

Eden Mills architect featured in housing exhibit

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The Rockwood Miller

An exhibition of affordable housing projects at First Canadian Place in Toronto includes the work of Eden Mills architect Charles Simon. The Housing Futures exhibit, showing plans, photographs and models, is open Monday to Friday from 11:30 am to 2:30 pm and runs until Jan. 18.

Simon's contributions to the show range from granny flats to a 200-unit family housing village for the University of Guelph.

"The projects we are featuring serve to illustrate our philosophy that low cost does not have to mean cheap," he says.

Simon developed granny flat demonstration units for the Ministry of Housing. The fully portable

units arrive in two pieces and are connected to a house. They're designed for one or two persons to live in, with the idea of living independently while having family support nearby. If the person living in the granny flat should die, the unit can be easily removed from the property.

The idea for the flats originally came from Australia, but their

popularity there didn't catch on in Canada, said Simon.

"There was some resistance to them because of undesirables living in them. I think you can protect against this," he added.

Because the federal government had no interest in owning the flats, the project only produced 12 units. Simon hopes a non-profit group will be interested enough to over-

see the construction and upkeep of more granny flats in the future.

The housing exhibition features the works of 14 architectural firms. As the Ontario government recently cancelled its housing program, the show provides a timely look at non-profit housing projects and shows the variety and quality that can be achieved within lean construction budgets.

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January

CANDY FACTORY BUILDING SOLD: Al and Linda Praser purchase the building best known as the former home of Schneider's Reliable Sweets. A target date of March 1 was made to re-open for business after interior and exterior work was complete. The building remains closed.

TROW BREAKS HAND, MISSESTRYOUTS: Kari Trow saw her hopes of grabbing a spot on the Western Carolina varsity basketball squad dashed in early October when she tripped over an opponent's foot during a workout and fell, breaking her right hand.

February

MARK THOMSEN NAMED TO COUNCIL: In a 3-to-1 vote, Everton resident Mark Thomsen, a defeated candidate in November's municipal election, is chosen to fill the vacant councillor's seat on Eramosa Township Council. Thomsen, 36, is chosen by Council from eight candidates interviewed to fill the vacant seat.

HUDON TOP HARNESS HORSEMAN: Joe Hudon receives the O'Brien Award as Canada's top horseman for 1994, a career year for the Rockwood resident, who totalled \$1,510,052 in winnings over 705 starts. He

posted 16 consecutive 100-plus win seasons while dominating the Cloverdale-Sandown circuit in B.C. before moving here in '91.

GERMAN TV PRODUCER SHOOTSCENES: German TV producer Heim Jordan sets up camp at Rockwood Conservation Area to shoot winter scenes for the family adventure *Bluehawk*. Jordan was drawn to Rockwood because of its wilderness look that lent itself to the scenes involving bears and wolves.

BOWSTRING BRIDGE TO BE REPLACED: Eden Mills' heritage Bowstring Bridge is to be replaced, subject to provincial funding. Eramosa Township councillors vote to replace and not repair the aging structure. Engineering costs are estimated at \$120,000.

March

NEW BOARD AT SQUIRES LODGE: Eramosa Non-Profit Housing Corporation chair Michelle Dawe announces Eramosa Councillor Mark Thomsen, former Deputy Reeve Ken Mercer, Susan Hawes and Squires Lodge resident Norman Townsend will comprise the new board.

'RIBBON MAN' OPENS IN ROCKWOOD: Larry Stafford moves The Ribbon and Lace Man business to Rockwood from Guelph, partly because of his dislike for the City of Guelph and partly because he lives here and his wife is expecting their first

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PARADE OF LIGHTS: Rockwood's third annual Parade of Lights lit up the village streets Dec. 21. Crowds of people lined the streets, despite the cold and bitter wind. This year's parade included more floats than ever, including the one above. (Karen Wetmore photo)

Collision totals cars; prowlers seen

Two vehicles were demolished as the result of an accident last Thursday on the Fourth Line of Eramosa Township north of Hwy. 24.

Danielle Langley of R.R.#3 Rockwood was driving south on the Fourth Line when her car lost control on the snow-covered roadway. Her car collided with the passenger side of a second vehicle driven by Catherine Wilton, also of R.R.#3 Rockwood.

The impact caused Wilton's car to roll over twice before landing on its side in the east ditch. Both Wilton and one of her passengers, 10-year-old Katy Wilton, were taken to Groves Memorial Hospital in Fergus where they were treated for minor injuries. No charges have been laid.

Police are advising residents in

the Guelph Street area to make sure their doors and ground-level windows are securely locked after a prowler was noticed walking around outside the Squires Lodge Retirement Centre last Friday.

Police found footprints leading to all the lower level patio doors and windows.

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Re: The article in The Rockwood Miller, Wednesday, Dec. 13 - Tadd Woolley is the sole proprietor of Ye Olde English Fish & Chip Shoppe, along with wife Edna and children. Some information in the story was taken from an article written in November 1994.

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