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P.O. Box 80, Drysdale, 3222

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DRYSDALE'S famous Bunyip will emerge from hibernation in local lakes for the 12th time on Saturday, March 21, for the legendary Bunyip Festival at Drysdale Primary School, Springs Road.

The 10am-3pm event is the major annual fund-raising event for the Drysdale and Clifton Springs primary schools.

And this year's festival promises to be bigger and brighter than ever, with lots of variety over a fun-filled day.

The Bunyip will arrive for the official opening at 10.30am - and from then on it's all action.

The festival features the Bunyip Challenge, a series of team events much like the television show *It's a Knockout*.

Local sporting clubs form teams to compete in events on the oval from 1am. First prize is \$150, second prize \$50.

The celebrity auction has items donated by local and interstate celebrities. There will be a craft demonstration, craft stalls, a book stall, home-made cakes and sweets,

a grocery grab, plant stall, produce, showbags, a lucky shop, white elephant stall and pre-loved clothing. Lunch offers everything from a BBQ and spit roast to sandwiches.

The legendary Bunyip's back

The day ends with the 3pm drawing of the grand raffle prize of a \$1300 travel package of your choice.

Second prize is an original pastel drawing by local artist May Watson, third prize a homemade cottage quilt, fourth a dinner and accommodation at the Menzies at Rialto, and fifth a Nintendo game boy.

All festival proceeds are shared equally between the two schools.

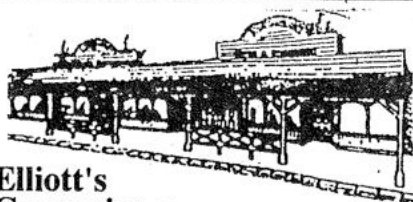
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THE new library in Village Walk has been swamped with keen borrowers. Branch librarian Barbara Riley said staff had been overwhelmed by the response - "but we would love to see you there".

The new shop-front library is open 1-5pm Monday and Tuesday, 2-6pm Thursday and Friday and 9.30am-noon Saturday.

"All you need is proof of name and address - e.g. driver's licence - to join and have free access to our large range of reading material," Barbara said.

"As well as adult fiction, non-fiction, magazines, children's and young adult collections, we stock foreign language material, large-print titles and Hear-a-Books for the print handicapped. Records, cassettes and some music videos are also available for loan for a small charge.

"For the cost of \$1 for adult material or 50 cents for children's material, holds may be placed on anything required that is held anywhere within the GRL service."

Barbara reminded students to come in as soon as they have assignments so suitable material can be located. VCE students should contact the GRL's education resource officer by telephoning 221900.

And Barbara has suggested some books to keep an eye on. They are:

* *Tell Me I'm Here* - a Milligan family history by Spike Milligan.

* *The Reluctant Star* - the Mel Gibson story by James Oram.

* *The Servants of Twilight* - by Dean Koontz.

* *The Doomsday Conspiracy* - by Sidney Sheldon.

* *Remember* - by Barbara Taylor Bradford.

Barbara can be telephoned on 513855 with any queries.

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SpringDale Community Cottage has a new co-ordinator to develop programs and build on our community's strengths. Today Meron Lovegrove sets out her aims.....

"IT is a testament to the hard work and enthusiasm of a number of volunteer organisers that SpringDale Community Cottage has continued to run successfully since its inception in 1989.

"Because of this success, funding to appoint a part-time co-ordinator was approved, and it is from this position that I welcome readers to the *Messenger*, a SpringDale publication.

"As co-ordinator, I will be aiming to really put our neighbourhood on the map to make it a place that all members of our community feel they can come to for support, learning, friendship and information.

"I hope over the next few months to meet many people in the area, to develop an activities program in response to perceived needs, and to build a service that strengthens and enlivens our community.

"To do this I seek your ideas and assistance.

"What do you want? What would be great for this town?"

"It's amazing what can happen when

Meet the new co-ordinator

people's energies are brought together.

"I'm excited about the possibilities for SpringDale and invite you to come and say hello.

"I am available 1-4pm Tuesday, 9.30am-12.30pm Wednesday and 9.30am-1.30pm Friday at 15 Princess Street, Drysdale. Telephone 531960 or write to PO Box 80, Drysdale 3222."

Meron Lovegrove, co-ordinator

PS: We're looking for tutors to take classes for Term 2. Do you have a skill that you can teach? Write or ring to discuss tutoring possibilities.

Support
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for our
children

THE Children's Service Centre at Eversely Street, Drysdale, provides many services, including a kindergarten for pre-schoolers, family day care for children from 0 to 12 and part-time/full time care for 0-5 children.

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LETS is a non-profit community trading organisation that benefits anyone with time or skills to share.

It's a kind of sophisticated bartering that works something like this:

Jan is a truck driver and Ken a welder who wants some steel delivered but has no money.

Jan doesn't want any welding, so that's usually where it stops.

However, if Jan and Ken are members of LETS, then Jan delivers the steel and Ken pays her in LET\$.

An acknowledgement form is either deposited in the nearest collection box or Ken telephones 531729 to record the transaction.

Jan's account increases by 40 LET\$ and Ken's account decreases by 40 LET\$.

In turn, Jan employs a carpenter, who has a haircut, gets some clothes made and buys some food from a farmer.

The farmer now has a way to pay for a welder, so Ken gets to work again.

The Bellarine LETSystem began in May 1990, and now has more than 90 members.

Among the services on offer are roof plumbing, computer programming, lawnmower repairs, house design, professional photography, gardening and dress-making.

Membership costs just \$5.

More details can be obtained from Jagged Art Glass (next to Keane's Real Estate) or Kim Gye, 531729.

Vacancies for classes

SPRINGDALE still has vacancies in a number of classes for its Term 1 programme. These are:

- * Victorian wreath - 7-10pm Tuesday March 17. \$10.
- * Topiary tree - 7-10pm March 24. \$13.
- * Card-making - 1-3pm Thursday March 26 for two weeks.
- * Natural cleaning aids - 1-3pm Thursday March 26. \$9.
- * Machine applique - 9.30am-noon or 7-9.30pm Monday March 30.
- * Spaghetti jar arrangement - 7-10pm Tuesday March 31. \$13.
- * Decorative bars - 7.30-9.30pm Tuesday April 7. \$9.

Telephone 531960 during office hours Tuesday-Thursday for details.

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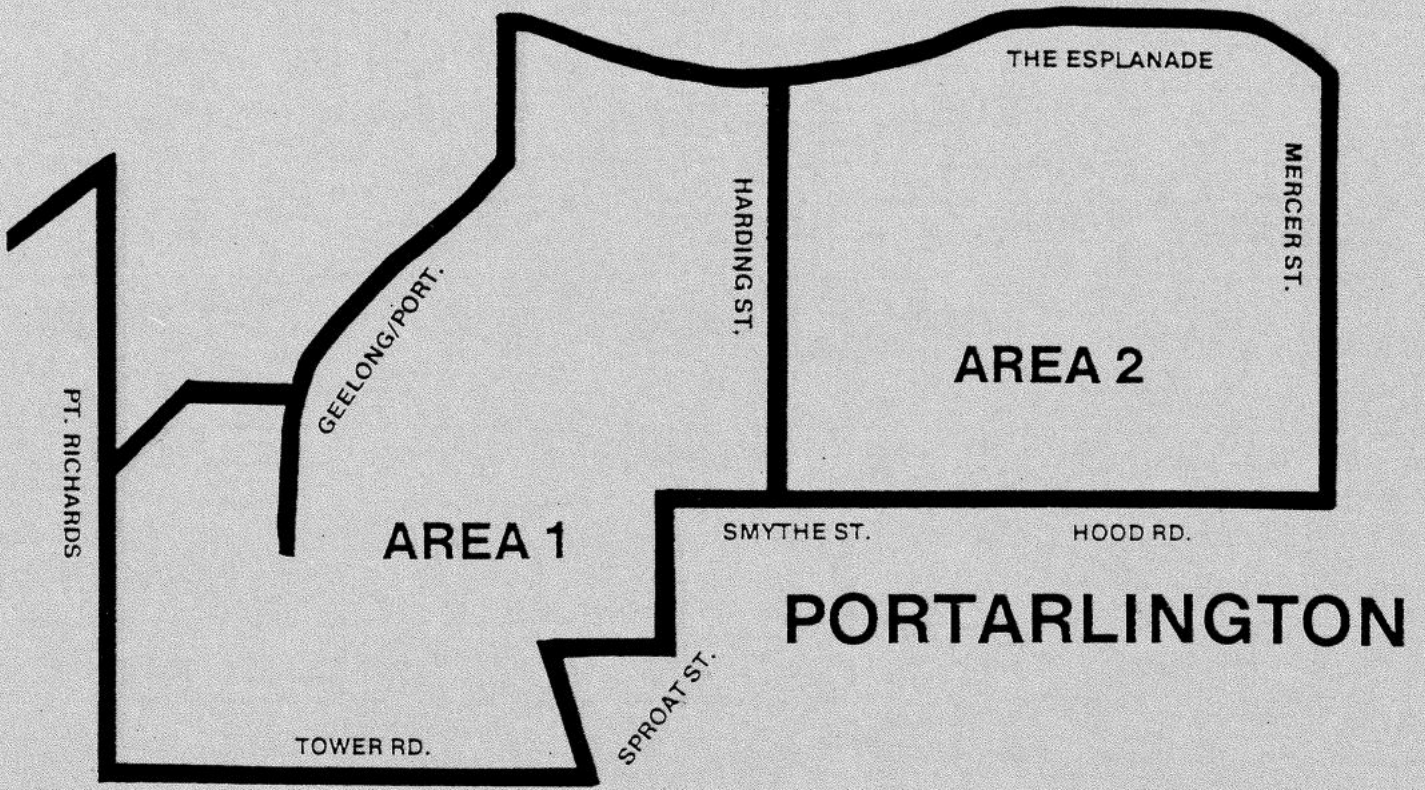
COLLECTION DATES FOR 1992

SEE MAP ON BACK FOR YOUR AREA

PORTARLINGTON		DRYSDALE/CLIFTON SPRINGS	
AREA 1	AREA 2	AREA 3	AREA 4
JAN 20TH	JAN 13TH	JAN 24TH	JAN 17TH
FEB 17TH	FEB 10TH	FEB 21ST	FEB 14TH
MARCH 16TH	MARCH 9TH	MARCH 20TH	MARCH 13TH
APRIL 13TH	APRIL 6TH	APRIL 17TH	APRIL 10TH
MAY 11TH	MAY 4TH	MAY 15TH	MAY 8TH
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AUGUST 31ST	AUGUST 24TH	SEPT 4TH	AUGUST 28TH
SEPT 28TH	SEPT 21ST	OCTOBER 2ND	SEPT 25TH
OCTOBER 26TH	OCTOBER 19TH	OCTOBER 30TH	OCTOBER 23RD
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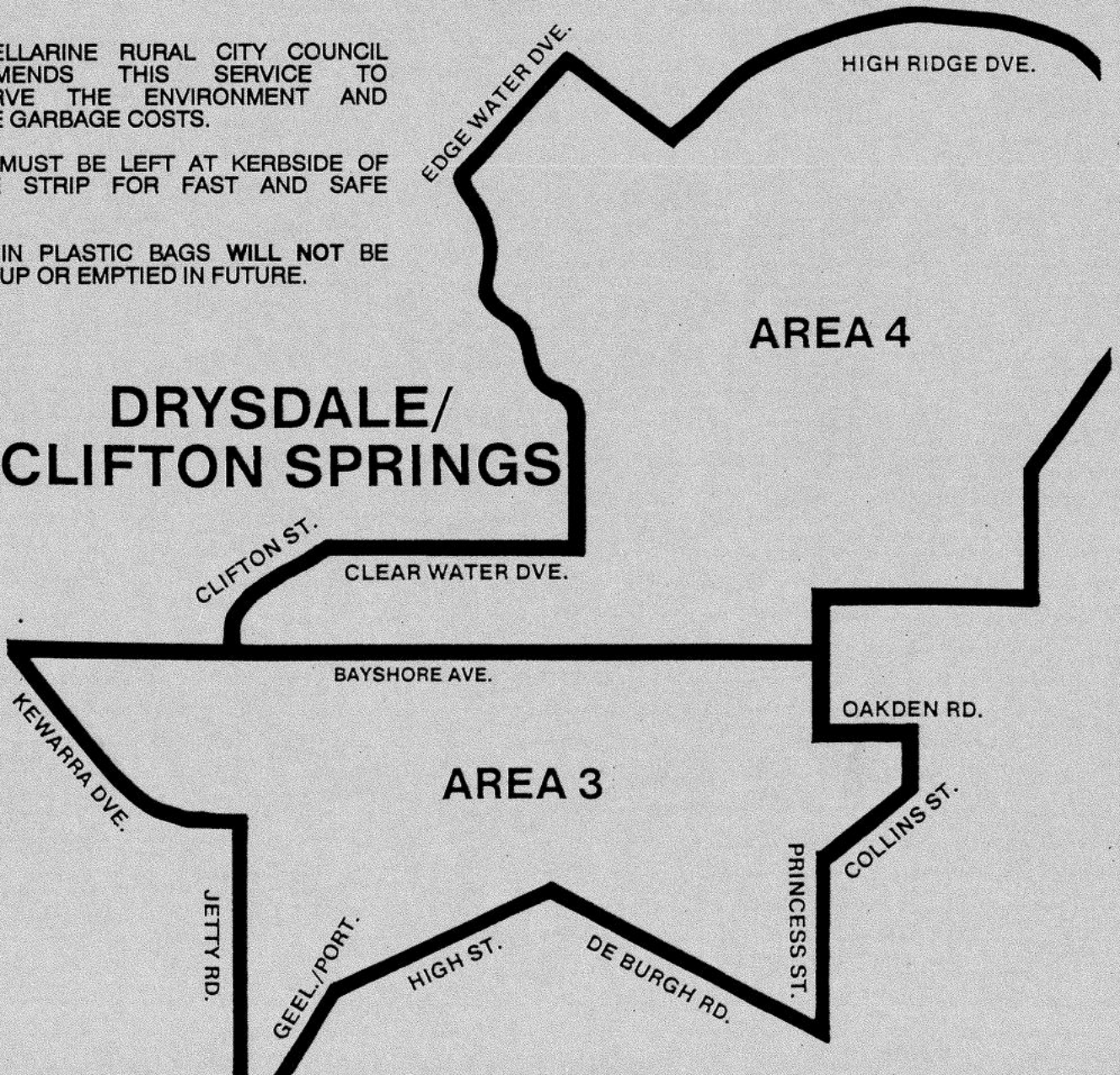


THE BELLARINE RURAL CITY COUNCIL RECOMMENDS THIS SERVICE TO CONSERVE THE ENVIRONMENT AND REDUCE GARBAGE COSTS.

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DRYSDALE/ CLIFTON SPRINGS



BELLARINE Rural City Council has been holding two-week school holiday programs for a number of years during the four school holidays.

Any primary school-aged child interested in the activities or excursions is eligible to attend.

The program activities are based around art/craft, sporting activities and excursions.

The cost to parents is about \$45 per child per week. This takes in the cost of the care of the child, excursions, materials and transport.

Concessions are available for families on benefits.

The programs also cater for children with disabilities.

Telephone Aldona Brown at the council on 530300 for more information..

THE council operates a central enrolment scheme for all municipal pre-schools.

Copies of the council's central enrolment policy and standard enrolment forms are available from the council offices or your local pre-school.

The completed forms, together with proof of age, must be forwarded to the council on or after the child's second birthday.

Enrolments are recorded according to date received.

Telephone Coral Buckland on 530300 for more information.

The council hires out capsules for the safe carriage of babies up to six months of age in vehicles.

They can be sought for six months from date of birth - but, beware, there is a waiting list, so book early.

THE council warns of an increasing

COUNCIL CORNER

trend to park vehicles on the wrong side of the road.

Traffic regulations state that vehicles must be parked with the left side wheels as near as practicable to the left boundary of the carriageway on the correct side of the road.

"The practice of parking on the wrong side of the road is dangerous and often causes other motorists concern," warns the council.

"In most cases the vehicle must be driven on the wrong side of the road to get there, and then on the wrong side of the road to leave.

"Modern vehicles are not fitted with reflective devices on the front; therefore the dangers increase at night."

The council says "there is no acceptable reason" for leaving vehicles on the wrong side of the road - including nature strips.

Council by-law officers are fining the owners of an vehicles illegally parked. Patrols will continue, with a greater emphasis on public safety.

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MARCH RECIPE - pineapple fruit cake:
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Boil butter, sugar, pineapple, mixed fruit, spice and carb. soda for three minutes, then cool. Sift flours and add to the fruit mixture with the two beaten eggs and pinch of salt. Place in eight inch square tin and cook at 160 degrees for one-and-a-half to two hours.

GARDENING TIP;

Have you mulched your garden for the hot weather? It will help save time and money through watering, as well as reduce the growth of weeds. An excellent native mulch is available from the Drysdale Waste Disposal and Recycling Centre in Becks Road. For a minimal cost, bring some home after your next delivery of waste to the tip. Seaweed also is cheap, effective and readily available.

HANDY HINT;

A pin placed in the water when boiling an egg will prevent it from cracking. Also, don't forget to immediately run cold water over the egg to prevent discolouration around the yoke.

Drysdale RSL 40 years old

THE Drysdale sub-branch of the RSL was 40 years old on March 10.

It comes at a notable time for the sub-branch - membership has actually risen by 10 over the past year to 103.

The event will be celebrated when a speaker is obtained.

The RSL's women's auxiliary is celebrating its 40 years with a luncheon on April 13. Ring secretary Joy Ward, 512974, for details.

The RSL recently held its annual general meeting; W. Jones was elected 1992-93 president, R. Talent senior vice-president, G. Wisbey junior vice-president, G. Malcolm secretary, D. Rose treasurer and W. Jones welfare officer.

Anzac Day, a Saturday, will this year be commemorated with a service in the Drysdale Senior Citizens' Hall at 10.30am. It's hoped a dignitary from the Staff College, Queenscliff, will speak.

A contingent of members and wives are leaving on May 7 for a nine day holiday at Merimbula. Their bus will stop at Lakes Entrance on the first night.

A supplementary list is available to replace anyone who drops out of the trip.

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THE Drysdale Flames Basketball Club made its first-ever foray into top-level interclub competition during a recent trip to Melbourne for the Eltham Basketball Tournament.

Widely regarded as the largest annual junior basketball tournament in the Southern Hemisphere, it attracted 322 teams from Melbourne, country Victoria, New South Wales, South Australia and Tasmania. In all, they played a total of 984 games in 35 grades. The Flames' under-12 and under-16 teams led the way with two wins each from five games.

Coach David Lindgren organised a well-balanced under-12 team that gave its all against more seasoned competitors.

Damian Andrews, Matthew Townrow, James Lindgren and Mark Topp showed skill to take the bulk of the scoring shots.

The under-16 team's wins were by large margins, with a third game lost by a narrow five-points in a see-sawing match.

The most valuable players were Christian Viti, Adam Richardson, Tim Edwards and Troy Martini.

The under-14 team battled to a win and a draw during some hard, exciting matches.

The team's most valuable players were Ben Andretta, Mark Adams, Corey Ricketts, Matthew Robb and Nick Hosking.

The under-18 Flames were unlucky not to pick up at least one win.

They lost three matches by a single shot!

The most valuable players in these nail-biting finishes and their other three games were Wes Viti, Jarrod Lee, Jamel Muhor, Todd Shell, Jason Adams and Todd Wombwell.

The sports report....

Overall, the tournament proved that, with more experience, the Flames could be a force to be reckoned with.

EIGHT local cyclists are to compete in the 24-hour, 520 kilometre Mildura to Port Fairy cycle relay.

The team of Fred Flower, Furio Rovere, Grahame Welsh, Peter Hosking, Geoff Reagan, Reg Mariner, Bill Dempsey and Fred McLean have entered the unique relay to raise money for the Drysdale Community Health Centre.

The team's major sponsor for the April 25-26 event is the Portarlington-Drysdale Lions Club, which has put up \$2000. Other donations for the team's effort can be made by telephoning Fred Flower on 512847.

The relay is not a race, but an event for teams to raise money for their local hospitals or health-related organisations.



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THE next get-together of the Belarine group of the Nursing Mothers Association will be at 7.45pm, Tuesday March 24, at the home of Ro Day, 1 East Street, Drysdale. The topic is 'Stretching the Budget'. Telephone Liane, 513131, or Jenny, 512497, with queries or for advice.

DRYSDALE and Clifton Springs parents of Queenscliff High School students are reminded that mid-semester parent-teacher interviews will be held at 1.30-3.30pm and 7-9.30pm on March 31 and April 1.

All students will be given the chance to make interview appointments with their teachers.

VCE students will receive mid-semester reports on March 30.

Parents can contact the school any time to discuss childrens' progress.

ST JAMES Anglican Church, Collins Street, Drysdale, holds a 'praise and worship' service at 5pm on the first Sunday of each month in its hall.

There is also holy communion at 10.30am every Sunday plus 8am every second and fourth Sunday, and Lenten service and meditation at 7pm Wednesdays. Telephone the vicar, Allan Bignoux, for details.

The annual general meeting of SpringDale will be held at the community room, Drysdale school hall,

at 9.30am March 25. All welcome.

THE Drysdale Uniting Church is holding its annual church auction from 9am on April 11 at the Uniting Church Hall.

Two auctioneers will sell the large range of items already pouring in.

Cake, vegetable and white elephant stalls, as well as morning tea, will be operating throughout the auction.

Telephone E.M. Harrold, 512455, for details.

THERE'S a warm welcome to a coffee morning for anybody interested in joining a group of people involved in community activities to be held at 9.30-11am on Tuesday March 17 at St James Church of England hall, Collins Street, Drysdale. Children welcome.

Telephone Meron at SpringDale on 531960 or Brenda on 513338 for more information.

THE next issue of the *SpringDale Messenger* will be on April 13.

All advertising or contributions must be in by March 27.

Telephone Lucy on 531018 for advertising queries or Brenda on 513338 with stories, or use our box at Elliott's store, High Street, Drysdale.

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