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Rockwood, Everton and Eden Mills Christmas Roundup

by Deborah Quaille

Undoubtedly there are so many holiday happenings in our area that we end up missing a few in the bustle. The following is a quick list of the Christmas items that *The Compass* heard about by press time. Enjoy the season!

The 5th annual Visit With Santa will take place at Rockwood Library on Sunday, December 9 from 1-3 p.m. Registration began November 1; the cost is \$1 per child. Pictures with Santa cost \$2 each (adults are more than welcome to bring their own cameras as well). Don't forget to take a letter for Santa's mailbox. All children will receive a gift from Santa, and refreshments are provided. The Christmas colouring contest begins on December 1. After colouring one of the Christmas stockings, the child's name will be entered into a draw to win a prize. All stockings will be hung near the library's "fireplace."

Eden Mills United Church will hold a Christmas Eve service at 7 p.m. on December 24. All are welcome.

Rockwood and Stone United Churches will be holding several festive events throughout the month of December. On Sunday, December 2, the annual Christmas Tree Cutting & Decorating party is

planned at Rockwood. Come share in the pot luck luncheon after the 11:15 a.m. service and enjoy decorating. On December 9, both Rockwood and Stone United celebrate White Gift Sunday, and the children at Rockwood will present a play, *The Mouse's Christmas*. On Sunday, December 16 watch a Christmas Play entitled *An Old Man's Dream*, at 7 p.m. All are welcome. Christmas Eve Meditation & Communion services take place at both Rockwood (6-6:45 p.m.) and Stone (7:30-8:15 p.m.). There will be a joint service between the two churches at Stone, 10 a.m., on December 30. All other services are regular, Stone 10 a.m., and Rockwood 11:15 a.m.

St. John's Anglican Church at 112 Main St. N. is holding an Advent Lessons & Carol Service at 9:30 a.m. on December 9. Their Christmas Pageant is at 11:15 a.m. on December 16, with Carols on the Green (with a lovely fire and hot beverages) starting at 7 p.m. On Christmas Eve, there are three services from which to choose: Children's service at 4 p.m., Family Candlelit Service at 8 p.m., and a

Candlelit Service at 11 p.m. At 10 a.m. on Christmas Day, Rev. Wells will hold another celebration of the season. Services will return to regular times after Christmas.

Saturday, December 1, Everton Community Church decorates the church for Christmas. On Sunday, December 9 they will be holding a Christmas dinner at 6 p.m. All are welcome. And on Monday, December 24, the Christmas Eve service begins at 6:30 p.m. - a special time to honour the Lord.

Rockwood Centennial School is holding a Food Drive and has a Mitten Tree at the front entrance. Canned and dry goods are welcome under the tree, as well as mitts - homemade or bought - to warm the hands of the less fortunate this winter. Please note that the school will be closed for holidays from December 24, 2001 and resumes Monday, January 7, 2002.

The Annual Farmers' Parade of Lights runs through the heart of Rockwood at 7 p.m. on Thursday, December 13. This will be the ninth year that 20-25 farmers decorate their farm equipment and present a Parade of Lights through the streets of Rockwood. Each year, different pieces of farm equipment are selected and decorated with thousands of lights and Christmas decorations. Onlookers will find some tractors and other pieces of farm equipment over 50 years old, while still other floats will be brand new. The parade originated as a way of having fun while giving something to the local community. OPP and several local fire departments volunteer their time to assist the parade and make it a safe and enjoyable evening for all.

Last year between 6000 and 8000 people from all over Southern Ontario came to see this free and fun event. No advertising or business activities are allowed to take place with the parade. For more information visit the web site www.blahs.on.ca.

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So to show my appreciation, please come in for the month of December and enjoy a cup of coffee (yes coffee) or tea and treats. While you visit, fill out a ballot to win some great prizes.

Thanks again. I hope my next 10 years are as enjoyable and interesting as the last!

Merry Christmas
Kathy Wallischek
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