, and has been too chicken to use it. Section 33 of the very same Charter permits any government to exclude most legislation from Charter scrutiny. Only Quebec has had the guts to use it, right or wrong. The real story is that our federal government has been all too content to let the courts protect the minority and thus avoid the blame for these often unpopular decisions.

Courts taking power away from government? No way. I say it is weak government pushing tough decisions into the courts.

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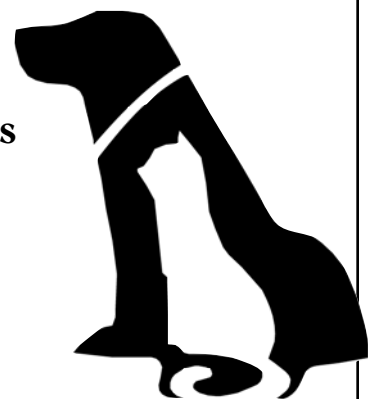
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Charity Auction

The Knights of Columbus held their annual Charity Auction at The Good Shepherd Church on November 14th and it proved an unqualified success. A total of 99 donations were made from individuals and businesses and the evening had one of the largest attendances for this event to date. A total of \$4,141 was raised—\$3,141 was used to make up Christmas Hampers and a \$1,000 contribution was made to the local food banks. A heartfelt thanks to the community who supported this very worthwhile project.

École Ste-Marie

L'Association des parents et enseignants de l'école élémentaire Ste-Marie vous remercie pour votre participation à leur collecte de bouteilles de bière vides. Même si cette opération n'a concerné que quelques rues de Blackburn Hamlet, elle s'est avérée un franc succès. Votre chaleureux accueil en ce matin verglacé lui a permis de consolider ses liens avec la communauté.

The members of the Parent-Teacher Association of Ecole Ste-Marie wish to thank you for participating in the school's recent bottle drive. Although only a handful of streets were targeted, this fundraising effort was a resounding success. Your warm greetings on that icy January morning allowed us to renew our ties with the community.



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Félicitations Marie-France! Merci Blackburn

par Viviane Côté-Maxwell, animatrice responsable

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En décembre nous avons passé la guignolé sur Southpark, Glenpark, Beddoe Lane, reçu environ 200 boîtes de conserve et remis 192\$ à la banque alimentaire de Gloucester. Il faisait froid alors nous avons pris photo prenant un chocolat chaud en fin de soirée chez les D'Avignons.

Les activités d'hiver suivront avec le camp « La magie de l'hiver » en fin janvier. Le



Les guides prennent un bon chocolat chaud après la guignolé.

dimanche 22 février nous animerons la messe à St-Claude en uniforme guide en pensant au fondateur BP, Lord Baden Powell et aux objectifs du mouvement surtout celui de « laisser le monde un peu meilleur qu'il ne l'était lorsque vous y êtes

venus ». Les services continuent aussi avec la garderie du dimanche à St-Claude et nous ferons le Nage-O-thon des clubs Richelieu pour la leucémie en avril. Bonne Année à tous et merci de votre encouragement.



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The quinzee is a type of snow cave. A cave can be excavated from a big snow drift, but it is hard to find a drift that is big enough. It is unsafe to tunnel into a snow bank beside the road, for fear that the plow should come by while someone is in the cave.


Here is how the Scouts or Guides make a quinzee. In a field that has 60 cm or more of snow, pile as much snow up as possible. The bigger and higher the pile,



the better. After piling, wait two hours for the snow to re-crystallize and harden. Shove 30 cm long sticks into the outside of the pile, with an interval of 40 cm between the sticks. At the edge of the pile, at ground level, tunnel slightly upwards into the center of the pile, so that the floor of the tunnel is 10 cm above the ground. Excavate outwards until you encounter the inside of the marker

sticks. Once completed, the quinzee consists of a dome of snow, 30 cm thick. The floor of 10 cm of snow provides some insulation while the entrance tunnel slopes downwards and outwards, allowing cold air to flow out of the quinzee. Finally, using a four cm diameter walking stick, poke a hole through the top of the center of the quinzee, to allow the hot humid air to escape and for ventilation.


It is sweaty and wet work to build a quinzee, so you need a change of clothes. There has never been a report of a quinzee falling on people. After people have finished with the quinzee, they can walk on the roof without it collapsing. It is cool in the quinzee but the structure provides complete protection from wind and is warmer than a tent.



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Winter Fun for You and Your Preschooler

by Barbara Sweazey

Winter can be an adventure in a changing outdoor environment. With appropriate dress and good weather, take your child outdoors and discover another world. My son and I like to create a maze of shoveled-out snow trails (including one or two "home-free" spots!) on our snow-covered front lawn. We play chasing games together along these dugout paths and really enjoy our winter fun.

Here are a few other suggestions that you might find fun to share with your preschooler. These ideas have been adapted, with permission, from an article written by Judy Kuhn entitled Embracing Seasonal Change: Fun Activities for the Winter Wonderland found on the Child & Family Canada website (www.cfc-efc.ca/docs/mcca/00000030.htm).

Snow Tracks—Look for existing tracks, large footprints, small footprints, bird tracks, cat tracks. Where do the tracks lead? Have your child make his own tracks. Take turns following each other's trail. Talk about the different prints and trails. Use your imagination.

Snow Creations—In an open playground with moist snow, create snow people, snow animals, and snow creatures. The key here is to use whatever is in the present surroundings to help the children create. Children will use their creative thinking and math skills to enhance their creations.

Building—Snow is abundant and free, so let it take the place of sand. Build as you would with sand. Spray with water to make ice sculptures or paint a rainbow on the lawn. Build forts, benches, slides, and snow people. It is a great opportunity to increase

vocabulary -- slush, crisp, crunch, fresh, clean, cold, slippery, icy, etc.

Watch the Birds—Birds are fascinating to watch, and this makes a very enjoyable activity to do with children of any age. Make a simple bird feeder using a pinecone. Spread it with peanut butter and then roll it in birdseed. Hang it near a window, where it can be observed. When indoors or outdoors talk about the birds, what they eat, where they find food, etc. You will be amazed at the different birds that will show up at your feeder. It is a chance to talk about the colour, size, language of birds, and more.

Indoor Winter Crafts—On days when it is just too cold to go outside, look up some great winter craft ideas on the website www.freekidcrafts.com and keep your preschooler excited about the winter season!

For those interested in a local preschool program, you may wish to consider the options available at Blackburn Hamlet Preschool. This cooperative facility offers three different programs, including the Toddler program (playing and socializing), the Preschool program (learning and playing), and a new Four Year Old program (enhanced learning and development either on its own or as a complement to public school).

The benefits of a cooperative preschool are many including the opportunity to be involved directly in your child's learning experience; to meet other parents; excellent teacher-child ratio; and schedule flexibility with both morning and afternoon programs available 2 and 3 days a week.

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by Carrie Rathwell

You may not know it from this groaner, but our March Break theme this year is "Something Funny @ the Library".

For children ages 3-6, drop by and we will "Tickle Your Ears" with stories galore on Tuesday, March 16 at 10:30 a.m. We challenge kids ages 6-10 to look at things a little differently with "Funny What You Can See!" a bilingual program of optical illusions on Wednesday, March 17 at 2 p.m. And, as a special treat for those ages 8-12, local artist Paula Brown will be sharing cartooning techniques with aspiring scribblers on Thursday, March 18 at 1:30 p.m. Registration for the last two programs begins February 10.

Later in March, animal lovers ages 3-6 are welcome for any of three drop-in storytimes: "At the Farm" on Tuesday March 23 at 10:30 a.m.; "Barks and Meows", a bilingual program on Thursday, March 25 at 1:30 p.m.; and "Dinosaur Roar" on Tuesday, March 30 at 1:30 p.m. or Wednesday, March 31 at 10:30 a.m. Also, for the new parents on the block, there is a Babytime for newborns to 18-month olds on Thursday, March 25 at 10:30 a.m. Registration for regular children's programs will begin again on April 6.

In the branch, you may have already noticed our kid-friendly changes. We've prettied-up all the juvenile areas with lots of books on display, we've made distinct sections for *bandes dessinées* or

animated books, and there is a separate teen fiction section, complete with magazines. Feel free to come in, ask questions and look around. Here at the library we're just an open book!

Blackburn Hamlet Book Club

Wednesday, February 11, 7 p.m. "Family Matters" by Rohinton Mistry

Wednesday, March 10, 7 p.m. "The Red Tent" by Anita Diamant

Wednesday, April 14, 7 p.m. "Tomcat In Love" by Tim O'Brien

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Coming Events

2004 Fun Fair planning underway

Planning is already underway for this year's Fun Fair, which will be held on Saturday, June 12th. Starting with the morning parade and continuing throughout the day, there will be events for all members of the community. This is Blackburn's largest annual event and we invite you to plan to attend this year. The net profits from the day's events go directly to the participating local non-profit groups.

For many groups this is their largest fund-raising event of the year.

We are looking for individuals interested in serving on the Board of Directors and who wish to help with the planning and development of this year's program. Please contact one of the following 2004 Directors for information or to add your name or organization to the list of volunteers:

- Gord Hawley, Chairman—Phone: 612-1089 or Email: gehawley@rogers.com
- Rose Moore, Midway Director—Email: Rmoore@GG.CA
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Blackburn Garden Tour

The Blackburn Hamlet Garden Tour is entering its seventh year and we are looking for some new faces and flora to include on this year's tour. All gardens, big, small and "works in progress" (whose garden is ever finished?) are welcome.

The Garden Tour "alumni" will be meeting in mid-April (great food and fun!) to continue planning for this year's event. Gardeners interested in finding out more of what is involved are welcome to join us. Call Mary Appleton at 834-8242 or e-mail mary-appleton@hotmail.com for more information on this fun event that will be held on Sunday, June 27th.

Blackburn Website

Businesses and community organizations are invited to have a link from the Blackburn website to their website.

Information and updates on coming events would also be welcomed.

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Seniors Awareness Program

The Orleans Community Police will be offering the following Seniors Awareness seminars at the Community Hall:

April 21 2-4 p.m. Financial scams and frauds

May 19 2-4 p.m. Safety in the home

June 16 2-4 p.m. Keeping track of medications

April 25 2-4 p.m. Guest speakers will address subjects of interest to seniors. There will be also be a question period.

Watch your March issue of the BANAR for details.

Many more events are in the planning stages. Please feel free to come to our planning meetings at the Community Hall at 1:00 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month or call Sarah Cloutier at 841-4114 with your ideas or requests.

For regular updates and details of what is going on for the 50+ crowd in Blackburn Hamlet be sure to check the web site at www.blackburnhamlet.ca. Just click on the tab on the left "Blackburn Plus Fifty" or call Sarah Cloutier at 841-4114.

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For more information contact Leanne Hunter @ 834-3672 or Stephen Bovey 878-1435 or visit the two websites at www.blackburnladiessoftball.com and www.bmfl.ca

Garden Registration Meeting

It's that time of year again when you need to polish those gardening tools. The Gloucester Allotment Garden Association will hold its spring registration meeting on Tuesday, March 9th, 2004 at 8:00 p.m. in the cafeteria of Louis-Riel High School, 1655 Bearbrook Road (located at the northern end of Blackburn Hamlet). Gardeners signing up for a plot with the Gloucester Allotment Garden Association at its spring registration meeting will receive five dollars off the regular fee. Plots are available at both the Orient and Anderson Road sites. Mark this date on your calendar. Be an early bird gardener and make sure you get your discount and a garden plot. For more information call the Registrar at 824-8479 or the President at 824-6524.

Silent Auction and Dinner

On Saturday, February 28, the Anglican Parish of St. Mary the Virgin is holding their 5th Annual Silent Auction and Dinner to raise funds in support of on-going ministries and programs. Auction viewing begins at 6 pm at the Agora of École secondaire publique Louis-Riel and there will be a live auction of selected items following the meal.

Items up for auction include Senators tickets, original works of art, cottage get-aways, golf packages, sports memorabilia, theatre, restaurant certificates, collectibles and more.

Dinner will be accompanied by live music provided by the Goodman Suzuki Ensemble.

Admission is \$25. Further information, to donate items for the auction or for tickets: Brett at 837-1839, e-mail stmary@rogers.com or talk to a friend or neighbour who goes to St. Mary's.

Tree Planting in the Hamlet

The BCA is facilitating the submission of applications to the Forestry Services program by groups and individuals interested in having trees planted in public spaces around Blackburn Hamlet. More info at the BCA meeting February 17th, 7:30 p.m. at the Blackburn Library.

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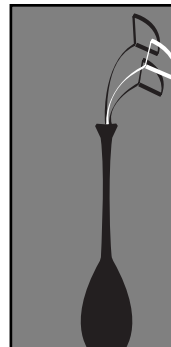
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Pour inscrire votre enfant, nous vous invitons à communiquer avec le secrétariat de l'école au 824-6558 afin de prendre un rendez-vous avec la directrice, madame Nicole Sénéchal, qui se fera un plaisir de vous fournir de plus amples renseignements.

Telephone Directory

Blackburn Community Hall	841-7396
Bookings	Jan Whitehouse 830-8644
Blackburn Arena	824-5197
Blackburn Hamlet Youth Association	837-5987
Library - Blackburn Branch	824-6926
Blackburn Art Group	Marion Jones 830-8904
Blackburn Duplicate Bridge	Bill Durning 824-9593
Blackburn Hamlet Preschool	824-3251
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Scouts	Rob Shepherd 830-1464
- Registrar	Fiona Daigle 834-7119
Jeannettes	Nicole Andrecheck 824-9972
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Hockey (Minor)	Tom Canham 837-1344
Hockey (Men's)	Roy Van Koughnett 824-3921
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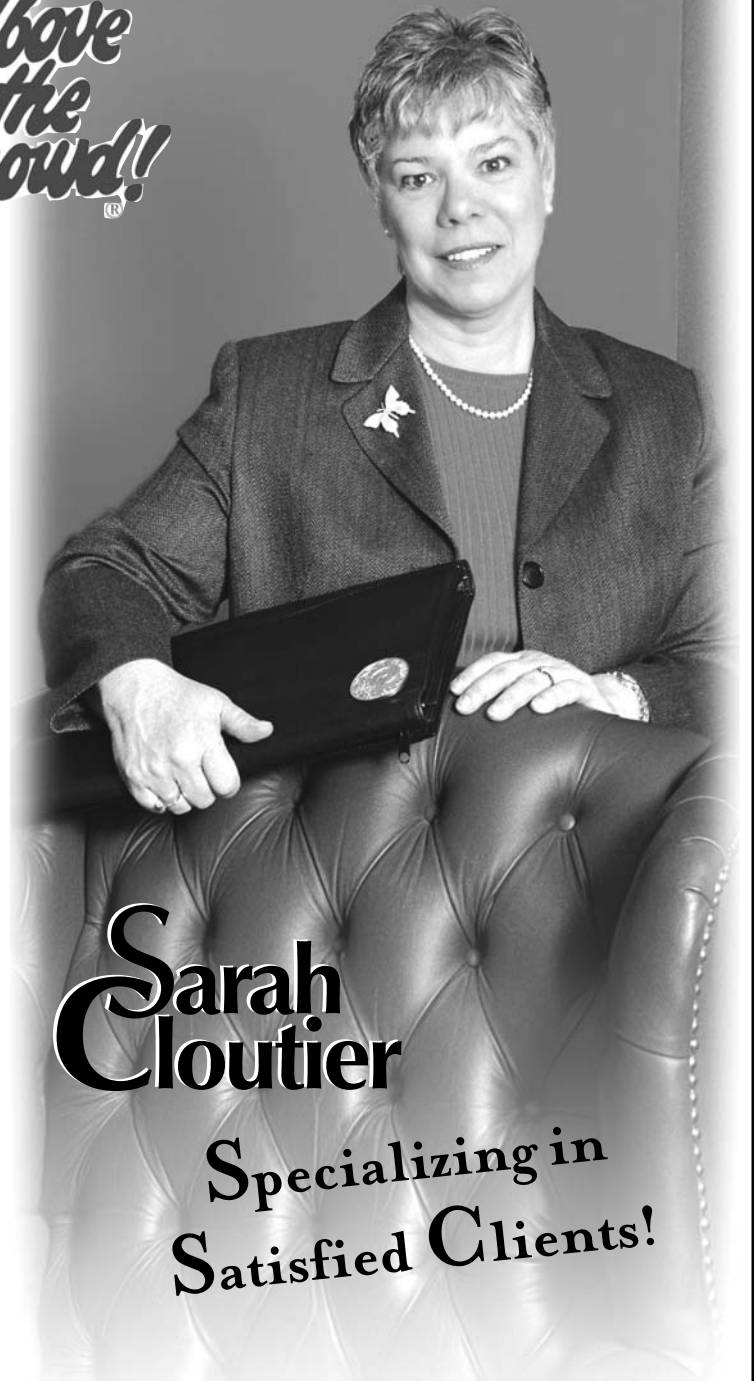
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