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Novice B1 Stingers Win Championship in New York State



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Back Row, L to R: Shane Lemieux, Oliver Nicholds, Jeremy Kirkey, Samuel Marcotte, Reid Drolet, Bradley Lemieux, Malcolm Bélanger, Donovan Couture
Coaches, L to R: Mike Godwin, Sylvain St-Amant, Keith Weber

by Laura Weber

It was a weekend of "FIRSTS" for players on the Blackburn Stingers Novice B1 team.

For many of the kids (and parents) the four-hour trek to Skaneateles, New York was their FIRST experience of an "away" hockey tournament. Everyone was eager to make it the best weekend of the year. Things got off to a great start on Friday evening as the Stingers defeated Lysander

6-1. Although they dominated play in the next game, the Stingers had difficulty putting the puck in the net and lost 4-2 to a hard-working team from Camillus. The team had to shake off the upset loss and focus on defeating a solid team from Midstate. By playing great team defense and capitalizing on a Midstate letdown the Stingers secured a 1-0 victory and finished third in round robin play and were ready for the semi-final game.

Against the home-town favorites, the Skaneateles Whites, the Stingers outshot their opposition but the opposing goalie was spectacular and only surrendered one goal. Fortunately the Stingers didn't give up any goals and advanced to the Championship game with a 1-0 win.

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President's Message

At time of writing, the winds are blowing and the sun is shining so it won't be long now before all that white stuff is gone for another year. The sins of our throwaway culture are once again exposed to our view so we will all be picking up our own properties. The spring cleanup day is scheduled for April 18th (see page 7) to look after the communal areas. This event is fun and beneficial for all and everybody is encouraged to take part. Fill a bag and then your stomach.

On the subject of cleanliness, we once again remind dog-walkers their waste should be bagged and returned home for disposal. It is not pleasant (nor healthy) to be leaving these bags in the garbage containers in the parks.

Thanks again to the crew of ice makers, cleaners and monitors who made this outdoor skating season one of the more successful

ones. For once our problems with vandalism were minimal and those young guys keeping an eye on our rinks deserve credit for this improvement.

Plans are underway for this year's version of the Fun Fair and — as usual — volunteers are needed to make this event a success.

Finally, on the issue of personal safety, we are reminded to ensure cars are locked when left outside overnight. It seems there has been another rash of incidents where cars with unlocked doors have had their contents removed. Let's not make it too easy!

Reminder: Purchase your 2009 Blackburn Community Association membership card by October 1st, 2009 and you will automatically be in the draw on Thanksgiving weekend for a flat screen television.

Happy spring everyone.

Roger Smiley

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Blackburn Stingers Continued from page 1

With only a few hours between games, the Stingers faced off against a strong team from Monroe County. Monroe had breezed through the tournament winning all their games and outscoring their opposition 31-4. After the playing of the national anthems the Stingers and Monroe County staged an epic battle for Mite B hockey supremacy. The Stingers struck first by scoring on a penalty shot. Monroe County kept attacking and eventually tied the game in the second period. As many parents were losing their voices from cheering and others were pacing nervously back and forth the Stingers scored late in the second period and took a 2-1 lead into the third period. They then withstood a furious late-game charge from Monroe County to win the championship game 2-1. The Stingers had played their best game as a team and were rewarded with FIRST place (and a huge trophy).

A group of worn out parents and tired children headed back to Ottawa with trophies in their hands and smiles on their faces.

And then, the icing on the cake. Less than 24 hours after winning the Skaneateles Tournament the Stingers were informed that they had finished the regular season in FIRST place! What a season—what a team! Now the Stingers must set past victories aside and focus on winning the third jewel of the GHA Triple Crown—the playoffs. Good luck Stingers—you have repeatedly demonstrated that you can do anything you set your minds to!

BCA Park Cleaning & Maintenance

The Blackburn Community Association is looking to hire a student to clean the Blackburn Hamlet community parks. Duties include cleaning each park and structure area and reporting on the condition of parks. Employment hours are flexible but are generally 20-30 hours per week from Victoria Day weekend to Thanksgiving weekend. Please contact Tom Scott at 613-834-8661 or by email at tscott56@rogers.com for more information.

Correction

Paul van Bruinessen's name was unfortunately spelled improperly in the February cover story regarding the outdoor rinks. For several years now, Paul has been responsible for organizing and working on the outdoor rinks that we use and enjoy so much.

Fun Fair 2009: *Come one, come all and volunteer*

In 1971 Blackburn held its first Fun Fair—an evening event held at the Glen Ogilvie Public School. It was a resounding success and plans went ahead for a full day event in 1972.

Each year (except for 1987) someone with vision and energy has stepped up to the plate to organize a Fun Fair for the community. Adults who attended as children are now bringing their children to the fair. Many things have changed but the joy and excitement of summer days with neighbours has not.

This is the third year that Jennifer Cloutier has been Chair of the Fun Fair. Jennifer brought her vision of a midway to the fair and families with children, young and old loved it! Community groups that participated also benefitted as their “share of the profits” grew.

The Fun Fair is a great showcase for organizations and businesses while music, auctions, games and activities provide entertainment for everyone.

A perennial problem is once again threatening the well-being of the Fun Fair. Jennifer has been finding it increasingly difficult to find volunteers. She has yet to find a volunteer who will take the lead with the parade.

Let us not take the Fun Fair for granted. It does not happen without a lot of effort and dedication from a lot of people

This is a “call to action” to come forward if you wish to see the Fun Fair exist for your children and grandchildren. It will be time and energy well spent as the friendships you will form will last forever.

Fun Fair Chairs

- 1971 Lois Kemp & Eleanor MacQuarrie
- 1972 Lois Kemp
- 1973 Vivian Dawson
- 1974 Kae Ditto
- 1975 Evelyn Grover
- 1976 Joanne Cottingham
- 1977 Joan Trusdale
- 1978–80 Lois Kemp
- 1981–2 Joanne Bushell
- 1983 Linda Phillips
- 1984 Don Clow & Don Gray
- 1985 John Lockie
- 1986 Bill Horne
- 1988–9 Jackie Ruano
- 1990–1 Lee Coutu & Daphne Poulin
- 1992–3 Lorna Palmer & Penny Harfield
- 1994–5 Brett Maxwell
- 1996 Sherry Woodburn
- 1997 Sherry Woodburn & Chantal Goyette
- 1998 Neil Papineau & Jean Neufield
- 1999–00 Neil Papineau
- 2001 Michael Binda
- 2002 Paul Graham
- 2003-4 Gord Hawley
- 2005 Beverly Hobbs
- 2006 Sonia Brereton
- 2007–9 Jennifer Cloutier

If you hear a voice within you say 'you cannot paint,' then by all means paint, and that voice within you will be silenced. VINCENT VAN GOGH

Blackburn Hamlet Garage Sale

Saturday May 2nd Raindate May 3rd
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Fun Fair Book Sale

Donations of books, magazines and other publications are now being accepted for the annual book sale taking place during the upcoming Blackburn Hamlet Fun Fair. All proceeds from the sale of books at the event go towards funding activities in the community. Anyone who has a boxful, or more, of old books they want to drop off for a good cause can contact Laura Dudas at 613-282-4139.

Blackburn Community Association in 2008

BCA Profit & Loss Statement - 2008

Income:

BANAR	23,417	
Community Hall	13,188	
City Grants	13,680	
Outdoor Rinks Grant	4,200	
Interest & GIC revenue	3,490	
Membership	1,330	
Community Support	660	
Total Income		59,965

Expenses:

BANAR Expenses	28,511	
Administration	398	
Community Hall Expenses	3,208	
Bank Service Charge	17	
Membership Expenses	982	
Outdoor Rinks	4,274	
Park Grooming	3,634	
Programming	3,536	
Liability Insurance	104	
Total Expenses		44,664

Net Income (Loss): \$ 15,300

Annual report highlights include:

- Demand for use of the Hall increasing to the point that the community should now press forward with plans for expansion.
- Parks and Recreation portfolio now includes a park maintenance program as well as the newly expanded responsibility for outside rinks.
- On the environmental front, the BCA once again sponsored the annual spring clean-up day, the rain barrel program and the annual garage sale.
- The Fun Fair was a resounding success despite the usual challenges of scarcity of volunteers, and this year, the high winds. Enough proceeds were raised to negate the usual need to subsidize this event. The benefits from the fair are passed on directly to participating community programs.
- Banar and BCA website continued to carry articles of interest by and about Blackburn as well as upcoming events.
- The BCA sponsored their first "Shakespeare in the Park" event.
- Continued involvement in deliberations and discussions on city budget, interprovincial bridge, local zoning, Walkley extension, school studies, etc.
- Of note this year was the impact of the gradual change in the local demographics. More young families are moving into the Hamlet with an increasing need for program changes. It is imperative that the BCA recruits new blood.

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by Barb Sweazey

It is that time of year again – spring clean-up! This is our 8th annual Community Clean-up and we are on a roll. Please join your friends and neighbours on Saturday, April 18 at 9:30 a.m. in front of the Blackburn Community Hall (200 Glenpark Drive) to help contribute to the community's efforts to reduce the litter in our parks, streets and sidewalks.

NEW FEATURES THIS YEAR:

Household Battery Collection: We are trying to have a bit more impact this year by encouraging community residents to bring their used household batteries to the Community Hall on the day of the clean-up. Rainer Bloess has offered to ensure that these batteries make it into the City's battery recycling program.

Note: For other types of batteries and other household hazardous wastes, visit www.ottawa.ca/residents/recycling_garbage/hhw/index_en.html to learn when and how to dispose of these items. Household hazardous waste collection days in the east end of the city will be held as follows: Sunday June 7 at Home Depot at Tenth and Innes, and Sunday September 20 at 3354 Navan Road.

Graffiti Clean-up: Building on the success of last year's pilot, we will be offering a Graffiti Clean-up Kit to those who are interested in helping to remove unsightly visual pollution on public property.

After all your hard work, be sure to plan to join us for a BBQ complements of the Blackburn Community

Association, and group photo for all volunteers at 11:30 a.m.

Remember, the City of Ottawa provides our clean-up supplies such as garbage bags, vinyl gloves, and leaf and yard waste bags. All we need is YOU! Bring along your family, friends and neighbours in our effort to clean up public property in the Hamlet. High school students may wish to participate in the event as part of their community service hours.

If you care to, you can also bring along your own more sturdy gloves for the clean-up, a rake or garbage "poker", and a coffee mug to enjoy a warm beverage at the BBQ.

Hope to see you there! Please note that the rain date is April 25 at 9:30 a.m. For more information, please call Barb Sweazey 845-0861.



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Update on possible closure Of Emily Carr

The Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) studying the possible school closure or restructuring of 8 schools in the East end including Emily Carr has been meeting since September 2008. A decision will be made December 2009. The committee has studied the school programs (including the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program (IB), enrollments, toured facilities and met with principals, students, parents and community groups. In an effort to sustain program viability and look at dropping enrollment problems in these schools, the ARC was formed to look at this situation and to consult with the public and come up with a solution. Together with the Board, the following possible scenarios have been put forward to date for review with the public.

- Close Rideau – moving students to Gloucester
- Close Colonel By – moving all students and IB to Rideau
- Close Colonel By – move regular students to Gloucester and IB to Rideau
- Close Colonel By – move regular students to Rideau and IB to Gloucester
- Close Gloucester – move students to Rideau
- Rideau becomes grades 7 to 12 – moving grades 7 and 8 from York, Henry Munro and Queen Elizabeth
- Colonel By becomes all IB school – regular Colonel By students move to Rideau
- Colonel By becomes all IB school – regular Colonel By students move to Gloucester
- Close Rideau – Rideau English students to Lisgar, all remaining to Gloucester
- Close Colonel By and move IB and their students into Gloucester
- Gloucester becomes grades 7 to 12 – EMILY CARR CLOSES – Glen Ogilvie becomes JK to 6
- Other proposals suggested by the public include making Gloucester a Sports Specialized School, closing Rideau and moving students to Ottawa Technical High School, or tightening transfers and adjusting boundaries and leaving all schools open.

The next critical meeting for the public and students to contribute in an OPEN HOUSE FORUM will be April 21, 2009 from 7pm to 9pm at Rideau High School. This meeting will allow the ARC to put forward its top proposals for the public to discuss. Anyone and everyone involved in Blackburn Hamlet should stay informed during this important process. Emily Carr supports a tremendous amount of extra-curricular activities for Blackburn citizens and it would be a huge loss to our sense of community if this treasured school closed.

The ARC will move forward and re-examine these and other proposals over the next two months with the timeframe of presenting to the Board their viable option by May 2009.

The public is strongly encouraged to participate at all meetings and to get involved by email at the Board's web site www.ocdsb.ca. or contact our trustee David Moen at 613-745-1305, email david.moen@ocdsb.ca.

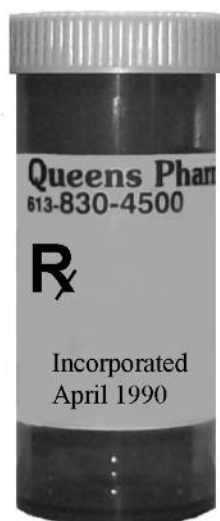
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A great storyteller retires

by Barb Sweazey

Blackburn Hamlet has reached the end of a chapter in the lives of many of our families. Our wonderful librarian Marg Irwin is retiring after 19 1/2 years working at the Blackburn Branch of the Ottawa Library.

For my children and many, many others in the community, Marg has been a steady and inspiring presence. She has offered programs dedicated to sharing the excitement and pleasure of reading and sharing stories with children of all ages. Each week, children anticipated the themes, books or crafts that Marg might share with them on their story-time day. They never knew if they would meet some wild animal, be surprised by creatures popping out of books, or try their hand at a new

instrument. An ever-patient, calm and creative story teller, Marg's story time was the absolute highlight of many preschoolers in the Hamlet. In fact, at my house Thursdays were even nicknamed "Marg Day"!

Although Marg won't be reading to our children anymore, let's keep up the wonderful ground work she created for us. Here are some easy tips to keep reading interesting for your preschoolers:

- Preschoolers particularly enjoy books that deal with families and friendships.
- Preschoolers are increasingly able to appreciate books with more abstract pictures and more fanciful plots. However, they still like books with clear action and satisfying resolutions.
- Preschoolers have a growing



interest in language and like books that allow them to play with words and rhythms.

- Look for books with attractive art, pleasing language, characters your child can identify with, clear plots, sensory appeal, repetition, rhyme, and humor.

Best wishes to Marg as she continues on in her own "next chapter" of life!

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Volunteers – The Lifeblood Of Vibrant Communities

by Councillor Rainer Bloess

Each year, the City of Ottawa presents Civic Appreciation awards to publicly thank outstanding volunteers at work across our City. Sixteen different awards will be presented this coming May to individuals and groups who have served in a variety of areas including arts and culture, recreation and sports, health, environmental protection, education and more.

The contribution made by conscientious, involved individuals to community programs is invaluable. Concerned citizens can make a dramatic difference, often ensuring that programs or services which are in danger of being eliminated, or which serve a relatively small number of residents or a special population, continue to thrive.

In many areas across our City, including the Hamlet, the "old guard" of dedicated volunteers seems to have begun to fade out. Unfortunately, these long-time, reliable and dedicated individuals are not being replaced quickly enough by new blood, and, as a result, many popular and worthwhile programs and services are in danger of disappearing. In tough economic times in particular, when financial resources are scarce, the willingness of local residents to donate their time and expertise and become engaged in their communities is crucial.

I encourage all of you to consider donating a few hours of your time to a sport, a club, a cause or an association that interests you and that you believe is of value to our community. The key to community spirit is involvement, the interaction of local residents to keep community programs alive and create a vibrant community.

As usual, please don't hesitate to

contact me with any questions or concerns at 613-580-2472 or email to Rainer.Bloess@ottawa.ca. My website is at www.rainerbloess.com.

P.S. – Speaking of volunteers, I want to thank all who helped out during the recent bus strike by providing rides to neighbours and friends. We received more offers of assistance than requests for help.



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Centre offers help to families facing divorce

by Evelyn Budd

Diane Valiquette, founder and owner of The Separation/Divorce Resource Centre (The SDRC) offers hope and sanity to families that are facing challenges in relationships that are not working.

Frustrated with what was happening in the courtrooms and with attorneys, Diane became adamant about finding a way to help partners work together and not to become paranoid, adversarial to each other or, drag the process out for years. Prior to divorce mediation, Diane worked as a mental health therapist and was exposed daily to the emotional, financial, and life costs of divorce. She and her team offer a wide range of expertise to support each member of a family

affected by a separation or divorce. This would include helping parents, children, teens, grandparents, and other family members.

More often clients come to The SDRC for the seminar, *Rebuilding When A Relationship Ends* because they want to make things better. They've seen that yesterday's methods were not working.

Articles to help families dealing with family issues can be found at The SDRC website, www.thesdrc.com. The Centre is located on the 2nd floor of 110 Bearbrook (corner of Innes Road) and can be reached at 613-837-9025 or by emailing info@thesdrc.com.

The SDRC team includes: Valerie Morinville, MSW, RSW (Bereavement counseling and couples); Jacqueline Crepin (Addiction Counseling,



Diane Valiquette

Massage, Hot Stone Massage); Heather Mullin, MSW, RSW (Gay/Lesbian issues); Tarah-Jade Sly, YSW (Child and Youth worker); Julie Gravelle (Lawyer) and Andrew McDonald (Men's group).



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by Dr. Bruce Harfield

When I moved to Blackburn Hamlet over 25 years ago, it was a quiet community in a vast green area. Innes was a two lane road that headed into the country, the trees that abound in the Hamlet were not that tall, the Bank of Montreal was beside Walley's and there was no Blackburn Arms. This is where I started my dental practice in October of 1983 and this where Penny and I and our young children Andrew, Tim, and Jeanne moved to. For the first few years my only employees were Nancy and Jane and they remained with me for over 20 years. Nancy and her husband moved to Kitchener while sadly, Jane passed away.

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I feel lucky to have my current staff as we make a good team and you can often hear the sounds of laughter filling the office. Cheryl and Lisa are my dental hygienists who care for your gums, while Donna is a restorative hygienist who works closely with me to restore the teeth I have just drilled. Audrey is my full time assistant while Kathy and Marianne are my part-time assistants. And of course there's Joyce, the



voice on the phone, who manages a lot of the business end of my practice. See if you can figure out who is who in the photograph (hint: I'm the one with the beard).

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Grandmothers urge Federal Government to make good on promises to Africa

by Myrtle Blinn

Grandmothers from Blackburn Hamlet were delighted to see Members of Parliament from all four parties present the grandmothers petition in the House of Commons on March 6 and 9. The petition calls for action to assist African grandmothers who are burying their adult children killed by AIDS, and are struggling against extreme poverty to raise their orphaned grandchildren. Since the launch of the petition last June, Canadian grandmothers have collected signatures from more than 32,000 concerned citizens.

The petition marks International Women's Day (March 8), and the third anniversary of the call by humanitarian Stephen Lewis to Canadian women to come together in support of African grandmothers. More than 220 grandmothers groups from Victoria to Halifax are working in their communities to raise funds and awareness and have contributed more than \$4 million to projects in Africa. Edwards said: "We are doing what we



Lauryn Kronick, Maureen Murphy, Peggy Edwards, Marjorie Kort, Senator Vivienne Poy signing Petition, Myrtle Blinn, Joan Turner, Doreen Larouche. Photo Courtesy of Maureen Murphy

can as ordinary citizens to raise funds and awareness, and our petition calls upon our government to keep its promises so that African grandmothers can have dignity in the present and hope for the future."

For more information please visit www.grandmotherscampaign.org. For information on joining or starting a grandmothers group, please contact Myrtle Blinn @mbblinn@rogers.com.

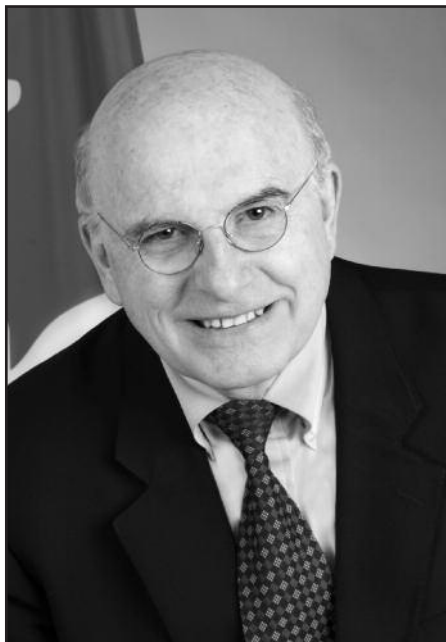


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Activités Guides del la 4e Cie St-Claude

par *Dominique Gautier*

Aujourd'hui ce sont les guides de la 4e Cie St-Claude qui ont animé la messe. Nous avons eu beaucoup de plaisir à mimer l'évangile.

Après la messe, on a eu une petite vente de pâtisserie.

Chaque guide avait besoin de faire un petit quelque chose. Beaucoup de monde ont fait des biscuits au chocolat. J'ai vraiment aimé faire la vente de pâtisserie. Les fonds que nous avons ramassés iront pour les activités que l'on fait (sorties, réunions). Toutes les guides ont eu beaucoup de plaisir et on a bien mangé les pâtisseries achetées des autres.

et de *Viviane Côté-Maxwell*

Nous n'avons pas donné de nos nouvelles depuis l'an dernier, alors un gros merci pour les dons de nourriture et les 293\$ remis à la Banque alimentaire de Gloucester en décembre à la suite de la guignolée.

En janvier, 16 guides et 5 animatrices, ont vécu le camp d'hiver au centre de conférence de la GRC à Long Island avec le thème des Caraïbes. La neige était superbe ainsi que le soleil, donc 4 guides ont dormi dans un quincy (abri de neige) après notre soirée estivale. L'accent de la fin de semaine était sur la découverte de la carte d'exploration (badges) et sur la préparation des repas que nous avons dégustés.

Le 5 mars nous avons eu la montée des Relais où 6 de nos guides sont devenues Relais, donc prête à assumer plus de responsabilités dont la préparation du camp de printemps. Ce sont; Corinne, Emy, Cynthia, Arielle, Dominique et Dominique. Le 8 mars dernier, Dominique, Dominique et Stéphanie ont participé en portant des drapeaux lors de la cérémonie du Commonwealth, rencontre de 53 pays.

L'année se poursuit. Nous préparerons un repas médiéval au Superstore le 2 avril après une soirée à l'envers pour célébrer le 1er avril. Puis, nous participerons à un repas Seder (de la Pâque juive) le 7 avril en récitant des textes de la sortie d'Égypte tout en dégustant des herbes amères, du pain sans levain et de l'agneau. Le 26 avril ce sera le Nageo-thon Richelieu où nous aurons des équipes qui feront



Le succès de la Guignolée

un relais de natation afin d'aider la recherche contre la Leucémie et le suicide chez les jeunes. Et l'année continue avec les soirées planifiées par chacune des 3 équipes : les Castors, les Gazelles et les Suisses. À bientôt. Guidement vôtre.

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Alliance Church Garage Sale & BBQ: 9am to 1pm. Rain or shine.

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Royal Galipeau, Member of Parliament for Ottawa-Orléans is pleased to announce the following dates for upcoming Passport clinics:
Friday, April 17, 4:30 am – 9 pm
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Furthermore, three additional sessions will take place in the fall on Saturday, October 3, Thursday, October, 15 as well as Monday, November 9. Times and locations will be announced as the dates approach.

You must bring: a valid driver's license or health card (with home address); an original birth certificate and/or a Canadian Citizenship card; and a guarantor (any person who has known you for at least two years).

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It is suggested that in order to expedite the process, applicants first download and complete the application that can be found on Passport Canada's website at www.passportcanada.gc.ca.

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Celebrating 140 years

Head South on Navan Road from the Blackburn Bypass and keep an eye on the scenery on the right. You will soon see a red brick church on a most idyllic site overlooking its little cemetery and the lush meadow below. This is St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church, completed and formally opened in September of 1879.

While much has changed since that first service, some things remain the same: volunteers continue to look after most of the needs of the church and tend the graveyard and although Sunday services were not regularly held at the church for a few years, it has consistently hosted weddings, baptisms, funerals and the annual memorial service, as well as various musical events like the recent concert by Robin Averill.

The church re-opened for regular Sunday services in 2006. On Sunday mornings at 8:30 the church bell rings its message over the fields and nearby residences as it has done through the decades. For the last 28 years, the congregation has also met at Louis Riel High School at 10 am for a more modern service with programs for children. In 2006, in an effort to provide better service to the residents of the Hamlet, the Parish House, an office, meeting place and outreach centre, was opened in the Blackburn Shoppes Mall (beside Mac's).

We are excited about the church's rich history in the community and are planning several events to celebrate this important anniversary. The highlight will be a Strawberry Social on June 21st at the Blackburn Community Hall. Entertainment will be supplied by Garth Hampson, well known baritone soloist formerly with the RCMP Concert Band. Other events include a Dinner with Silent and Live Auction on April 18 at the Chimo Hotel, Winefest in the Fall and various events throughout the year.

For more on the history of St. Mary's and details on all upcoming events, please refer to our website at www.stmarysblackburn.ca or contact the Parish House at 613-590-0677.

Country and gospel music

On Saturday, April 25th at 7pm the Bowes Brothers will be singing Country, Folk, Western and Gospel Music at the Rothwell United Church. Singing in four part harmony with some humor, the group has a unique style.

Born and raised in Carleton Place Ontario, the four brothers, and their father Clarence were influenced by such groups as the Statler Brothers and the Irish Rovers. Ed, the eldest of the brothers plays rhythm guitar and is the songwriter. Rod plays the bass guitar, John plays the fiddle and Andy plays acoustic guitar and sings both lead and high harmony. Clarence, their father, plays lead guitar and has performed in dance bands for over 40 years. They have shared the stage with some of country's best like Stompin' Tom Connors, Ricky Skaggs, Charlie Major, George Canyon, Paul Brandt, Ronnie Prophet and the Road Hammers.

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par Viviane Côté-Maxwel

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Cette année en plus du Spectacle 'Et c'est pas fini' des 11, 12 et 13 juin au Centre Shenkman, nous aurons des Retrouvailles 2009 le 2 mai. Vous tous qui êtes d'anciens membres, vous pouvez vous joindre aux choristes afin de célébrer cet évènement. De plus, le 2 mai ce sera aussi le lancement de notre nouveau CD 'Et c'est pas fini' regroupant d'anciennes et de nouvelles chansons.

Au plaisir de vous revoir. Vous pouvez me rejoindre au: 613-837-1839.

Science of Art

Scientist and artists are thought to have totally different personalities as well as training but the artists in this year's Orleans Studio Tour on June 20-21 from 10 am to 4 pm will straddle life between the world of science and the world of art. Included in this year's tour are four studios in the Hamlet that will showcase six artists. More details coming in the June Banar.

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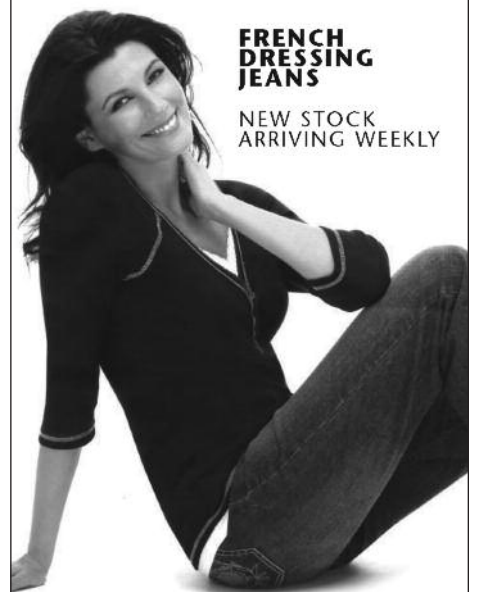
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This is a special season for Coro Vivo. A mere generation ago, a handful of singers from the east end community of Blackburn Hamlet formed a group called Blackburn Chorus. Under the capable direction of David Chin, this community "sing out" group has evolved into a well respected and talented 65 voice mixed choir.

Spring benefit concerts for CHEO have become a tradition for Coro Vivo. In addition during the season, the choir performs "sing outs" for senior's residences.

Advance tickets for this year's Celtic performance can be purchased at CD Warehouse, Leading Note, the Scottish and Irish Shop, or by calling 613-841-3902. Tickets available at the door. Adults \$20 and Students \$10.

Coro Vivo Ottawa welcomes new members. Rehearsals are held every Tuesday evening and one Saturday morning per month at the Orleans United Church, 1111 Orleans Blvd.

The next audition will be held in June 2009. Call 613-736-9139 or email cvo@corovivoottawa.ca. To learn more about the choir, please visit our website at www.corovivoottawa.ca.



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Gloucester Little League Baseball Registration

Gloucester Little League invites new or returning players to register for the upcoming baseball season. Late registration will take place on the following days:

Saturday, April 4 from 1 to 3 p.m.

North Gloucester Public Library, 2036 Ogilvie Rd.

Sunday, April 5 from 1 to 3 p.m.

Blackburn Public Library, 199 Glen Park Dr

Information and a downloadable registration form, available at www.gloucesterbaseball.ca.

Chapel Hill Garage Sale

Chapel Hill will be holding their Community Garage Sale on Saturday May 9th.

Blackburn Tennis Club Registration

Registration for this summer's tennis season at the Blackburn Tennis Club will be held on Saturday, April 25 and Saturday May 9, from 10 am to 2 pm at the club house, 2669 Innes Road.

All previously popular programs and social events will continue, with Tennis Canada instructor Mathieu Pauze in charge of the Junior Program. These four 2-week sessions begin on Monday June 29th and continue through the summer, as well as Friday night round robins for the teens. There will be private and group adult instruction, and daytime and evening round robins. Resurfacing of courts 5 and 6 was suspended last fall due to the weather, but will be finished early in the spring. We are very much looking forward to playing on this new surface.

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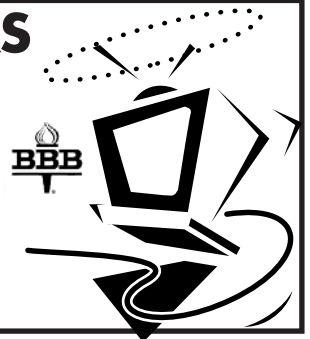
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Blackburn and Area Community Event Calendar

Sponsored by the Anglican Parish of St. Mary the Virgin



St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church, 2750 Navan Rd, celebrates 130 years this September. Join us throughout the year as we celebrate this community landmark.

Check out
St. Mary's!

April

Easter Services at St. Mary's

- Maundy Thursday – April 9**
7:30 pm, Navan Road Church
- Good Friday – April 10**
10 am, Navan Road Church
- Holy Saturday Easter Vigil – April 11**
8 pm, Louis Riel High School
- Easter Sunday – April 12**
8:30 am, Navan Road Church
10 am, Louis Riel High School

Easter Eggs are available at the Parish House

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| Sat.-Sun, 4-5 | Little League Baseball Registration (See page 24) |
| Thursdays, 10 am | Morning Bible Study, St. Mary's Parish House. All welcome |
| Tues. 14 & 28, 7 pm | Knit & Craft Night at St. Mary's Parish House. All welcome |
| Wed. 15 | Blackburn 50+ Group (See page 25) |
| Fri.-Sat., 17-18 | Passport Clinics (See page 20) |
| Sat. 18, 6:30 pm | St. Mary's Annual Dinner & Silent Auction, Chimo Hotel, Tickets \$30, Parish House |
| Sat. 18 | Fashion Show (See page 22) |
| Sat. 18 | Spring Clean-up. Rain date: Sat. April 25 (See page 7) |
| Tues. 21 | Open House Forum for Schools (See page 9) |
| Sat. 25 | The Bowes Brothers (See page 21) |
| Sat. 25 | Blackburn Tennis Club Registration (See page 24) |
| Sun. 26, 6 pm | Blackburn 50+ Group meets at the Barley Mow Pub (See page 25) |

Parish House Drop-In

2672 Innes Road, beside Mac's
Tuesday – Friday 9:30 am – noon

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Programs

- Sunday School Program
- Computer, Cell Phone and Ink Cartridge Recycling
- Bible Study, 10 am Thursdays
- Knitting and Craft Club, 7 pm, 2nd & 4th Tuesdays
- Outreach—local and global

Worship Services

Sunday

8:30 am..... Navan Road Church
2750 Navan Rd.
10 am.....Louis Riel High School
1655 Bearbrook Rd.

May

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| Thursdays, 10 am | Morning Bible Study, St. Mary's Parish House. All welcome |
| Sat. 2 | Blackburn Garage Sale (See page 5) |
| Sat. 2 | Les Chansonniers Retrouvailles 2009 (See page 22) |
| Sat. 2 | Coro Vivo concert (See page 23) |
| Thurs. 7, 2 pm | Seniors Afternoon Tea, St. Mary's Parish House. All welcome |
| Sat. 9 | Blackburn Tennis Club Registration (See page 24) |
| Sat. 9 | Chapel Hill Garage Sale (See page 4) |
| Tues. 12 & 26, 7 pm | Knit & Craft Night at St. Mary's Parish House. All welcome |
| Wed. 20 | Blackburn 50+ Group (See page 25) |
| Sun. 24 | Blackburn 50+ Group meets at the Barley Mow Pub (See page 25) |
| Sun. 31 | Blackburn 50+ Group Pot Luck Dinner |

Upcoming

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| June 5-7 | Blackburn Fun Fair (See page 5) |
| June 11-13 | Les Chansonniers: "Et c'est pas fini" (See page 22) |
| June 20-21 | Orleans Studio Tour (See page 22) |
| June 21, 2 & 3 pm | Strawberry Social, \$10 adults and \$5 children, tickets at St. Mary's Parish House from May 1 |
| 2nd and 4th Tues. | Knit & Craft Night at St. Mary's Parish House. All welcome |
| 3 rd Wed. | Blackburn 50+ Group |
| 4 th Sun. | Blackburn 50+ Group at the Barley Mow Pub |

St. Mary the Virgin
presents the 2009

Live & Silent Auction

Buffet Dinner

April 18 – 6:30 to 10 pm
Chimo Hotel
1199 Joseph Cyr St.
St. Mary's Ensemble

Tickets: \$30
Parish House
613-590-0677

Here is just a sample of some of the auction items:

- VIA package for two
- Thai Dinner
- SENS Tickets
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