

## DANCE REVIEW

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# CAN DO!

## There's spirit behind Kankakee organization

By Carla Sanders  
Journal writer

Kankakee "Can Do!" knows area "Youth Can Do" too.

On Wednesday, April 18, "Youth Can Do" committee chair Karen Hertzberger looked forward to surprising faculty and students at Kennedy Middle School.

She and other committee members from all over the Kankakee County area met to talk about surprising teachers and students in the Kennedy Fine Arts program with certificates and praise.

On Feb. 22, students in the program had presented an impressive combination of music and dance coupled with an art exhibit.

Their presentation was, "Celebrate You and Me," received rousing applause from parents and friends.

But the applause rippled through the community, too. Meeting recently at the Community Resource Center in downtown Kankakee, Mrs. Hertzberger, a Speckman Realtor; "Can Do!" president Gary Moore of Moore Industries; volunteers Tim Schmidt, executive director of the Kankakee Development Corporation; and Mrs. Rose Mitchell, a legal assistant from Limestone, explained the importance of rewarding youth for

positive accomplishments and good behavior.

They also discussed some of the other things they want to do.

"We're trying to set up a speaker for youth who can encourage self-esteem, a positive perspective on community, parents, and school while we try to improve the attitude toward life and the Kankakee River Valley," said Mrs. Hertzberger.

"We want to recognize kids that are good. Just the regular kids going through school with the right attitude — average kids," said Schmidt.

Their youth committee is working hard to make the organization's mission a reality, especially amongst youngsters in this area.

"The biggest goal that we have is to let kids know if you do something good we're going to see it," said Mrs. Mitchell.

"Youth Can Do!" committee members got word of the impressive "Celebrate You and Me" performances and presentation.

They decided to recognize Kennedy, an arts and sciences magnet school, and principal James Hudson for work well done.

A secret visit to the school was planned, so they could walk into the three classrooms that comprise the arts program, congratulate

each teacher and all their students.

Teachers and students received certificates in addition to praises.

"I think this is one of the most exciting things that has happened in the community today," said Moore. "These are kids rewarded for doing something right," he explained.

Moore divided the fledgling "Can Do!" organization into committees. "Youth Can Do!" is one of them.

Miss Marjorie Elroy teaches vocal music to all grades, 3-6, involved in the Fine Arts program at Kennedy.

"I think it's very supportive of the community. It's an excellent idea that got my kids very excited," she said after the visit. "We were not only surprised but greatly honored to receive this attention."

"Youth Can" is interested in helping youngsters learn the importance of setting goals, the joy of positive self esteem and the value of developing the mind set you need to succeed in a positive way.

Kennedy fine arts instructors were happy to receive such positive attention.

"I thought it was really neat," said fifth grade teacher Mrs. Rebecca Harris. "I think it encourages students to continue and try to do creative things. It makes us feel really good and makes teachers want to 'keep on keeping on'."

Jack Kresl, 11, is in Mrs. Harris' class.

"It was just shocking," said Kresl, who plays violin and performs with the sixth graders.

"This is about the biggest thing I've ever gotten from a performance



Journal/Kathie VanTassel

Marjorie Elroy, vocal music teacher at Kennedy Middle School in Kankakee, leads her students in song while rehearsing for the spring concert.

The teachers and students were presented with a 'Youth Can Do Award' for their music and dance performance on Feb. 22.

### Seminar at ONU on May 23

## Words of Rohn can serve as motivation



JIM ROHN

... noted speaker coming

Which day will be the day that turns your life around?

Motivational speaker Jim Rohn will try to help participants discover the answer during two seminars on Thursday, May 23, at Chalfant Hall on the Olivet Nazarene University Campus.

Jim Rohn, who has spent more than 30 years focusing on the fundamentals of human behavior that most affect personal and business performance, has shared his message with more than 5,000 audiences and three million people worldwide. Rohn has established a reputation as a dynamic and memorable speaker.

A business development seminar, from 1 to 5:30 p.m., will include topics such as communication, leadership, and time management skills. Tickets for this session are \$75.

Rohn's personal development seminar, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., will address issues of personal power and goal setting. Tickets for the evening session will be \$25.

For ticket information or to learn about sponsorship opportunities for the Jim Rohn seminars, call 932-7932.

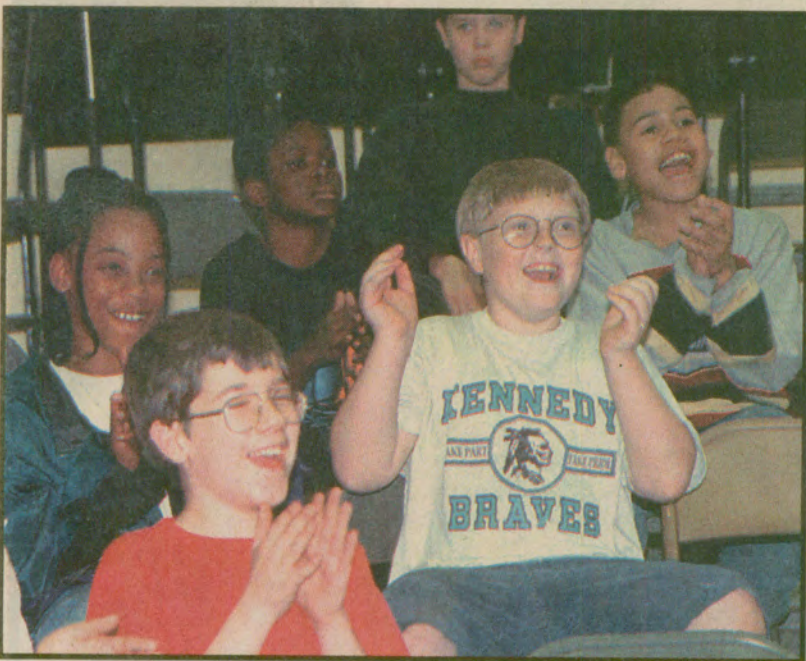
### 'Can Do' corner is coming!

The "Can Do!" organization was developed to foster community unity and multicultural understanding; to promote positive thinking in and about Kankakee County; to foster personal organizational and community development; to empower citizens by providing expanded access to development training programs; and to generate funds for worth while community service projects.

The "Youth Can Do!" corner of *The Daily Journal* will premiere soon. It will display "Youth Can" spirit award recipients.

Schools will be nominating students and persons who work with youth. The names and profiles of those winners will be carried in the Youth beat section of *The Sunday Journal*. Nominations will be accepted from the general public also. If you know of a youngster that exemplifies "Can Do!" spirit, send their name and your reason for nominating them to "Youth Can Do!" P.O. Box 2346, Kankakee, Ill., 60901.

"Can Do!" meets at noon each Thursday at the Community Resource Center.



Journal/Kathie VanTassel

Kids in the Kennedy Middle School Fines Arts program react to the announcement that they won the 'Youth Can Do Award'.

## Tuned in

### Milner attributes success to book

By Kim Chievru, Journal writer

A book changed young Tim Milner's attitude; listening to Jim Rohn transformed his life.

When Jim Rohn visits the Kankakee area May 23, local radio station owner Milner will be in the audience, hearing again some of the principles that helped him take his first true steps on the road to success.

Milner said he first heard of positive thinking in 1971 when a teacher gave him the book "Psycho Cybernetics" by cosmetic surgeon Dr. Maxwell Maltz.

"I learned from that book that you are what you think you are," Milner said.

Milner's new positive attitude helped him achieve an early dream: Although he had never played before, he won a spot as a center fielder on his Florida high school baseball team and eventually played college baseball ... because he believed in himself.

Milner didn't pursue a career in professional baseball, but his early sports experiences convinced him of the power of a positive mental attitude and inspired him to learn more. He read books on the subject and eventually discovered motivational cassette tapes ... by a man named Jim Rohn.

"Rohn says that opportunity usually lies in the exact opposite direction of the masses," he said. "That planted the seed for me to end up in Kankakee."

On a road trip from Florida to see a White Sox game in Chicago, Milner and his late brother, Tom, realized they could pick up Kankakee radio station WBYG 99.9 on the car radio in front of Comiskey Park. They got an idea.

"If this station with this great signal goes all the way to Chicago," we said, advertisers would see the opportunity to reach Kankakee area people and south side Chicago people," Milner recalled.

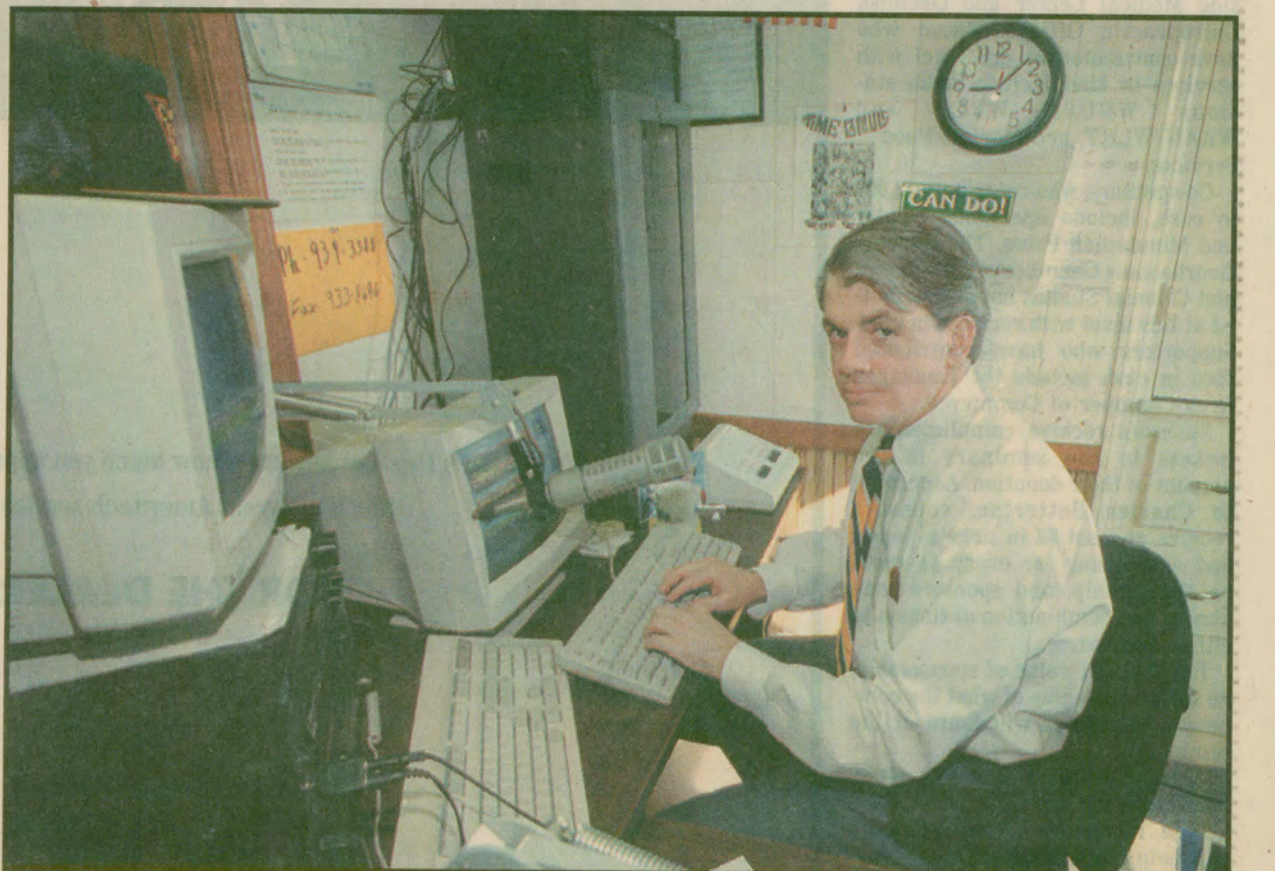
In 1984 Milner's parents, Jackie and the late Gene Milner, decided to buy station WBYG and run it as a family business. They moved from Florida to Kankakee, changed the station's format to Top 40 music, and renamed it: The BUS.

Milner believed people would tune in, and they did. "Our weekly listenership is more than 220,000 people," Milner said.

Jackie Milner still runs the station, and one brother, Mickey, works as the program director. The family lost Tim's brother Tom in an accident in 1985, and their father, Gene, to pancreatic cancer the following year. Milner said he survived losing these family members by incorporating some of their positive qualities into his own life.

Through it all, he maintained a positive outlook. "We went through a lot," said Milner, "but you grow

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Journal/Dennis R. Reavis

Tim Milner, owner and general manager of the WBUS and WVLI radio stations, is a firm believer in the motivational and management

principles of Jim Rohn, who will speak at a seminar sponsored by the Kankakee River Valley Can Do.