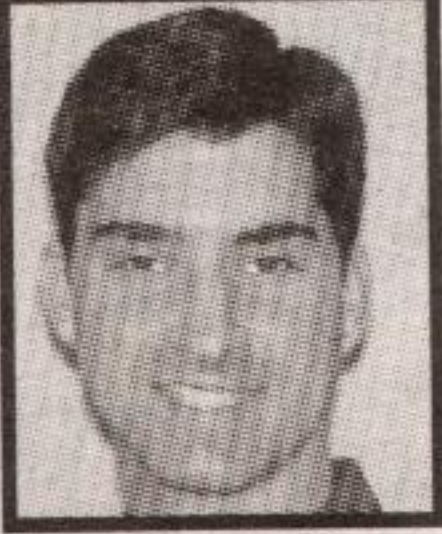


At annual Montgomery Christmas celebration Norval ready to show its love for Lucy



... Lend Me Your Ears

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SECONDHAND SMOKE INCREASES EAR INFECTIONS IN CHILDREN

Ear infections are the number one reason young children visit their doctors and take antibiotics. A new study finds many of those infections could be avoided if parents who smoke would make one important change.

A recent study in the archives of pediatric and adolescent medicine is giving parents another reason to quit. It finds exposure to cigarette smoke in the home increases children's risk of middle ear infections. The smoke inflames the tissues of the middle ear so that viruses and bacteria can invade more easily and cause infection.

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Everyone is invited to Norval this weekend (Nov. 27 and 28) to the 12th annual Montgomery Christmas.

The event provides an opportunity to discover the history and character of Norval and to enjoy an old-fashioned celebration of Christmas in the country. It honours one of Canada's best-loved authors— Lucy Maud Montgomery—who lived in Norval from 1926 to 1935 while her husband was minister of Norval Presbyterian Church and Union Church near Glen Williams.

This year Norval's three churches are hosting bazaars featuring handmade crafts, Christmas tree ornaments, baked goods and plenty of ideas for gifts.

Norval United Church (Hwy. 7) will host a bazaar and lunch from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., St Paul's Anglican Parish Hall on Winston Churchill Blvd. South will hold a bazaar and lunch from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Norval Presbyterian Church (Hwy. 7) will host a bazaar from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and lunch from 11:30 to 1:30 p.m.

Also on Saturday the Norval United Church Brass ensemble will be performing throughout the village and at Crawford's Village Bakeshop editors of the *Selected Journals of L.M. Montgomery* Dr. Mary Rubio and Dr. Elizabeth Waterston will be signing copies of the books.

Visitors to the shop will also be able to sample Lucy Maud Montgomery's Christmas cake made of raisin, mixed citron, figs, almonds, butter and eggs as

described in her handwritten recipe book which will be on display. Signed copies of Aunt Maud's Recipe Book co-authored by Elaine and her daughter Kelly will be available.

From 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday Canoe Country will host its first Annual Tea

will also be heritage seeds, log cabin bookmarks, refreshments and home-made cookies and squares available.

Also on Saturday at 1 and 3 p.m., *Anne of Green Gables 1919 Silent Movie* recreated by Magic Lantern Slide Show will be shown at Norval School at Mary St. and Hwy. 7. The shows are 15 minutes in length, admission is \$2 to cover rental cost of the school.

Also at the school, illustrator Janet Wilson of *The Cavendish Cat* will be on hand with artist proofs from the book for sale.

There will also be a Norval heritage photo display by Mary Maxwell and information on Lucy Maud Montgomery's Norval Years in the school.

On Sunday evening Norval Presbyterian Church will honour Lucy Maud Montgomery with a light dinner at 5:30 p.m., an old-fashioned sing-song at 6:30 p.m., and a special service in the church sanctuary at 7 p.m. with entertainment and Rev. Mary Campbell and Kathy Gastle presenting highlights of the author's life.

Those who attend are encouraged to

Party. Harpist and folk singer dress in period costumes. Anneliese Cameron will perform. There

—By Lisa Tallyn, staff writer



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