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All welcome to Heritage Night celebration



Robert Winslow of 4th Line Theatre fame will be one of the featured guests at the second annual Heritage Night, which last year attracted an audience of more than 150.

The second annual Celebration of our Heritage, an evening of story-telling and reminiscing, will take place on Friday evening, February 23, at the Millbrook Legion.

Heritage Night, held in conjunction with Heritage Week in Ontario, will look at themes such as Communications, with a representative from Durham Telephones taking the audience on a tour from the early days of farm phone lines to the Internet. There will be displays including a computer for all those interested in finding out first hand how to get on-line and surf the Net.

Celebrated actor, director and playwright Robert Winslow, founder of the 4th Line Theatre will be on hand to give a sneak preview of the Theatre's 1996 season, which delves into our past.

Dorothy Slack, who came to Canada as a war bride, will reminisce with fellow Legion members Don Armstrong and John Lyons, while sisters Kay Dalgliesh

and Dorothy Stevens look back at school rooms and lessons learned, both inside and out of the classroom.

In honour of South Monaghan's 150th Anniversary, a book is being compiled, tracing the history of the township. Representatives involved in gathering up the Township's stories for the book will bring a few tales with them.

Finally, in recognition of the rich farming tradition in the area, the evening would not be complete without a look at the changes in farming and the history of the Agricultural Fair.

Heritage Night is a chance to hear stories rarely told. It is a local history lesson. It is informal, often amusing, always fascinating. Everyone is welcome to this event, which begins at 7 p.m.. The evening is free, with refreshments served following the presentations. Display space is available, and historic artifacts will be on view.

Dine in style at Yuk Yuk's Night Out in Millbrook

The response to Yuk Yuk's upcoming comedy night at the Millbrook Arena has been overwhelming. Ticket sales are brisk. The event, featuring comedians Greg Morton, Chris Quigley and Steven J. Daniels, takes place Saturday, February 24 beginning at 6 pm, with dinner catered by Delectably Delicious. Yuk Yuk's

comedy show takes the stage at 9 p.m. and the local band Brookside entertains at 11 pm. Tickets for the dinner must be purchased in advance but tickets for the comedy show and the live band can be purchased at the door. Cost for the entire evening is \$30.00 per person. Admission for just the comedy show and band is

\$20.00.

Tickets can be purchased at the Millbrook Food Emporium, the Arena, and the Millbrook Times office.

The event is sponsored by Millbrook Recreation. Some tickets are still available; call the Recreation Coordinator, Maureen McElwain at (705) 932-2327 for information.



'Three Sheets to the Wind', Rebecca Campbell, Mary Burns and Beverley Wolfe

Darts for Hearts tourney raises funds for local use

The fifth annual "Darts for Hearts" Dart Tournament will be hosted on Sunday, February 11 by the Millbrook Legion, in cooperation with The Heart & Stroke Foundation (Peterborough Chapter). Registration for this event will be at 9:30 am.

and play begins at 11. All proceeds go to the Heart & Stroke Foundation of Peterborough County.

To enter the tournament just pick up a pledge sheet at the Millbrook Legion or at the Heart and Stroke Foundation offices in Peterborough at 291 Charlotte

Street. Each participant collects a minimum of \$20. in pledges to play in the tournament. A prize of \$100. will be awarded to the highest pledge collector. Prize money totaling \$500. will be awarded for team play.

'Three Sheets' come to Give-A-Hoot

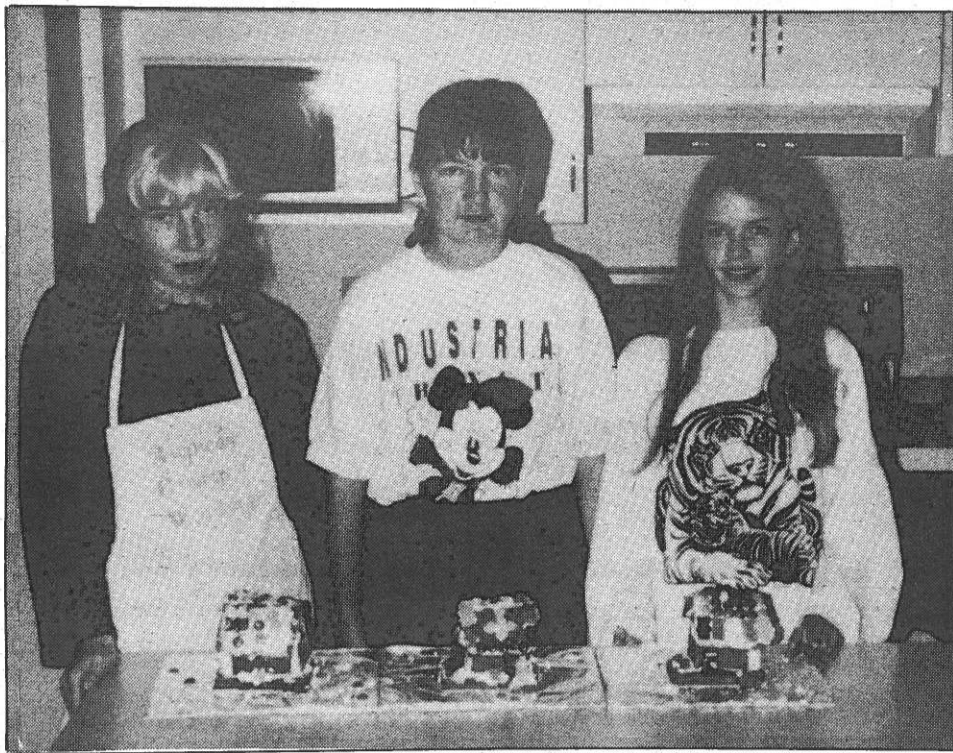
Three Sheets to the Wind, an *a cappella* trio made up of Rebecca Campbell, Mary Burns and Beverley Wolfe, is the featured act at the Give-A-Hoot Café on Friday, February 23. The coffee house is held at the Old Millbrook School, hosted by the Millbrook Cavan Environmental Watch, and starts at 8 p.m..

The ensemble, founded in 1991, delivers a unique and compelling sound, exploring in three part harmony the expressive range of the female human voice. Their repertoire ranges all the way from Bulgarian folk songs to Celtic and country tunes, from jazz standards with a twist to contemporary Canadian

material, including Rebecca Campbell's own compositions.

Rebecca Campbell has toured as part of Jane Siberry's band, and is lead singer of *Fat Man Waving*. She has performed and recorded with numerous Canadian musicians including Colleen Peterson, Ian Tamblyn, Shari Ulrich and Lynn Miles. Both Burns and Wolfe have professional theatre backgrounds in addition to their musical collaborations.

The trio have performed at folk festivals, concerts and clubs, on radio and TV and have one CD on the market to date.



from left, Sarah Farrow, Amber McCourt and Amanda Moore with some of their gingerbread houses.

Youth Group raises money for bed rolls

In October 1995, the Senior Wayfarers of the Anglican Parish of Cavan (15 teenagers in Grades 8-12) decided to have a trial run to learn how to make gingerbread houses. Success! So the first week in December they met - twice - to fill the fifty-five orders they had collected.

The Wayfarers decided that the profit from the sale of the houses would go to "Sleeping Children Around the World", an organization started by

Murray Dryden (the former NHL hockey goalie Ken Dryden's father). Thirty dollars buys a "bed kit" - mattress, sheets, blankets, pillow, pajamas, eating utensils and a toy such as a soccer ball - for a child in a developing country. All the contents of the kits are made in the country where the kits are distributed, and the distribution is organized by local service clubs such as the Kiwanis or Rotary. Every Canadian donor re-

ceives a photograph of "their" child and his or her new bed kit.

This is a unique organization because there are no overhead costs. Everything is donated - paper, printing and stamps for the quarterly newsletter, film and developing, time and energy in accomplishing the necessary paperwork. Volunteers pay their own way to the countries where the kits are given out to help with the distribution and the taking of photos.

The Wayfarers sent money for one sleeping kit last year and received a photo of "their" child in the Honduras. This year, with their gingerbread house profits, they'll be sending in money for eight more bed kits!

For anyone who is interested, the address is: Sleeping Children Around the World, 38 Pinehurst Crescent, Islington, Ontario M9A 3A5.

Funding cuts hurt Green-Up program

Peterborough Green-Up will lose approximately \$200,000. in funding due to program cuts announced as part of the provincial government's recent financial statement. The elimination of funding also affects 17 other Green Communities across the province.

The funding cuts, to take effect April 1, "were totally unexpected," said Dave McLeod, manager of the environmental action organization. "The cuts will have a significant impact on our programs, and could jeopardize up to seven full time jobs."

The effect will be felt in the popular Green Home Visit program, where provincial funding accounts for half of total program delivery costs. Since the program began in June 1993, more than 3,000 local residents have taken advantage of the free service, which shows householders how to save money while conserving energy and water and reducing waste.

"We're okay until April, but after that we are going to have to work very hard to continue offering the Green Home Visit program," said McLeod. Peterborough City and County residents who have not had a Green Home Visit are encouraged to book one right away. "We receive support from our partners, such as the City, the PUC and Consumers Gas,

based on the number of visits we do. So the more we do now, the better."

"Cutting funding to the Green Communities doesn't make sense," said Margeree Edwards Chair of Peterborough Green-Up. "Here's a highly cost-effective program that saves money, creates jobs, does great things for the economy and the environment, and even generates net tax revenues for the government. Are we being penny wise and pound foolish?"

The program, which also helps keep the City's waste and sewage infrastructure costs down, has resulted in over \$3 million in local spending through contractors, retailers and suppliers of energy-efficient products.

Mr. McLeod made it clear that Peterborough Green-Up will survive, despite the unexpected cut in funding. "We had expected to receive provincial funding for two more years, which would have allowed us time to become totally self-sufficient. Now, the size of our programs will be drastically reduced. But with a high level of community support, we can stay alive."

To show support for Peterborough Green-Up, concerned residents are asked to contact local MPP Gary Stewart or Minister of the Environment and Energy, Brenda Elliott. To book a free Green Home visit call 745-3238.

Seniors Council launches vital fundraising campaign

Senior Citizens Council serving Peterborough County and City launched its fundraising campaign at the Peterborough Petes game January 18 at the Memorial Centre.

Isadore Black, campaign chairperson, kicked off the drive by asking the citizens of Peterborough City and County to give generously when a friend or neighbour approaches them in the next several weeks. The campaign

hopes to raise \$150,000. over six weeks so that the direct service volunteers can get back to doing what they do best, providing home support services.

The council has over 700 volunteers providing a variety of services so that Senior Citizens and physically disabled adults remain in their homes safely, with dignity and respect. Sometimes it takes only a little support to make a world of differ-

ence in the life of a senior; a brief daily phone call, a drive to the doctors, groceries in the cupboard, help with a small plumbing problem or an answer to a question.

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Millbrook sisters ready to open exciting new store in Millbrook: features clothing, gifts and toys

by Christine Diaz

When Shelley Manley and Cheryl Gordon decide to do something, they often do it together. Their new venture, a store called Bear Essentials, opening in Millbrook on February 3, is no exception. The space is warm and inviting. Racks of clothing display a wide selection of casual clothing; jeans, sweatshirts and pants, along with undergarments, creative toys and everything else you need to outfit the entire family: the selection is extensive.

These two sisters had been tossing around business ideas for a while when the idea of a clothing store came to them. With overwhelming support from their families they set to work, sorting through government regulations, and renovating the store with help from Cheryl's in-laws, the Gordons from Fraserville. Their husbands are building shelving, and their mother, Adrienne Kinsmen, is going to help keep the

books. Even their sign-maker, Barbara Ryder, is enthusiastic about the project.

Between the two of them, they have seven children; Shelley's are pre-school to school age and Cheryl's are older, so they feel have a good sense of the needs of a family. This is a real partnership; their skills and ideas complement each other. Shelley will be the buyer for clothes and Cheryl will take care of the crafts and toys.

Cheryl is busy at the sewing machine which is set up right in the store, making some items they will offer for sale. Cheryl and Shelley aim to be versatile; even the display furniture such as the wooden sleigh that holds a pile of socks is for sale.

Bear Essentials' grand opening is Saturday, February 3 at 10 a.m. with a ribbon cutting ceremony, balloons and draws for gift certificates and a teddy bear. Bear Essentials is located on King Street in downtown Millbrook.



Peter Kennedy and Connie Danielsen, shown here just before Maplesfest '95, host the Sugar Bush tours on County Road 10, just south of Millbrook.

Plans for Maplefest underway

Plans for Maplefest are underway. The event, in its fourth year, will take place April 13 and 14, with various community groups participating.

Kennedy's Sugar Bush will once again offer dem-

onstrations, wagon rides and walking trails. Events in Millbrook will include a flea market at South Cavan Public School, pancakes, and the shuttle bus to Kennedys. Other events are still in the plan-

ning stages.

Any group interested in taking part in the organization of the weekend festivities is asked to call Maureen McElwain, 932-2327 or Connie Danielsen, 932-2653.

New coordinator needed now for Millbrook Youth Softball

Clive Higgins is stepping down after many years as Coordinator of the Millbrook Youth Softball Association. Anyone

interested in volunteering to fill the vacancy can call Clive or Sherry Higgins at 932-3019, or Mike or

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The lessons of history

February is the month when we focus on our heritage and the lessons of history. *The Ripple* is honoured to have the opportunity to print as a special centre-page feature, a short story by Reg. W. Doubt. Our thanks go to Mrs. Norma Worr for bringing us the story. With humour and a determination to make the best of the worst of winter, the tale speaks both of a time gone by and the timelessness of the best of the human spirit.

In honour of Heritage Week, *The Ripple* also invites everyone to an informal evening of reminiscences and conversations at the Millbrook Legion on February 23.

We will laugh together at the crazy things we did. We will wonder at the strength and imagination of the human spirit. We will relive past exploits and applaud past successes. We will be reminded of what our history and our heritage means to us, both as individuals and as a community.

For we are shaping tomorrow's history today. Decisions we make now will determine our heritage down the road. By taking the time to listen to the anecdotes, the recollections and the stories that were important 20 - 30 - 40 - 50 years ago, we find out how what happened then has brought us to where we are now. We share a perspective that then lets us look at what we do now in the context of 10 - 20 - 30 years in the future. We will pause, we will think, and then, perhaps, we'll try a little harder to make tomorrow even better.

Group needs feedback on Farmers Market now

In January, *The Ripple* reported on the proposal by a citizens group in Millbrook to establish a seasonal Farmers Market in the village, to serve area residents and attract visitors. A number of individuals associated with the group, the Millbrook Conservation Association (MCA), have received positive feedback on the idea. However, in order to gauge just how much support there is for a local Farmers Market, the group has to hear from you.

If you would support a Farmers Market as a consumer, or if you are a farmer or market gardener with produce that you would be interested in selling locally, or if you are an artisan with wares to market and the will to do it, the MCA needs to hear from you. On the other hand, if you have reasons to discourage the group from this initiative, your comments would also be welcomed.

The MCA will call a meeting within the next month or two if enough support is forthcoming. So, if you are interested, talk about it! Make it an issue. Discuss it with family and friends. Weigh up the pros and cons. Come up with ideas and suggestions on how it can be done, and how it can be successful.

To give the group an idea of how much support there would be for this, they invite you to leave your name and number at 932-2126. A representative from the group will be happy to return your call.

Perhaps here is one of those chances to build on our heritage and shape the future of our community.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MCA looks to the future

The Millbrook Conservation Association is trying to assist Council in its attempt to embrace a policy of responsible stewardship in regards to the proposed Schickendanz development. The existing plan of development has been hobbled together over the past ten years, in response to various and changing concerns. Conversations with officials at the Ministry of Municipal Affairs suggest that the village is well within its

rights to review the fundamentals of the planned subdivision and attach new conditions that more accurately reflect the present nature and aspirations of the village. In our view the existing plan exposes the village to many kinds of environmental and financial risks.

The MCA is not anti-development. Rather, we view developments like the one Mr. Schickendanz is proposing as an opportunity to help provide workable solutions which

will ensure that the village remains viable, secure and vibrant into the next century.

This will take time and effort, and perhaps most importantly, a Council willing to make the sometimes hard choices necessary to sustain a livable community. Although we recognize that Council has many other concerns at the moment, we nevertheless feel that the Schickendanz development, which will provide homes for as many as 300 inhabitants, many built on unsuitable and environmentally sensitive land, is the single most important issue facing Council in their tenure, and the one which

will have the greatest impact on the village. We believe that Council should ensure that this subdivision is built in such a way that these new families are able to maintain a quality of life that all of us presently enjoy in Millbrook, providing homes that will create pride in ownership which in turn will encourage support to this community.

To this end, the MCA is eager to sit down with Council and all other concerned parties to discuss the options and offer our assistance and advice.

Millbrook Conservation Association,
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What do you think?

We welcome letters from our readers on issues of local interest.

Please address your letters to The Editor, The Ripple, P.O. Box 279, Millbrook, ON, L0A 1G0 or send a fax to (705) 932-3700.

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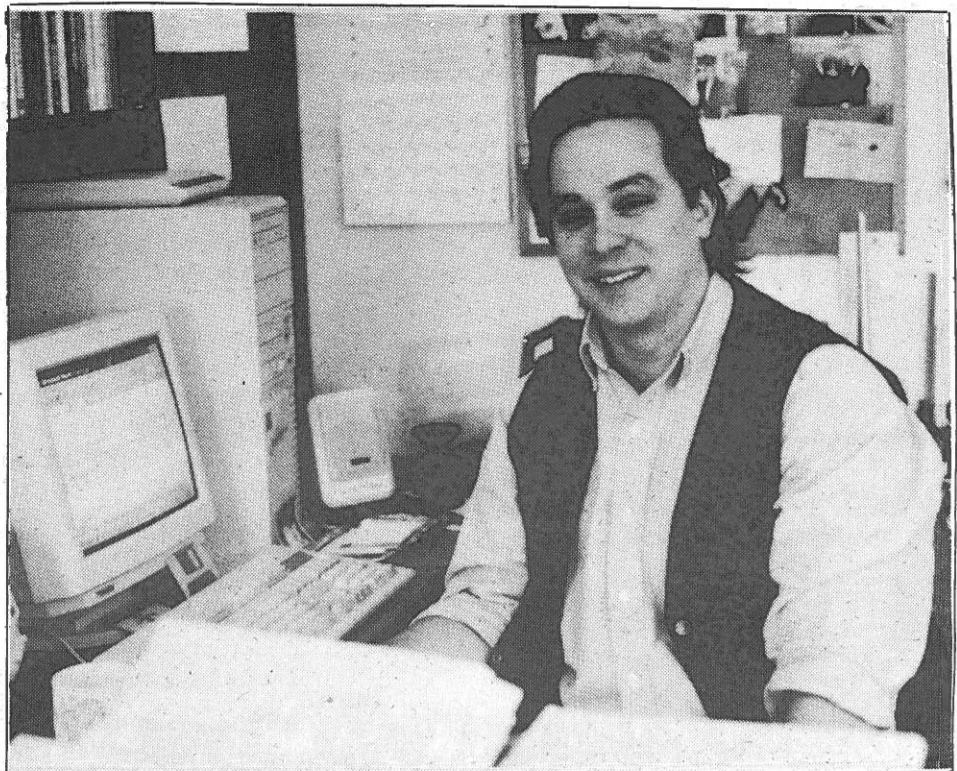
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JoEllen Brydon sits at one of the stools that form part of her art installation, The Pride of Peterborough. The work tells the story of John Smith and his tragic adventure by canoe. The work will go to the National Museum of Civilization following its display at the Millbrook Gallery.



Millbrook resident Dean Vincent organizes Writers' series.

Reading series planned

by Maureen Wideman

For Dean R. Vincent, reading good literature or writing short stories isn't enough of a hobby. Dean is taking his love of literature to the public as part of the Komendatura Reading Series being held at the Peterborough Arms six times through the year.

Dean, a Millbrook resident, is a young Royal Canadian Mounted Police officer. He is also a young writer working his way up in the literary world. He recently had a short story published in Exile, a Toronto-based literary quarterly published by Barry Callaghan.

Dean hopes to bring young local writers together with writers of national stature for his reading series. The first, held last weekend, featured Barry Callaghan, Joe Rosenblatt, Claire DE', as well as Dean. Dean's story is loosely based on convicted murderer Paul Barnardo.

The message Dean wants to convey in his series is that literature isn't boring. It

can be exciting, entertaining and personally expansive.

"I think this area can support this kind of thing," said Dean. "I have been enthusiastically received by local sponsors such as the Ramada Inn, the Kaos Cafe, and the Peterborough Arms. I am also working with local writers from the *Peterborough Review* and the *Ordinary Press* of Peterborough. We are establishing partnerships in the community."

The next in the reading series is scheduled for March 9 at the Arms. It will feature Newfoundland novelist, short story writer and poet Kenneth J. Harvey, Saskatchewan poet John Livingston Clarke, and Peterborough writer Tim Etherington. Later in the year, Dean plans to have an evening dedicated to Canadian native writers featuring one or two high level native writers paired with local writers. His idea has been well received by the community.

The reading series begins at 8 p.m. and admission is free.

Millbrook Recreation

Outdoor rink at Fairgrounds well-used

The outdoor rink at the Millbrook Fairgrounds has been very popular this winter. The rink is maintained by volunteers; therefore, those using the rink are responsible for cleaning the ice and removing the nets when they are finished. Although most people using the rink do, there are a few who

abuse it, and unfortunately those few could ruin it for everyone. Please remember to stay off the rink during mild weather.

The Youth Group which, until recently, met at the Millbrook South Cavan Public School on Friday evenings, donated almost \$1000. to Millbrook Recreation. The money was

raised through a rabies clinic, profits from pop and chip sales and the admission fee. This money will be used to upgrade and expand recreation programs. Thank you to Kirk and Anne Marie Losell for coordinating the program and to all of the other volunteers who participated.



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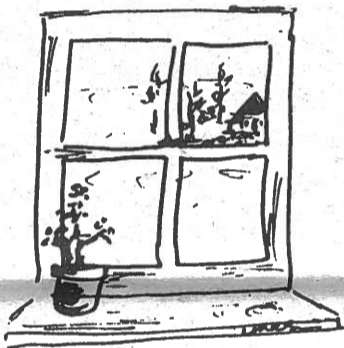
by Reg W. Doubt

Ed. Note: The following short story came to The Ripple via Mrs. Norma Worr of Millbrook. We thank her and her source for this wonderful tale. Illustrations are by Laurie Mason.

It started like this. Saturday afternoon, my wife received a letter from her friend Mrs. A. J. Miller down on the 7th concession of Cavan. It contained the usual home gossip women write to each other, and ended by saying they were lonesome to see us as they were snowed in and couldn't get the car out - snow everywhere - not likely be able to get any place till spring except by horse and cutter.

Standing, just looking out the window, I suddenly said to my wife, "Let's go down to the Miller's." She didn't even bother to look at me; just said, "Don't be silly, you know we can't get within some miles of their place; they are snowed in for the winter and hibernating."

I was skeptical. I shouldn't have been. Stood and looked out at a huge drift that has piled up over the stone fence along the northwest side of our little ranch - sort of absently figuring how to get into Alex'. If I had been really looking at that drift, it might have given me an idea of what the Seventh of Cavan was like, but I wasn't looking at the drift - just looking through it at a picture of a big red brick house nestled halfway down a hillside, orchard on one side and a grove of huge locusts surrounding the whole.



Henry Russell took a deal of pride in that homestead - built it himself, timber by timber, brick by brick. Tapped a spring far up the hill and piped it down into the house, where it runs continuously in the kitchen sink summer and winter, operates the bathroom fixtures and cools the milk in the cellar. He laid the tiles in the fireplace, put intricate designs in the hardwood floors, and big bay windows in many of the ten rooms or so. And a steam-heating plant to keep them warm.

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I said out loud; "We can't get in from Highway 28 across those four miles, much of it through swamp. But we should be able to get into Cavan. The Examiner mail truck makes it that far every day. Then we could go down the main gravel road that runs through Millbrook. Should be able to get to the corner of the Seventh, the farmers all along there drive cars and will have it dug out. Then from the side road corner I can walk over to Alex's - It's only a mile, and get his horse and cutter and come and get you."

Nice description. It took the wife in. "All right," she said, "you get the car out and I'll dress the children." Which we did.

Just to play safe, I put on an extra sweater, dug up a short-handled shovel and donned my sealskin "Daniel Boone" Katey. The bonnet produces a lot of laughs from the office staff and my friends, but it also keeps my ears warm, which after all is a good thing.

We bundled the two children in a rug in the back seat, and Nickarney Shan, the youngsters' guardian-pal, hopped in too. I wasn't in favour of letting him go as he had a sore foot. It seems that Nick, during a walk with the family over to the neighbours' the other day got into a fight - in fact, two fights. Nick has the blood of international bench champions in his veins, and his sire was imported from Ireland for his Setter hunting qualities, but I suspect his "pa" was a bit of a scrapper.

Stuck in a Snow Drift

Half a mile south of Cavan we struck snow drifts. Second gear, low gear. made a mile, and then she sat down on the housing and spun. About two hundred yards down the road it was clear. Nice sun, beautiful, snow tracks of a car through the snow, but not mine. Gosh, I didn't want to shovel. And then I found out why Cavan farmers are prosperous. Two reasons why.

Three lads hove in sight driving a single horse, a sturdy black horse, trailing a chain. I knew what for. So I hopped out, they pulled alongside, stopped, and grinned, all three of them. Nice pleasant grins, too. Nice boys, a budding young Armstrong, he with the horse; and Wilf and Howard Gillis in cahoots in a three-way towing business.

I pointed to the tracks through the long drift. One car had gone through without a tow I was informed, but the farmer had a family; they shoved. The other, the young go-getters hinted, was a lover on the way to see his girl. That was different.

They figured a mile to Fallis' was about as far as I could get after they "piloted" me through the bad spot, but admitted it might be tough getting back later that night, when they would be home. Things looked bad for getting to Miller's. The partners didn't even think they could round up a cutter and drive us over. However, Wilf Gillis finally consented to see what he could dig up in the line of transportation and by the time I had manoeuvred back to their land he had a team harnessed ready to hitch to a sleigh. They treat you right in that section of the country. Mrs. Gillis bustled out with quilts, a buffalo robe and several coats to bundle up in on the sleigh and in five minutes the two kiddies, my wife and I with a "coachman and footman" were jingling merrily along.

Old Dobbin's Future Safe

Long as we get blizzards in this section of the country the future of Old Dobbin is perfectly safe. I decided that after seeing the way the team ploughed along through drifts that sometimes reached almost to their bellies.

Took us the better part of an hour to navigate the little more than two miles. When we turned off the main gravel onto the Seventh, it seemed as if all the snow in Cavan had piled across the road. Not so bad where there was wire, but where there were rails the "snow horse" had sure heaped it up.

The drifts were swirled in pockets and the sleigh dipped and slipped, sometimes sideways causing a scramble for the high side, and then another, under the robes again. The coachman clucked to his team and occasionally got a jog out of them.

It was cold, but worth it. Brought back days when as a youngster we drove six miles to an uncle's for the occasional Sunday dinner, all bundled up in a big livery sleigh, and a pair of fast drivers clipping along used to be the highlights of the winter. Don't have them anymore and we miss a heap of fun.

Being Candlemas Day I kept a sharp eye for stray bears out shadow hunting, but nary a bruin or even a groundhog did we see. From the looks of the road and fields it didn't take much guessing to see, barring a Chinook, six or eight weeks is a mild estimate as to the start of spring.



Take The Shortest Way

In the winter it seems farmers aren't fussy about sticking to any set path, just take the shortest and easiest way, lift a fence down, if the snow isn't over it and all his neighbors "follow the leader". We wound up by cutting through the Miller orchard, and I know the road doesn't go through it in the summer, but it was shorter and besides it took you right to the back door. Only strangers use the front door, and they don't travel much in winter.

Since the depression, the last oil stock bubbler, Mr. Stevens and a few other country folk don't surprise easily anymore, but I sort of think we were the last visitors Mrs. Miller expected when she opened the door. Inside of two minutes our two young "peppers" and the Miller two were making a very credible imitation of the Ethiopian war, the two wives laughing over details of the trip, while I took my shoes off - you can do that in the country if your feet are cold - and then went in to see Alex; he was in bed with an attack of asthma. He gets it bad, puts him right on the rocks and nothing he takes seems to help.

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To The Farm

We had discussed George's funeral, a car deal in the spring, the last blizzard and started the general farming situation when Mrs. Miller came in to announce the chimney afire.

"Let it go," says Alex, "flue's steel-lined, bricks all good, roof covered with snow; what harm can it do?" The draughts were all closed on the furnace, and a check made of all openings through the house to the attic. Outside the flames were shooting three or four feet above the chimney, with plenty of sparks, but there seemed lots of snow over the roof to douse any that were alive when they fell, so I went in and the general discussion was resumed till supper was ready.

A trip outside showed flames still shooting up but abating a bit, and all seemed shipshape through the house.

We were forced to dine without the head of the house to grace the table. Had just finished a very delightful steak course when I suddenly remembered I hadn't seen Red since we arrived. He had been cruising beside the sleigh all the way over and enjoying the snowbanks immensely, and I thought he had curled up in the kitchen when we came in.

Neither of the girls had seen him. Being considerable of a house dog, in a lot, playing with the children, I figured he'd want a bit of heat by now after sitting outside for a couple of hours, so I went out.



Chimney on Fire

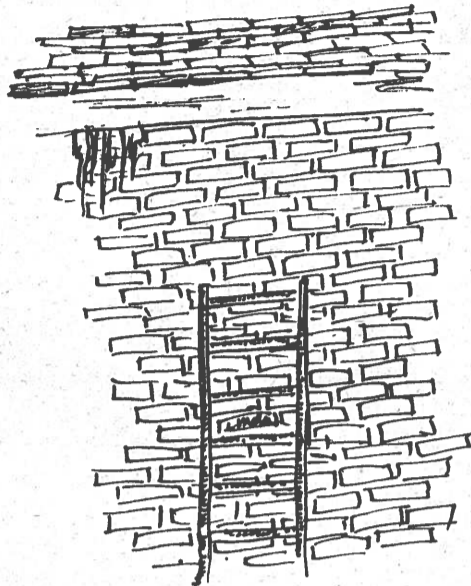
No sign of him at the back door. Glanced up at the chimney, just a few sparks drifting up. Went around to the other side of the house and whistled. Looked at the chimney again. The bricks looked a bright red. It was moonlight, the red was a weird shade. Must be red hot I thought, some blaze, but bricks wouldn't get that hot. So I went around to another angle for a closer view, and there on a gable exposed to the south and bare of snow the shingles were blazing, little tongues of fire leaping viciously up.

Firemen earn their pay. I found that out first hand. Of course equipment takes some of the edge off, but they earn it nevertheless.

Funny how quickly fire can start real action. Inside of one minute, a sick man was out of bed pulling on some clothes, his wife had a lantern lit and was on the way to the barn for a ladder, and my wife was dressing four children.

"Breathe in short pants" was never truer than by the time I had the ladder up to the house - and my heart sank when when I found it at least ten feet short of the

eaves - and that was from a section of the verandah floor at that. "Try the shed at back." Mrs. Miller called, as she struggles up with another short piece of ladder. It reached and the short section went to the eaves from the shed roof.



The shingles were steep, snowy and icy. I skidded off, lit in two feet of snow on the shed roof which was fairly flat and stuck. Tried the ridge board this time from the corner and found the lightning rod wire running down it, that helped get me right to the peak. Had no gloves on, hands seemed paralyzed, breath all gone, decided humping over an office desk has no merits as a conditioner. Scrambled along the ridge till I got opposite the gable, slid down to the chimney, hung on, reached round and swiped at the flames with a cap I had snatched on the way out. It was Alex'. Roof was wet and the fire was burning slowly, patch about two or three feet square. Found hat-battling is a fizzle as a fire extinguisher.

Back to the ridge, and there was Mrs. Miller struggling valiantly with a bucket of water at the eaves. How she got it up there is a mystery to me. Not one woman in ten would have ventured up those icy ladders, across a snow-covered roof and part way up another, let alone manage a pail of water in the bargain but she did it, and that pail of water saved her house.

Previously I credited my dog, but now you've read this far, and "the cat is out of the bag", it was chiefly the water and Mrs. Miller. The Millers have hired a man, and Frank is a good hired man, but he is nonchalant and a lover of horses. At the time the first pail of water was on its way up the roof, Frank came jogging in from a visit home, and was duly informed the house was afire. He put the horse tenderly in the

barn. But, by the time I had shinned up the lightning rod wire, stood astraddle of the peak and shot the pail of water across at a flaming gable, by the grace of the gods getting a dead centre bullseye that put a serious crimp in the fire demon's rampage, Frank had another pail of water ready at hand. More water and smoldering shingles torn off, which I can't endorse with the bare hands, finished the job.

Inside in the attic Alex had found the fire dropping through on the dry floor, but a few buckets soon remedied that. He swept up the water, looked out at the moonlight and stars through the blackened boards and thought five minutes more. Downstairs four frightened children waited, wondering what all the fracas was about. Children however forget, but a bit of child psychology cropped up when the Miller eldest, June, 5, piped up as her mother popped a stick in the kitchen stove, "Don't you think, Mummy, we have had enough fire for a while?"

We finished our supper, hot mince pie, right from the oven and were thankful.

Frank drove us back. Hitched a fresh horse to the cutter, the chimes ringing out merrily across the moonlit snow to mingle and be lost amidst the shadows of the pines along the roadside. We didn't say much, each being deep contemplation of the last few hours.

I wondered if my dog was lost. I needn't have. He was waiting curled up on the back seat of the car where two thoughtful boys had placed him when he followed the team back, wondering where we had disappeared.

Cars are nice. Fine in summer, great on the highway in winter with a good heater, but there's something about a cutter ride, bells jingling, over snowdrift between the stump fences of a country side road on a moonlit night that will create a glow in your heart and conjure pleasant memories many times in the future.



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Traditional Karate practiced at Pontypool Club

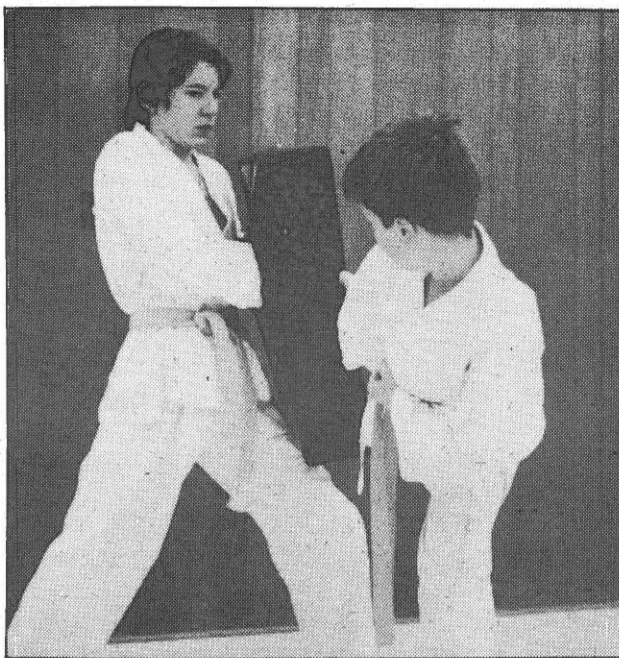
by Daryl Culley

It's a strange sight. A dozen or so barefoot men, women and children all dressed in baggy white gowns pushing damp rags across the floor. Yes, they are actually washing the floor of the gymnasium with small rags while the mop and brooms sit in the corner. This is part of getting back to traditionalism. Traditional karate. Shotokan Karate to be exact.

A visit to the Pontypool Shotokan Karate Club breaks a lot of the images one has of karate as seen on television. Washing the floor by hand is the first "lesson" of each class. Then, while kneeling on the floor, there is often a discussion of traditions, values and history of Shotokan karate. Thirty to forty minutes is often spent in warm up exercises before the martial arts begins for the remainder of the two hour class. On Saturdays there is an additional hour of Bo (6 foot long staff used for self defense) class for the experienced students.

Numbers vary at the three weekly training sessions with some club members driving from as far away as Oshawa and Cannington. The club also welcomes many visitors from other karate clubs with which it has a loose association, in Bowmanville, Courtice and Pickering.

The club was started more than two years ago on a challenge by Rick Truax to co-worker Rick Garlough, a second dan black belt from Courtice. "I really didn't expect the club to last long" says Sensi (teacher) Garlough "in such a small community." But a few hand



Neil and Todd of the Pontypool Shotokan Karate Club practice their kicks

written signs soon had a regular core of participants. "Through our club we attempt to give every student self confidence and an understanding of a traditional art form," Garlough explains. "We aim to inspire as well as teach."

"I didn't expect to like it, but enjoyed it once I got in," smiles Laura Gerow who joined at the urging of

her two sons and husband. "you have to try it to see if you like it."

The club is exactly that, a club. There is no membership fee, no advance payments and no salary for the instructors, although a couple of dollars for coffee money is sometimes given to visiting instructors. Each participant contributes \$3. per lesson to cover the cost of facility rental with the first visit being free. In traditional karate the masters never taught for a profit. Teaching was a privilege, passing on what they had learned.

The karate club is open to all. However, due to the length of the classes, many younger children have difficulty remaining focused. Gitchin Funicoshi, the founder of Shotokan Karate, started training when he was 13, but several of the Pontypool members started as young as 7 and 8 years old. The reason for working out with the club vary. Some come for self defense, others for physical fitness or as a stress reliever, but whatever the reason those who persevere find benefits in many areas of their lives.

The Pontypool Shotokan Karate Club meets Tuesday nights at Grandview Public School at 6 p.m., Thursday nights at the Pontypool Community Centre at 6 p.m. and on Saturdays at the Pontypool Community Centre at 10 a.m. Visitors are welcome to come and watch or join in. All that is required is a loose fitting sweat suit. If anyone is interested in finding out more about the Pontypool Shotokan Karate Club please call Daryl Culley at (705) 277-9206.

RRSPs offer long term gain with little pain

by Clark McCourt

Registered Retirement Savings Plans have been around for a long time but not everyone has taken the time to look closely at whether they should be contributing to one. Most of us feel that the only good thing about RRSP's is that they save you income tax. This is only one of the many benefits of investing in your RRSP. If you are in the 40% tax bracket, for every dollar you put into a RRSP, you should receive about 40 cents back. More importantly, you are now providing yourself an income for when you retire. The money will be taxed when you withdraw from your plan but you should be in a much lower tax bracket, thereby saving you income tax on the way out. Thanks to Revenue Canada, first time home buyers can withdraw up to \$20,000 of their RRSP's to purchase a home. This withdrawal is tax free and you then have 15 years to pay back the amount taken out (or the money is taxable.).

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If you're wondering when you should start to invest into a RRSP, maybe the answer below will help. Let's assume you are age 45 and begin to invest a \$100 a month into your plan until you reach the age of 65. You will have accumulated \$124,315 into your plan averaging a 10% return. If you had begun at age 20 to invest \$100 a month averaging the same return, you would have accumulated \$908,734. A difference of \$784,419. Time is the biggest contributor to your retirement. If possible you should start now and let your money start working for you regardless of your age.

Whether you invest in GIC's or Mutual Funds, keep in mind that you are allowed to put up to 20% of your RRSP into the foreign markets. Foreign markets generally tend to provide a better return but also have a certain risk element as well.

Investing takes time, and a commitment to plan. Most of us do not have the time and knowledge to take advantage of what is available. When we feel ill, we see our doctor for help. When our car breaks down we generally take it to the garage for repairs. When it comes to our financial future what do we do???? More and more Canadians are now seeking out financial planners to assist us with our futures. They have the knowledge base, skills and time to assist in this planning. At some point, I strongly urge you to seek this comprehensive service so that you can take full advantage of all your options.

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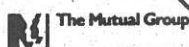
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STONE SOUP

By Evelyn Raab

Valentine's Day - A Confession

I hate Valentine's Day. It's a horrible holiday, and I think it should be eradicated. Call me a Grinch, if you like - I don't care. Of course, I blame it all on Mrs. Freeze, my grade 5 teacher - have I mentioned her before? OK, so it's true that those were the days before it was discovered that children actually had feelings. But Mrs. Freeze (may she rot in...) made an absolute career of insensitivity toward children in general, and me in particular. No one can convince me that this woman did not stay up nights trying to think up rotten things to do to me - a homely, unpopular, weird little kid. Naturally, Valentine's Day presented her with a truly dastardly opportunity to torment her innocent little victims, some of whom (not me) are now pathological maniacs as a result. Now, the beauty of her villainy was that it was utterly undetectable. Who would suspect anything insidious of a teacher who asked her students to make Valentine's cards? It seems so innocuous, doesn't it? The thing was, however, that we were required to produce two cards - one to give to a girl, and one to give to a boy. Shelley Kriss got (probably) ten cards. Amelia Ender got (I'm sure) fourteen cards. Even Claire Bennett (who wore glasses, for Pete's sake!) got six cards. Now, guess how many cards I got. This mortifying experience would certainly have been more than adequate to scar a person for life, but Mrs. Freeze was not quite finished yet. Oh, no - not only did we have to present all the cards we received in front of the whole class (in my case, this didn't take very long), but then we had to each produce a graph, neatly displaying this embarrassing data for all to see. That fiend turned it into a math problem. Is it any wonder I hate Valentine's Day? Not to mention math, but that's another issue altogether.

Although my personal trauma surrounding Valentine's Day has, over the years, faded somewhat, the holiday still gives me the willies. Perhaps I fear that, at any moment, Mrs. Freeze will rise from the grave, draped in a rotted shroud, and demand that I make a Valentine's card for Elliot Pinsley.

You might think that once a person gets married, Valentine's Day would no longer be an issue, despite whatever horrifying memories one may have. Ha. Nothing could be further from the truth. George, despite his many other extraordinary personality traits, does not do Valentine's Day particularly well. The one year he bought me a huge, elaborate, heart-

shaped box of chocolates, he forgot them under the bed at my mother's house, and was forced to phone her when we got home and tell her that they were for her. (Surprise!) Then, there was the year that he bought me a pair of oven mitts. Or was that for my birthday? I forget. Clearly, things have not improved all that much.

So I won't be celebrating Valentine's Day this year. There will be no frilly hearts hanging from my kitchen window, no cinnamon candies in a dish on the coffee table, no candlelit dinners pour deux. Instead, I intend make a big deal out of Groundhog Day - a holiday which Mrs. Freeze (mercifully) ignored. On February 2, we will rise at the crack of dawn, and stand vigil by the groundhog hole near my garden. And then, when the little critter doesn't emerge (why would he, in this weather?) we'll light one of those gopher bombs I bought at the hardware store last summer, and toss it into the burrow. HA! That'll teach him to eat my lettuce!

Perhaps I ought to stick to Halloween.

Roast Groundhog

- 1 groundhog, cleaned
- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- 3 cups bread crumbs
- 1 small onion, chopped fine
- 1/2 cup evaporated milk
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 4 tsp. bacon fat

◆ To clean a ground hog, you should first remove the insides. Clearly, this makes a lot of sense. Then, make a fire outside (that's what the recipe says - I swear) and scorch the hair from the ground hog. Use a sharp knife to scrape all scorched hair off. Wash and clean groundhog with cold water. Now, you're ready to go.

◆ Combine the oil and the lemon juice and marinate the groundhog in this overnight.

◆ Mix together the bread crumbs, onion, evaporated milk, and salt and pepper until well combined. Remove the groundhog from the marinade and pat it dry. Stuff groundhog with the bread crumb mixture, and sew the cavity closed. Brush with bacon fat and place in a roasting pan. Roast, covered, at 300° F for 1-1/2 to 2 hours, adding a little water to the pan, if necessary.

◆ Serve with a nice lettuce salad, and have a very happy Groundhog Day!

DOWN TO EARTH

By Anne Powell

February's Garden



Growing your own plants from seed is one of the most rewarding parts of gardening. As well, you can save a lot of money by starting your own vegetables, herbs, annuals and perennials. One of the problems with seed starting is always lack of space - in the garden as well as in the house. Most seed packets have more seeds than you can possibly use in a home garden, so consider sharing seeds with a friend or two to get smaller amounts and a larger selection.

Here are some suggestions to get you started.

Seeds can be started in any container with enough room for root growth and holes for drainage. I prefer flats (about 1' x 2') containing 8 cell packs (6 sections to a pack) so that each flat will hold 48 seedlings. These flats are easy to move around, and seedlings can be easily and safely transplanted without disturbing their roots.

Seeds contain enough nutrients to sprout, so a seed starting mix doesn't have to contain any. However, it should provide good support, hold moisture well, and provide air spaces. Garden and potting soil is too dense for starting seeds, so buy some soil-free mix from any garden supply store. Once the seedlings start to grow, you will need to use fertilizer or transplant to some nutrient rich potting soil. Moisten the mix with lukewarm water before planting.

Different seeds require different treatment. Some need a period of cold to break dormancy (stratification), some need the seed coat broken (scarifying), some germinate in light on the surface of the soil, and some require dark to germinate. The seed packet should give information on the special requirements of the seed.

Most seeds germinate best when the soil temperature is between 75 and 90 degrees, and the soil is moist but not soggy. Once seedlings emerge, they prefer air temperatures of 60 to 75 degrees and a steady supply of moisture, both above

and below ground.

Seedlings like 12 to 16 hours of light per day. If possible, put the flats in a south window. If you don't have enough light or room in the windows, use a standard shop light with cool white florescent tubes. These work as well as expensive grow lights.

I am normally able to keep my seedlings in the original cell packs until they are ready to go outdoors. However, transplanting to larger containers, if you have the time and space, can make for faster growth and stronger root systems.

For most seedlings, the goal is to plant out after the last frost, which in this area can be early June. Here is a suggested sowing timetable for some of the best indoor starts:

- Onions, Leeks: March 1
- Tomatoes, Peppers: April 1
- Parsley, Sage, Thyme: March 15
- Lavender, Rosemary: February 15
- Lavatera, Four O'Clock, Morning Glory, Sunflower, Basil, Oregano, Coriander: April 15.

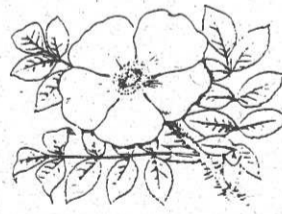
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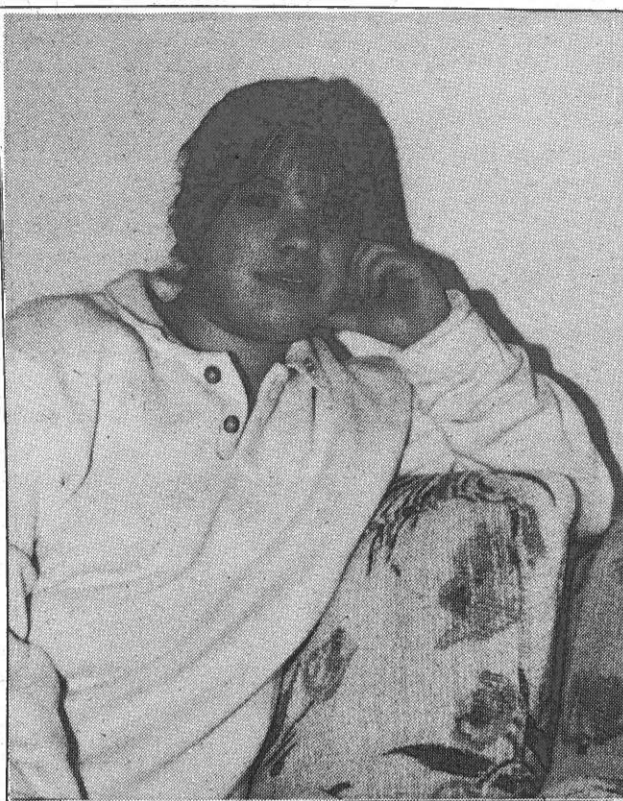
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Up With People is a non-profit international educational and cultural program that aims to build peace through understanding among people of different cultures.

Juwain, an 18 year old graduating student was attracted to the program because of the learning experience which includes traveling and living with 150 other youth from different cultures and learning about their languages and lifestyles.

Juwain will spend five weeks in Denver, Colorado beginning in July before setting off with an Up With People tour. Students travel for 10 months. They are billeted with families in host cities and visit schools, hospitals, prisons, centres for the handicapped and homes for the elderly where they participate in community service.

Participants must raise a portion of their travel expenses, estimated at approximately \$12,000. It is expected that these students raise their money through local, corporate and personal fundraising. Juwain has begun her fundraising efforts and is currently working to help fund her year with Up With People. Anyone interested in supporting Juwan's effort to participate in Up With People is invited to call (705) 277-2485.

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THANK YOU

I wish to express my sincere thanks to all my relatives, friends and neighbours for gifts, flowers, cards and best wishes. You really made my birthday "Extra Special". To my loving family, "You're the Greatest". Thanks a million.
Hazel Woodward

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In search of a director

by Stephen Morgan

Riverside Vagabond Players (R.S.V.P.) is in need of a director for this summer. This young troupe in Lindsay has made a quick name for itself presenting the timeless works of Shakespeare. The audiences from last summer's spectacular hit A Midsummer Night's Dream overwhelmingly chose Shakespeare's Taming of the Shrew for July 1996.

This exciting play will be performed during the last two weekends in July. The tasks of choosing a play, location and other basic options has already been completed. Riverside Vagabond Players has enjoyed tremendous success performing outdoors under the summer moonlight beside what is fondly referred to as the "old shaft building."

What is needed now is an ambitious and creative

director to stage this performance. This is no simple task, but the support of the professional troupe will make this challenge a truly once in a lifetime opportunity.

Anyone interested in presenting a brief proposal is invited to forward a resumé to Riverside Vagabond Players, Attention Stephen Morgan, 41 Sussex St. North, Lindsay, K9V 4H6.

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IN MEMORIAM

IRVINE, David Currie
 May 18, 1945 - January 31, 1995

You were a wonderful man
 I couldn't help but love you.
 You were my support and my ally,
 my inspiration in achieving my goals
 and surviving difficult times
 You were my biggest fan, always
 cheering me on when I needed encouragement,
 my best friend, when I needed to talk and
 always my tender lover.
 When I hear other women complain about
 their men taking them for granted, I realize
 how very fortunate I was to have had such a
 sensitive unselfish man like you.
 I don't know what I did to deserve you but I
 thank God for the time we had, for the blessing
 of experiencing your love.
 Lovingly missed by wife Sandi

IN MEMORIAM

IRVINE

In loving memory of a dear son-in-law, Dave
 Irvine, who passed away on January 31, 1995.
 We think of you in silence,
 We often speak your name.
 All we have are memories
 of you, Dave.
 And your picture in a frame.
 Our hearts still ache with sadness.
 Our silent tears still flow,
 For what it meant to lose you
 No one could ever know.
 Loved and forever missed
 by Mom and Dad Keith

IN MEMORIAM

IRVINE, David Currie
 (May 18, 1945 - January 31, 1995)

I thought Father's Day and Christmas were hard,
 - but today is worse.
 I miss the time we spent together - splitting and
 stacking wood, playing with the dogs and getting
 on Mom's nerves - we were experts at that!
 Your determination to live was so great - I thought
 you'd live forever; forever the three of us, building
 and expanding the family business and our love
 and understanding of each other.

The day you finally gave in I knew it was not that
 you were quitting - but that it really must be time.

I think of you everyday and wish you were here
 to see our dreams coming true - dreams you
 helped create.

Love you always, Your daughter Mickie

IN MEMORIAM

Irvine, David Currie
 May 18, 1945 - Jan 31, 1995

We sat at the edge of the driveway waiting
 for you to come home...you never did

We listened for the sound of your car coming
 down the road, ...it never came

We waited patiently for your voice telling
 us it was time for our treat (remember the
 trips to town for ice cream cones)...your voice
 was never heard.

We anticipated your laughter and gentle strokes
 they were gone.

We would have given our lives to save yours...
 but you never asked.

They say a dog is man's best friend...we know
 you were ours.

Missing you desperately...your three sons*
Dooley, Cruise & Fast Eddie

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 1996

THURSDAY 1

Millbrook Play School for tots and caregivers at the Millbrook Christian Assembly 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Bingo - Millbrook Legion 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY 3

Pontypool Karate Club Pontypool Community Centre, 10 am.

SUNDAY 4

Linda McQuaig Deficit Hysteria and the Remaking of Canada P.C.V.S. in Peterborough 2 pm, free call O.P.R.I.G. 705-745-1767

MONDAY 5

Junior Darts Millbrook Legion 6:30 pm 9-17 years, \$1.

TUESDAY 6

Millbrook Play School for tots and caregivers Millbrook Christian assembly 9:30 - 11:30 am

Ptbo. Family Enrichment Centre, Mobile Outreach Bailieboro United Church 10 am - noon

Pontypool Karate Club Grandview Public School 6 pm

WED. 7

Take-a-Break Games, cards, conversation St. Thomas' Church Millbrook 9:30 - 11:30 am

Euchre at the Millbrook Legion 1:30 p.m. - \$1

Open Darts Millbrook Legion 8 pm

THURSDAY 8

Millbrook Play School for tots and caregivers Millbrook Christian Assembly 9:30 - 11:30

Pontypool Karate Club Pontypool Community Centre, 6pm

Bingo at the Millbrook Legion 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY 9

Valentine Dance Millbrook Legion 8 pm - 1 am \$5. p.p in advance \$7.50 p.p at the door light lunch and refreshments

SATURDAY 10

Millbrook Green Exchange 9 am - 1 pm Village Yard, King St. W.

Pontypool Karate Club - Pontypool Community Centre - 10 a.m.

Valentine Breakfast Lions Den County Rd. 10 8 - 11 am adult \$4. 6-12yrs. \$2. under 6 free

Valentine Dance Lions Den County Rd. 10 8 pm - 1am LLBO Sponsored by Millbrook Cavan Nursery School 939-6119 for info

SUNDAY 11

Darts for Hearts Millbrook Legion Call 932-2837

MONDAY 12

Jr. Darts Millbrook Legion 6:30 pm 9-17 yrs, \$1.

TUESDAY 13

Millbrook Play School for tots and caregivers Millbrook Christian Assembly 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Pontypool Karate Club Grandview Public School 6 pm

WED. 14

Take-a-Break Games, cards, conversation St. Thomas' Church Millbrook 9:30 - 11:30 am

Euchre - Millbrook Legion 1:30 p.m.

Open Darts Millbrook Legion 8 pm



THURSDAY 15

Millbrook Play School for tots and caregivers at the Millbrook Christian Assembly 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Pontypool Shotokan Karate Club - Pontypool Community Centre 6 p.m.

Bingo Millbrook Legion 7:30 pm

SATURDAY 17

Pontypool Karate Club Pontypool Community Centre - 10 a.m.

Valentine Dance Bewdley Arena \$5./person Sponsored by S.M.A.R.C. 939-6416

SUNDAY 18

Heritage fair Antique Show and Sale Port Hope Lion's Centre Admission \$1.00 12-4 pm Sponsored by East Durham Historical Society

MONDAY 19

North Cavan School Assoc. meeting School library 7:30 pm Winning at Parenting Discussion of Barbara Coloroso's book. Video, Effecting Parenting Techniques. **Junior Darts** Millbrook Legion 6:30 pm 9-17 yrs. \$1.

TUESDAY 20

Peterborough Family Enrichment Centre Mobile Outreach St. Thomas' Church Millbrook 10 am - noon

Pontypool Karate Club Grandview School 6 pm.

WED. 21

Take-a-Break Games, cards, conversation St. Thomas' Church Centre St. Millbrook 9:30 - 11:30 am

Euchre Millbrook Legion 1:30 pm

Open Darts Millbrook Legion 8 pm

THURSDAY 22

Millbrook Play School for tots and caregivers Millbrook Christian Assembly 9:30 - 11:30 am

Pontypool Karate Club Pontypool, Community Centre 6pm

Bingo Millbrook Legion 7:30 pm

FRIDAY 23

Heritage Night Millbrook Legion Sponsored by *The Ripple* 7 pm

Give-a-Hoot Cafe Old Millbrook School Featuring music by Three Sheets to The Wind 8 pm \$6. adults

SATURDAY 24

YUK YUK'S Comedy Show Millbrook Arena Dinner 6 pm. Comedy Show 9 pm Live Band 11, pm for info call 932-2327

Pontypool Karate Club Pontypool Community Centre, 10 am

MONDAY 26

Jr. Darts Millbrook Legion 6:30 pm, ages 9-17

TUESDAY 27

Millbrook Play School for Tots and Caregivers Millbrook Christian Assembly 9:30-11:30 am

Pontypool Karate Club Grandview School 6 pm

WED. 28

Take-a-Break Games, cards, conversation St. Thomas' Church 9:30-11:30 am

Euchre Millbrook Legion 1:30 pm

Open Darts Millbrook Legion 8 pm

THURSDAY 29

Millbrook Play School Tots & caregivers Millbrook Christian Assembly 9:30 - 11:30 am

Pontypool Karate Club Pontypool Community Centre, 6 p.m.

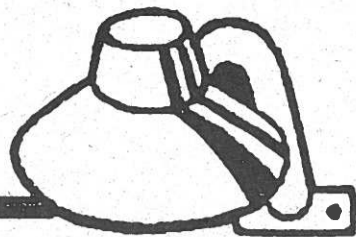
Bingo Millbrook Legion 7:30 pm

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Drop your calendar listing or classified ad information, with payment, to the Ripple box at Knit 1 Purl 1 on King Street in Millbrook.

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