

Rockwood chemical cleanup company makes 'house calls'

BY KAREN WETMORE
The Rockwood Miller
Eco Logic takes its technology on the road to clean up toxic chemical problems in Ontario and beyond.

The Rockwood company was recently awarded a major contract to process PCBs (polychlorinated biphenyls) at a former transformer manufacturing plant in Toronto.

Eco Logic's process converts hazardous wastes into reusable or disposable products and was developed by the company's president and CEO, Douglas Hallett. It costs less than incineration and can be done on-site, which eliminates the need to transport toxic materials.

"There are a number of advantages to the process," Hallett said, "including the ability to treat all types of PCB wastes, including

contaminated equipment, liquids and solids, as well as to contain any gases generated."

It's Eco Logic's patented gas-phase chemical reduction process that attracted the U.S. Army to evaluate the technology for destruction of chemical warfare agents. Included are blister agent mustard and nerve agent (VX), which are stored in Maryland and Indiana.

"This represents a major break-

through for our company into the U.S. defense industry and the recognition by the U.S. Army of a new niche application for the Eco Logic process," Hallett said.

The disposal of these agents is mandated by an international treaty between the U.S. and Russia to eliminate all chemical weapons by the year 2004.

Closer to home, Eco Logic is working with General Motors, St. Catharines plant, in eliminating PCBs from the soil.

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The Guelph Civic Museum is holding an exhibit, "Searching for your African-American-Canadian Roots," during February's Black History Month.

Designed by Melba Jewell and Mary McLean, this exhibit features the Jewell-Lawson family tree. The display will help those interested in undertaking their own family histories.

The museum is open Sunday through Friday, 1 to 5 pm. Call 836-1221 for more details.

Counsellor charged with sexual assault

A former camp counsellor at Camp Brebeuf has been charged following a complaint of sexual assault against him.

The Guelph detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police recently investigated the complaint, made by a 37-year-old man who attended the camp

when he was 12 years old, in the summer of 1969.

Police have since arrested Ronald "Scouter" Ward, 50, and charged the Brantford resident with indecent assault, gross indecency, forcible confinement and buggery. He is scheduled to appear in court Feb. 23.

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CENTENNIAL NEWS

Our student council is getting ready for Valentine's Day by offering special heart-shaped cookies for sale. It only costs 50 cents to tell someone special that they are your favourite Valentine.

Over the past two weeks, Rockwood Centennial has held its junior and intermediate oral communications contests. The winner in the junior division was Bobbi-Sue Airdrie and in the intermediate division, it was Lindsay Parkinson. Nearly 25 students were involved in speaking before their classmates at these two events.

On Thursday, the Grade 7 and 8 students went to Mohawk Theatre in Hamilton to see a production of the play *The Underground Railroad*. This trip was the culmination of a unit the students were doing on the underground railroad. This was part of a school-wide theme on heritage.

Our intermediate basketball teams played an exhibition game at Erin District High School on Thursday night. It was good preparation for their upcoming tournament. The teams are coached by M. Georges and Mr. McPhee.

The Health Unit finally stuck it to us, by holding our measles immunization on Friday. Everything went very smoothly. Our Grade 7 and 8 students were paired up with our Kindergarten and Grade 1 students so they could help each other be brave. There were stuffed toys for children to hold and a special movie to watch afterwards. Nearly 500 students were immunized against measles.

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A compact family home

This stylish design provides evidence that good things come in small packages! At only 36'-0" wide by 55'-0" deep, this home will fit on a variety of building lots. Low square footage reduces building costs, while an efficient design provides many of the features found in larger homes.

A bay window in the foyer is an attractive design feature which offers plenty of natural light for arriving guests. The entrance hall, den and living room all feature vaulted ceilings, creating a spacious as well as a stylish atmosphere. Decorative columns frame the entrance to the dining room, which also boasts a fashionable coffered ceiling. The kitchen has an efficient working layout complete with ample cupboard and counter space, a pantry, and an open counter and breakfast bar to service the nook.

Two secondary bedrooms share a three piece bath. The master, like those in larger homes, features a walk-in closet and a three piece ensuite with a swirl tub.

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