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## ROCKWOOD IN BRIEF...

### Village 'hub' closes

The closure of Marshall's General Store at Christmas forced Eden Mills to find someplace else to get their milk, bread and gossip.

After four years of operation Deb Marshall said that a "really hard business decision" forced her to close the store, which often served as a hub for village residents.

"I miss the people but I don't miss the stress," Marshall explained Friday. Marshall refused to elaborate on the reason for the closure other than to say "it was a real tick off."

The building that housed Marshall's, owned by Dan McDonald of Hanover, has been for sale since the spring.

### New V-P at Centennial

Brian Gottschalk is settling in nicely as vice-principal at Rockwood Centennial Public School. Contacted on Friday at the end of his second week, Gottschalk said he is learning all the students' names and familiarizing himself with the community.

Gottschalk, from Palmerston, replaced former vice-principal Jan Gregg who is now acting-principal at Drayton Senior Public School.

Gottschalk, who has worked for the Wellington Board of Education since 1985, said he is concentrating on integrating technology in the classroom.

### Adult lifestyle discussions

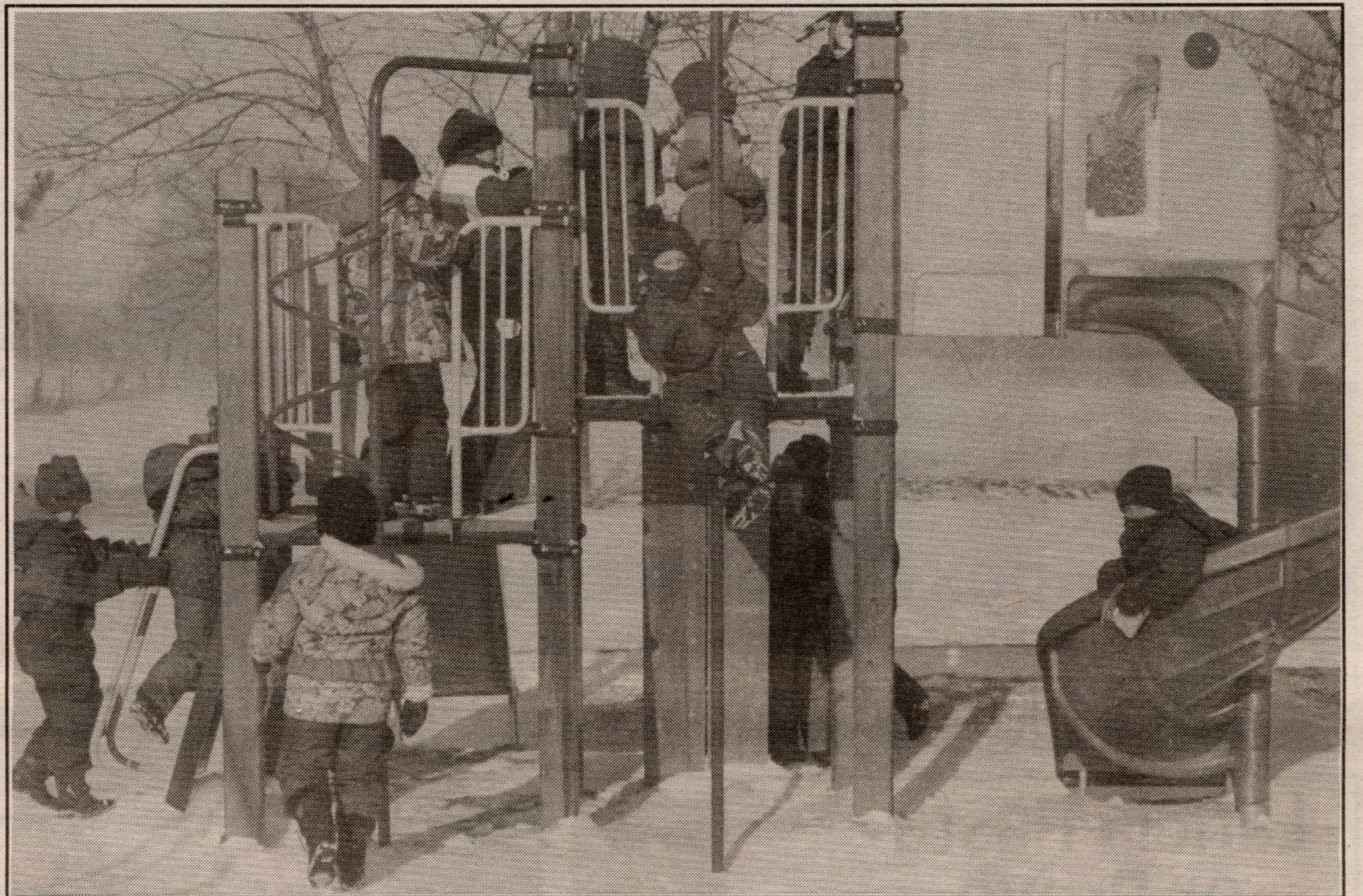
Township Council and staff will meet with their planning consultants on Jan. 27 to discuss the pros and cons of adult lifestyle communities.

Several developers have proposed building adult lifestyle communities - geared to retired empty-nesters - in the Rockwood area. The consensus of approximately 60 people who recently attended a Township meeting on the concept agreed that it was one that the Township should explore further.

### Writing workshop for teens

A creative writing workshop for youths aged 12 and up will be offered at the Wellington County Museum, located between Fergus and Elora on County Road 18. The eight-week workshop begins Saturday, Feb. 8 from 1-3 pm with an \$80 cost. The instructor is Sheila O'Hearn, a professional writer whose poetry, fiction, reviews and articles have appeared in several magazines and newspapers.

To register, call the museum at (519) 846-0916 and for more details call O'Hearn at (519) 843-6471.



**'COOL' FUN:** Primary students at Eramosa P. S. were lining up to use the school's new playground equipment, despite the cold last Friday. The equipment was installed in late November by a group of volunteer parents as a result of fundraising by the students over the past couple of years. (Karen Wetmore photo)

## Eramosa Exit looking for extras

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK  
The Rockwood Miller

The scary prospect of a super highway slicing through the centre of rural Eramosa is the subject of a one-hour docu-drama now being filmed in the Township.

With the funding of a local "patron" and technical support from Rogers Cable TV, Rockwood film maker Mark Hamilton wrote the script and is now directing it, using volunteer crew and actors. The filming began in late summer and will culminate with the staging of a mock Ontario Municipal Board hear-

ing to be filmed at the Rockwood Town Hall on Feb. 1 and 2. Hamilton is looking for extras to be part of the audience at the hearing.

"I need between 30 and 40 extras who will be available both days to play the parts of interested residents who come to the hearing to find out if the proposal for this fictitious super highway will be approved," Hamilton explained Friday. "There are some speaking parts, but mainly I need people who are willing to sit and react to what

is happening at this hearing."

Hamilton, a Rockwood native whose family settled in the village in 1832, produces television documentaries and educational videos and worked on a number of projects at TVO, one of the broadcast outlets where he will attempt to get the finished *Eramosa Exit* aired.

Hamilton said the script doesn't make a political statement, but rather a social one.

"The film takes the tone that you just can't sort of shut out the rest of the world to

preserve the rural lifestyle in this area," Hamilton explained. "It's about the fact that the rural history is something that is more than most people realize. It's more than a way of life - it's a distinct culture that you don't recognize unless you're from a small town."

Filming and editing should be completed by the spring and there will be a local showing of the finished product.

If you are interested in being an extra call Hamilton at 856-2157.

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