

'Art on Seven' is Rockwood group's outdoor show, sale

Rockwood and area artists are surfacing from a winter's worth of creativity to display their all-new work at the Rockwood Creative Arts Group's first annual Outdoor Show and Sale titled *Art on Seven*.

It will take place on Saturday and Sunday, May 27 and 28, from

10 am to 5 pm. Location is the lawns of Sandalphon Studio, 147 Alma St. in Rockwood. That's Hwy. 7, next to the fire hall. Come rain or shine — only a major down-pour will cancel this event.

The show will have something for every taste and budget. See

paintings, sculptures, wood carvings, wooden toys, weavings, spinings, pottery and more.

Don't miss this chance to meet the artists and perhaps even pick up an original creation.

At least a dozen artists will be represented, including Carole

Black (watercolours and prints), Donna Diamond (sculpture), Martha Hoey-Weston (pottery), Rosalyn Insley (acrylics), Susan Johnson (watercolour portraits), Lori-Anne McDermid (photography), John and Maureen McLeod (watercolour and sculpture),

Genevieve Nolan (funky stuff), Harold Rice (West Coast Native wood carver), Gail Root (watercolour) and Ross and Wendy Durfey (weaving, baskets and functional wood items).

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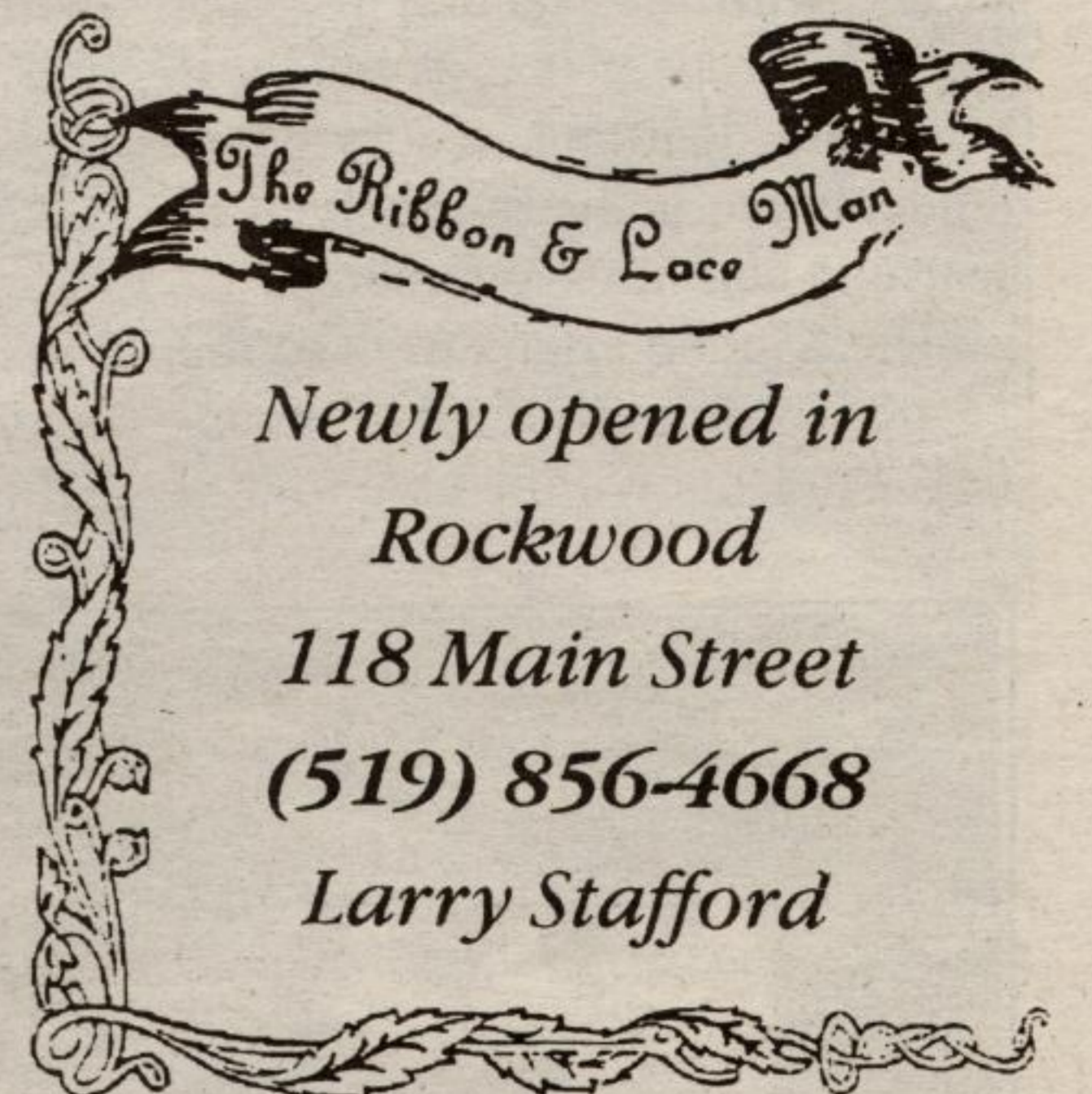
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CENTENNIAL NEWS

Last week was Education Week. In the halls of Centennial, there were beautiful displays of student work, including puppets, Japanese wind socks, sculptures, stories, books and samples from all subject areas.

It was also Pitch-in Week. Many classes helped tidy up our school yard and our Grade 6 and 7 classes went to the parks and helped make these areas cleaner.

Several students attended the Author Author Conference this week at the University of Guelph. Students who took their own stories to read were: Riann Willoughby, J.J. Rogers, Chris Mewett, Monica Gordon, Katie Weatherby, Chantal Biemann, and Shannon Kornelsen.

The highlight of the week was our Music and Drama Night. Hours of rehearsal went into this performance, which included almost every student in the Primary division. Primary, Junior and Intermediate choirs, Grade 4 recorder group, Grade 7 and 8 band, and several small skits by Mr. Root's drama club filled the evening.

Our gym was packed with appreciative parents. Congratulations to all involved.

Complex tax changes for Eramosa

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK
The Rockwood Miller

Some Eramosa taxpayers face "significant tax increases" this year — the effect of dissolving the Rockwood and Eden Mills police villages and county-wide reassessment.

Eramosa treasurer Terry Noble said the complex changes make it almost impossible to say what effect they will have on the average taxpayer.

"Generally speaking county-wide reassessment has reduced taxes in the rural, farm-type area and increased taxes in the urban centres. The dissolution of the police villages shifts a small tax burden from the villages to the entire township," Noble explained in an interview on Monday.

The Township's \$2.5 million operating and capital budget includes a \$1.3 million tax levy, which is a 3 per cent increase over last year, but an expenditure of \$1,500 less.

The police villages used to levy taxes for their own purposes and that amount was about 3 per cent of the whole Township levy.

Those taxes are now being levied over the Township so Council raised taxes just enough to cover what the police villages used to raise.

Reeve Rick Hughes said that the 3 per cent increase in the tax levy will be earmarked for a capital reserve fund to pay for future bridge work.

"We are looking at 10 to 15 years of bridge replacement work and what we have in the reserve fund should cover the design costs

for the first bridge on the list, which is the Eden Mills Bowstring bridge," Hughes said on Saturday.

"We need to set a pattern of making provisions for a fairly healthy reserve for bridge work so

we avoid large increases in the future."

Hughes said despite the fact the Council is just five months old and the treasurer only came on the job in March, the Township budget is

a good one that shows restraint.

"We hope to examine our programs and come up with a smarter delivery service for Township programs before budget time next year," Hughes said.



'SING ME A SONG!'

From left: Rockwood Centennial Junior choir members Katie Weatherby, 11, Lisa Millson, 10, and 10-year-old Sheena Stuckless belt out a number titled *Sing Me A Song*. It was part of the school's very successful music and drama show last Wednesday night. The performance also consisted of other choirs, the Grade 7 and 8 bands and four skits. (Doug Harrison photo)

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