

Woolley, Peart re-open Ye Olde Chip Shoppe

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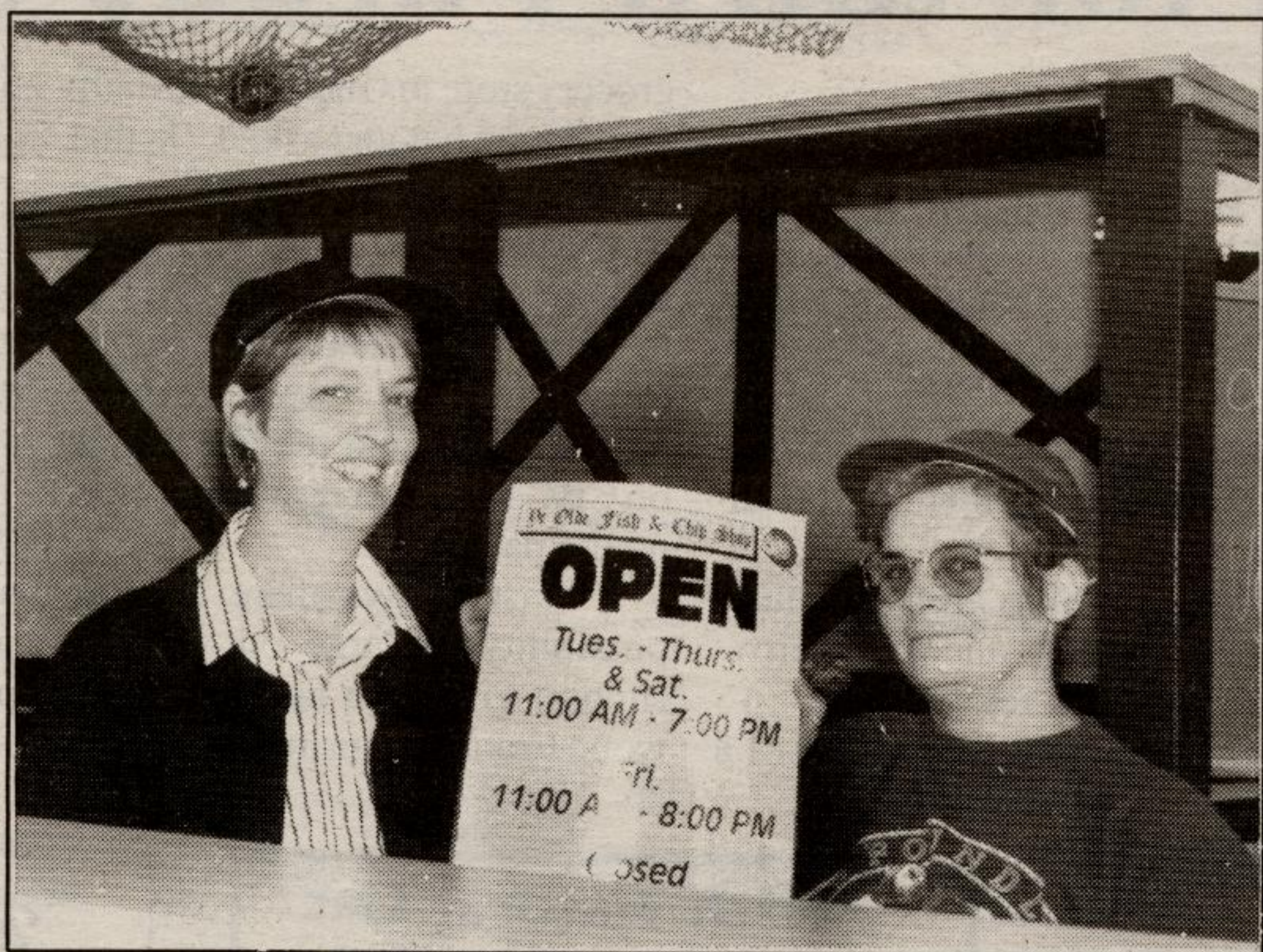
Edna Woolley swore she would never open a business again in Rockwood. But all that changed during a hockey game.

Watching one of her sons on the ice, she began talking to another mother, Rhonda Peart, who ran by the idea of re-opening *Ye Olde Chip Shoppe*, Rockwood's lone fish 'n chips restaurant.

Always wanting to venture into the business world after becoming disenchanted selling insurance for London Life, Peart, along with the landlords off the former *Fred's Pizzeria*, convinced Woolley and her husband Tadd to help bring back the popular establishment.

It's only been a month, but *Ye Olde Chip Shoppe* has sold out its stock twice at the Alma Street location beside Rockwood TV.

"It's been busy. It was getting pretty quiet here in Rockwood. This place was good for the town," recalls Peart, who works full-time days while Woolley tends to her full-time administrative position with the Ontario Corn Growers



OPEN AGAIN! Rhonda Peart, left, has partnered with Edna Woolley in reopening *Ye Olde Chip Shoppe*. The popular fish 'n chips restaurant was shut down for one year. That's employee Jean Hamilton with Peart telling us they're open for business.

Association. "I knew somebody would have brought it back."

Woolley was told by her former landlords, Gord and Michele Dawe, to clear out the old location last Nov. 15 after she could not afford to pay \$320 of an imposed

rent of \$800-a-month on the two-storey building.

The re-opening, though, has brought the Woolley and Peart families closer together. Edna and her sons, Mike and John, work Wednesdays and Fridays, while

Jason and Jennifer Peart handle Tuesdays and Thursdays. The families alternate Saturday duty.

"Jobs are scarce and I thought it would be good for the kids. They can work evenings and Saturdays," Peart explains.

"When the warm weather returns I would like to hire more students. I would like to keep the business student-based."

Peart would also like to see a patio in front during the summer and for *Ye Olde Chip Shoppe* to become more of a restaurant than strictly take-out. The seating capacity is about 25.

The plan is to open Sundays and Mondays in the summer for a seven day a week operation.

"I think we'll do very well because we're an established business," remarks a confident Peart, who cooked for three years at the Eden House Care Facility.

Prices have remained the same at \$5.95 for halibut and chips and cod or haddock and chips for \$4.75.

Ye Olde Chip Shoppe offers a 10 per cent seniors' discount and is open 11 am to 7 pm Tuesdays through Thursdays and Saturday, and 11 am to 8 pm on Fridays.

Winners ride in a limousine

ERAMOSIA P.S. NEWS

BY KARA DERMA & JENNIFER KUPFERSCHMIDT

This week we interviewed one of our lucky winners, who went on a limo ride to Dairy Queen. Seven lucky students were drawn for participating in our fund-raiser. Mrs. Stubbs, our principal, went too. Megan Derstroff, Grade 2, was one of them.

Q: "Megan, what was it like to be in a limo?"

Megan: "It was fun, and it was pretty big."

Q: "What did you have?"

Megan: "We got a hamburger with fries, and for dessert, I had a chocolate dipped cone and a drink. The limo had TV and a phone."

Q: "Wow Megan, that must have been fun. Thanks for letting us interview you."



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JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM: Chris Haworth, left, as Gabriel, Constance Smelsky as a shepherd girl and shepherd Roy Steinberg rehearse their parts for *Journey to Bethlehem*, to be performed at Rockwood United Church this Sunday at 7 pm. (Eve Martin photo)

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