

## Kids reading contest at Rockwood Library

When the evenings are long and the weather's chilly, there's nothing like snuggling inside, curled up in a comfy chair with a good book.

The Rockwood branch of the Wellington County Library is starting a reading contest for children aged five to 12 beginning March 1. Registration forms are available at the circulation desk for kids to write down each book that is read before March Break is over. The child who reads the most books will win a prize!

Each child who participates will have their name entered into a draw to win the Grand Prize. To make the contest fair to all, children will be asked to report on books that they've read.

## A LITTLE GOOD NEWS



PHOTO BY DEBORAH QUAILLE

**READING AND WRITING** - Children from Mrs. MacDonald's Grade 1/2 class at Rockwood Centennial Public School learned what goes into a newspaper like *The Compass* in February. Ms. Smith, who teaches Social Studies to the children, is the instigator for exciting teaching sessions on the world around us. She's at the back of the class full of avid readers.

### Free March Break entertainment for children

Beginning Monday, March 13, 2000 and running through Thursday, March 16, River Run Centre in Guelph will offer a variety of free performances and activities for children ages three and up. Presented by well-known local creators, performers and entertainers, this series of four morning activities welcomes children who enjoy live performance and who are looking for something special to do during the March school break. Parents are welcome too! All performances/activities are one hour long and begin at 10:30 a.m.

*Monday, March 13*

#### Music with a Brass Quartet

Fun with trumpets and horns! Four members of the Guelph Concert Band fill the hall with the sounds of brass and a wide variety of musical styles.

*Tuesday, March 14*

#### Music with the Black and Blue Band

A Celtic-style family band of five performs folk, jazz, country, gospel and blues with strong vocal harmonies and a riveting stage presence.

*Wednesday, March 15*

#### Storytelling with Vince Wall

Well-known Guelph writer and travelling storyteller spins animated tales for children of all ages.

*Thursday, March 16*

#### Chess for Kids with Hal Bond

Candidate Chess Master returns to share his wit, wisdom and outstanding chess-playing skills with all children, regardless of whether or not they have played chess before.

Admission is free and no registration is required. Children and their parents are welcome to drop in for some fun.

## Rural Women's Shelter Program

The Rural Women's Shelter Program provides support to women in rural Wellington County who have been or presently are in an abusive relationship or who are survivors of childhood and/or adult sexual abuse.

Confidential support is provided at no cost by skilled and caring staff in one-to-one sessions and support groups. Additional telephone support by trained volunteers may be requested. Advocacy, referrals, and transportation may be provided if needed.

Daytime and evening support groups are an integral part of the program as they focus on self-empowerment, self-esteem, personal strengths and information through discussions on topics the women have chosen. Groups also provide a support system for the women.

The groups meet regularly for 12 weeks. Assistance with childcare and transportation may be arranged. For information call the nearest office: Drayton 519-638-5960; Fergus 519-843-6834; Rockwood 519-856-2191 or Erin 519-833-2301.



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## Beauty abounds

BY DEBORAH QUAILLE  
THE COMPASS

She's back! And she's ready to leap into small town life with a vengeance.

Kathleen Wiseman, better known to all her friends as Kass, has returned after a 14-year absence while she accompanied her husband on an overseas teaching contract.

"I love Rockwood," she commented, "it's a nice little town. And it's become much bigger in the past few years."

Kass has planned to open a unisex spa, with over 900 square feet of space at 155 Main Street South. There is ample parking behind the building and on the street front. Access to the facility will be at the back.

Patrons will be treated to a delightful array of pampering, from manicures and pedicures, to hair styling, facials and massage.

"I hope to open in early April; right now I'm looking for an esthetician, massage therapist and another hair dresser. We'll have extended hours for people that are working and need that flexibility. I like to accommodate those who can't just leave work on their lunch hour."

Inside the facility, Kass plans on soft, subtle colours of mauve, rose and burgundy. There are several bright rooms which will each house a different aspect of the spa, with the massage room being the most private.

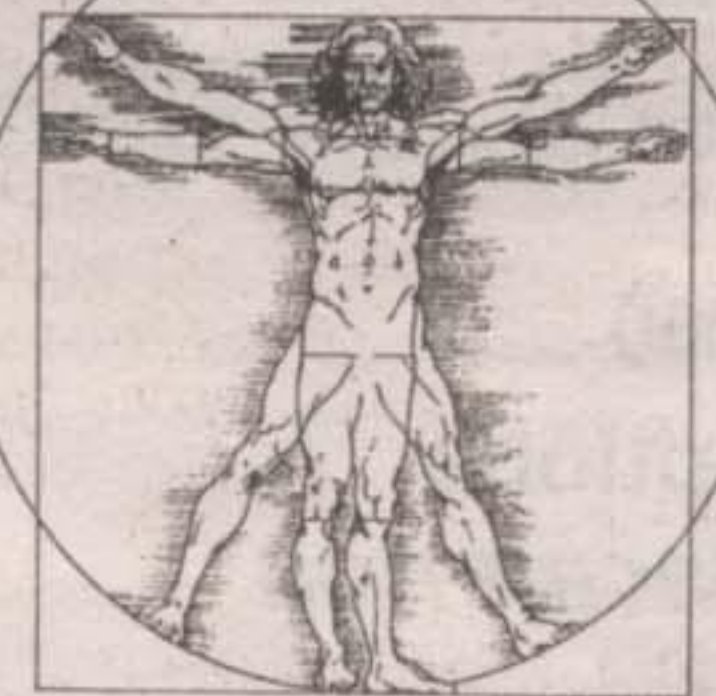
"The town is certainly growing, and I can see the need for a full service salon," she says with a smile.

As both men and women are busy rushing through their daily lives, who couldn't use a little pampering?

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11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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