

DeStefano provides update on Eramosa 2020 survey

Special to The Rockwood Miller
The Strategic Action Group of Eramosa has received a number of Eramosa 2020 questionnaire replies to date.

According to committee member Darlene DeStefano, questionnaires received to-date have revealed concerns about major issues such as poor road maintenance, the "drab look" of Main Street Rockwood, the lack of police protection, a need for our own sewage treatment system, the high cost of utilities, the unwanted N4 landfill site, the shortage of community services, and the need for fair, honest and community-minded government.

"Some people think the questions were too personal and for some it may be true," reports DeStefano. "Some felt it looked as if marketing companies were involved—not so; and some think developers are behind the questionnaire—absolutely not."

"The real reason behind the questionnaire is to establish if the needs and desires of the community are being met, to allow opportunity for everyone to voice their opinions and concerns, and to help shape the future direction of Eramosa."

"Some questions, regarding health ailments for example, are directed towards finding out if a

'Health Watch' bulletin and workshops or support groups need to be established. Other questions were asked to find out how the community feels about new industry, housing facilities and amenities."

"Questions about local shopping and where you do business will assist local business to better address your needs and will also identify what new businesses may be warranted or supported in Eramosa. There is no hidden agenda for this questionnaire."

"People across the country are getting involved in the future of their communities. Vision 2020 Community Futures of Renfrew County has been granted \$48,073

in JOCA funding to develop a long-term planning initiative. Milverton was also a grant recipient for JOCA funding. Unfortunately, our funding, while approved by the Province, was not supported by our Township Council."

"Residents of Eramosa have a right to freely express their views and speak on the future direction of their community."

"While some residents may feel that the questions on the questionnaire are too personal and have decided or been informed to ignore it altogether, we urge you to fill in the questions you are comfortable answering. The return date

has been extended to the end of July.

"If you have misplaced your questionnaire, please pick one up at the library or contact Marion Bailie at 856-2421 to arrange delivery and let us know your thoughts and opinions on the future for Eramosa."

Please, send in your completed questionnaire. We believe, as other Canadians do, in the vision 2020 process. We believe the people should speak out and offer their opinions. We believe it is our right to help plan the future.

"Let's put a stop to the 'us' and 'them' syndrome. Let's go forth as 'WE.'"

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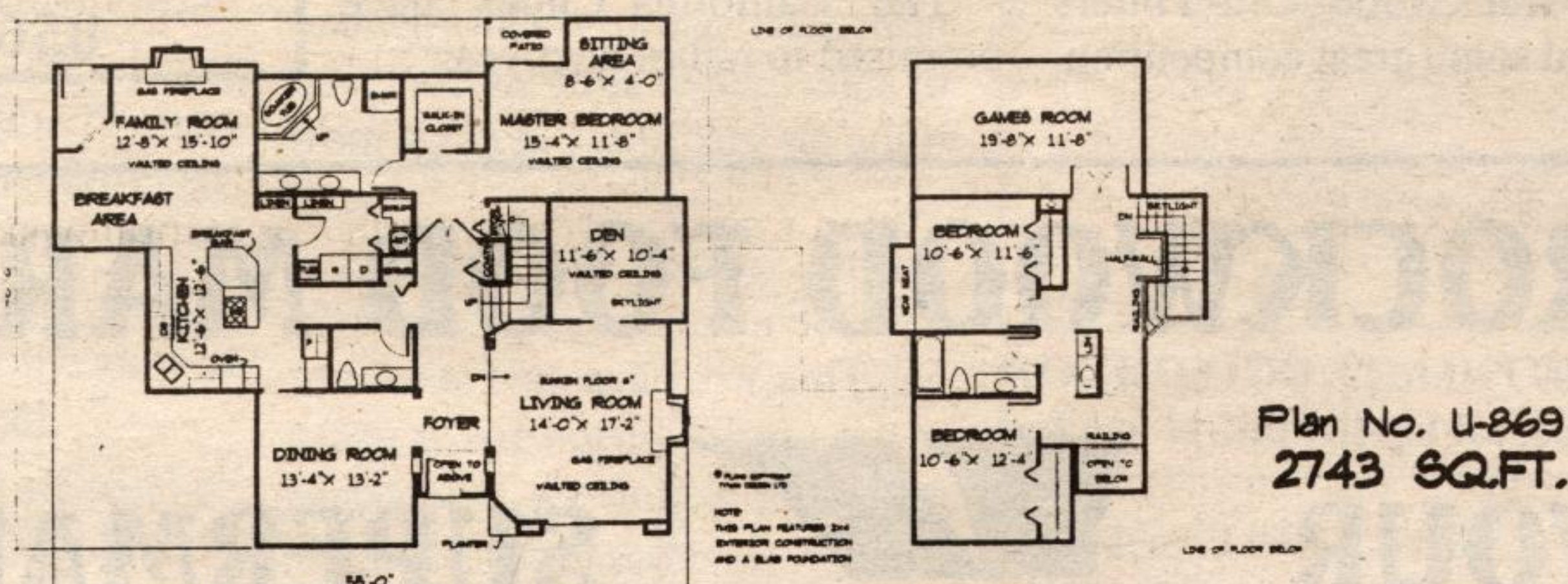
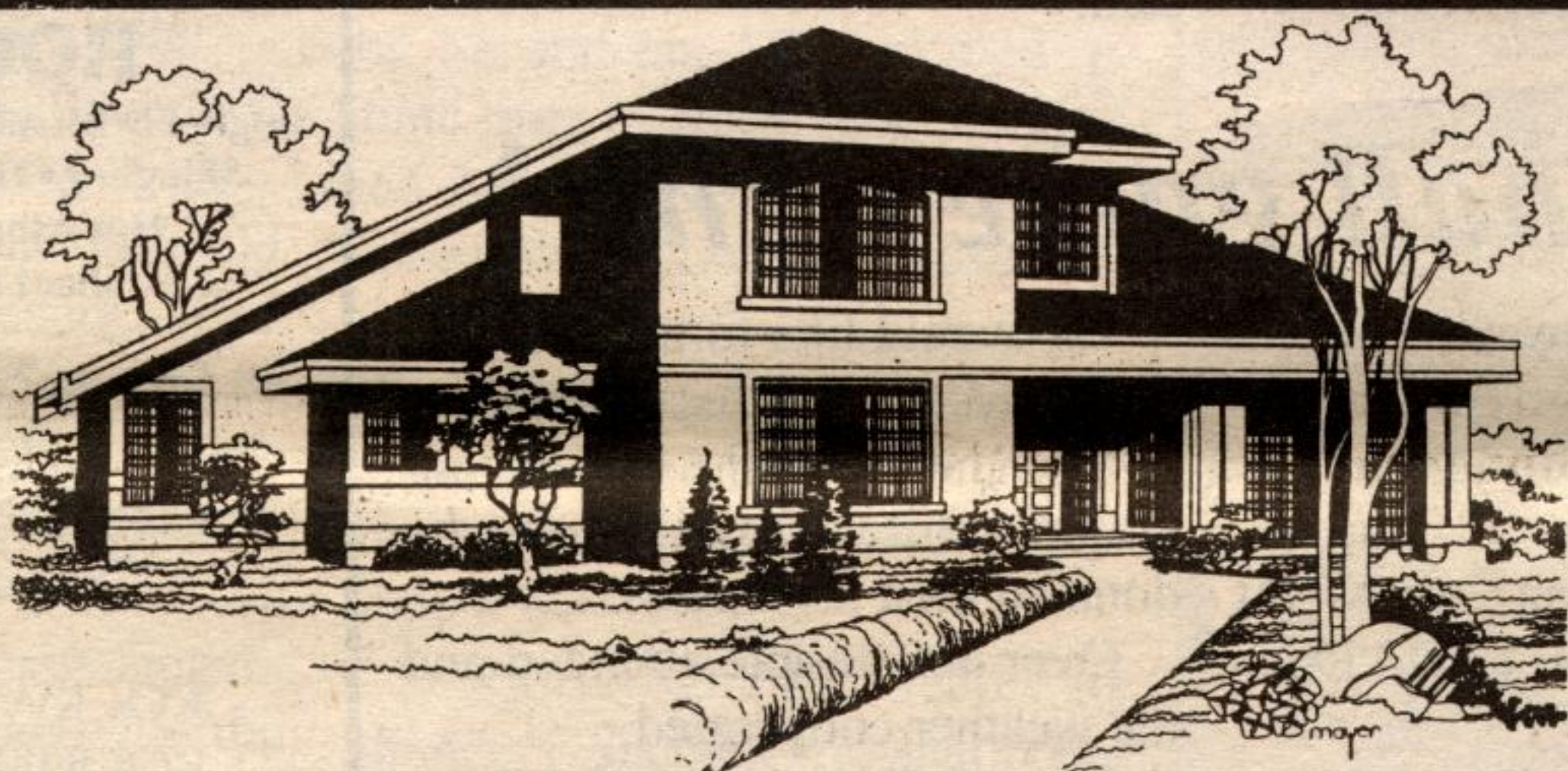
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July 14, Thursday — 8:30 pm: La Vieille Auberge proudly presents (at the Biemann's House) an "Outdoor Evening of Music" in Rockwood with the world famous LaChanson du Moulin Choir from Switzerland.

July 15, 16, 17, Friday to Sunday: Rockwood Sidewalk & Garage Sale. Plan to attend!

July 25, 26, 28, 29, Monday to Friday — 9 am to 12 noon: Summer session of Babysitter Course held at Everton Community Church, for students 11 and up. For more information call instructor Yvonne Thorn at 856-9295.

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