

# Rockwood gets Web site

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**The Rockwood Miller**  
Rockwood now has a home page on the Internet thanks to a local resident who saw a unique contrast — dirt road versus information super highway — between the village's history and high technology.

Rockwood and Eramosa Business Association (REBA) member and village resident Colin Smith set up the Rockwood Web site using photographs and text from the just-released Rockwood historic walking tour booklet.

"My intention was to let people see the great juxtaposition," Smith explained on Sunday. "People think and expect that technology is all new, but it's not. It's history and the Internet is a great way to deliver it."

The Web site mirrors the booklet and Smith said that viewing archival photographs and stories through the latest communications technology is a unique marriage of old

and new.

Smith spent five weeks transferring information about Rockwood from print to a digital form for the Web site that he set up on some of his unused Internet space.

"When you visit the Web site you can take the walking tour, find out how to buy the tour booklet and get information about REBA," Smith explained, noting the site has had about 42 "hits" or people bringing it up on their computers in the past two weeks.

The site also includes a map of the village and the opening page includes sepia-toned photos of Waterside Park, Ray Death's vintage car and the old swimming hole.

"There are also six 'thumb nails' — categories including churches, historic homes and institutions and commercial establishments that you can get information about."

Smith said he also put in a link to the University of Mississippi, which has the largest movie data-base in the world.

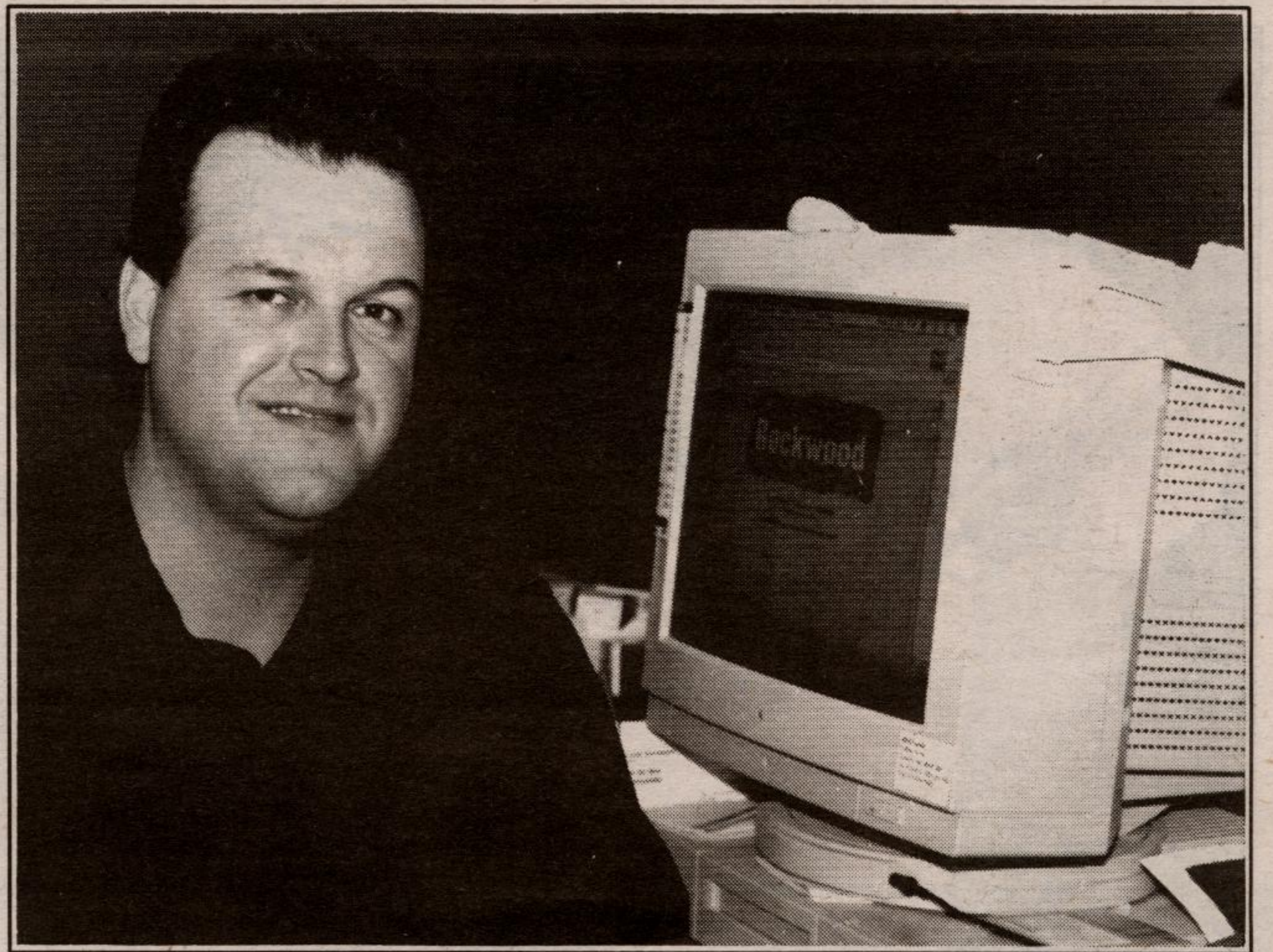
"Mississippi already had Rockwood posted as a movie location because of the scenes from *Agnes of God* that were filmed here and now when someone calls that up they will also be linked to the Rockwood home page," Smith explained.

Smith said once the page was ready he also went to large data-bases in the United States to register Rockwood in the travel and tourism sections.

REBA members will be able to see the Web site at their meeting, next Wednesday (June 12) at the Eramosa Public Library, when Smith sets up his computer and invites his fellow REBA members to surf the Net.

"This is high technology on a tiny spot on the map. You don't have to be living in New York to be high tech — you can have it right here with the chickens and the cows."

Rockwood's Web site can be reached at <http://www.sentex.net/~cgsmith/>.



Colin Smith shows the introductory screen Internet users will see when they call up Rockwood's new World Wide Web site at <http://www.sentex.net/~cgsmith/>.



MOVING UP: Steve Liebig of the Rockwood Food Market (Knechtel's) is pleased to announce the promotion of Diana Gatto, to assistant manager of the store. Diana has worked at Knechtel's for five years, starting as a cashier. She says she enjoys working with people and the customer relations aspects of her job the best.

# Correctness and university budget cuts linked: Keefer

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said they were standing up for free speech against a wave of repression, were the same ones trying to close down critical speech to turn universities into places where voices of women and minorities are not heard.

Keefer said the Harris government at Queen's Park is echoing the American neo-conservative slashing of funds for higher education, forcing the university system to peddle itself to corporate interests in areas like research in the social sciences.

"If we put that into the hands of corporations, they will fund work that is in line with their own interests, which might not coincide with the interests of society, so we could end up with an education system not tailored to what society needs, but to

what powerful corporate interest groups want," Keefer cautioned.

"What we are moving to is not a system of merit, but one of money."

Keefer, whose book was well received, said people within the Canadian university system want the public to know what is happening.

"Something precious and of importance to us as a society is being taken away from us."

Keefer said he had been stereotyped as a "tenured radical," a product of the '60s, is an English professor at Guelph and his book is published by House of Anansi Press.

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Registration forms are also available at the Hydro office in Rockwood, on June 8 (Pioneer Day) at the day camp booth in Lloyd Dyer Park or at the town hall on June 18 from 5 to 8 pm.

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