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EDITORIAL

I can't believe another year has gone and it's Christmas time again. First let me wish everyone in One Tree Hill a safe and very happy Christmas and best wishes for 1999. It has been an enjoyable year editing the Grapevine and I would like to thank the community for their support and encouragement during the year. Remember this is your newsletter and all contributions are welcome from all sections of the community. Letters to the editor are welcome and will be printed regardless of viewpoint unless they are personally malicious. The right to hold different opinions is our democratic right. Opinions printed may not necessarily be those of the Progress Association or the editor but I'm sure everyone realises this.

I would like to thank everyone involved with the production of the Grapevine. David Parker has been an invaluable support, laying out the Grapevine and designing adverts. Ann Davenport is in charge of folding and distribution and has a hard working team of people folding and stapling. Roger Burford and S.A.C.T. printing have done a great job printing each edition. Simon at the General Store has been very supportive, holding copy for me and displaying the latest edition. Also The Village Pantry, Zandra's Curiosity Shoppe, the Fodder Store and The Blacksmith's Inn have also acted as distributors. Thanks also to everyone who has put money in the tins, or donated in any way. We are always just balancing the books, sometimes running at a loss so all contributions are welcome. Finally thanks to our advertisers - please support them - and to all contributors. We wouldn't have a Grapevine without you!

Don't forget we don't have a Grapevine at the beginning of January. Items for the February edition need to be at the General Store by Monday January 25th.

Jill McLatchie, Editor.

PROGRESS ASSOCIATION ENVIRONMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

Our Institute gardens received more tender loving care during November. One delivery of mulch had not been adequate and group members had to spread another load in order to provide sufficient cover and protection for the plants through the summer months. After recent weeding and pruning there is now also room for more planting which hopefully may be organised in the near future.

Although there was only a small group of volunteers at the bushcare site for the recent working bee it was a productive morning. A large area was covered while removing the seed heads off the veldt grass. Group members are currently arranging to meet with Bill Doyle the Greening Officer of Playford Council to view a number of highly valued roadside reserves in the area which need managing. A training day is also being organised through Council for those members willing to take on other tasks which will assist in the maintenance of these and other local sites in the district. For information on becoming involved please telephone 8280 7604.

THE ONE TREE HILL GARDEN CRAWL

Are you interested in opening your garden to the public as part of a weekend of activity in and around One Tree Hill? We are all proud of our town so why not put it on display for a weekend and have some fun at the same time.

We are looking for people who are willing to join us in opening their gardens to the public on the weekend of 30th & 31st October 1999, and possibly incorporating other activities as well - any ideas are welcome. Local businesses may also be interested in being involved - let's hear from you.

If you would like to be involved in any capacity please phone Sue Stribley (8280 7338) or Heather Fischer (8280 7104).

ONE TREE HILL PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

We had quite a crowd at our November meeting - our regulars had returned from holidays and there were some new faces as well which is always great to see. A big thankyou to Lance Walter and Don Needham for doing a number of handyman jobs around the hall. The stove is now working, the leaky tap is fixed and the Thursday seniors group now has a sturdy box for storing their things between sessions. This group by the way, seems to be having a wonderful time every Thursday with a variety of activities and outings occurring. We have some new brochures to advertise the hire of the Institute, so if you know anyone who is interested, pick up one of these from the deli or from Hazel Walter (8280 7259).

Our Environment subcommittee has been very active over the month with a couple of working bees around the Institute, and one at the Bush care site. Anyone is most welcome to join in, so look at coming events in the special article by convenor Chris Myles in this edition. Progress has participated in consultations organised by Playford Council for the Development Plan review and the Open Space Strategy. In regard to the latter, we were asked to identify valuable open spaces in our area, and issues and opportunities. A copy of our submission to council is on the community notice board and in The Village Pantry and Chocolate Shoppe. If you would like to contribute any other ideas, please contact Bob Pitt at the council on ph 8254 0405, or fax 8252 3655.

Glen and Jenny representing the planned OTH Sports Club spoke to us about what they have been doing to establish this club. This initiative is really great news as having junior teams in a range of sports has been missing in our area, and these moves will provide this. Progress has agreed to support the group with some initial funds to help get things going and will look at additional funding once the group has been able to identify equipment needs.

Our December meeting will be the final one for the year, and as tradition demands, it will be short followed by a Christmas (bring a plate) supper. Terry Davenport and Les Montanjees have agreed to come and entertain us again.

An important item on this December agenda will be discussion about access for people with disabilities in and around the hall. We have the car parking spaces but the toilets are not accessible so we need to do something about this to comply with legislation. If you'd like to contribute to this discussion, please come on Thursday December 17 at 7.30pm in the Institute supper room.

Ann Davenport, President, Progress Association.

MARKET REPORT

Market day was a bit cold but it didn't put people off. There is such a variety of stalls now. The Christmas market is going to be lots of fun with musical entertainment and lots of bargains. Shop for some different Christmas presents that are excellent value. Lets see everyone there! BTW Community Aid Abroad (CAA) Christmas cards will be on sale.

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 January 25th 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.

PUBLIC MEETING

to form the

ONE TREE HILL SPORTS & RECREATION ASSOCIATION

WEDNESDAY 16 DECEMBER 7:30 pm

ALL WELCOME

For more information see article below

AN INVITATION TO ALL SPORTS ENTHUSIASTS

One Tree Hill is a thriving community, yet many of our residents have to join clubs outside our town to enjoy the sports and recreation activities like soccer, football, netball and many others you might think of. A number of local residents have been working to change this situation and to provide an infrastructure for these types of clubs to be based in One Tree Hill. If you're interested in playing, or watching your children play more sports, or having more recreational opportunities locally, read on.

Any interested person or group is invited to attend and participate in the formation of the One Tree Hill Sports & Recreation Association at the One Tree Hill Institute on 16/12/98 at 7:30pm. The purpose of the meeting is to:

- 1 Provide an overview of how the Association will work to support other clubs in One Tree Hill.
- 2 Adopt a constitution so the Association can be incorporated. The constitution has been drafted and can be reviewed before the meeting on request.
- 3 Elect office bearers. Nominations for sufficient office bearers have already been received, however further nominations and office bearers are welcomed.
- 4 Establish the level of community interest and participation in the Association. The best clubs have a strong membership base, community support is essential.
- 5 Target junior soccer for the 1999 season. Demand for a soccer club and junior grade teams is apparent, but the details of players for 1999 are required.
- 6 Identify any other sports and activities that could be supported by the Association. Many have been suggested, but community demand needs to be clearer.

If you would like more information or to register your interest in a particular sporting or recreational pursuit before the meeting, please contact any of the following people who would be happy to hear from you:

Lorraine Vingerhoets on 8280 7680 or 8280 7818

Vicky Theunens on 8280 7452

Glenda Rogers on 8280 7470

Jan and Marianne Messemaker on 8280 7602 or 0414 976 381 or email jmessema@au.oracle.com

You can also register your interest by completing and returning the form available at the One Tree Hill Fodder Store.

Finally, the Association will need a logo suitable for use on letterheads and as a badge on uniforms. If you have ideas or suggestions, start doodling. A competition for the best logo is being planned.

PUZZLE CORNER

What is the relation of your father's brother-in-law to a pendant, a knot of hair, the weight of a plumb line and a change of bells?

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MIKE STEVENS REPORTING BACK

Well, Christmas is upon us again. They tell me that the time goes faster as you get older - I am beginning to believe it! Lea and I both wish you and yours the greetings of the season and sincerely hope that it is an enjoyable time for you all.

Not a lot has been discussed at Council meetings in the last months, most of the business being of a routine nature. One thing however that I do need to bring to your attention is the process that will finish in May next year to determine a Rating Policy. The amalgamation resulted in two quite separate rating procedures being modified and applied to the new City of Playford with a number of anomalies being obvious. We have decided to work through these, starting with a set of options being put to Council and followed by Community Consultation, planned to occur during January and February next year. You may have heard that Hillbank residents have already started the process. I would like you to keep an eye out for notices informing you of the meeting for One Tree Hill ratepayers, which will happen in the first weeks of February.

It seems that the recent work done on the lookout area on the side of Yorketown Road was as a result of a period of concern and complaint by the residents in the immediate vicinity. The area was used for drag racing, partying and other activities until the early hours of the morning - activities which were quite distressing. The Police attended many times, but with no long term reduction in the problem. The fencing work cost some \$1400 and the repairs will be covered by insurance.

I must relate my recent bad experience with burning off. I did all the right things, mowing around the piles of tree offcuts, etc, and applying for a permit to burn. After an inspection I gained the approval. I thought my water supply and the other precautions would be adequate. So I set fire to the pile last Friday in good faith. It took about two minutes before it was out of control!!!!!! It burnt so fiercely that the heat set fire to the surrounding grass and I simply couldn't control it. The CFS attended promptly and did the usual efficient job and I thank them for that. What's the point of relating this story? BE CAREFUL THIS SUMMER.

Please feel free to contact me if you think I can help you with your dealings with the Council on 04 1787 5095 or 8280 7152 (fax 8280 7629, e-mail mikemail@iaccess.com.au).

Regards,

Mike Stevens.

PS Matthew Hayden has asked me to include his Christmas and New Year wishes to you all.

THE MOBILE DAY-CARE PROGRAM FOR SENIORS

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RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Shortbread Assortment.

With Christmas coming why not make some shortbread. You will need 125g unsalted butter, softened, 60g caster sugar, 125g plain flour, 50g cornflour, 1/4 teaspoon vanilla flavouring essence, egg white to glaze. Toppings and flavourings could include 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon, crushed sugar cubes, desiccated coconut, raspberry jam, mixed nuts, choc chips.

Preheat oven to 180 degrees C. Grease 2 or 3 baking trays. In a mixing bowl beat the butter and sugar together until light and creamy. Sift the flour and cornflour over; stir in the vanilla. Transfer to a lightly floured surface and cut into 4 equal pieces. Knead the cinnamon into one piece of dough. Divide in half and roll into two 30cm ropes. Cut each into 3cm lengths. Form into horse shoe shapes and mark with a fork. Roll out a second piece of dough very thinly. Cut into shapes with biscuit cutters. Roll the trimmings into logs. Brush with egg white. Sprinkle with the sugar or the coconut. Roll out the third piece of dough. Stamp out four 7.5cm rounds and four 5cm rounds. Using the end of a piping tube, stamp out the centre of the smaller rounds. Brush the large rounds with egg white. Put the smaller rounds on top and spoon the jam in the centre. Brush with the egg white and sprinkle with the chopped nuts. Knead the choc chips into the remaining dough. Roll into 6 balls and flatten. Put the shortbread on the prepared trays and bake in batches if necessary for 8 to 12 minutes until golden. Transfer to a wire rack to cool completely. You can also make chocolate shortbread by substituting 25g of cocoa for the same weight of flour.

THANKS FOR DONATIONS

Thanks to Mike and Lea Stevens who have sponsored 100 copies of this edition. Your support is much appreciated.

POETS CORNER

*The news reader that kept on reading
The news started
The news reader started reading
She finished the news but kept on reading
The crew pulled funny faces at her
But she kept on reading
They took away her script
But she kept on reading
Thieves stole her handbag
But she kept on reading
The weather person cut her nails
But she kept on reading
The firemen came and sounded their sirens
But she kept on reading
People re-styled her hair
But she kept on reading
I turned my T.V. off
The screen went blank
So I don't know what happened next.*

By Karlee Taylor. year 5

BLACKSMITH'S INN SOCIAL CLUB

On Sunday December 6th is the Annual Christmas Party for children. This is for MEMBERS ONLY. It will be from 12.00-4.00pm. There will be a BBQ, drinks games for the children and Father Christmas will be arriving.

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Bottles: Please leave any soft drink/beer/wine bottles or cans on the concrete slab near to the smaller sheds, behind the station, at any time. This is one of our main fund raising activities, enabling us to purchase up to date equipment.

Hopper: The hopper continues to operate on the second Saturday of the month between the hours of 8.30 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. (approximately - when the last bin is full, we close). Please do not drop rubbish in the bins whilst CFS personnel are not in attendance. Any rubbish left in the area after the hopper hours is left to rot until the next month - Keep One Tree Hill Beautiful! We can take any rubbish except for hard rubble, tyres, paint and other liquids (such as oil and paint). Please bring identification (rates notice, driver's licence etc. stating you are a resident of the One Tree Hill area) with you as it may be asked for. Please place donations for use of the hopper, in the helmet.

Seasons Greetings: Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone in the community.

Dawn Leonard
Administrative Officer.

QUOTABLE QUIPS

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We are now proud to present the winning story in the Intermediate section:

The Ghost of Peppertree Cottage by Laurie Anna Talbot. Copyright 1998

Peppertree Cottage was built almost one hundred years ago. The walls were of stone dug out of the surrounding hills, cemented together with mud. The window frames, doors and trusses were hand-sawn slabs of wattle, a hard white ant resistant wood which came from the groves of Acacia trees covering the country-side.

The settler chose his house-site well. It was alongside the bush track from Adelaide to the goldfields of the eastern hills.

Over the years Peppertree Cottage watched a family grow up. Two tiny babies died before their first year and were buried nearby. Four other children survived and played happily in the surrounding bush. The little mother died from hard work and sadness, but her three sons and daughter took over the running of the house, while the father tried his hand at gold mining.

As time passed, the family moved away. New people took over the cottage and the bush track became wider and more used. Carts, buggies and horse traffic passed by almost every day, as people set up farms and fruit blocks.

A general store set up nearby, under a large gum tree, and was soon a landmark for travellers. "Meet you at

One Tree" people would say.

Two World Wars passed and the little bush track became "Blacktop Road" and the little settlement was a thriving community named "One Tree Hill".

At this time, Peppertree Cottage was unlivd in. Vandals used it as a meeting place and scrawled graffiti on the walls inside. They broke windows and left beer bottles and cans and other rubbish strewn around.

A young couple saw the little run down cottage and fell in love with it. They made enquires to the local council and found they could afford to buy it. Their names were Millie and Andrew, and they had two young children. The young couple worked hard at restoring the cottage, clearing the half acre of land and tidying up the pepper trees which grew around it.

At last all the work was done and the young family moved in. The children were delighted with their little rooms and soon were sound asleep. Millie and Andrew were exhausted from their busy day and dozed by the open fire in the lounge room.

The old black labrador dog yawned at her master's feet, scratched an imaginary flea and opened one eye. Then she opened both eyes and picked her head up, ears pricked. A youngish woman was standing at the door to the lounge room, looking in. She wore a long cotton dress with a white apron over it, and had a cotton bonnet on her

head. Her eyes were blue and she had a strange expression on her face. She put her fingers to her lips and whispered "Ssshhh" to the dog, who thumped her tail softly on the carpet, and gazed at her with brown friendly eyes. Then the woman, turned around and walked noiselessly down the little passage, pausing to look inside the children's rooms, where she gently touched their innocent sleeping faces. The dog had followed her and gently put her cold black nose on her hand. "Good dog" she whispered and silently disappeared.

Millie and Andrew woke from their doze when a log of wood fell over in the fire place and crackled into flames.

"Goodness, I must have fallen asleep!" said the young mother.

"Me, too!" answered Andrew.

"This cottage is so warm and cozy. I think we are going to be happy here" said Millie. "It somehow feels friendly and welcoming, like it knows that someone lives in it again who will look after it."

"You funny little thing" said Andrew.

"Houses don't feel anything!"

"Well, I think this one does" said Millie.

"What do you reckon Ebony?" and the dog wagged her tail and put her cold wet nose into her hand.

SIMON'S PET CORNER

Simon has a new pet. It is a beautiful Rainbow Lorikeet called 'Blue' and it is 6 weeks old. Simon has a special mix to feed lorikeets and we are going to give you the recipe because it is useful for all nectar eating birds.

Dry Mix.

1 box of Farex baby cereal for aged 4 month babies.

1/8th can of Nestles Malted Milk powder.

31/2 tablespoons - heaped- Sustagen sports vanilla flavour.

250 grams of dark brown sugar.

Mix it all together and keep in a sealed container.

Wet Mix

You will need 4 heaped scoops of dry mix. Mix with warm water to dissolve sugar and then top up to half a litre with cold water. Add two drops of Penta-vite (Children's vitamins with iron). Feed your bird with the mix either by hand if they are very young or let them feed themselves.

Simon has two new fishes called 'Croaking Gorami' but his Golden Gorami died, probably because of old age.

His cat 'Tiggy' killed a baby snake recently which is a warning for everyone to look out for snakes. His Chinese Langshan chook has hatched out four babies and is a very protective mother! Simon has seen 'Nash', the Sulphur crested cockatoo that he reared recently. He can tell it is 'Nash' because the feathers are slightly discoloured so poor Nash always looks dirty. He thinks this could be because Nash was very dehydrated when he found him. Anyway Nash must still be attractive to other Cockatoos because he now has a wife!

Some of you will be getting pets for Christmas. Simon says please look after them because they are not toys. Don't have pets unless you can really care for them.

Let's hear news of your special pets! Write to the Grapevine and tell us about them or phone Jill on 8280 7214

ANSWERS TO PUZZLE CORNER.

Bob's your uncle, as well as other things - see BOB in the dictionary.



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Recently I was invited as editor to visit Year 1 and 2, Room 10, Mrs Tauba's class. There I was given a donation of \$36.20 which the children had raised for the Grapevine in a 'Guess the number of jellybeans in the jar' Competition. Giving to the Grapevine was their idea which was very much appreciated. The children had used the whole process as a learning experience and had learnt much useful maths on the way. The whole school was involved in guessing and the jar of jellybeans was finally won by Jennie in the front office who generously made them available to all passers by! Thanks very much students for all your efforts. Here is their own description of their competition:-

In Term 3 we set up a jellybean competition. People were invited to guess how many jellybeans there were in a container. It cost 20 cents for one guess. We went around to classes with a sheet of paper with numbers 1 to 200, we had another piece of paper that you wrote your name, class and guess on. For two weeks we were up and running. In the end we found out who was the winner. Mrs Jenny Billington was the winner. There was 194 jellybeans altogether. Amy-Lee Healey was two off. We raised \$33.20. We decided to give the money to Jill to help print copies of One Tree Hill Grapevine, where lots of our work is published. We worked out that we could help to print seventy copies! The competition was lots of fun, especially eating jellybeans in our maths lessons and counting all that money!

The children in Room 10. Mrs Pain and Mrs Tauba's class.

LOCAL HISTORY NOTES

Ellen Smith was the teacher at the Precolumb school in 1922. This one teacher school was situated on Paines Road and there are still members of our community who received their education there. Reading her notes at the Uleybury School Museum, it becomes clear that she was very keen on grammar and good spelling. Some of her examinations would test modern children and adults too. Here are some examples from her test for grades 5 and 6:

1. Define the following:-

(1) Transitive verb. (2) Preposition. (3) Objective case.

2. How many moods are there? Give examples of each.

3. Analyse and parse fully the underlined words:

The sun is very hot today.

Your answers are very welcome. Please send them in for the end of January and we will publish them in the next edition.

There were 17 children in the school then and she was forced to leave 4 children in their present grades because of their weakness in spelling and arithmetic. Children had to pass all their subjects in their examinations and were often kept back a grade. Poor Walter Wesley spent two years in Grade three and was finally promoted not because he'd improved but because the teacher thought he was unable to improve 'because he hasn't the average reasoning powers'.

These old records make interesting reading and they can be found at the Uleybury School Museum which is open every Sunday afternoon from 2 until 4.00pm.

(History notes researched by Jill McLatchie)

ONE TREE HILL UNITING CHURCH

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Carols under the Pines Sunday 20th December at 7.00pm

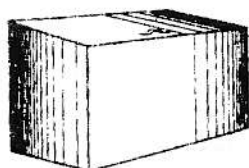
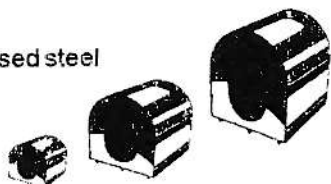
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ROTARY CLUB OF TORRENS VALLEY

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

Lisa our exchange student from Germany has fitted in so well to our community here and at school. She is a very pleasant person and a real credit to her family and home town.

Nathan Woon our outgoing student to Japan will be leaving in the second week of January for a spot some 60km. north of Tokyo. We wish you all the best Nathan and hope that you profit greatly from your experience. Nathan will be living with Japanese families for the year that he is there.

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.

We would like to wish you all a happy Christmas and a very prosperous New Year.

See you at the sausage sizzle at the market. Try our new bacon and egg sandwich.

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 Association of S.A.

Coming events

Gymkhana and Christmas Lunch, December 13th for members only. 9.00am start. Hacking, games and showjumping for all ages. January dates to be confirmed. Dressage and showjumping school and Open Win a Ribbon Showjumping Day.

Recent Results:-

15th November 50th Palomino Championships at Salisbury.
Champion Senior Rider and Reserve Champion Led Gelding to Melissa Wutke and Dallas.
Reserve Champion Hack in the Open Hack Ring to Tricia Hergg and Beaujolais.

Championship Galloway Hack in the Encourage Ring to Robine Young and Cinnamon Cascade.

22nd November North East Riding Club Cross-Country Time Trial at Kersbrook.

Senior Advanced	2nd Rosine Young
Junior	2nd Haylee Bisset, 4th Jenny Wildman
Led	1st Caitlin Duncan-Coward.

Congratulations to all competitors.

We cater for riders of all ages and abilities and train with qualified instructors under the Pony Club syllabus which provides our riders with a solid foundation in horsemanship.

Merry Christmas to all our members and a great New Year for riding.

Our club has been operating in One Tree Hill for many years and lessons and activities are available for all ages and levels of riding. New members welcome.

Any enquires, please contact Helen Duncan, Secretary, ph 8280 7461.

DOG PROVERBS

Dogs feel very strongly that they should always go with you in the car, in case the need should arise for them to bark violently at nothing right in your ear - Dave Barry.

WHERE ARE THEY?

Twenty one years ago, these three young women were young girls in the OTH playgroup. And now in 1998.

Kamini Davenport will be spending Christmas in Sweden and is looking forward to it being white and also enjoying all the special Swedish traditions. She is staying with a Swedish friend Tina who was a student in Adelaide several years ago, and she will also catch up with Saara, who stayed with her family in OTH for 11 months in 1988. (Some One Tree Hill people may remember Saara and her passion for horses.) Kamini has been travelling around overseas since May and is due home on March 3.

Kathryn Wilson has returned home from Denmark after collecting data for her Honours thesis on how Danish interest groups view the Danish integration into the European Union. Kathryn and her partner Sam (who have been a number for quite some time) are getting married on 6 February 1999 at Maslins Beach, although I'm told that it's not in THAT infamous section of the beach, and so guests still have to dress to suit the occasion. Our best wishes to you both, Kathryn and Sam.

And the lovely Vonnice Klæbe, was married on Saturday October 31st at the OTH church. Those of us who know Vonnice would not be surprised to learn that she and her groom left the church in a beautiful horse drawn carriage. Vonnice married Craig Hannum and we wish them both every happiness in their future together.

ONE TREE HILL SENIOR CITIZENS

Melbourne Cup Day saw us all again with a lovely lunch provided by the ladies. Well done to all concerned!

Congratulations are in order for Albert Baggs who received a Senior Citizens Award for the year. This was presented to him by the Mayor of Playford, M.Baker, on the 29th October at the Garden Party for Seniors at Fremont Park.

The 10 Pin Bowls this month was won by Les Moyle 226; Reg Lawrence with 214, and Dick Luker 213.

Six of our members have just returned from an 8 day river cruise. It seems they all enjoyed themselves and had lots of good food - but no luck with the fishing!!

Well the Christmas Season is approaching fast and the club will be having their Xmas lunch on December 2nd at the Central Districts Football Club.

The last meeting for this year is on December 15th and we'll re-open on 5th January 1999.

May I wish all the residents of One Tree Hill a "safe and Merry Christmas".

B.Saunders, President.

GARDENING NOTES FOR DECEMBER

A gardener should tolerate much of the insect life in the garden. The few insects that are seriously destructive usually can be controlled by moderate methods. Quite often the damage is not serious enough to justify special action, and a natural balance can be reached if some damage is tolerated and the gardener leaves the destruction of the pest to the natural predators of the insect world. For all gardeners it is important to make a distinction between serious damage and the normal day to day blemishes and defects in plants caused by the general activities of insects. Insects provide essential food for birds and animals. Many insects are predators of other insects and help to maintain a natural balance.

Irene Peryman, One Tree Hill Garden Centre.



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JOKE OF THE MONTH

A CORPORATE CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

For Immediate Release - The North Pole

The recent announcement that Donner and Blitzen have elected to take the early reindeer retirement package has triggered a good deal of concern about whether they will be replaced, and about other restructuring decisions at the North Pole. Streamlining was necessary due to the North Pole's loss of dominance of the season's gift distribution business. Home shopping channels and mail order catalogues have diminished Santa's market share. He could not sit idly by and permit further erosion of the profit picture.

The reindeer downsizing was made possible through the purchase of a late model Japanese sled for the CEO's annual trip. Improved productivity from Dasher and Dancer, who summered at the Harvard Business School, is anticipated. Reduction in reindeer will also lessen airborne environmental emissions for which the North Pole has received unfavourable press.

I am pleased to inform you that Rudolph's role will not be disturbed. Tradition still counts for something at the North Pole. Management denies, in the strongest possible language, the earlier leak that Rudolph's nose got that way, not from the cold, but from substance abuse. Calling Rudolph "a lush who was into the sauce and never did pull his share of the load" was an unfortunate comment, made by one of Santa's helpers and taken out of context at a time of year when he is known to be under executive stress.

As a further restructuring, today's global challenges require the North Pole to continue to look for better, more competitive steps. Effective immediately, the following economy measures are to take place in the "Twelve Days of Christmas" subsidiary:

The partridge will be retained, but the pear tree never turned out to be the cash crop forecasted. It will be replaced by a plastic hanging plant, providing considerable savings in maintenance;

The two turtle doves represent a redundancy that is simply not cost effective. In addition, their romance during working hours could not be condoned. The positions are therefore eliminated;

The three French hens will remain intact. After all, everyone loves the French;

The four calling birds were replaced by an automated voice mail system, with a call waiting option. An analysis is underway to determine who the birds have been calling, how often and how long they talked;

The five golden rings have been put on hold by the Board of Directors. Maintaining a portfolio based on one commodity could

have negative implications for institutional investors. Diversification into other precious metals as well as a mix of T-Bills and high technology stocks appear to be in order;

The six geese-a-laying constitutes a luxury which can no longer be afforded. It has long been felt that the production rate of one egg per goose per day, is an example of the decline in productivity. Three geese will be let go, and an upgrading in the selection procedure by personnel will assure management that from now on every goose it gets will be a good one;

The seven swans-a-swimming is obviously a number chosen in better times. The function is primarily decorative. Mechanical swans are on order. The current swans will be retrained to learn some new strokes and therefore enhance their outplacement;

As you know, the eight maids-a-milking concept has been under heavy scrutiny by the EEOC. A male/female balance in the workforce is being sought. The more militant maids consider this a dead-end job with no upward mobility. Automation of the process may permit the maids to try a-mending, a-mentoring or a-mulching;

Nine ladies dancing has always been an odd number. This function will be phased out as these individuals grow older and can no longer do the steps;

Ten Lords-a-leaping is overkill. The high cost of Lords plus the expense of international air travel prompted the Compensation Committee to suggest replacing this group with ten out-of-work congressmen. While leaping ability may be somewhat sacrificed, the savings are significant because we expect an oversupply of unemployed congressmen this year;

Eleven pipers piping and twelve drummers drumming is a simple case of the band getting too big. A substitution with a string quartet, a cutback on new music and no uniforms will produce savings which will drop right down to the bottom line;

We can expect a substantial reduction in assorted people, fowl, animals and other expenses. Though incomplete, studies indicate that stretching deliveries over twelve days is inefficient. If we can drop ship in one day, service levels will be improved.

Regarding the lawsuit filed by the attorney's association seeking expansion to include the legal profession ("thirteen lawyers-a-suing") action is pending.

Lastly, it is not beyond consideration that deeper cuts may be necessary in the future to stay competitive. Should that happen, the Board will request management to scrutinise the Snow White Division to see if seven dwarfs is the right number.

Merry Christmas

(Contributed by David McLatchie from the internet)

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MEET OUR COMMUNITY

Zandra Buying of Zandra's Curiosity Shoppe.

Zandra was born in Lancashire England, emigrating to Australia with her family when she was seven. The family's first two and a half years were spent at the Fisherman's Bend Hostel in Melbourne. Her father worked at Holden's and her mother at Kraft Cheeses. Both had two jobs and were busy saving for a house, so Zandra aged seven took on the mother role looking after 3 younger children until she left home at 15. The family travelled all over Australia eventually settling in South Australia until Zandra married a man in the RAAF and her travelling started again. She has three children aged 12, 14 and 16 and now lives in Elizabeth Grove but has a dream of eventually moving to One Tree Hill.

Zandra's plans for her Curiosity Shoppe started five years ago. Her dream is to work in a job she enjoys, become independent and involve her children too. Her shop is expanding with new items in all the time. She has plans for craft classes such as spinning, crocheting, embroidery and possibly folk art but she wants to involve the local people so come into the shoppe and discuss your ideas with her. She has plans for activities for children during the school holidays, so get your name down now.

If anyone has any scrap wool she will be very grateful for it for children's craft activities.

Zandra would like to say a special thank you for the lovely warm welcome the community has given her. Anyone is always welcome to come in for a chat and you can put your good quality craft items in on consignment.

Chris Bonnici of the Cutting Edge

Chris was born in the North East of England and began hairdressing when she was 15. In 1978 she decided to go and work in Malta meeting her future husband in the first week she was there. She lived on this beautiful island for 8 years but eventually the family moved to Australia in 1986. She has two sons, Lee aged 15 and Daniel aged 14. They currently live in Gawler. She used to have a salon in Salisbury but decided to come to One Tree Hill.

Chris's aim is to create a happy friendly salon with a relaxed atmosphere where people can come and relax and make a cup of coffee if they want. There is a special children's corner too. You don't really have to make an appointment. Chris also specialises in make-overs for that special evening and you can have a trial run to see what you look like. All products used are as natural as possible. The colours she uses are from Italy and use the lowest amount of ammonia you can possibly get. She offers a special family cut deal for two adults and two children for \$30, and also is offering a special Senior Citizens rate for \$25 for a cut, set and perm between now and the middle of December. Hair cuts are normally \$12 for ladies and \$10 for men with special rates for pensioners.

Eventually Chris hopes to branch into Aromatherapy and massage etc.

Chris would like to thank her customers for being supportive of the shop. She has found people so nice, friendly and helpful and feels she has been made very welcome. Chris thinks there is good community spirit in One Tree Hill. There will be Christmas drinks too at Christmas!

DID YOU KNOW?

In 1904, New York tea importer Thomas Sullivan sent out some samples in tiny silk sacks. He wanted to save money on the tin boxes he normally used but he didn't want to appear cheap. His customers misunderstood. Instead of removing the tea they put the sacks straight in the tea pot. Unwittingly, Sullivan had just invented the tea bag. (from 'The eventful Century' Readers Digest)

NEWS FROM THE ONE TREE HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Carols and Performance Night

This will be held on Tuesday December 15th. at 7.00pm. Outdoors. The first half will be the children performing and the second half will be carols led by the student choir group. Programs and candles will be available for purchasing.

Australian Mathematics Competition (formerly Westpac Maths)

Earlier this year 20 students from Year 5, 6 and 7 participated in this National Maths Competition. We are proud of the achievements of our students and acknowledge their commitment to learning by accepting the challenge of a somewhat demanding test under strict conditions, to further this learning. Congratulations to all participants, and in particular to the following students for achieving these outstanding results:-

DISTINCTION Cristina Leonello, Serge Polujnikoff, Christie Bader, Isabelle Furlong, Naomi Wilson.

CREDIT David Tenikoff, Callan Taylor, Cindy Marshall, Brad Ritter, Yvonne Murray, Darren Schaefer, Rachel Justice.

Salisbury / Elizabeth Music Festival

The school choir performed to a large audience in their first year with the local Music Festival. Congratulations on another wonderful performance from both the choir and the orchestra which featured one of our students also.

Netball

The school netball team for year 2/3 girls has played in its first matches with lots of enthusiasm, goals scored and great team camaraderie.

Push cart rally

A number of students took part in the Rally held at Fremont Park. Most of the entries were from students in Haydn Butler and Simon Papas' class with a group of year 7 students also submitting an entry made at home. Students in Year 4 and Year 4/5 class worked co-operatively in teams to build their push-carts at school with assistance from their teachers, families and Tom Knight from Active State. Congratulations to all entrants and in particular to the following teams who won a trophy for their division:

BAD BOYS	Year 4 and under
NO FEAR	(best presented cart - Year 4 and under)
LITTLE WINNERS	Years 5, 6, 7
BAD BOYS	Year 7 (Achieved 3 wins and 1 second)

TREES FOR LIFE

Do you know how much Carbon Dioxide you add to the atmosphere each year? All of us produce damaging greenhouse gases with our modern life styles. So we should all recognise our responsibility to not only reduce, but also balance the impact we have on the environment. What better way to do this than by planting more trees! This table enables you to calculate approximately how many trees it will take to offset the Greenhouse gases you produce:-

Number of people in household multiplied by 5	=	a
Litres of petrol used by vehicles each year divide by 8	=	b
Kilowatt hours of electricity used each year divide by 20	=	c
Kilolitres of water used each year (from bills)	=	d
Total number of trees needed	=	a + b + c + d

Are you amazed at the number? But you can help by contributing to Trees For Life, as well as planting trees on your property and growing trees for others.

Our Branch organisers are Chris and Mick Adley, Ph. 8254 9126.



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KIDS HELP LINE

The most common reason young people call Kids Help Line is about relationships, friends or families - getting on with the most important people in their lives. Good communication is at the heart of healthy family relationships. We'll never know what is troubling our kids unless we talk to them. And they won't talk to us unless they know we are going to listen.

It's important to set aside a special time for them to talk to us, e.g. after the evening meal. It is not easy. These days we seem to have so much to do and less time to do it in. In many families both parents work. And after work, there is shopping, cooking and a few hundred other things to fit in before the working day starts all over again. But making time is important.

When talking to your kids it is important to keep the lines of communication open. Be non-judgmental. Ask open questions which encourage responses. Acknowledge your child's thoughts, feelings and outlook on life. Give POSITIVE feedback to your kids.

A message from KIDS HELP LINE

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VETERINARY NOTES FOR DECEMBER

Did you know? - topical tips for pets.

Dogs and cats should never be given cooked bones as the hard splinters will not digest. Raw bone fragments are digestible and rarely cause blockage.

Dettol should never be used on animal wounds. It can damage the skin and especially in cats will burn the mouth and throat when they groom themselves. Use salty water or dilute Betadine (1 part Betadine in 10 parts water) are fine for bathing wounds after clipping surrounding hair away.

Human shampoos are not good for animals coat and skin.

Cats and dogs (and people) fed raw meat (especially kangaroo) can be at risk of contracting Toxoplasmosis. Thorough cooking avoids this possibility.

Sunflower seeds are like junk food to the bird world. If offered a variety of seeds birds will often choose their dessert (the sunflower seeds) first, and not eat their vegies (the better seed types). Two many sunflower seeds can lead to malnutrition, and also to the development of fatty tumours. As with any diet, variety and moderation are best.

Dolphins are the only mammals (apart from humans) that have sex for fun rather than to reproduce! (From the Paradise Veterinary Clinic Newsletter, Autumn/Winter 1998)

QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

"Real success is doing what you want, what fulfils you, what you love to do:- not what impresses other people." (Ros Miles 1987)