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History comes alive at Cobblestone exposition

On Aug. 2, the Cobblestone Museum at Childs (Routes 104 & 98) will come alive with an exposition relating to Victorian times.

Featured at this event will be Gretchen Murray Sepik, who will portray Mrs. Elvira Biddlebee, her newest character, pictured here. Mrs. Biddlebee is "not in to gossip, but," will tell you everything she knows about everybody and what she doesn't know she makes up.

The character has been developed with the aid of several local historians and therefore loosely based on a number of items of local history.

The presentation will occur at the historic Cobblestone Church at 3 p.m. and is given in memory of Virginia Kildoo. Other participants in this series of presentations will be Neil Johnson impersonating William Trow, a Civil War Veteran who lost a limb through amputation.

This, too, will take place at the Cobblestone Church, at 11 a.m.

At 1 p.m. Dee Robinson will give an informative talk on Belva Lockwood, the Niagara County native who ran for president in the late 1800s.

At 7 p.m., the Cobblestone Church will be the scene of a concert of Victorian music presented by Adrienne Lattin, organist at the Eagle Harbor UM Church, along with Susan Thaine, soloist. A small admission will be accepted for the events.

The Cobblestone Exposition will begin at 10 a.m. with many events including an antique and collectibles market, antique quilt show, exhibit of Victorian religious prints, many demonstrations and old time skills and crafts, Victorian tea in the afternoon, Model T and Model A car show, plus a Chiavetta's chicken barbecue between 2 and 6 p.m.