

Retirement community to be discussed at meeting

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A presentation regarding a proposed innovative retirement community in the village of Rockwood will be presented at the Rockwood and Eramosa Business Association meeting in the meeting room of the Eramosa Public Library on April 10.

The proposal is for the development of land between the historic Strange House and the Stone Barn Estates, adjacent to the scenic Eramosa River and close to the quaint shops of Rockwood. The proposed site was brought to the attention of Community Management Services (CMS), a group responsible for facilitating non-

profit community organizations in initiating and realizing their aspirations for specific housing needs in their area. Plans are for the community to consist of 24 townhouses and 44 apartment suites, ranging in size from under 1,000 square feet up to 1,450 square feet. All of the

building on this picturesque site would be designed to reflect the character of the town and would offer the type of activities and amenities that today's mature adults look forward to. Since many of the area churches have more than 50 per cent of their membership comprised of individuals who

are over 55 years of age, the need for such a community project is evident. This is a market that will continue to grow as baby boomers grow older. Interested citizens of Rockwood and the surrounding are invited to participate in discussion and provide feedback to ensure that the

facility truly reflects the needs of the community. The general meeting will begin at 7:30 pm and the presentation by CMS will be made beginning at 8:30 pm. Contact Mr. Ralph MacDonald, president of the Rockwood and Eramosa Business Association at 856-9958 for further information.

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COOKING WITH CLASS: Five-year-old Melissa Gouveia won second place for her creative vegetable mural she made for the Eramosa Public Library's cooking contest held last Wednesday during the March Break. More than 20 youngsters entered the contest and shared their food after it was judged. (Karen Wetmore photo)

Con artist outwits Esso attendant

Guelph OPP are looking for a "quick change artist" who got away with \$50 from the Esso gas station on Alma Street in Rockwood last Saturday evening.

A man purchased a package of cigarettes from the attendant at 8 pm and paid with a \$50 bill. Many exchanges of money occurred following this, where the man would get change from different bills he handed the employee.

After the man left, the employee realized the man had not only left with the change he was due from the cigarettes, but also the original \$50 bill. The suspect is described as a white male, 5-foot 8-

inches tall. He has short brown curly hair, a short brown moustache and was generally scruffy in overall appearance.

The investigation is ongoing. Police are advising store and business owners to be on the lookout when giving change to their customers.

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Rockwood walking tour booklet available at last

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK
The Rockwood Miller

After a year of hard work by a lot of very gifted volunteers, the walking tour booklet of Rockwood's historical sites is available for sale.

The Rockwood and Eramosa Business Association's (REBA) archival labour of love plots a tour past 26 of the village's historic buildings and locations, telling of their past and present.

REBA spokesman Ralph MacDonald said the tour and booklet are designed to encourage people to get to know the village and its rich history.

"Many really talented people donated thousands of dollars worth of time to work on this booklet; to research the background and take the photos and arrange the advertising," MacDonald explained in an interview on Thursday.

The tour begins at the Rockwood Information Centre at 126 Main St. S. and winds its way through the village, ending up back at 132 Main St. S., home now to the Grand Olde Emporium.

REBA member Rosalyn Insley of New Tricks! Designs did a lot of the layout and graphic design for the booklet.

"What a job it was to pull this together," Insley ex-

plained on Thursday.

"I got a real education about the village. The best part was going back in history and learning about this community—we moved here just three years ago and I always wondered about some of the buildings in the village."

Rockwood's Colin Smith, a photo retoucher and REBA member, worked on most of the photographs in the booklet.

"When we decided to use new photographs instead of old ones, I worked on them to remove hydro lines, telephone poles and vehicles," Smith explained in an interview on Thursday.

"I spent the most time retouching one old photo of the swimming hole that was torn, creased and pen-marked," Smith explained. "The whole booklet looks great."

Some of the historical write ups in the booklet were compiled by Gord Martin, with the help of several longtime village residents and Heritage Eramosa.

"There is a lot of history in the village and a lot of very interesting people," said Martin, who was hired by REBA under a Federal summer stu-

dent program.

Martin said his favourite house on the tour is 132 Richardson St., which belonged to Millicent Milroy who claimed to be the wife of King Edward VIII and the only daughter of King James of Scotland.

And the most interesting thing he learned about Rockwood while working on the booklet was that 203 Mai St. S., home to the Out-To Lunch restaurant, has a ghost.

REBA plans to update the booklet with any additional places of interest that are uncovered.

The walking tour booklet is on sale for \$2 at Saunder Bakery, number three on the tour, the Information Centre, Rumours Furniture, La Vieille Auberge and the Grand Olde Emporium.

Book sale

Quality new books at discount prices from Pig Tales Books Ltd., for children from birth up to 12 years will be on sale at the Eramosa Public Library Saturday, March 30 from 10 am to 2 pm.

 

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