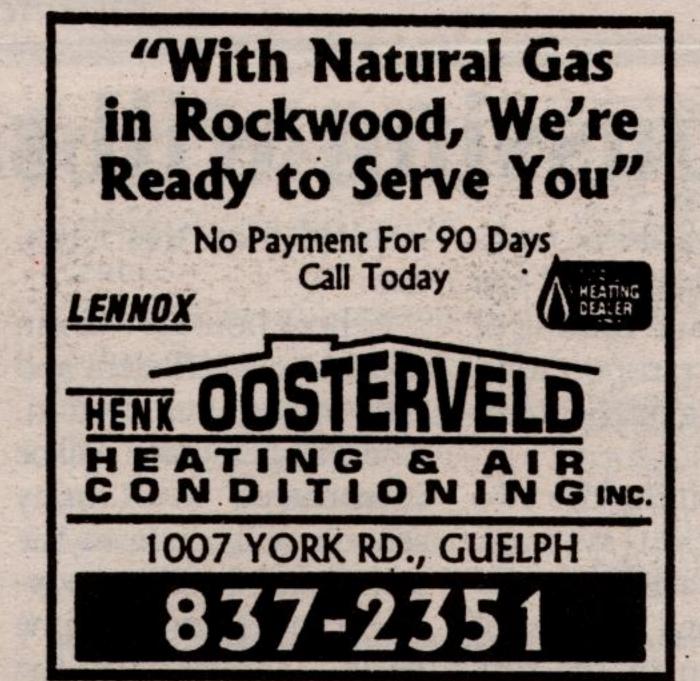
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## IN BRIEF...

#### Hot time

A daring rescue, through a window of "fire," saved a \$13,043 cheque! This dramatic scene took place at Eden House Care Facility when Frank Valeriote reached into portable "flames," saved a cat and rescued the cheque.

The money was the result of the annual Eden Alzheimer House Fundraiser. With flamboyant team participation in bed races, a world class baseball game and lots of food, the goal of \$9,600 was met and surpassed.

At the celebration party held August 15, a great spirit of residents, families and friends was evident and already plans were being made for bigger and better fundraising next year. It was indeed moving to see that Alzheimer sufferers are remembered, although they

Volume 8 of the Eden Mills Writers' Festival takes place Sept. 8 from noon to 6 pm.

Literary luminaries, including Margaret Atwood will read from their work. Tickets are \$7, students and seniors are \$6, and the Festival for Children is \$3, available at Marshall's General Store in Eden Mills.



### CRUISIN'!

Kelley Buck and Lisa Logan, in poodle skirts and pony tails, pose with a 1958 Edsel at the monthly "Cruise Night" held in the parking lot at Rockwood Home Hardware last Saturday. The Edsel is owned by Earle McCoy of Acton. The final cruise night of the year will be held Saturday, Sept. 28 from 7 to 9 pm. (Eve Martin photo)

# Writers' Fest Eramosa drops development charges

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK The Rockwood Miller

In an attempt to make Eramosa a more attractive place to locate, Township Council has enacted a new bylaw, which exempts all non-residential development from paying most development charges.

Council eliminated all development charges - also known as levies – except the

fire component and in Rockwood, the hydro component.

Development charges are the fees developers must pay to cover the costs of services, such as parks, roads, water and fire, that the new growth will use or necessitate.

The residential development charge is based on each unit and until now the nonresidential development charge was based on per square foot of floor area.

Reeve Rick Hughes said the new bylaw took the nonresidential development from \$1.39 outside of Rockwood and in Rockwood the charge went to 60¢ per square foot from \$1.88.

"In part, eliminating most of the non-residential development charges was to try and attract non-residential growth, which tends to provide a little surplus," Hughes said on Friday. "The other part was that philosophically we were saying, for example, if you build a mink shed, are the mink going to make use of the library or if you build a coffee shop are people going to demand parks

and recreation services?"

The catalyst for the debate was a request by a ratepayer who wanted to add additional mink sheds to his agricultural property and asked that development charges be waived on agricultural land.

"It seemed to me that what we were doing (with the old bylaw) was discouraging people from coming here, especially in light of what had taken place recently when W.C. Wood elected to build a new plant in Guelph Township, rather than in the city of Guelph, because the city had non-residential development charges," Hughes said.

# 1st Scouts fundraise to attend jamboree •

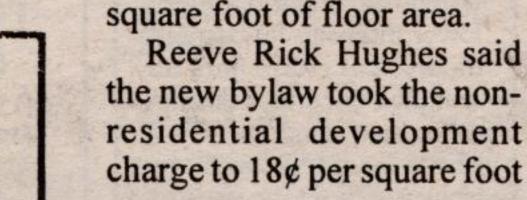
Special to The Miller The First Rockwood Scouts recently held a very successful fundraiser-a Bowlerama. A total of 22 teams of four players each bowled at the Acton Bowling Lanes last Friday and Saturday to help raise

close to \$800 for the troop. A barbeque was held at Waterside Park for all bowlers, where each team was presented with a prize - donated through the generosity of local merchants.

This fundraiser is just the start of what the Rockwood Scouts are planning for the coming year. A Canadian Jamboree (C.J.), which happens every four years, will be held in Thunder Bay next July. It is hoped that our Scouts will be able to attend, but will need approximately \$10,000 for the two-week adventure.

The C.J. is a wonderful opportunity for these local boys. They are planning another Bowlerama for the late fall – a great way for family and friends to get out and enjoy recreation, and help our youth at the same time! (Please watch The Miller for future articles).

Thanks to all participants (who, incidentally, had a lot of fun), Acton Bowling Lanes, Rob Charette and the Acton Rotary Club, Randy Bould, Gary Martin and the First Rockwood Scouts.



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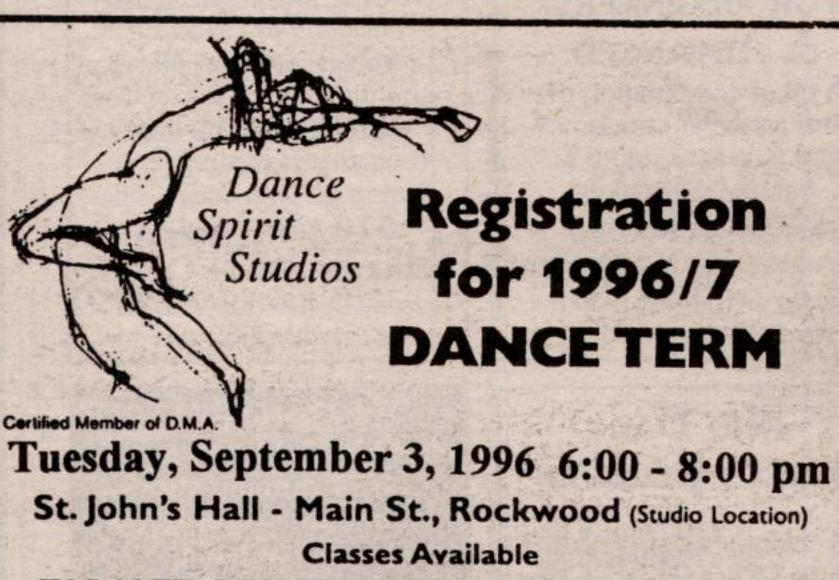


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