

New eateries open in old Candy Factory building

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The Rockwood Miller

Two new businesses catering to two favourite foods have opened in the old Candy Factory on Main Street in Rockwood.

The Purple Pig offers pizza and next door, the Village Ice Cream Shoppe dispenses frozen treats.

Good food and a sense of

humour are dished up in equal amounts at The Purple Pig, which is owned and operated by village residents, sister and brother Sandy McNabb and Todd Smith.

The Purple Pig offers take-out, by-the-slice and delivered pizza with selection available from "the trough," including the "Piglet" - 10", the "Sow" - 14" and the

"Hog" - 17" pizzas.

Sandy McNabb, who has worked in several Acton restaurants, said it was her husband who came up with the name.

"His first choice was the Pizza Pig because we wanted to use the 'selections from the trough and piglet, sow and hog' marketing because it's fun," McNabb said re-

cently.

McNabb said response from Rockwood has been good and they are looking forward to a busy summer, including plans for an eat-in area and an expanded menu.

"Both Todd and I like Mexican food so Todd is working on a couple of recipes and hopefully we will have more to offer, in addi-

tion to the pizza, salad, chicken wings and garlic sticks now on the menu."

Next door, Julie Heatley of Acton has opened the Village Ice Cream Shoppe, her first business venture.

Heatley, who worked for her parents at Acton Bowl, said she was ready for a lifestyle change and wanted to get into food service where

she had worked in the past.

Heatley will offer pop and ice cream cones and plans to expand to offer a line of party supplies, including balloons for every occasion.

Old Candy Factory owner Taufiq Pasha is pleased that new businesses are coming to the village, adding plans for a laundromat are almost complete.

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'Good Samaritan' also modest

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If it weren't for a phone call from a California dentist to a member of the Rockwood and Eramosa Business Association (REBA), the Good Samaritan-like actions of a Rockwood nurse may never have come to light - and that would have been just fine with nurse Francine Palister, who when contacted by *The Miller*, insisted that she really hadn't done anything special.

In the phone call Dr. David Sintek of San Diego asked REBA chair Ralph MacDonald for the name of a local store where he could purchase a gift of thanks for Palister, who had volunteered her time and

expertise as a medical escort to bring a dying man back to Toronto after he collapsed at a Spanish shrine.

Dr. Sintek and the dying man were among a group of 50 tourists who recently travelled to Spain's remote Santander area.

While there, the Toronto man, who was hoping for a miracle, collapsed and had to be hospitalized. Since the man had a pre-existing medical condition his travel insurance would not pay for a medical escort home and the Spanish doctors would not release him without an escort.

Palister, who works for the travel insurance company in-

volved, learned of the problem and immediately volunteered to go, for free, to Spain and bring the man home.

Palister downplayed her part in the affair, saying that it was Dr. Sintek who was the hero.

"All I did was go and pick up the man," Palister insisted in a recent interview.

"It was Dr. Sintek who gave up his holiday for a complete stranger and stayed by his side at the hospital and then contacted my company."

"I was glad to help. I didn't do anything that significant," Palister said.

When Dr. Sintek heard that Palister was modestly downplaying her role, he said, "that sounds just like Francine."

"It's a wonderful story of a Good Samaritan who was compassionate and caring and freely gave up a weekend to help this man," Sintek explained recently.

"The trip began as a holiday, but everyone came back much stronger because of what happened - everyone wanted to help, including two retired Canadian doctors."

Sintek said he was also impressed with how helpful MacDonald and staff at Stone Road Mall were.

"When I phoned to buy a gift certificate the lady said she would handle it personally. When I told Ralph [MacDonald] I might be in Ontario this fall he immediately gave me his home phone number and told me about all the things he was going to show me.

"That's what's so neat, so refreshing about Canadians - they are real human beings," Sintek said.



SOON TO BE A PRINCESS: Seven-year-old Tegan Clifford holds still while Kell Bells the Clown paints her face at the Eden House fundraiser for Alzheimer's, last Thursday. (Karen Wetmore photo)

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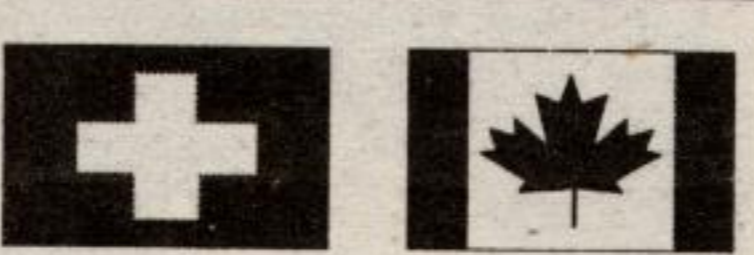
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