

# Potter moves gallery, school to village

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The Rockwood Miller

An Eramosa potter, known for her functional bowls and vases, has opened a studio, workshop and gallery in Rockwood at 120 Main St. S., next door to Hog Hill.

Louise Allen, who owned and operated Claysmith Pottery in Guelph, has relocated her studio to the village and is open for business under the name Elements, this week.

"Along with my studio I will offer workshop classes and will also sell my work and other fine Canadian crafts, on consignment, as well," Allen explained last Thursday.

Allen will offer both adult classes at night and children's classes on weekends and will also co-op space for people who already have the skills but just want to come in and

use the studio.

"I have a lot of space so I might have other local artists and crafts people showing and selling their work here as well as my own," Allen said.

Allen studied fine Art at the University of Guelph and said she turned to pottery because she is a practical person who wanted to have a business where she produced something for sale.

"I took a summer class in pottery and really liked it so I transferred to Georgian College to study pottery and then opened my own studio," she said, noting that she is known for her vases and bowls and terra-cotta kitchenware, including pizza tiles and wine cups.

Elements' winter hours will be Wednesday to Sunday from noon until 5 pm. Allen can be reached at 856-4344.



**FUNCTIONALART:** Louise Allen demonstrates the techniques she's used for 20 years at the potter's wheel, transforming a lump of clay into a vase.

# MP sends petition against proposed Bell rate increase

Brenda Chamberlain, MP for Guelph-Wellington, sent petitions containing the names of more than 1,700 Guelph-Wellington residents to the Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) and federal minister John Manley last Monday. The petition opposes planned increases for business customers of Bell Canada.

"I am very pleased with the response from business leaders, their employees and customers throughout Guelph-Wellington," Chamberlain said. "The petitions were sent from my office to more than 3,000 businesses throughout Guelph-Wellington. The response from 1,700 peo-

ple is extraordinary."

The CRTC is preparing to decide on whether or not Bell Canada can proceed with increased telephone rates for business customers in Ontario and Quebec. The proposal could see business rates nearly double in Guelph-Wellington.

"The issue was brought to me by the Canadian Federation of Independent Business in my capacity as chair of the Liberal caucus committee on economic development," she said. "I echo today what I said in the House of Commons on Dec. 10, 1996 - this is a bad idea at a bad time for businesses who are beginning to recover from the recession, and businesses who deserve our support."

# We go 'back to the books' after our Christmas break

WELLINGTON HALL

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This is our first week back after our Christmas break. We have to get back to working hard and doing homework again. In novel study, we are reading a book called *My Side of the Mountain*. It is about a boy who runs away and lives in the wilderness. We have enjoyed the story so far.

Our Christmas play was a huge success. We performed *The Toy Maker's Doll*. We had a lot of fun practicing for

it and after seeing the video of the evening performance, I think it was really good.

The primary class performed *The Birth of Jesus*, sometimes called *The Nativity Play*. We also played our recorders and sang Christmas carols.

After the performance was over, all the students had a cast party while the parents enjoyed refreshments. The evening ended with everyone watching *The Parade of Lights*.

The junior class has made snowflakes out of a variety

of geometric shapes. They thought this was a great way to learn math. They have also made their own "tall tale" story about the classroom frogs. During the holidays, they each did a project on a country of their choice. This week they were able to present their projects to the other students. A pass in this project meant that you got a passport from your country.

Most of the students were hoping for a snow day this week - just like most other students in the province. Have a great week!

# Accident puts two in hospital

A car accident last Wednesday sent two women to hospital with injuries that were not life-threatening.

The accident occurred shortly before midnight on Hwy. 7 east of Rockwood. A

23-year-old Sudbury woman was travelling east on the highway when her vehicle left the roadway and became airborne. Her vehicle, a 1988 Pontiac Sunbird, came to rest on its side in a pond.

The driver and her 22-year-old female passenger, also from Sudbury, had to be extricated by members of the Eramosa Fire Department. The two were transported to Guelph General Hospital.

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