



Gala opening of new centre

by Kerry Chalmers
 Rockmosa Sports Centre was officially opened Saturday while a large turnout of village and area residents watched the ceremonies. The Hespeler Pipe Band entertained the crowd until Master of Ceremonies George Day got things underway.

Guests Jack Johnston MPP, Bill Adsett, Reeve of Eramosa Township and District Governor of Lions International Douglas Campbell all wished the best for this new centre. Lions president Walter Swanston and Barb Bonner, president of the Lionettes thanked the many

people and organizations responsible for the building. Scouts, cubs, guides, brownies and baseball and soccer organizations all had representatives there in uniform. These children represented the youth of the village.

John McLeod, chairman of the hall, was present on behalf of local artist Jack Reid who presented a painting to be hung in the hall.

Cutting the ribbon was done by Thomas McCutcheon of Everton who represented the Sunshine Club. The plaque and gold key were presented to president Walter Swanston

by Mr. Parker of Parker Construction and Mr. Swanston turned this over to Reeve Bill Adsett who opened the door.

Lionettes served tea, coffee and fruit bread to community residents who were welcomed in to tour the building. A dance and buffet for a maximum crowd put the finishing touches on the day.

Caretaker of the Rockmosa Sports Centre is Bob Gordon. If you wish to book the hall you can call Mr. Gordon at home at 856-4792 or phone the hall and record your message and he will contact you. The number of the hall is 856-9000.



FRUIT BREAD, coffee and tea were served to the guests who were asked to come in and tour Rockmosa Centre. People were surprised at the size of the hall once inside.

Family fined \$1,000 but house may remain

by K. Chalmers
 The continuing saga of the Grand River Conservation Authority versus the McMullan family is in its final chapter.

In provincial court in Guelph on Monday Brian and Sandra McMullan were convicted of building without a permit and fined the maximum amount of \$1,000 for doing so.

A compromise however, has been worked out between the two parties. If the McMullans raise their home three feet and do extensive water-proofing work to the foundation according to G.R.C.A. specifications, they will not have to tear down their house.

Mr. McMullan was told this was not to set a precedent for other homeowners living within a flood plain but due to the extenuating circumstances of this case, he would be allowed to live in his home as a permanent residence if he met the conditions of the compromise. The McMullans will do so but feel very bitter about the whole matter. They want to stay in Eden Mills and raise their family but will find the financial burden of meeting these specifications very great.

pector suggested they check things out with the Grand River Conservation Authority who informed them they were in a flood plain and could not build a permanent residence.

After negotiations with the G.R.C.A. he was given the go ahead on a summer home only, with permission to live there until this construction was completed. He began work in the spring but was stopped in August by the G.R.C.A. who told him he had exceeded the intent of the permit. The McMullans felt they had done all work according to the outlined proposal that had been approved. The issue ended up in provincial court in January where they were ordered to tear down the structure by May 15.

Expense
 Mr. McMullan hired a new law firm in Guelph and an engineering firm from Kitchener. On Monday lawyers Bill Vorvis, Peter Ferraro and Bruce Grey were in court with the engineer and were involved in working out the

compromise.
 Do Brian and Sandy McMullan see this as a victory?

"No, we don't," commented Brian, "but feel there is no point in continuing with expensive legal action when we must concentrate on the enormous expense of the agreement."

UFOs seen in Milton

Two possible UFO sightings have been made at Milton in the last couple of weeks.

An orange doughnut shaped object was observed hovering over the CP railway tracks near a social club, by a 12-year old boy on May 27.

The object hovered briefly and disappeared. On the same evening a couple observed through binoculars green, red and orange lights revolving around a UFO.

The lights moved slowly across the sky. Police were unable to explain the lights.

Politicians last pitch

Candidates in Thursday's provincial election made their final pitches to woo voters this week.

Threatens park with closure

Drastic methods could be taken to ensure a lifeguard is hired for the Rockwood Conservation Authority park.

At Monday evening's Eramosa township council meeting, councillor Dave Masson threatened to tell the authority either to close the park or

drain the lake while there are no guards at the designated swimming area.

The matter came under discussion after councillor John McLeod pointed out guards were not going to be hired this year. He expressed great concern over possible fatalities at the site because of the great many people swimming in the park. He suggested council take some action.

Deputy Reeve Henry Holman Jr. said he thought if a warning sign was up that there was no lifeguard, all liability was off the park. Former deputy reeve Betty Lou Clark who was attending the meeting on a different matter pointed out there was some law about a doctrine of allurement.

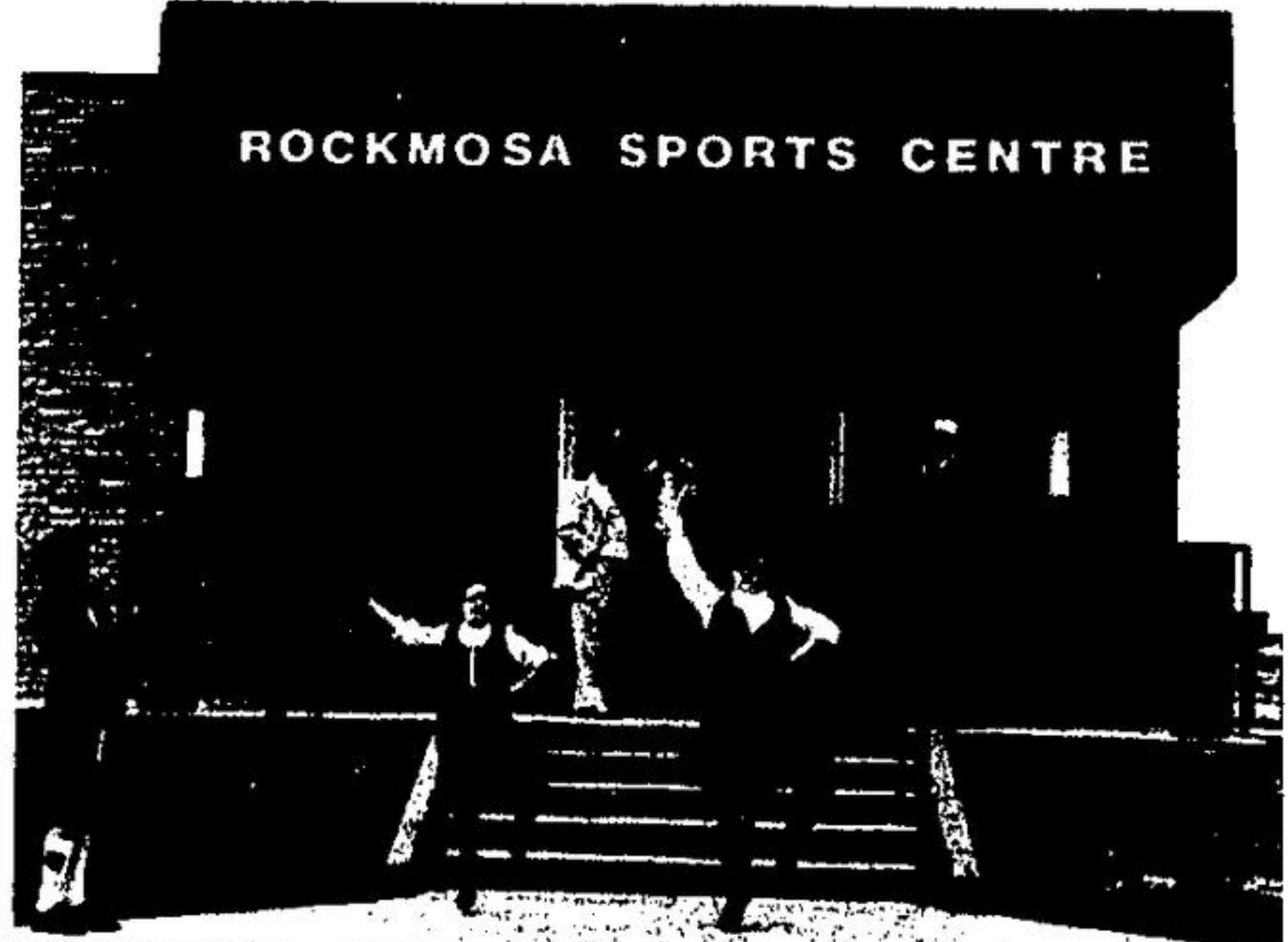
It was pointed out that at the present time there are

boats going in and out of the swimming area, people throwing rocks into the water at other swimmers and a lot of other hazardous actions usually stopped by a lifeguard.

Council passed a motion to "strongly request" the Grand River Conservation Authority provide a lifeguard at the park.

Coming Events

STONE United Church Beef Barbecue, Saturday June 18, 1977 at New Guelph Township Park on Marden Road. Dinner served (rain or shine) 4:30-8:00 p.m. Adults \$4.00, children under 12 \$1.00; pre-school free. For tickets phone 856-9097.



MEMBERS OF the Hespeler Pipe Band practice a dance. They danced for the crowd inside the hall. A member of the group is Judy Brain, daughter of Harold and May Brain (nee Hilt).

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 Thursday - Acton - Buddy Swim and Film night - 6 p.m. "Find a Float" 9 p.m. "C.P.R." film.

Every year hundreds of lives of Children and Adults are snuffed out through drownings. Carelessness or lack of knowledge of the inherent dangers in all aquatic sports is often the cause.

On this page your local Red Cross offers a variety of suggestions on water safety. Follow them and enjoy a carefree summer of fun in the water and the sun.

Investigate unknown water before you dive in. Enjoy safe water sports the Red Cross Water Safety way.

Sailing takes special know-how. Learn from an expert. Always wear a PFD (Personal Flotation Device).

Fishermen should know basic Water Safety rules and techniques. Take the Red Cross Survival Swimming course.

Big rally for unity

Folks from Guelph and area - about 800 of them - danced and sang in front of city hall in a bid to strengthen Confederation.

Guests in the demonstration included Flora MacDonald, Progressive Conservative MP for Kingston and the Islands, Senator Jean Marchand and former leader of the Federal NDP David Lewis.

The rally was staged by a Guelph group which calls itself Option Canada. The group is composed of representatives from labor, service organizations, business, churches and government.

All three speakers touched on the election of the Parti Quebecois and how to keep confederation intact.

Bert Davidson, R. R. 2, danced a jig with Flora MacDonald, Tory MP for Kingston and the Islands, during the rally.

Mr. Davidson is president of the Acton Golden Age Club. A photo of the pair dancing was carried in the Kitchener-Waterloo Record.