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ONE TREE HILL PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

We had a wonderful attendance at our first meeting for 1999 with new faces as well as the ol' faithfuls fresh from their summer holidays. Some people had come with issues to discuss so it led to a very full agenda and the need to keep things moving along in order to finish by our agreed time of 9.30 or 9.45 at the latest.

Some of the issues that were discussed

- Representatives from the Christadelphian group who are now hiring the hall on a regular, long term basis, attended to introduce themselves and request permission for (a) a key and (b) to install a cupboard to house their resources. (Permission was given.)
- ⇒ Progress has provided a loan of \$5,000 to the new OTH Sports Association to assist in the establishment of the soccer club. We are delighted at the enthusiasm of this new sporting group and are offering our support because the development of sporting facilities is an excellent way of developing community spirit and involvement and is in line with the aims of the Progress Association. Thank you to Lorraine and Vicki and others involved for their wonderful efforts.
- on fire prevention measures with the ultimate aim of us becoming knowledgable enough to contribute effectively to a fire prevention strategy for the OTH area. (We are requesting reps from the CFS to attend for this portion of the agenda.)
- The Playford Council has gazetted plans to relinquish the reserve area next to the Institute. This will mean that all this land (except for a strip along Blacktop Rd for a reduced village green) will be available for sale. (This is the land that the senior citizens want for the development of senior citizen independent living units.) Council is seeking public response to the proposal and comments must be in by 9 March. Plans are available at the council offices at Warooka Dr, Smithfield Points discussed were (i) that other parties not interested in independent living units might end up purchasing the land and (ii) if the units were built, would seniors be able to afford them with council selling the land at market price. Council has decided that it will not be involved in developing or managing independent living units as this is not their core business.
- Playford Council's new rating policy. There was only a small turn out at the meeting on the 8th February so another meeting will be held on the 8th March. Ratepayers are urged to attend as they need to be aware of new approaches proposed for rating policy and to voice their opinions. Do you agree that rates and charges should be determined by a fee for service model? Do you know what council spends rate monies on and its priorities. Do you agree with these priorities? If you answered "Don't know!" to any of these points, be there on the 8th March, 7.30 pm at the OTH Institute.
- The market committee has developed some policies to guide the management of the market in order to ensure a balance of stalls and trading. All stall holders will receive copies of these new
- ⇒ The Family Fun Day organised by Rural Watch and Progress is to be held on Saturday March 20. There will be special information on this in this edition. BE THERE AND JOIN IN THE FUN!

The meeting closed at 9.45 for supper.

Ann Davenport, President (Ph 82807188)

EDITORIAL

I am going to make a special plea this month for contributions to the Grapevine. This month we were \$537.20 in the red. Contributions in the tins for January and February only totalled \$115. Printing costs \$341 per month and delivery \$45 so as you can see costs are high. People who collect their Grapevines from the General store are very good at putting in their 50 cents but those who get it delivered tend to forget. Also some of our advertisers take a long time to pay. While your adverts are very welcome we can't carry you for ever, so please pay your way. Donations are also very welcome. Please feel free to contribute to this newsletter with news, views, items of interest, poems, stories, letters, quotations, or any other news which you feel might interest people. Items sent electronically SO please of work heaps me <imclatch@camtech.net.au>, but other items can be left at the General store for me any time during the month. Advertisements are also welcome. Please contact me on 8280 7214 for prices. The closing date for next months edition will be 22/3/99. Jill McLatchie, Editor.

MIKE STEVENS REPORTING BACK

Sally Mc Kay will be leading a regular 10 minute agenda item You should by now have received a pamphlet from the Council concerning the development of a rating policy for the City of Playford. Community meetings will be held during March and I urge you to attend. The meeting Matthew and I convened in February was well attended and we got a good appreciation of what the community is thinking. But we need as much input as we can get to be able to put your wishes across to the Council as a whole. If you can't get to the meetings, please ring, fax or email us with your thoughts.

> It is good to see that the Sports and Recreation Association is fielding several soccer teams this year and that it will use the McGilp Oval. There are several issues which I am in the process of working through with the Council staff and I hope that the outcomes will be of benefit.

> The issue of the Craigmore Recreation Centre has been uppermost in the Council's deliberations these last two months. Unfortunately, as often happens, the whole story is never put out in one hit and people take stands sometimes on the basis of misinformation. Two things are clear. Firstly, the YMCA operation at Craigmore must Secondly, the building is already owned by the continue. community through the State Government and it should be leased to the YMCA. If they want to sell it, it should be to the YMCA who want to buy it. Lets hope that commonsense will prevail and that the State Government will do the right thing so that all parties are better off. It is my view that the ratepayers' best interests are served by the Council using its resources to encourage, develop and support new ventures in areas where these type of community services are not being provided.

We are also involved in a number of reviews of existing practices, eg the services the Council provides, which will result in us having a much more sound basis on which to plan for the next year and to set the budget. This of course directly impacts on what rate is set and therefore how much you will pay in rates. Please contact us or the staff if you want to put any point of view on these reviews. One of the outcomes will be the City Plan - this will consolidate the budget and the objectives and make it much easier to monitor the performance of the organisation. You can contact me on 8280 7152 at home, 04 1787 5095 at work, 8280 7629 by fax or email me at <mikemail@iaccess.com.au>

Mike Stevens

PS I didn't get to the last Progress Association meeting because there was a special meeting of the Council that night.

TOP of the TORRENS GALLERY National Motor Museum Complex, Birdwood NOTICE OF COMING EVENTS

March 22 - March 28

A small exhibition of solarplate prints.

These solarplate prints, from Mt. Gambier, are from the travelling exhibition programme of the S.A. Country Arts Trust.

April 11th - June 17th

The next exhibition, in our 1999 programme, will be curated by the Wild Life Art Society of S.A.

This Gallery, run by volunteers for the community, displays selected works of art and craft artists.

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Further details in later issues.

ONE TREE HILL SPORTS AND RECREATION CLUB

More sports news from our One Tree Hill soccer Club. Yes, soccer time is almost here. Have you registered? You still have time. Closing date is the 25th March (just to get the teams sorted). We can still accept players if there is enough room on the team so hurry hurry. Why not get some mates and make a team?

We will kick off on the 10th April with U6x2 and U7 team but can do with more. Players welcome from 4 years to 15 years.

We are having a 'Meet the Coach' night and a get together on the McGilp Oval. Check the sign boards in the town or phone 8280 7452 (date to be confirmed - early March). Then on the Thursday 11th March we will have a fun afternoon at the Oval, sausage tea, kick the ball perhaps, a parent and kids match and then meet and learn some soccer tips from Alex Tobin. Starts at 4.00pm till 7-7.30pm.

Come along and enjoy the afternoon. We will have registration for enrolments for those who want to join also. Remember a photo copy of your birth certificate, or the blue page of your CAHFS book and \$30.00 registration fee. Sand shoes, hat and parent are all you need to bring. See you there!

For more information phone Vicki. 8280 7452

[Contact phone numbers for other committee members as follows: Lorraine Vingerhoets on 8280 7680 or 8280 7818; Glenda Rogers on 8280 7470.]

This monthly newsletter is published by the One Tree Hill Progress Association. The views expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily those of the One Tree Hill Progress Association. Its purpose is to share local news, views and events. We want to encourage local people and groups to share what they are doing and to pass on items of interest to one another. A 50 cents donation to the cost of printing the Grapevine would be very much appreciated. (Donation tins are available in some of the local shops). We are happy to include some advertising from local businesses, and small classified Ads from individuals. Please contact Jill McLatchie, ph 8280 7214 for details of the cost. Maximum size for advertisements is one quarter of a page. Deadline for the next issue is Monday March 22nd 1999 at 6.00pm at the Deli. Please leave items in an envelope marked Grapevine at the General Store or email to <imclatch@camtech.net.au> well ahead of the deadline if possible.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

How do you rate?

It's great to see Playford Council giving its residents the opportunity to comment on a fairer rating system for the city and asking the community to help develop a "rating policy".

However it's a little perplexing, depending on which document you read that it could be implied that rates are either a property tax (Council brochure) or a wealth tax (Rating options - discussion paper.)

It's my understanding that state or local governments cannot impose a tax and yet, the discussion paper and Council's brochure both infer they can. Are we considering a rating policy or a 'wealth tax'?

There was an article in the News Review (20 January 1999) which stated "Playford Mayor...said this was the toughest issue for the Council since its formation in May 1997. I strongly urge all those ratepayers and groups who receive the brochure (*Rating options - a discussion paper*) to read it carefully and put in a submission - we need their help."

It's nice to know that...'council is committed to involving the community and will ensure their views are reflected in any new policy'...But the haste at which council wishes to progress through this very involved process is of concern. And the concern is that council is asking the community to comment on a subject which even it finds difficult to comprehend.

What you must consider is: do you understand the present rating system and how it affects you, e.g. property values - capital or site, rates in the dollar etc? Do you understand the Rating Options Discussion paper and in particular the four models (one includes the present two-tiered system that the Munno Para Council produced to make rates more equitable)? And most importantly, do you know what any of these models cost?

So we the "rush" to create a modern rating policy, especially in view of the statements made in the council's brochure that "When the City of Playford was established, council was allowed up to June 2003 to apply separate minimum rates, and different rates for the same land use can be applied up to June 2007"

The agenda for the consultation process, whilst spread over two months (a very short time frame for such important and far-reaching outcomes) implies that the rating policy will impact on us and be part of the approval of the rates budget for 1999/2000 and beyond. Interesting!

Ratepayers also need council's expertise to understand all the jargon so that they can propose some worthwhile comments about rating and rates in general.

Instead of public hearings (and we all know the outcomes from

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these) council should develop workshops and give ratepayers and other interested parties the opportunity to better understand how the present and proposed rating models(systems) work in real terms with real monetary values instead of graphs which tell ratepayers very little - they are just lines and words on paper.

There might have to be changes to make rates more equitable between the two previous cities but think long and hard before you make any comment. And be aware what impact in dollar terms any changes will have on your present rates.

Council's rating system is a very complex issue and should be treated with respect especially as it impacts on us all.

Yours faithfully,

Martin Lindsell, Blakeview.

Dear Editor

Thank you for publishing the item in January about dog attacks in the district. As a result of your article, the owners of the dogs concerned recognised their dogs and that the dogs had been getting out. As responsible owners, they took their pets of eight years to the Sandy Creek Dog Sanctuary with the information that the dogs should not be given to people in a rural situation. On reading the Messenger Newspaper the same week, where I was identified as having had stock losses, the owners then visited me to tell me what they had done with their dogs and asked me for the address of the other person that lost stock, so they could visit them.

We have lost our animals, and so have the dog owners, so there is sadness all around. I hope other dog owners will act as responsibly in future, and that readers who see dogs straying will report the dogs to council ph 8254 2000.

Bill Sims

Dear Editor.

We were horrified when the Governor gave approval for the dump to go ahead at Medlow Road especially after the E.P.A. had refused to issue a licence in April '96 and recommended to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (D.H.U.D.) to also refuse.

There were a number of reasons for the E.P.A. refusal and I quote: "There is concern that the method proposed to be employed to control leachate, surface water and ground water contamination will not offer adequate protection against environmental harm". Which raises the question, was the Governor made aware of the E.P.A.'s refusal and recommendation to D.H.U.D. - as a letter from Diana Laidlaw (Minister for Urban Planning) in a letter to a resident regarding the approval of the dump states that "The approval lapsed in August '95 and proponent (NAWMA) submitted a new (unaltered) development application on 9th Feb 1996 and quote "The E.P.A. cannot refuse to grant a licence".

We intend to inform the Ombudsman or the Attorney Generals Department.

Sincerely Jack Webb, J.P. For Action Against Underground Water Contamination Committee AAUWCC.

SIMON'S PET CORNER

Simon has been buying some new fish. One is a handsome male guppy with a yellow body and orange tail. This is similar to his female who is also yellow with an orange tail. This is unusual in guppies because the books say females should be dull but his is very pretty. He also has a new Siamese fighting fish and four neon tetras. He lost his previous Siamese fighting fish because he had it in a tank with a mirror and it kept attacking its reflection eventually killing itself!

He has trained his fish to come when he calls by putting his finger in the water and wiggling it while saying 'fishy fishy'. Then he feeds them. However he is reluctant to do this with his cichlid who has a big mouth and might bite so he strokes it on the head instead. All his fish have grown a lot and, now he has a four foot tank, they will get even bigger.

At the recent Uraidla Show Simon won Champion Birmingham Roller, and received a seven piece glass dessert set as a prize. He also won a bag of chook feed in the raffle which was very handy as they'd just run out! The Uraidla Show is very early in the season, when a lot of the pigeons are moulting and look very scruffy, so it's hard to find good looking birds to show.

Simon's Golden Pencil Hamburg chooks were very wild like pheasants and liked to sit up in the pine trees, so he donated them to his school. His Pekin bantam rooster and his Langshan rooster had a big fight. The bantam was the aggressive one although about a quarter the size of the Langshan! Usually roosters don't kill each other when they fight, but give up when they get tired. Simon is trying to find a good home for his Pekin Cross Silky bantam rooster. He is very handsome (the rooster!) but Simon just has too many roosters. If you are interested please contact Simon, ph 8280 7396.

Bluev his lorikeet has become quite aggressive and tends to bite. Lawrie, his sisters lorikeet, doesn't like males. Lawrie also bites but harder! He imitates the phone buttons being pressed but usually makes at least 10 beep beeps! Bluey has learnt to imitate the

sound of the creaking bathroom door.

Simon has bred 4 good Medina pigeons which he intends to take to the Tanunda Show so we will find out how he went next month.

Also Simon is going to have some bees! He will have more to tell us about this next month.

Let's hear news of your special pets! Write to the Grapevine and tell as 280 7214

us about them or phone Jill on 8280 7214

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In September last year there was a move by the Education Department to discontinue the bus run from One Tree Hill to Craigmore High School based on incorrect statistics regarding the number of students using the above mentioned bus. Thanks to the response of the families dependent on the bus to my letter to them we were able to gain more accurate figures relating to its use. As a result the bus has been continued, at least for the time being. As this will be my final year of membership of the Craigmore High School Council, I encourage other parents to consider joining the School Council in order to ensure that the needs of the One Tree Hill students are taken into consideration, especially with regard to the continuation of the school bus.

Come to the Craigmore High School Annual General Meeting on Monday the 8th of March and take the opportunity to be kept informed about and have your say in, the running of the school.

As a final point I wish to add how sad I am to see so few One Tree Hill parents taking advantage of the excellent education available to their children through what I consider to be one of the best schools in the North of Adelaide. In the eight years that I have been associated with the school I have found the teachers to be conscientious and hard working with the interests of the students at heart. There must be something to be said for a school where teachers apply to be reappointed after having completed ten years there and teachers appointed for one year elect to accept a ten year appointment after that first year.

Carolyn Platts.

QUOTABLE QUIPS

It is impossible to make a mistake, since we all learn from experience, and from that experience we gain wisdom.

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CAVE CONUNDRUM by Callan Taylor, Copyright 1998.

The sun rose magnificently as I sat at our hard, redgum table eating my breakfast. It was such a beautiful day. A refreshing cool breeze drifted through the kitchen window. It smelt so fresh. There were some beautiful Sulphur Crested Cockatoos preening their feathers in the top of the great big gum out the front. They were enjoying the morning sunlight incredibly.

I finished my porridge and went to the kitchen to wash my bowl. My dad had already gone to work and my sister was picked up by her friends to go and see Titanic. It was supposed to be a great movie. I was trying to be really quiet because mum was still sleeping. I made her some porridge. It was her favourite meal for breakfast and she loved to have a nice big hot bowl full when she got up.

I sat down on the lounge reading the latest TV Hits magazine until mum was awake. She was straight into the We talked about how porridge! wonderful the day was and how all the animals were enjoying themselves so much. Mum decided that it was such a lovely day to be out in the sun that she would go for a drive to get some plants for our new garden. I said goodbye and then packed a backpack full of fruit and some juice. I was going to go up to Para Wirra National Park as it wasn't very far from our home at One Tree Hill. I went to our shed and took out my Raleigh Mountain Bike. It was a milky black colour with 15 speed shimano gears. I placed my new Bell helmet on my head and my backpack on my back and then set off up our long dirt drive-way towards Trevilla Road.

I rode for about 10 minutes until I arrived at one of the back entrances to Para Wirra. I locked my bike to the fence and replaced my helmet with my good old Aussie akubra. It was time to start hiking.

I walked on the dirt paths until I reached the dam where I found a couple of wood duck colonies swimming gracefully through the water. Then I walked off the paths and into the thick scrub of the bush.

After walking for a while I neared my favourite place. It was a reasonably big cave in the side of a hill! I climbed into the large entrance type room and sat on my favourite big rock to have a bite to eat.

After my snack I decided to explore the cave in further than I had been before. I got my backpack and started climbing up higher on the walls to where I thought I could see a small opening. I was a little bit scared as it was so dark and quiet down here. The only sound was an occasional drip of water coming from where I was trying to get to.

I finally reached it! It was a small hole in the side of the cave, probably just big enough for me to fit through. It looked wonderful so I decided to try and get through there.

I squeezed and squeezed until my front half was through and then eventually my whole body. WOW! It was amazing! The ceiling was filled with stalactites and it looked absolutely fantastic. There was a great pool of sparkling, blue water underneath them forming exquisite reflections. As I walked around I discovered yet another tunnel.

It went for an incredible distance. I was sort of wishing that I had never decided to do this. I was really scared crawling on my hands and knees in the dark and not

knowing where I was.

I eventually reached the end of the crawl-way and was perplexed with what I saw. It was a great stone room with beautiful aboriginal paintings on the walls. It was all decorated harmoniously. They would probably have been done hundreds of years ago. They were so magnificent.

I walked on until I found a little burrow in the floor. I kneeled and peered into it. Without warning a flock of bats flew out, screeching and squawking and madly flapping their wings all over my face. I started to scream and they all flew off. I was totally freaked out now so I took a rest and had a drink.

I then kept walking down the long wide hallway filled with the ancient markings from the aborigines. I was looking at a small hole in the roof ahead when all of a sudden I started to fall rapidly down a pit in the ground. I was travelling at an incredibly fast speed and it was a long way until I felt my body thud against the clay hard floor.

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I woke, still feeling a bit woozy, only to find that I was slumped on the floor in the first segment of the massive chain of caves I had been exploring.

I arrived back home on my bike right behind my dad, my mum and my sisters friends who were coming home and told them my flabbergasting story. They couldn't believe it.

It had been an extremely long day but one packed with excitement.

Goodnight everyone.

THE SECOND PLAYFORD LATE STARTERS BAND

It's never too late to start which is why some people are late starters. Hence this is why the Playford Late Starters Band, following the success of its original band is about to start a second band. As a fun project we will ensure everyone gets a chance to learn about music and play an instrument of their own choice. This is a course for beginners. As a community band, the focus will be on Wind, Brass and Percussion with instrument hire available. Rehearsals are to be held on Monday nights (not Thursday as stated in last months Grapevine) with a fee of \$5 per night to pay for small group tuition etc. Try out night is on Monday March 1st at 7.30 pm at the

Playford Music Centre, Leonards Road, Elizabeth Park, when you can come and try out different instruments and learn more about the band, but if you miss this night you can still join - just have a talk to Shirley on 8262 2360.

The original band is looking for flute players with some experience. The first Late Starters Band is going to have its next big gig in One Tree Hill at the Family Fun Day! All the band is looking forward to coming to One Tree Hill for this event. There will be tickets sold for an Easter Raffle to raise some funds for the band - please support



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MARKET REPORT

The market was much busier this month and there was a good variety of stalls. The Russian ladies were back cooking their very special Russian goodies. Jill McLatchie entertained on the keyboard to provide some background music. The market is a great place to meet friends old and new. Back in town were Margaret and Owen Scott who used to live down Gould's Creek road and they enjoyed catching up with people they knew. If you haven't been to this friendly market why not come this month? It's always on the first Saturday of the month. By the way some guidelines for stall holders have been prepared and will be given to the regulars next market day. Powers have been given to the Market Co-ordinator, currently June Bourne, to enable her to refuse stall holders if necessary, so that a balance of stalls can be maintained, and no one takes an unfair amount of space.

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The Syndicate at the General Store won at Cross Lotto! - not a million dollars unfortunately! Simon is so overwhelmed he was unable to think of any words of wisdom this month!

There have been some very disturbing incidents happening around the areas of Jordan Drive, Wood Crescent and Burnett Drive and possibly in other areas of the township as well. At first small things happened like washing being pulled off the line, hoses disconnected, aerials snapped off cars, and graffiti being sprayed on cars. One resident had her car covered with broken eggs, tomato sauce and chocolate topping. Gates have been opened and back yards trespassed over. Washing has even been pulled off and poohed on. Another time washing was left under a running tap. One resident chased an intruder with a mop. He returned and gripping her shoulder, digging his nails in, and then he pulled her to the ground. He said nothing, just smiled. She hurt her hip and although she screamed for help no one came. She was left with gouge marks in her shoulders and her hip is injured still. She describes one of the young men as about 17 or 18, tall, slim, with blonde hair in a college cut. He was wearing a navy blue or black tank top and shorts. There are at least two offenders. When they come into her carport now, the sensor lights come on but they don't go away but stand there smiling. Recently five cars were broken into and one was stolen. The police have been informed but seem to be busy on other matters and do not take these things seriously. However the resident who was attacked is sure that other people have had things happen to them but have not reported them to the police. These young people must be stopped before another resident is hurt maybe more seriously. Please report ALL incidents however trivial they seem by ringing 11444. Also take note of any men wandering around the township late at night, or any strange cars. No one should have to live in fear in our community.

(Editors comment - I noticed in the police incident report concerning the car covered in food, that they said no damage was done. Have they ever considered the psychological damage caused by incidents such as these?)

Zandra's Curiousity Shoppe wishes to thank the two ladies who generously donated wool and bunches of dried honesty leaves. Both items are very much appreciated, thank you.

Congratulations to Gary and Debbie Vos(formerly List) on the birth of their baby son, Cowan Stephen on 22/2/99! He weighed in at 8 pounds four ounces!



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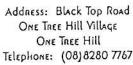
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OUR CHANGING COMMUNITY

Travis List is a young man who has lived for all of his 21 years down Precolumb Road, One Tree Hill. Well known for his involvement in Country Music he is also a community spirited young man who does things like removing trees that have fallen across the road in case any one runs into them. Recently he and a friend were putting a new engine in his car prior to a trip to Tamworth, New South Wales for a Country Music Festival. They needed to check out the timing and lacking the proper equipment decided to test it by ear. The front was stripped off the car and it was fairly noisy but the far end of Precolumb road has little traffic and few houses. Travis and his friend drove up and down the road, revving the engine, taking off and then stopping and adjusting it.

A lady was walking her dog along the road. The lads took little notice of her as they were intent on their task and didn't speak a word to her.

Some time later they were on the road outside Travis's home when a blue VC Commodore stopped behind them about 15 metres away. Travis moved his car to the side of the road but still the Commodore stayed there. Thinking the man in the car was in some kind of trouble or had lost his way Travis approached him. The man got out of his car and said "Are you stalking my wife?" Travis was amazed at the question and said "No, I've just put a new engine in the car and we're setting the timing." The man said "You're stalking my wife and I'll F----g kill you". The man screamed at Travis and waved his fists, saying I've got your rego, where do you live. Travis explained he was just outside his house. Even when he tried to explain to the man and offered to show him the car, his explanation was not accepted and the threats about killing him were repeated.

Travis felt bad and upset. Here he was outside his own home where he'd lived all his life being threatened with death from a total stranger. As Travis points out, if he was the sort of bloke that this man appeared to think he was, he and his friend could have easily sorted him out. While Travis has been growing up, adults in the community have commented to his father if they thought he was out of line at any time. Now Travis feels it his his turn to comment on an adult who was very out of line. Travis commented sadly that things have very much changed in One Tree Hill.

ROTARY CLUB OF TORRENS VALLEY

Meets at Gumhaven Wednesday at 7.00 for 7.30 p.m.

Rotary is an organisation which has as one of its objectives, the bringing of peace and goodwill to the world through programmes such as the youth exchange programme. We are always looking for people who agree with this philosophy. However this is only one of the many facets of the Rotary world. If you are interested in learning more or becoming a part of Rotary's many activities both internationally and closer to home please contact one of the Rotarians below.

Rotary youth exchange takes a fair bit of our attention. It is always rewarding but sometimes it is more so. Nathan Woon has settled in well to a totally different life style in Japan. There are a few quotes from his correspondence elsewhere in this edition.

Lisa from Germany is now living with Nathan's parents and is expecting her own parents to visit before the end of the month.

Rotary will be at the Family Fun day on the 27th providing our usual gourmet type sausages to help raise funds for the playground for the oval. Hope to see you all there and at the sausage sizzle at the market.

Contacts:

Secretary Ivor McLatchie

Ph 8280 7214

President Elect Heather Fischer

Ph 8280 7104

ONE TREE HILL EQUESTRIAN AND PONY CLUB.

Affiliated with the Pony Club Of S.A.

Programme for March.

March 14th. Club Rally.

Dressage Competition, - practice for NERC Competition

Tests offered OA, (NERC) 1A and 1F.

Two tests per combination. \$2 per test.

Ribbons to 4th place senior and junior.

Show Jumping Practice.

March 21st. Club Dressage School - Pat Hutchens \$25 per hour. Club Cross Country and Show Jumping School- Linda Beentjes \$30 per hour. Lessons must be booked with Karen Hood 82807178 one week prior.

March 28th. Club Rally

Improve your dressage- Pat Hutchens - \$3

Cross country Instruction- Linda Beentjes - \$5

Juniors instruction and games - Mary Beentjes.

Our club offers top level riding instruction at a reasonable cost and we offer something for everyone. Rallies commence at 10am sharp and continue until about 1 pm.

Our support goes to those riders who are competing at the Zone One Day Event at Reynella on 27/28th February, Good Lock!

Congratulations to one of our EFA Level 1 Instructors - Linda Beentjes, on her recent marriage to John O'Leary, what a lovely ceremony, good luck to you both in your future life together!

Enquiries about the club should be made to Karen on 8280 7148, who will be pleased to help. The club will be at the OTH Fun Day on the 27th March - SEE YOU THERE!

NORTHERN HILLS PONY CLUB

The grounds are on the Gawler Scenic Route, approximately 400 metres from the Kersbrook/Gawler crossroads. Look for the sign at the gate.

RALLIES are scheduled to be held on the second and fourth Sunday's of each month, beginning at 9.00 a.m. in summer months. However, due to other commitments, some dates may be changed.

RALLY DATES:

14/3/99

28/3/99 to be confirmed. Check the One Tree Hill Fodder Store notice board for updates, or call Julie on 8280 7374.

Between the deadline for this issue and when you are reading it, we will have had 4 young riders compete at the Pony Club Zone One Day Event. Good luck riders!

Thank you to all supporters of our very successful Sausage Sizzle, held at Mitre 10, Gawler. Special thanks to the generous businesses; Para Vista Meats of Gawler, Craigmore Fruit and Veg, Gawler Hot Bakery, and to Mitre 10 for inviting us.

We aim to provide a venue for all riders, but especially focusing on the young, the inexperienced and the nervous.

Further information may be obtained by contacting the secretary, Julie, on 8280 7374.

TRINITY SCHOOL BUS

A.B.M. Bus Services has started up a service from Birdwood to Trinity College.

It departs Birdwood at 7.00am, Forreston, 7.40am, Kersbrook, 7.50am, Karwin Road, 8.00am, Al-Ru Crossroads, 8.05am, Trinity College, 8.20am.

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One Tree Hill Rural Watch

Dear Residents

Well, as previously advised, your local Rural Watch Committee are Nominations are being sought for the Ride-On Mower Races. at it again. This year we are holding a Family Fun Day on Saturday, 27th March, at the One Tree Hill Community Oval.

We are pleased to thank those people who kindly responded to last month's requests for volunteers, however, further assistance is required. If you don't mind lending a hand and a little of your time. or perhaps you have some ideas or suggestions to make this event even more successful, please contact me on 8280 7731.

The last two events held by One Tree Hill Rural Watch each received nominations for the Community Event of the Year. We therefore hope you can come along and support this event to make

it our biggest yet.

Those people wishing to participate, simply contact me before the day on 8280 7731. Stanford Mowers of Gepps Cross have kindly donated the use of their mowers for this event.

Parking will be available under the guidance of our local CFS volunteers.

We look forward to seeing you there!!!!!

Neil Smith

Area Coordinator, One Tree Hill Rural Watch 8280 7731

INCIDENTS WHICH OCCURRED IN THE ONE TREE HILL AREA 15/1/99 - 18/2/99

15/1/99 Medlow Road, Stolen vehicle dumped and set on fire. Vehicle stolen from Unley Rd.

\$8,000.00

2. 16/1/99 Precolumb Road, Shedbreak and Larceny. Entry by jemmying locked door. Power tools.

\$115.00

3. 30/1/99 Walter Road, Officebreak and Larceny. Entry by jemmying door. Electrical, camera, telephone.

\$10,500.00

1/2/99 McGilp Road, Schoolbreak & Attempt Larceny. Entry by forcing panel of door. Nil stolen, alarm activated.

5. 11/2/99 Burnett Drive, Interfere with motor vehicle. Foodstuffs thrown over vehicle. Nil damage.

\$200.00

6. 16/2/99 Burnett Drive, Interfere with motor vehicle. Window smashed on vehicle. 16/2/99 Burnett Drive, Vehicle stolen. Utility stolen and recovered at Andrews Farm.

\$5,000.00

8. 17/2/99 Smith Road, Interfere with motor vehicle. Window smashed and items stolen. Phone, cash.

\$470.00

SUPPORT THE ONE TREE HILL FAMILY FUN DAY ON SATURDAY 27 MARCH 1999 AT THE ONE TREE HILL OVAL. PRESENTED BY THE ONE TREE HILL RURAL WATCH. WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!!!!!

Darren McCUE, Police Coordinator

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Elizabeth Police 8207 9411

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HIGHLIGHTS

MMM Rock Patrol ~ Kids Races and Games Ride-On Lawnmower Races ~ Nominations are being sought Stanford Mowers, Gepps Cross are providing the mowers for the

BBQ and light refreshments will be available, or simply bring a picnic lunch.

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NEWS FROM NATHAN

Here are some extracts from letters home sent by Nathan Woon our Rotary Exchange student to Japan.

"Imagine a typical farming community, housing development, city and a few apartment blocks all thrown together in some sort of haphazard fashion, squeezed altogether and thrown into a space obviously too small to cater for such plans and you have JAPAN.

We played Aussie rules at the rugby ground. My very first kick I tried a banana from an almost impossible angle and it went through! Everyone wants to kick the football, but they don't know how. I show them but they don't listen.

My school in Japan (Rotary paid) is the most expensive private college in Japan. It has everything. One year of schooling costs 850,000 yen (\$12000 Aus). Yippee!!!! (and you still have to pay for lunch!!!) Everything in Japan is very expensive. School sux but it does have its own McDonalds!!!!!!!

If you want to go anywhere in Japan you have to ride a bike. My ride to school is 20 min. in 2 degrees to -10 degrees. In Japan it is dry in winter and wet in summer. It hardly ever rains in winter, but when it does and it's cold it will snow.

I have to wear slippers everywhere, special slippers for toilet, bathroom, bedroom, wooden floors, outside, etc etc, forever changing slippers and shoes.

Absolutely loving it here, heaps of fun."

(Thanks Nathan, we look forward to more of your news, Ed)

PUZZLE CORNER

What may be flown from the bowsprit, is part of the action that moves a hammer, may denote the male of the species, acts as a sporting target and helps turn the spit? The answer is one word what is it?

(Answers elsewhere in the Grapevine)



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Thank you Linda Edwards

VETERINARY NOTES FOR MARCH

Parvovirus

Parvovirus is a highly contagious disease affecting dogs. The virus attacks the animals gastrointestinal tract causing uncontrolled vomiting, severe diarrhoea with blood present, and if left untreated will cause certain death. It is passed from dog to dog usually, via the faeces, and survives well outside the animal in the environment.

There is no cure for parvovirus, the only treatment is supportive treatment to keep the animal alive while it recovers. This involves intravenous fluids to stop dehydration, systemic antibiotics and anti emetic drugs to control vomiting. Treatment is expensive due to the intensive care required and animals must be kept hospitalised for the period of treatment in isolation to reduce the risk of passing on infection to other dogs.

Parvovirus can be prevented by vaccinating puppies and adult dogs. Puppies require a vaccination at 6-8 weeks of age, a booster at 12 weeks of age and a booster vaccination each year. Adult dogs require a booster vaccination yearly, provided they have received regular vaccinations previously.

Parvovirus is a nasty disease and is traumatic for dogs who suffer it. Prevention is the best answer both in an economical and an ethical sense.

Dr Alan M Irving, Al-Ru Farm.

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Where: Zandra's Curiousity Shoppe, Blacktop Road, One Tree Hill. Ph 8280 7893.

When: Saturday 6th March to 28th March.
(Depending on interest shown, they may continue next term.)

Time: 1pm to 3pm

Cost: \$5.00/session plus cost of materials.

First session Starter kit supplied for \$7.00. This contains beads, clasps, needle, some thread and instructions. Kits can be available each week on request.

Class size: The size of the class will be limited to 4-10 people.

Bookings essential,

\$2.50 deposit required which comes off your first session.

If anyone is interested in doing Beading Classes during the day, Tuesday mornings from 10.00am-12 midday may start soon if we get enough people interested. Cost same as above. No young children please, as we are working with such small pieces.



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RATES TO RISE?

Playford Council is currently consulting with the community to determine its rating policy. It commissioned the preparation of a report to assist in the exercise (at a cost of \$20,000). Under the heading of "How can a Council Tax its community?" the report states:

"A local government in setting its budget gives a great deal of consideration to what it believes its community can 'afford to pay' by way of rates."

Many within Council have also adopted the view that rates <u>are not</u> a fee for service. The combination of these views represents a subtle shift in attitude that can only produce spiralling rates to fund the activities of a Council that is less and less relevant to the community it claims to serve.

You are urged to attend a public meeting on Monday March 8th at the One Tree Hill Institute to show your support for the view that a rating policy without parallel spending policies is just an open cheque.

SOCIAL PAGES

Recently Angela Peryman aged 24 and Greg Chappell aged 30 celebrated their birthdays with a 'Hat and Bowtie extravaganza' at Angela's parents property, Cima, on Kestel Road. This party for about 60 guests was attended by a number of prominent members of the One Tree Hill community. Helping Angela celebrate were Angela's brother Michael and his girl friend Kerry, father and mother, Colin and Irene, and Greg's parents Rhonda and Tracy. The evening started with wine and cheese followed by a barbeque. Dancing was vigorous and extended to the early morning hours and a good time was had by all.

Contributions are invited to this column. Tell us all about YOUR party!

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Good news! It seems that the Craigmore Recreation Centre crisis has been resolved. A concerted effort by the Council, local MPs and the community has resulted in the Education Department taking over the Centre and leasing it back to the YMCA. I am particularly pleased because the State Government has accepted its responsibility, the Centre can continue to provide the excellent service to the community and the Council can concentrate on new projects.

Mike Stevens

BLACKSMITH'S INN SOCIAL CLUB

There is a Barbeque planned for Sunday March 7th at 4.00pm. All members are welcome.

Enquire at the bar if you are interested in joining the Social Club, or talk to Steve Lindsay on 8280 7666.

ANSWERS TO PUZZLE CORNER.

The answer is "Jack".

KIDS JOKES

Why can't Robin play cricket? Because he has lost his Batman.

Who invented fire?

Some bright spark.

How do you service a pogo stick?

You give it a spring clean.

(Contributed by Marshall Cooper, aged five.)

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GAWLER - 21ST MARCH

This years walk begins and ends at Pioneer Park, Murray St. Gawler. Registration at 9:15am for 10:00am start. Choose either a 6 or 9 km walk. The walks include the North and South Para rivers, and some heritage buildings. Walkers can also choose to walk alongside members of the Gawler Environment & Heritage Association and hear about Gawler's history.

Money raised will help people in developing countries, such as Sudan in North Africa, where civil war has driven people from their homes and left them in famine.

There will be a free sausage sizzle at the end of the walk, and prizes, for those with the most money raised, generously donated by Gawler businesses.

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