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Grab your torch, hop on your horse and join us at the **2008 Blackburn Fun Fair** Friday, June 6 to Sunday, June 8



Photo by Helen Rosseau

This year's Fun Fair is going to be an Olympic event, so join in the parade Saturday morning with your personally designed torch and come down for a great community event.

The parade starts at 10 a.m., at the top of Bearbrook Road and ends at the fair grounds beside the Blackburn Arena and Community Hall. When you get to the fair grounds, find the Fun Fair torch and enter your name for a chance to win a family prize.

Have fun on the rides and midway, dance, sing, laugh, eat, drink, explore, buy or bid on items donated by local businesses. Check out the schedule and poster on pages 4 and 5. If you want to get involved by volunteering, call Jenn Cloutier 613-841-9848.

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President's Message

Spring has finally finished our snow clearing and many residents are now hard at work applying their shovelling skills to moving earth. A big thanks to all who are helping make their properties (and thus the whole Hamlet) look great.

Although cool, the **Blackburn Garage Sale Day** was good enough to bring many people out and I trust we are all happy with the exchange of items from one garage to another.

Under the leadership of Barb Sweazey and her team, we had a successful **Clean-up Day**. Unfortunately, due to the amount of snow that fell, this event had to be postponed two weeks later than normal and reduced participation due to conflicts with other activities. Hopefully we will be able to go earlier next year. New this year was an effort at the Spring Clean-up led by Laura Czekaj to raise awareness of our **graffiti clean-up campaign**. See page 11 in the Banar for more information on how we hope to control graffiti and vandalism.

One other area where residents can help out is related to dog walkers. Great progress has been made in the picking up dog waste with plastic bags. It is now rare to see dog walkers without their baggies. The next step, however, is **to get these bags back to the dog's house** and not left beside trees in our parks (ask the clean up crews from the Clean-up Day) OR IN THE PARK GARBAGE CANS!

The city does not do daily garbage pickup and those living close to the parks should not have to suffer from other peoples' dog waste.

We are advised that, due to the rough winter, the City crews are a little behind in their **road repairs**. As well, the park paths are showing some serious decay and the City is studying this.

Finally, we are approaching the **Fun Fair weekend**. Everyone is encouraged to come out and participate, get involved and meet neighbours. This year, **Lafarge is hosting a BBQ on Sunday, June 8 from 11 am to 1:30 pm and providing buses to the quarry for a blasting demonstration**. Lafarge hopes this will help explain what is going on in the quarry to alleviate some concerns raised over the last few months. As there will be some August activity in the same part of the quarry that raised concerns last November, concerned citizens are urged to learn what is being done to mitigate any problems.

Not wanting to sound like a broken record (these were things that went around on a turntable and were scratched by a needle), the success of the Fun Fair depends on volunteers. Please talk to the volunteers you see at the Fun Fair and offer your services for next year. Some of the current volunteers have done their stint and we need new blood in order to continue.

See you on June 7th.

Roger Smiley

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Fun Fair Schedule

Friday, June 6th

Carnival Rides, 3 pm–9 pm
Midway, 3 pm–9 pm
Entertainment by *Crash the Clown*, 7 pm–9 pm

Saturday, June 7th

A-Channel will be stopping in during the day
Rides and Midway, 9 am–9 pm
Pancakes–*Optimist Club*, 8 am–10 am
Parade – Olympic Torch Theme 10 am–11 am. Bring your torch and join the parade. Find the hidden torch on the fairgrounds and enter your name in the box. The draw for the prize will be held at 3 pm
Face Painting, 11 am–4 pm par/by *Les Guides 4 cie de St Claude*
Dunk Tank, 11 am–4 pm sponsored by *Klein Optical*
BBQ, 11:30 am–3 pm sponsored by *Enbridge* and *Loeb*
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Jugglers, 1 pm–2 pm & 3 pm–4 pm *Right on the Head Juggling Troop*

Main Stage Area Saturday

Circus Delight, 11 am–12 pm
Cake and speeches, 12 pm–1 pm
Tim Hortons–Rogers Community Cruiser, 12 pm–2 pm
Mad Science, 1 pm–2 pm
Open Mic, 2 pm–3 pm
Live Entertainment featuring *Sparkwire* 3:30 pm–5:30 pm
Live Entertainment featuring *Jeremy Merrick*, 6 pm–7 pm
Live Entertainment featuring *Urban Legend*, 7:20 pm–9 pm
Fireworks, 9 pm Sponsored by *Lafarge*
Live Entertainment featuring *Blackboard Nails*, 9:30 pm–12:30 pm

Arena Saturday

Silent Auction, 11 am–3 pm *Must be in attendance to win your bid*
Blackburn Library, every ½ hour — storytime between 11 am–4 pm
Children's Craft Corner, 11 am–4 pm
Showcases and General Store, 11 am–4 pm

Sunday, June 8th

Carnival Rides Midway, 10 am–6 pm
Live Entertainment featuring *Sparkwire*, 1 pm
BBQ sponsored by *Lafarge*, 11 am–1:30 pm
Lafarge Quarry Tour buses starting at 11 am
Lafarge Blasting Demonstration, 1 pm
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Please contact me as I am interested in volunteering in the community.

I would like to support the BCA by buying a membership. Included is a \$10 cheque made out to "BCA".

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PLAN d'ÉVÈNEMENTS

Friday June 6th/Vendredi 6 Juin 2008

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Saturday June 7th/Samedi 7 Juin 2008

Pancake Breakfast/
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Spring fever outbreak inspires volunteer spirit

by Councillor Rainer Bloess

Spring has sprung at last!

Who would have thought those towering, menacing snow banks would melt away so fast? Along with the natural high that the warmer weather always brings, each year the sun also seems to motivate and energize hundreds of Hamlet residents whose volunteer spirit never fails to amaze and impress.

Thanks to all of those who came out for this year's Spring Cleaning the Capital campaign from April 15 to May 15. The City now boasts nearly 60,000 volunteers who participate in the annual Spring and Fall campaigns. Local schools, sports clubs, neighbourhood associations, families, friends and individuals all joined together again this year here in the Hamlet to spruce up our sidewalks, streets and parks for the spring season. Blackburn Hamlet alone boasts 10 groups participating to date. Kudos to Barb Sweazey and her group of volunteers for another successful event.

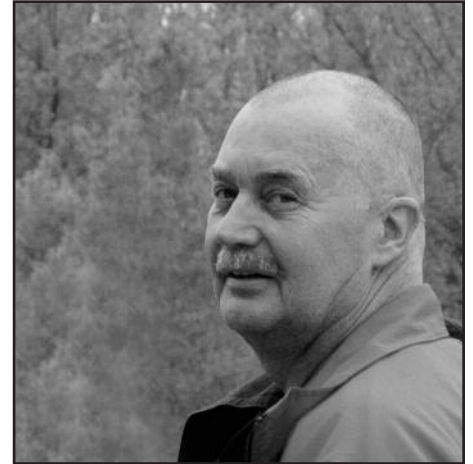
While we are talking about making Blackburn Hamlet a better place, a special tip of the hat to Bill Smith, Shirley and Al Haggerty and Gladys Kilpatrick who have taken on the task of tidying up and beautifying the floral displays at the entrance signs to our neighbourhood, a gesture which has a dramatic impact, welcoming visitors and residents alike to our community.

Congratulations to volunteers John and Monique Benfield from the tennis club who were honoured this month

at the City's Annual Volunteer Appreciation Awards ceremony. It is always a special pleasure to see our own neighbours receive much-deserved recognition for the important work that they do within our community.

Thanks also to this year's FunFair team. Because of the efforts of this dedicated group of hard working, enthusiastic organizers and the varied contributions of dozens of local businesses, all systems are go for this year's FunFair from June 6th to 8th. As always, volunteers are still needed, skilled or unskilled, old or young, to help with every aspect of the fair, from setting up to supervision. Contact Jenn Cloutier at jacc@rogers.com, 841-9848, if you have a couple of hours to spare.

And finally, congratulations to George and his Blackburn barbershop staff on the occasion of their fifth anniversary here in the Hamlet. Unfortunately, I am personally unable to mark the



Cops for Cancer fundraiser—celebratory haircut.

event with a celebratory haircut, having had my own locks shaved off (by mistake—I had volunteered only to sacrifice the moustache) during a recent Cops for Cancer fundraiser. As a result, I proudly, boldly and baldly join the dozens of other Hamlet residents who have given of themselves this spring in support of their community.

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Monique and John Benfield win award

by Barbara Nolen

On Monday May 5 at Ottawa City Hall, Monique and John Benfield were presented with the City of Ottawa Distinguished Civic Appreciation Award for Sports and Recreation by His Worship Mayor Larry O'Brien and Councillor Rainer Bloess. They were honoured for their many years of unwavering commitment to promoting the sport of tennis in our community.

Through their boundless energy and enthusiasm Monique and John have made tennis accessible and enjoyable for everyone in our community, from the very young at "tennis camp", to teens, families, and seniors. Their countless hours of volunteer work help keep the Blackburn Tennis Club



running smoothly; and over the years they have tirelessly promoted tennis as a fun and healthy way to pass the summer.

There were 96 nominees for Civic Appreciation Awards this year, over

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Help stop graffiti / vandalism in our community

by Garth Hampson

If you are like me, you will have noticed the escalating problem of graffiti throughout the Hamlet—fences, letterboxes, historic park signage, benches, bus stops, signs, schools, stores and the arena. You name it, nothing escapes this sort of vandalism.

The Blackburn Community Association has begun a program to eradicate graffiti from our streets. You may not be aware of some of the implications caused by this sort of vandalism. **Parents and property owners are responsible for the removal of graffiti from their property—at their expense.** If not, the graffiti will be removed and the

parents and property owners assessed removal costs.

Under the Parental Responsibility Act, parents are financially responsible for property loss, damage or destruction intentionally caused by their children.

We are all concerned about taxes going up so you should know that the budget for cleaning graffiti has risen from \$585,000 in 2007 to the current estimate of \$1.9 million. This in itself, should spur us on to help rid us of this eyesore.

The BCA program will involve students, schools, police, Crime Stoppers, parents and concerned neighbours. We ask that all Blackburn residents assist in this very important effort to rid us of graffiti.

Under the Parental Responsibility Act, parents are financially responsible for property loss, damage or destruction intentionally caused by their children.

History and Culture of Graffiti

The term 'graffiti' generally means one or more letters, symbols, etchings, figures, inscriptions, or stains howsoever made or affixed to a property, or other markings that disfigure or deface a property. Murals that are sanctioned by the property owner and for which a permit has been obtained are not considered graffiti.

Graffiti vandalism is not a victimless crime. When graffiti is left to spread in the community, it can leave the impression that nobody cares or that nobody is in control. When graffiti is allowed to spread, it can lead to further disorder and more significant crime to property.

Graffiti has existed in varying forms for centuries. Although historically several different styles have existed, the most common style of graffiti known remains as 'tagger' graffiti. Its roots are based in the hip-hop culture in the early 1970's.

Graffiti vandals do not respect the law and do not want to work on graffiti legally. The culture is based primarily on two principals:

- "To Get Up" which means to place as many tags as possible, and
 - "To Keep It Real" which means to keep it illegal.
- Graffiti vandals thrive on the adrenaline rush of the risk involved when doing it illegally.

It is important to reach out to youth at an early age to ensure they understand what graffiti really is and the negative impact it can have on them and their community.

Graffiti vandals come from a variety of different cultural and economic backgrounds, and are predominantly males in their early teens to mid twenties. There is however a common denominator that they share—the desire to win 'fame' within their subculture.

Graffiti is not art. It is illegal, done without the permission of the property owner, and negatively affects the community.

How to help

- 1) Call police if there is a crime in process 613-230-6211.
- 2) Crime Stoppers pay tips for information received that identifies those doing graffiti. Call 613-233-TIPS (8477), text anonymous tips or visit www.crimestoppers.ca to learn more or to send in a tip.
- 3) Make note of what you see or hear and pass it on to the city by calling 311 for clean-up on public property.

Graffiti placed on public or private property is vandalism and subject to fines and charges.



Person in photo for illustrative purposes only

We are getting better

In the weeks leading up to the Spring Clean-up this year, my little four-year-old took to carrying home great bundles of discarded pop cans, old plastic bags and other miscellaneous litter he'd come across on his travels through the paths in Blackburn Hamlet. He kept telling me that the Spring Clean-up had to happen soon because we really needed it! I don't think he was the only one doing his own part in advance of this year's Spring Clean-up.

The annual event, held on May 10 this year was another great success — but this year it was different. While not as many participants were able to join us this year and we didn't collect a "mountain" of litter, there was an overall sentiment that the Hamlet was cleaner this spring. The event

had been postponed from the usual day in April, in light of the heavy snowfall this winter.

In all, there were about 140 participants and as usual we had many of our dedicated volunteers back to help, in so many ways— Corinne Campbell, Paula Rosenquist, Lynn Leduc and the BBQ team, Bill Smith, and Ken McEwen and his gang of helpers, and many others. Other support came from Councilor Rainer Bloess and his staff, who helped to MC the event and to provide many door prizes for participants. We also received four very generous gift certificates from Accessible Cash Payday Loans, a Montreal Road business owned and operated by local Blackburn Hamlet residents.

Another difference to this year's event was the Graffiti-removal Kits. Through the direction of Laura Czekaj, several families helped in removing graffiti throughout the neighbourhood on the morning of the Clean-up. This is a positive enhancement to our repertoire and we look forward to offering it again next spring.

As well, this year was the first time that the Blackburn Community Association (BCA) hosted the Spring Clean-up in cooperation with our local Tim Hortons. Owners of the new coffee shop, Shelley and Howard White, not only provided complimentary coffee and donuts, but they were also on hand to meet the community residents that came to

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A few "Spring Clean-up" volunteers

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help with the clean-up. We also learned that this particular Tim Hortons is working hard to keep our community tidy on a daily basis. Each day, a team from the Tim Hortons staff goes out 4 to 6 times to do a sweep of the local area to keep it free from debris and litter.

Thanks to each and every one of you who took the time to help clean up the Hamlet this spring. I think we can see a difference from year to year, since our mountain of litter keeps shrinking as everyone pitches in all year long.

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Les RRR des Guides de la 4e Cie St-Claude

par Dominique Vachon

C'est par la première belle soirée de printemps, malgré les bancs de neige encore visibles, que les Guides de la 4e cie. Saint-Claude ont nettoyé la cour de l'école secondaire Louis-Riel dans le cadre du grand ménage de la capitale. 12 filles et 2 animatrices ont ramassé 6 sacs de poubelle et 5 sacs de recyclage qui débordaient. Cette activité nous a conscientisé à la pollution. À faire des activités comme celle-ci nous étions désolées de voir tous ces déchets et comment les gens salissent nos villes et nos campagnes. Alors nous vous invitons seul ou avec parents, amies, voisins, l'école etc. à nettoyer les cours des écoles, des parcs, votre cour etc.

Nous avons aussi inventé et joué un



Emy, Arielle, Sara-Emilie et Cynthia — 12 filles et 2 animatrices ont ramassé 6 sacs de poubelle et 5 sacs de recyclage qui débordaient.

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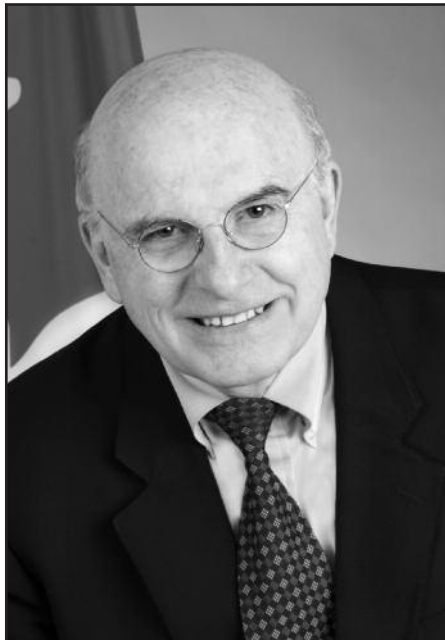


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Avid Readers at Glen Ogilvie Public School

by Barb Sweazey

For the week of May 12-16, Glen Ogilvie put the spotlight on reading. Working with Kiwanis Club of Ottawa Literacy Project for this initiative, this year's Read-A-Thon theme was "Glen O Medieval Readers". Throughout the week, students tracked the number of hours that they read, and for every hour they were given a block to place on the Reading Castle we built in the school library. Students were rewarded by having Principal Mme Constance McLeese dress up like a princess for the day! In all, more than 1,600 hours of reading were completed by the students over the five day period.



Additionally, the school hosted two local authors who launched our Read-a-thon, including poet and author JC Sulzenko and J. FitzGerald McCurdy, author of the Serpents Egg Trilogy and The Mole Wars Trilogy. One of the biggest highlights for the week was Family Story Time held on the evening of May 14 in the school library. Dressed in pajamas, children and their parents came to listen to a selection of Robert Munsch stories, including one of his yet-to-be published books! More than 100 families attended this special event that celebrated the wonder of reading.



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The sixth annual 5k Walk/Run for the Cure for Breast Cancer will be held on Sunday, October 5 starting from the Blackburn Community Hall next to the Blackburn Arena. Doors open at 8:15 a.m. and the event starts at 9. It's a pleasant trip through our beautiful parks. Most people enjoy a leisurely stroll. Please mark your calendar now.

We all know someone close to us who has been touched by breast cancer. The money we raise will help prevent, treat and support those fighting this disease. Twenty years ago only 25% of those diagnosed would survive five years. Two decades later, 75% will survive five years, a powerful testament to what fundraising can help make happen.

In the past five years we have raised in excess of \$65,000. Freedom 55 Financial is now a major corporate sponsor and the Freedom 55 team's participation results in a matching donation. We also welcome and appreciate the great support of our community businesses with their donations of service, gifts and money. Refreshments will be available before and after the Walk/Run.

Please join the Walk/Run on October 5th, and look for us in the Fun Fair parade on June 7. For more info call Lynn Sewell at 613-837-4792 or Bill Horne at 613-837-2166. You can see pictures from previous Runs at www.blackburnhamlet.ca under "Past Events".

See you October 5th!

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Summer Reading and Activities at the Library

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Gear up for summer! We've got a great adult program coming up with "Great Wine is Yours for the Making" on June 17th with Hop n' Vine Wine. People wishing to attend must register at the branch.

Come in and grab some magazines for the cottage or relaxing on your patio. We've got plenty of books on barbecuing, grilling and making delicious drinks too!

Keep an eye out for us at the FunFair this year! Marg will be performing a storytime and we'll have some great promotional items to hand out. Stop in and join our Summer Reading Club this summer. Our topic is "Humour"! We also have some fantastic kids programs lined up, here are some examples.

Chris Pilsworth, illusionist: A magic show for the whole family. Thursday, July 3, 2 p.m. / Un spectacle pour toute la famille. Jeudi 3 juillet, 14 h.

Drôle de masque: Viens créer un masque à l'aide de plumes, peinture, et autre matériaux. Vendredi 4 juillet. Pour les 3-6 ans. 10 h / Pour les 7-12 ans. 11 h.

Storytime: Stories and rhymes for young children; parents and caregivers are welcome to join. Ages 3-6. Tuesdays, July 8, 15, 22, 29, / August 5 and 19, 10:30 a.m.

Babytime: Stories, rhymes and songs for babies 0-18 months and their parent or caregiver. Thursday, July 10/ Thursday, August 7 at 10:15 a.m.

Cartooning: Learn to draw crazy characters. Ages 8-12. Wednesday, July 16, 2 p.m.

Toddler time: Stories, rhymes and songs for child with an adult. Ages 18-35 months. Thursday, July 24, 10:15 a.m.

Mad Science Circus Show: Ages 6-12. Wednesday, July 30, 2 p.m. / Sciences en folie spectacle de cirque. Pour les 6-12 ans. Mercredi 30 juillet, 14 h.

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Summer Fun for Kids and Parents

By Kristin Hoddinott

It seemed like it would never arrive, but spring has finally sprung. Of course this means that summer is just around the corner. And along with the lazy days of summer comes the familiar daily angst of keeping the little ones entertained and out of trouble. If you're lucky, you may be able to enroll your child in a few summer camps. Or, you might take advantage of some of the city's museums and recreational programs. But let's face it: sometimes when you have toddlers and preschoolers it's just easier to stay close to home.

A friend of mine once gave me the idea of an "inside" activity box and an "outside" activity box. Each box would hold a set of index cards with various inside and outside activities written on them. Every day (depending on the weather and your mood) your child chooses one activity from either of the boxes. Not only does this give you at least one planned activity for the day, it gives the children an exciting surprise to anticipate. The activities don't need to be extravagant. Anything such as bubbles,

sidewalk chalk drawings, scavenger hunts, stringing beads, an obstacle course, or water games will do. The whole point is not to stress out trying to think of activities, but to ensure part of your day is planned for you no matter what the weather!

The countdown to summer is on. Just take a few minutes each day to write down one or two activities that your child would enjoy. That way, by the time summer rolls around your arsenal of activities to battle boredom will be at your fingertips!

Special thanks to Kristin, parent volunteer at Blackburn Preschool, who wrote helpful articles for children and parents of Blackburn this past year.

Summer Reading *Cont'd from page 20*

Tales with a Twist: Fractured fairytales... and they all lived happily ever after—maybe! Stories and activities. Ages 6-10. Wednesday, August 6, 2 p.m.

Music Together: A music demo for children up to age 4 and their parent or caregiver. Tuesday, August 12, 10:15 a.m.

Tickle your ears: Funny stories and a craft. Ages 4-6 years. Thursday, August 14, 10:30 a.m. Please call 613-824-6926 to register.

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- 2428 Cleroux Crescent: Beata Jakubek: watercolour, acrylic, mixed media and Zygmunt Jakubek: photography.

This offers an opportunity to see excellent local art, share ideas and purchase artwork at studio prices. More information is available at www.orleansstudiotour.org.

GHS Garden Tours

This month garden lovers are invited to a guided garden tour at Beechwood Cemetery with the Gloucester Horticulture Society. The grounds of the cemetery have been compared to a botanical garden and are quite spectacular. Meet in the parking area at the main entrance on June 16, 6:30 p.m.

The GHS members' garden tour is open to the public on June 21. They should contact the Gloucester Horticultural Society by e-mail at gloucester@gardenontario.org or by calling 613-822-1017.

Grandmas' garage sale a huge success

Thank you so much to all those who contributed time, money, transportation, articles to sell, and of course who came out to buy. Over \$1700 was raised toward making a positive difference in the lives of African grandmothers caring for orphan grandchildren, many under dire circumstances. Some projects funded under the Grandmothers Campaign of the Stephen Lewis Foundation include provision of food, shelter, school fees and uniforms, small communal gardens, workshops, and counselling. If you would like more information go to the campaign website www.grandmotherscampaign.org or visit our booth at the Blackburn Fun Fair.



Blackburn Hamlet 50+ Group

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To register your child for the upcoming season, please visit the BMHA web-site to use the new on-line registration process: <http://www.blackburnstingers.com/registration.php> or to download the registration forms.

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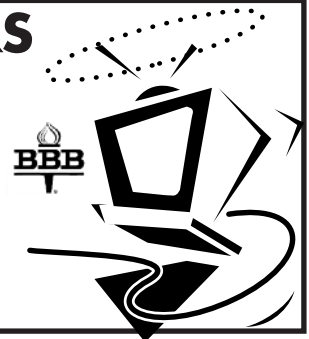
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June

Fri. 6–Sun. 8	Blackburn Fun Fair (see pages 1, 4 and 5)
Sun. 8	Lafarge BBQ and Blasting Demonstration (see page 3)
Tues. 10, 7:30 pm	Knit & Craft Night at St Mary's Parish House
Sun. 15	St. Mary's Welcomes New Rector for her first Sunday in our Parish
Mon. 16, 7:30 pm	GHS Tour of Beechwood Cemetery (see page 22)
Tues. 17	Great Wine is Yours for the Making, Blackburn Library (see page 20)
Sat. 21	Gloucester Horticultural Society's Tour of Gardens (see page 22)
Sat. 21–Sun. 22	Orleans Studio Tour (see page 22)
Sun. 22, 2 pm	Meet and Greet for St. Mary's New Rector (see ad below)
Sun. 22, 6 pm	50 Plus Group Pot Luck Dinner, Blackburn Community Hall (see page 23)
Tues. 24, 7:30 pm	Knit & Craft Night at St Mary's Parish House

July / August

July

Thurs. 3, 2 pm	Magic Show / Drôle de masque (see page 20)
Tues. 8, 7:30 pm	Knit & Craft Night at St Mary's Parish House
Wed. 16, 2 pm	Cartooning (see page 20)
Tues. 22	Knit & Craft Night at St Mary's Parish House
Wed. 30, 2 pm	Mad Science Circus Show/Sciences en folie spectacle de cirque (see page 20)
Thurs. 31	BCA Membership Draw Deadline (see page 1)
Thurs. 31	Deadline for BMHA hockey registration

August

Wed. 6, 2 pm	Tales with a Twist (see page 21)
Tues. 12, 7:30 pm	Knit & Craft Night at St Mary's Parish House
Tues. 12, 2 pm	Music Together (see page 21)
Thurs. 14, 10:30 am	Tickle your ears (see page 21)
Tues. 26, 7:30 pm	Knit & Craft Night at St Mary's Parish House

Upcoming

2nd & 4th Tuesdays	Knit & Craft Night at St Mary's Parish House
Oct. 5, 9 am	Walk/Run for the Cure, starts at Blackburn Community Hall (see page 19)

Meet and Greet St. Mary's New Rector

Sunday, June 22, 2 p.m.

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