

**Free Press Rockwood and district**

**Creative playground made by volunteers**

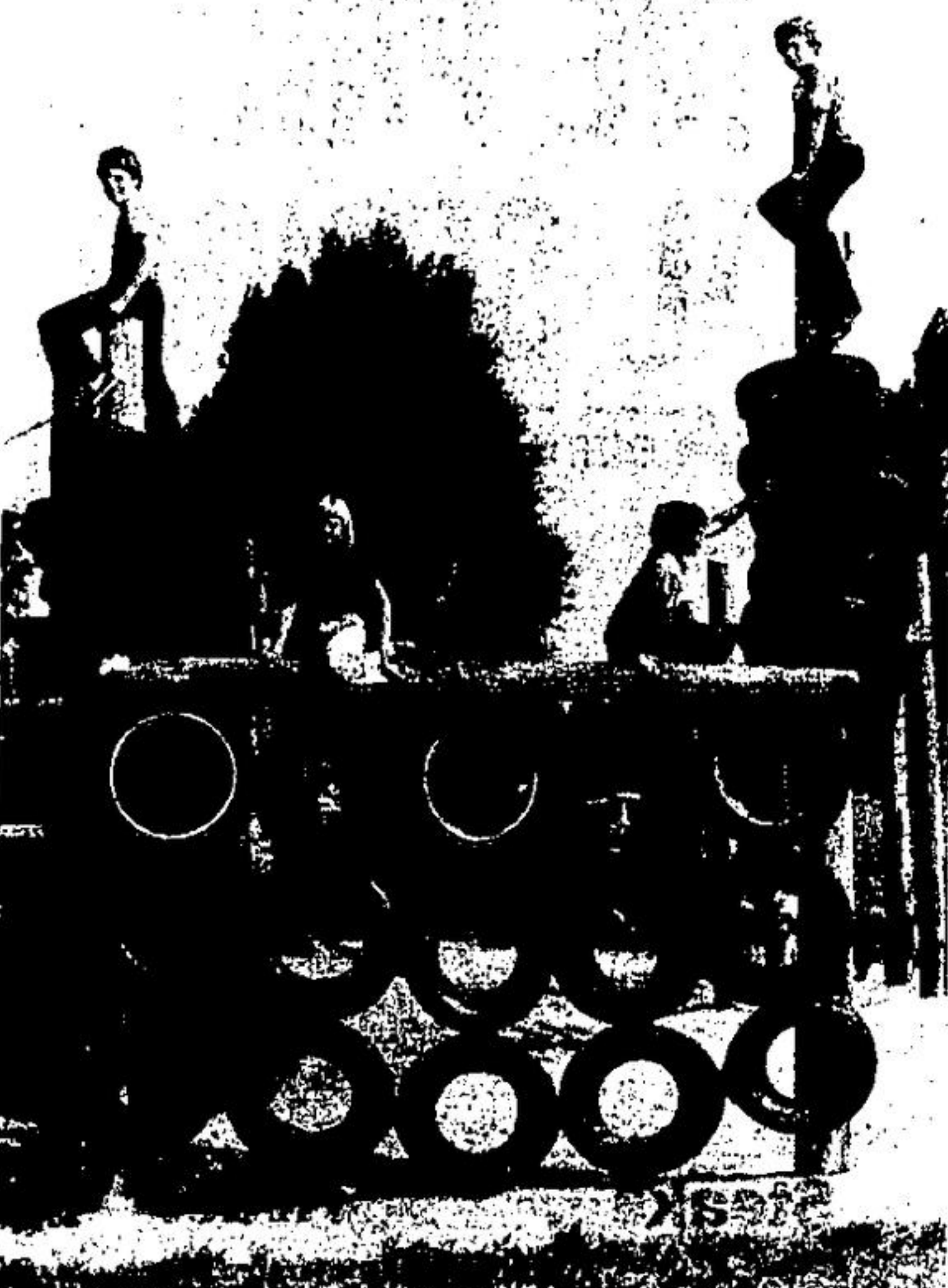
by Betty Jones  
 Early spring '78, a concerned parent approached the Eramosa Rockwood Home and School Association about a creative playground for Eramosa Public School, with the idea being well received by president Jim Goring and the executive, the wheels began to move.  
 Mark Hayward, treasurer, investigated the possibility of a

Wintario grant. The result; Wintario would match donations of materials and man-hours.  
 J. Simpson, principal of June Avenue Public School, Guelph, addressed the Home and School Association directing us to the best approach. The parents of his school had already built a playground. He learned how to present plans to the Board of Education, in order to

gain approval. Question airing and commitment sheets sent out to parents, soon proved that many parents in Eramosa township were prepared to use time and talents during summer holidays. Equipment, tools, and time pledged could be valued at \$1,000 for equipment and 500 man-hours.  
 Trudy and Bill Adsett, Susan and Fred Millson, Mary and Don Rovar,

organized a dance at Rockmosa and a marathon by Eramosa school students together raised \$1,020. Rockwood Nursery School gave a generous donation of \$200.  
 The first material donation was received from Peter Duddick of Roof Trusses and Components Limited, a load of two by four's worth \$260.  
 Bell Telephone donated poles as a result of an 'ad' in the paper. Mrs. Green of Acton offered tires, Mr. Gordon cedar posts, Al Paterson railways ties, and work could begin. John Polo's yard being used to store donations.

Evelyn MacKay found us Ken Buck, an architectural student at the University of Guelph who prepared blueprints of the proposed playground from the ideas of both students and parents. After several trips to school board meetings in Guelph the plans were approved.  
 Jim Goring and John MacLeod divided the work into ten separate work sheets. Each phase was supervised by one of nine volunteer crew chiefs. Robin Walker, Chris Bartelsen, Ken McKay, Fred Millson, Don Rovar, Eric Beauchamp, Wayne Duffield, Harry Prentiss and Murray Oliver.  
 Betty Jones was appointed playground coordinator and leaned heavily on Robin Walker of Robin Walker Construction. The plans worked well because of the keen-ness of the crew chiefs and many volunteers, so by 'back to School' phase one was completed to the satisfaction of John Hake' of the Board of Education.  
 Children could use the tire walk, platform and pulley ride and land safely on 250 yards on sand, again donated and spread by local benefactors.  
 In June '79, a Wintario cheque was received for \$1,500.  
 Two plastic slides and shiny poles were purchased from Paris Playground Equipment and more lumber for supports plus 'crawl-through' cement wall-tiles from Box Tile.  
 Saturday, September 1 completion day for the final phase, dawned clear and bright, so; by 2:30 p.m. the playground was finished, slides, shiny poles, tractor tire swing, and balancing beam dragged to its place by a three man truck.



Birds eye view of the recently completed Eramosa Creative Playground. Parents worked hard to bring the dream to reality.

**Eramosa opposes amendment plans**

by Barb Wynneck  
 Eramosa Council remains opposed to Guelph and Suburban Official Plan's proposed Amendment six, despite Guelph Township's Reeve Ron Cowborough's plea for reconsideration.  
 The amendment, first

proposed in 1975 would rezone 240 acres of agricultural land located on Victoria Rd., north of Wellington County Board of Education Offices; to residential.  
 "We have no place to put housing," said Reeve Cowborough. Guelph Township has lost

assessment to both Guelph City and the Grand River Conservation Authority in 1979, he added.  
 Eramosa Deputy Reeve David Masson reiterated council's 1975 position. Eramosa did not support the amendment because it may set

a precedent permitting fringe development around village and hamlet boundaries, he explained.  
 Deputy Reeve Masson felt there was misrepresentation in Guelph Township's soil analysis on the land in

question. Guelph township labelled the farm land poor. An Eramosa planning board soil expert classified it excellent. The two opinions differed agreed Reeve Cowborough. A Guelph township planner, not a soil specialist tested the land, he said.  
 Problems encountered farming land close to city limits are the same as those faced by most farmers, Councillor Ron Martin said.  
 Councillor John MacLeod opposed his council's stand. "I question our getting involved in the decision making process in their township," he said.  
 Eramosa along with Guelph City and Puslinch township opposed the proposal amendment in 1975. Erin Village, Erin Township and Guelph Township favored the change. The Ministry of Housing refused the Amendment 6 proposal.

**Rockmosa fill not matched by funds**

Barb Wynneck  
 Eramosa Council was in for a surprise when informed by Ministry of Culture and Recreation correspondence that the cost of fill, donated to Rockmosa Park, would not be matched by government funds.

An earlier Ministry - Township agreement set out that all monies raised or donated to Rockmosa Park development would be matched on a dollar to dollar basis.  
 The ministry con-

sidered the fill public property, not an eligible donation.  
 Cox was working on public roads, council said, but the fill was the firm's property after tender acceptance. It was Cox's decision to donate, rather than sell the fill for a profit, councillors agreed.



**Roundup**

Don't forget the "Ginger Snap" a mini country fair set for Rockwood Village Green September 22. Craftsmen, homemade food booths, games, contests and musicians will be on hand to entertain the crowds.  
 Funds raised from the event are set aside for St. John's Anglican Church restoration. Booth space available at a minimum fee. Contact L. Root at 856-4242.

**Cubs, Scouts ready**

Rockwood Cubs and Scouts are organizing for the fall term.

Scout meetings are held Tuesdays 7 p.m. at the Town Hall for boys 11 to 15 years. New members welcome. Bob Guyette, a villager with previous Scouting experience will join leadership ranks this term.

Cub registration is slated for September 20, 7 to 8 p.m. at Rockwood Centennial School. Boys 8 to 11 years are invited to join the group.

Cub Parent Committee members are needed this year. Leaders will explain committee responsibilities to interested parties at registration time.

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**The craft club resumes lessons**

By Mrs. W. MacDougall  
 Recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Bardeen were Mrs. Jerry King (Brenda Bardeen) and family of Holt, Michigan; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Robson and Kimberly of Balzac, Alberta; Mrs. Oriene Harkness of Teeswater.  
 The Craft Club ladies begin their meetings on September 18th and lessons are free of charge and babysitting is available at 50 cents a child for the afternoon.

family Jack and Jill shower was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert McCarney, R.R.2 Ariss and a shower is planned for Set. 30 by Jeannette's cousins from her mother's side of the family, the McMeekin clan.  
 Friends will be sorry to hear that Mrs. James Gilbertson is in hospital suffering from bruises and stitches received

after a fall down the cellar steps. Her sister, Sada, is just getting over her fall down the upstairs steps three weeks ago.  
 Mrs. Yvon Lachance and Mrs. Roger MacDougall were hostesses for Mrs. Terry Hamilton and son Adam, held in the Sunday School Room of the Presbyterian Church on Sunday afternoon.

**Honor mail couple**

Miss Marlene Montgomery was feted at several lovely showers before her marriage to Anthony Klimkosz of Guelph. Mrs. Harry Moebus, wife of Marlene's manager at Fosco of Canada Ltd., held a shower at her home in Ferguson, Montgomery

A community celebration honoring Ossie and Jessie Meadows is set for Rockmosa Community Centre, Thursday, September 20 at 8 p.m.  
 The couple have provided faithful Rockwood mail delivery

service for 50 years, starting back in the horse and cutter days.  
 Games for young and old alike are organized for the festive affair. Neighbors and friends are asked to bring along some goodies for a pot luck style buffet. Everyone is invited to attend

**Correction Notice**  
**NIGHT SCHOOL REGISTRATION**  
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