

Swimming lessons highlight Eden Mills summer



EDEN MILLS swimming classes village highlight. —Photo by Tony Vos

By Anna Maria Bell
The three weeks are finished. People can now go off on holiday or resume their normal life in Eden Mills.

Since July 2, with the co-operation of good weather, 100 persons have milled around the Eden Mills Dam to take swimming lessons.

The Red Cross and Royal Life Saving Societies programmes were conducted by John Korns and Wendy Edge of Guelph University, with help from Ann Vos, Anna Maria Bell, Helga Scheikle, Diane Jackson, Janice Perry.

Their main concern has been safety in and around the water, with great emphasis on the survival skills of drownproofing and water treading. Their enthusiasm, friendliness and well thought out lessons kept the interest of children and adults alike.

Heather Howard of the Rockwood Conservation Park was the examiner this year. She congratulated every one on their efforts but handed out awards only to those who had perfectly completed all the skills required at their level.

She was complimentary about the high standard of the Bronze class, and recommended that all those with such clear thinking heads should continue in the field

of life saving. Heather made the swim an interesting learning experience whereby every student had to think carefully weighing the circumstances and act accordingly to each emergency.

On Friday evening there were films on learning how to swim; drownproofing; and Jimmy Cricket's safety rules. The adult swimmers provided popcorn. Instructress Wendy kept the children singing action songs while co-assistant John attended to the projector.

The instructors' examiner as well as the Red Cross supervisor, were highly impressed with the involvement of the community who either participates or who supports these swimming programmes. They were distressed to learn of the possibility that in the near future the Eramosa River could be full of algae.

The young actor teachers T.I.E.M. have now moved to Eden Mills from Rockwood and the children of the village and vicinity are busy in the unfinished community hall preparing for theatrical performances. This year the group is also working with adults on Mondays and Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. They are rehearsing a melodrama which they hope to perform on August 24. They

continue to look for interested people to and over for the cast. To make costumes, work behind scenes on the lights etc. and if these sound like your kind of thing you might be interested. Please contact Jim Gordon at the Eden Mills Community Hall or 856 4620.

Eden Mills annual Fun Fair, on August 30. This is the main fund raising event of the Community Club.

Every Saturday this summer parties are being organized to work in the community hall. It is expected that every member of the club will devote some hours to complete the work started by the I.P.P. Project Overall Grant.

Jean Blinchart is now busy compiling lists of helpers for the



Free Press Rockwood



TWO TOY MANCHESTER DOGS find Sunday's concert by the "Rockwood" group worth pricking up ears about. Gal is unidentified.

—Jennifer Barr Photo

Rockwood group in concert

The banks of the Eramosa River was the setting for a concert given by the rock music group, "Rockwood," Sunday afternoon, July 22.

The Millstone Restaurant opened its picturesque grounds to the group for a mini-rock festival. Approximately a hundred spectators, including some rather startled senior citizens, and a pair of unhappy Toy Manchester dogs, settled on the grass amid pine beam walls and various oil paintings on display.

The group, consists of three guitarists, a drummer and an extraordinary amount of sound equipment, starting the count-down as they plugged in.

Rock music, blues, country and western were on the menu and were enjoyed by most of Rockwood and part of Eden Mills, thanks to the amplifying system.

The group takes its name from the village and is led by Mark Pengilly who has recently taken up residence at 320 Main Street, Rockwood. Other members of the group are Doug Usher, Glenn Brown, and Jon McGrath.

Mark performed his own song, "320 Main Street South" and is hoping to record a 45 minute composition entitled "Graveyard Children."

Comin's and Goin's

For an evening of fun which might give you summer earnings check in next Sunday at the Rockwood Ball Park when the small fry T-Ball players ranging from four years and up will demonstrate the joy of playing ball without a pitcher. It'll be Eden Mills versus Eramosa starting at 7 p.m. with Eldred Salmon on hand for the 8 o'clock \$100 draw. So bone up on your ball rules, watch the little kids smash in the homers, and shine up your

purse latch, you might need to if you're the lucky winner and why not!

It's a big week for Brenda Smith and Helen Craigie when they zip off to Timmins this week to sing together at a friend's wedding, "The Gift of Love" and the Wedding Song will be the favoured selections for the girls who will be leaving Wednesday and home in the district again next Monday.

On the beach



By Heather Howard

Summer is in full swing at Rockwood Park and several sun-tanned lifeguards can tell you the majority of people spend their time in the park on the beach.

Record crowds have been pouring in, keeping the gatekeepers and other park staff busy.

July swimming lessons have been very successful as the children's enthusiastic response to the program has combined with the great weather conditions and empathy of the beach staff.

Test day, Friday July 27 will indicate the remarkable improvement of all.

Highly qualified lifeguards are presently looking forward to the August session, for which over 100 children are already

registered. Classes still available are:

- 10:00—Prebeginner
- 10:00—Advanced Beginner
- 10:00—Elementary Life Saving
- 11:00—Survival
- 11:00—Intermediate
- 12:00—Junior.

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Hit and run

An Acton woman has been charged with careless driving and failing to remain at the scene of an accident, after the car she was driving struck a parked car on Mill St. near the Mill-Willow intersection early last Friday night.

Police located the hit and run vehicle at the Kingham Hill Estates Saturday night at 11 p.m.

Total damage to the hit and run car and the parked vehicle, owned by Joseph Weadge of Milton was \$275. No injuries resulted from the collision.



THE "ROCKWOOD" GROUP performed for about 100 spectators in a Sunday afternoon mini-rock festival on the banks of the Eramosa River, adjacent to the Millstone Restaurant, Rockwood. Members of the group include Mark Pengilly, drummer Glenn Brown, Jon McGrath and Doug Usher.

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