

# Art exhibition in Rockwood Academy

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Rockwood and District



MURRAY STEPHEN HAIGH shows a watercolor of Rockwood Academy, where an art exhibition is being held until October 23. Murray is one of three artists participating in the show being held at the home of well known sculptor Yosef Drenters.



BROTHERS YOSEF AND ANDY DRENTERS, both well-known artists, stand in the stone chapel, built by Yosef at his Rockwood Academy. A piece of Yosef's sculpture stands between them in the centre of the tiny chapel.



MORWENNA THISTLEWAITE, artist from St. Ives, England, casts a critical eye on one of her paintings at an exhibition at the historic Rockwood Academy, now in progress.

## Open school house planned

by K. Chalmers  
An open house to commemorate the official opening of Rockwood Centennial Public School 10 years ago, will be held on Thursday Oct. 27 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
Parents interested in classroom procedure will be invited to sit in and observe and physical education teacher Bob Love has organized a cross-country run for the students who will involve other schools. Students have already begun to practise!  
Former superintendent of Rockwood C. R. Whitfield along with several other teachers have been invited to join in on the celebration. Some of the children from the first kindergarten class and the first Grade 8 graduating class will also take part.  
Eramosa and Rockwood Home and School will provide a special cake and visitors to the school will enjoy a display of pictures illustrating the building, official opening and early events of the school.

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## Norval

After years of waiting it appears water will finally be going to Norval. Work could start shortly or be delayed until next spring.  
Last week Queen's Park loosened the purse strings and promised a grant worth 64 per cent of the approximately \$500,000 project would become available April 1978.

## Rockwood Roundup

Is there anybody out there that can help? Scoutmaster Gary Lawton is looking for an assistant. No previous Cub or Scout experience is necessary, just a keen interest in youth. Call Gary evenings at 856-4644.

Rocking Horse will supply the music for a dance to raise money for the March of Dimes Ability Fund at Rockwood Community Centre this Saturday night. Tickets are available from J. Brace at 856-4769 after 6 p.m. or Rockwood Home Hardware.

Church Lane that runs between Alma and Guelph Streets is being beautified compliments of the Rockwood Horticulture Club. Members are busily clearing underbrush and developing a rockery which will enhance the unusual rock formation in the area.

Robert Rickard, better known as Poncho to village residents will hold his flea market in the Rockwood Town Hall every Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Poncho's What Not Shop is located across from the Rockwood Town Hall on Main St. and in fair weather Poncho has been holding an open air market every Sunday.

Role of Various Agencies in Special Education will be the topic for the panel discussion organized by the Eramosa and Rockwood Home and School Association this Thursday, Oct. 13 at 8 p.m. at Rockwood Centennial Public School. All interested residents are invited to join in this discussion.

Care and culture of houseplants with guest speaker Pat Tucker from the University of Guelph, will be the next feature of the Rockwood Horticulture Club when they meet on Wednesday night October 26 at 8 p.m. at the Town Hall. All plant enthusiasts are invited to attend.

Village Trustees meet again Monday October 24 at 7:30 p.m. at the village office on Church Lane. If you have concerns and would like to attend a meeting and present your case, contact Village Secretary Len Hockey as to procedure. All meetings are open to the public and residents are welcome to drop by out of interest.

Rockwood Centennial Public School grade seven classes will be going to see the musical performance, Dance Makers at Ross Hall in Guelph on October 17. They recently attended a special matinee production of Swan Lake, put on for students at Hamilton Place in Hamilton.

## Village readies for celebrations

Rockwood's Halloween celebrations are taking on new dimensions this year as the annual "Mr. Pumpkin Dress-Up" includes a pie-baking contest as one of the leading features of the event. Although every year sees the seasonal party as one of the catchiest happenings in the Eramosa township, it is expected by the Rockwood and District Lionettes sponsoring the activities, that this year's party will be the most exciting and far-reaching yet. As well as children entering pumpkin-decorating and costume-judging contests, there'll be teenagers and adults getting involved. A special invitation has been sent to senior citizens of the area "Because," say members of the Lionettes, "Everyone knows that nobody can bake real, country, pumpkin pies like good old grandma!"

Date of the affair has been set for Saturday, October 29. It will be held in the Rockwood Community Centre at 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. For the kids it's free hot dogs for those entering the contests. There'll be free coffee for adults attending and, after the pie-judging, melt-in-your-mouth contest pies will be sliced and served, with pumpkin pie proceeds paying partly for party expenses.

The Mr. Pumpkin Dress-Up is only one of the many community projects sponsored regularly by the ambitious Lionette ladies. It is one which arouses creativity allowing both children and adults to apply their own particular brand of imaginative artistry. Besides pie-baking, pumpkin-decorating and costume displaying, this year's batch of Halloween celebrators will enjoy the extra fun of song-singing and playing seasonal games.

## Thanksgiving theme at October meeting

Members of Unit One of the United Church women of Rockwood met in the home of Mrs. Vera Patterson for their October study.

Members expressed satisfaction at the results of the past summer's money-making events, as Mrs. Verna Root read the financial report. An invitation was given to attend the church hall meeting this month, when Mrs. Charlotte Knox of Fergus will be speaking to all the women. They were also reminded of the upcoming Christmas bazaar. Mrs. Verna Root who has moved to Guelph, is to have the next meeting at her home.

The Thanksgiving theme was evident in everyone's choice of subject for the variety program. Mrs. Root chose a humorous anecdote about a saintly preacher who always thanked the Lord. One miserable and unfortunate day his congregation were astonished when he was still grateful in spite of it all. He said "Thank you Lord, that every day is not like today."

At a meeting Tuesday night of the Children's Halloween party committee, members decided that give-aways will be another added attraction for district children attending. The Lionette group organizing the event include: Marion Nicholl, Betty Eason, Judy Dunne, Marie Milne and Helen Hills.

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## Anniversary celebrated by Presbyterian church

Rockwood Presbyterian Church celebrated their 115th anniversary with the Rev. Prof. James Farris of Guelph as the guest speaker.

tributed to the service with Mrs. Ray Post at the organ. The members of the congregation wish to thank all for their part in the service.

Joe McCann of Elora was the soloist and master Jeff McNabb played a violin selection. The choir con-

Lunch was served by the Twilight Group and a social time was enjoyed by all.

## Free swimming

Asthmatic children are being offered physical conditioning courses at Georgetown indoor pool, starting Saturday October 15, from 10 a.m. until noon.

W.T. Haddon of Burlington. The classes will be conducted by Sue Alcock, physiotherapist consultant for the Halton Lung Association.

The children will have sessions including exercises, breathing and relaxation techniques, and swimming, under the medical direction of Dr. R.

The program offered free to all children with asthma, is being made possible through contributions to the Christmas Seal Campaign.

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