by Kerry Chalmers

Have you bought a 12c stamp lately? If not drop by the Rockwood Post Office and ask Postmaster Marg Cox to show you the first of a proposed series on the endangered species series. This stamp of the cougar has a special meaning for Rockwood residents. Local artist Robert Bateman was commissioned by the Postage

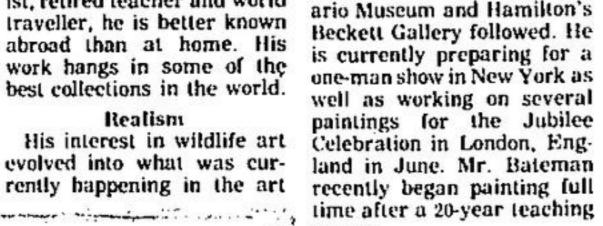


New stamp

Development Department of the Canadian Post Office to work on the endangered species series.

Mr. Boteman has been In 1975 he claimed interinterested in wildlife since national recognition at the boyhood and began sketching Tyron Gallery in London, birds and other forms of wild-England with his painting of life that lived in the ravine African wildlife. Mr. Batebehind his family home in Toronto. He and friends often man taught in Nigeria on an external aid program and biked to rural areas where he some of these African scenes sketched and friends did were painted then. photography.

A naturalist, conservationist, retired teacher and world traveller, he is better known abroad than at home. His work hangs in some of the best collections in the world.



Search Preparing the painting of the cougar for the wildlife series resulted in rather an amusing episode. Mr. Bateman likes to work from his own material and he wanted to see and spend time with a

world at that time. In the mid-

sixties he moved from ab-

stractions back into realism

of nature where he felt more

Following this, showings in

South Africa, the Royal Ont-

He discovered from early records that the cougar of this region was smaller, redder and had a strong dorsal stripe Mr. Bateman, his wife Birgit down the back. There are and their infant son Christcougars on Vancouver Island opher spent a magnificent in remote areas and the odd day at an Elizabethan manone in the Rockies, where sion where he studied his they are still shot at by cougar!

The Batemans set about to find a cougar in a zoo but this proved te be more difficult than one would think.

hunters.

No luck No luck at Metro zoo and ario Museum and Hamilton's Buffalo zoo reported that Beckett Gallery followed. He unfortunately their one and only cougar had died six months earlier and believe it or not arriving at Regent's paintings for the Jubilee Park zoo in England where there is one of the best colland in June. Mr. Bateman lection of animals in the recently began painting full world, Mr. Bateman was time after a 20-year teaching refused entry because they were renovating their cat section! The zoo would make no exceptions. The Batemans were in England so Mr. Bateman could sign some limited edition prints of African Wildlife subjects. Luck, however,

When they were visiting a small zoo in Wiltshire the Because there have been keeper there suggested they only tracks, sounds and pos- contact a friend who was a sible sightings of the eastern keeper for a private zoo. The cougar over the past two private zoo happened to hundred years it was impos- belong to the manager of Tom sible for him to see an eastern Jones and Englebert Hum-

was with them.

They contacted the keeper who did have a cougar and

Mr. Bateman notices characteristics and details an average observer would miss because he does study these wild creatures. He pays strict attention to proportion and scale and uses preliminary sketches, clay models and photographs when beginning a canvas. The cougar is a beautiful example of how his background as a naturalist and his interest in ecology enhance his work. He likes to paint his subjects in their natural environment.

He put the cougar in a white pine tree because the white pine is typical of eastern Canada and not the west which is one of the only ways to identify it as an eastern cougar. Mr. Bateman used a white pine tree, part of the conservation area pine on the Fourth Line for authenticity in his background. 22 million

The stamp was issued on March 30 and 22 million were issued at that time. Postmaster Marg Cox commented artist was in the mailing on the number of requests for area

ARTIST BOB Bateman works on painting of lion for the Queen's Jubilee Celebration in London, England this June. He often works outdoors at this time of year enjoying the wildlife that make their home along the Eramosa River in the seclusion of the Batemans' peaceful nook.

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and prizes and a draw will

add to this special day. More

Wednesday, April 20 at the

Rockwood



**ENJOYING THEIR Easter Monday holiday are** Kathy Short (on horse), Sue Wood and Jim Hall. Many village students took advantage of the sunny day and their freedom.

## Cancer drive canvassers out

by Kefry Chalmers hard at work. The goal for the Wellington County Unit is

In 1976 a tôtal of \$1,250 was collected in Eramosa Twp.

ol \$250, over 1975. This year The April Cancer Cam- Eramosa Twp. is split into paign is here once again, and two halves with a team the volunteer canvassers are captain in charge of each

area between No. 24 and No. 7 Hwy, the team captain is alone, which was an increase Marjorie Saunders, and the Barbara Wynneck.

## Bimbo disappears Bimbo the clown was song As this was also the

packed away until the next Easter program, Mrs. Dri-Bible club meeting in October, when he can again have surprises for the members of the Good News Club.

"Oh, does this have to be the last club already?" coaxed the children, as they met in the Rockwood school for their weekly meeting. Soon they were involved in a busy game of Sword Drill as the club got underway.

Two newcomers were welcomed and soon joined in the program, adding their voices to the vigorous Extra

whole Resurrection's facts were rediscovered. Buth boys and girls ended in a tie game. Treats to everyone soon soothed the feelings After the Mission songs, the interesting story of Freddo was concluded. The children were shocked to hear of a witch doctors medicines, and encouraged to pray for other

jber the leader reviewed the

facts of the surprising events,

through pictures by famous

artists. Through an enthusia-

stie game of Tie Tac Toe, the

aries to help them learn of Christ desus Soon club was over, and everyone was invited to the 5 Days club which will be held

children who do not yet have

the love of Christian mission-

They will also be watching Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rine- for the announcement of the already popular in the USA.

canvassers are: in Rockwood Village; Nancy Anderson, Marilyn Brace, Lillian Hill, Bernice Bacon, Johanna Gooyers, Gert Woellmer, Grace Day, Gail Ritchie, In Eramosa Twp. in the Millie Bolton, Winnie Hilts, Allerellie, Ebba Hospes, Helen Weirmeir, and

sheets of stamps and said she

found it necessary to order

additional sheets from the

The supervisor there not

only remarked on the quality

of the issue but said she felt a

sense of pride knowing the

London Stamp Depot.

On the First and Second Lines Barbara Osborne, Third and Fourth Lines Myra Benham, Fifth Line and Upper Sixth Lines Dorothy Harding, Seventh Line Ha Johnstone, Lower Sixth and No. 5 Side Road Rita Me-Phedran, Eramosa side of town line Ellen Garner, No. 24 Hwy. Marie Ellen Tavares, "Eramosa" Anne Parkinson, Everton Village Kathy Jestin and Marg Hammond.

In the upper half of Eramosa Twp, the team captain is Gen Littlewood and the canvassers are: Second Line Nellie Stockman, Joy Halliburton, Irene Thring, and Fran McKnight; Third Line Betty Quast, and Marie Smeltzer: Fourth Line Marg Duffield, Joanne Coppes and Wayne Swantek; Fifth Line Jean Wheeler, and Gen Littlewood; Sixth Line Josephine Waples, Judy Mc-Dougall and Theresa Bertagnolli; Seventh Line Trudy Ad-

sett and Rene McLean.

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details next week.

## Breakfast is huge success

by Georgina Wright The Friendly Seniors of Eden Mills met in their club room Wednesday afternoon with five guests from the Sunshine club in Rockwood who helped to entertain during the program. After a short business meeting everyone adjourned to the card tables for an afternoon of euchre.

Rockwood

Rockwood bowling league Team standings Carneys 123, Kay's Feeds 113, Guelphites 109, Optimists 108, Dynomites 106, Mustangs 104, The Happy Gang 99,

Nortons 95, Countrymen 94, Four Corners 91, Five Plus

Men over 600, John Gordon

(spare) 658, Dunc Kingsbury

(spare) 656, Don McKersie 646, Sam Lawler 621, Danny Renaud 619, Glen Gray 613, Bob Lilley 610, Harve Reid

Women over 500, Nellie Stokman 756, Sue Nightingale 620, Marion Allan 555, Violeta Lilley 552, Ruth Polo 536, Marg McKersie 532, Ivy Ritchie 514, Val Samuel 507, Nancy Gordon (spare) 501.

Results of games played Tues., April 5 Popeye 5 pts. John Murison

553, Gordon Ostrander 501;

Carneys 2 pts. Danny Renaud

Optimists 5 pts. Dunc Kingsbury (spare) 656, Ted Jestin 593, Five Plus One 2 pts. Val Samuel 507, Denise

Dynomites 5 pts. Greg

Guelphites 5 pts. Dunc

McPhedran (spare) 655, Sam

Lawler 621; Countrymen 2

pts. John Gordon (spare) 658,

Kay's Feeds 5 pts. John Polo 594, Marion Allan 555;

The Happy Gang 2 pis. Glen

Four Corners 7 pts. Nellle

Stokman 756, Don McKersle

646; Mustangs Opt. Harve

Reld 606, Dave Cleland 499.

Gray 613, Joe Teres 512.

Dales 562, John Dales 523; Nortons 2 pts. Sue Nightin-

gale 620, Ivy Ritchie 514.

619, Bob Lilley 610.

Bolton 489.

Jan Loof 512.

One 90, Popeye 89.

bowling

Refreshments were served later by Mrs. Edith Jennings and Mrs. Alva Milne. Breaklast

Another Good Friday morning breakfast which is an annual affair at Eden Mills hugh success. The largest breakfast from eight o'clock Barbados

crowd yet was served- over The super menu, choice of cereal or porridge, juices,

toast, jam, bacon and eggs and coffee or tea.

until 10.30. The committee in charge wish to thank all those in July "So watch for the sign for coming and making it and come over to my house in worthwhile.

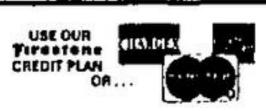
Home again The busy workers were on hart have returned home TV showing of a Bible Club Presbyterian Church was a hand from seven o'clock with after two weeks holiday in program similar to those

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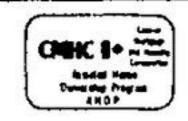
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