



Sunbathing in the country is a noisy procedure. At least, it is at our place. I always have a wee chuckle under my wing at town friends who long for the peace and quiet of the country. We have our share of gravel trucks and motorcycles but the primary noise makers are the beasts.

Whenever the urge to sun worship comes on me, I gather my chaise mattress, hat, book, sunglasses, cup of tea, watch and oil and trip lightly out to the back garden.

Immediately, the donkeys think it's feeding time and set up an enthusiastic bellow. This goes on so long, Pat's horse trots up to the fence and whickers engagingly.

The sheep, in the front paddock, feel they are being left out of something and gallop bleating to the gate. Self-appointed sheep guardian, the foolish pup, lopes off to the paddock barking threateningly at the invisible intruder who has upset his charges.

I haven't even set down my tea at this point and am wondering if it's all worth it.

Welp me down, Lord
The old dog waddles over and collapses on the grass jangling her necklace. She must have every dog tag since the year dot plus a few rabies tags and a flea medallion. She does not have an identification disc we haven't been able to lose her yet. She sticks to us like a wart since we rescued her ten years ago from a fate worse than death—come to think of it, it was death.

This old dog is at the snoring stage. Wherever she is she enjoys a good rumble, the timbre getting up to fever pitch when you're watching "Stargate and Hutch" and you're just about to discover who did it. Out in the hot sun she snores like an old man on a park bench. The pup rejoins her, settling down beside her. But first he must have a good scratch, exciting his slave collar and medallions.

The male pheasant chimes up whistling and chirping—a very loud sound for such a small bird. The peacocks join in honking, gasping in full voice. Like the donkeys they are piercing and insistent—but just as unmusical.

All the chickens have a run over to see if I happened to bring some crumbs out with me (fat chance) and they chatter round my chaise pecking at the mattress stuffing.

One young banty hen has a quarrel with a shrub and sets up a loud indignant cackle. Incensed with the indignity, she works herself into a repetitive crow designed to drive the bush—and me—quite mad.

I'm comfortable in the sun so I listen for a while knowing she's got to run out of steam soon. She doesn't.

Careful of my unstrapped suit, I tiptoe up and lob a small stone at her. With a frightened squawk she hightails it over to her lord and master screaming the sky is falling. He stalks up to my chaise and crows his disapproval—once, twice, thrice, twenty-five times he tells me.

That'll teach me to throw rocks at this wife.
Give me a gravel truck any day.

Rockwood Roundup

by Barbara Wynne
Clean Up-Day in Rockwood is this Saturday, May 13.

If you are interested in registering your three and four year olds for nursery school, Wednesday, May 17, 7:30-9:00 p.m. at the Town Hall is the time to do it. For further information about Rockwood Co-Operative Nursery School, contact Ann McGeragle at 853-0469.

Kids, get your pledges sheets for the Rockwood and District Lions Club and Eramosa Ball Bikathon. It starts between 8 a.m.-10a.m. at Eramosa Public School June 3. Refreshments will be provided to all riders at Checkpoints along the route. Proceeds from this event will go towards the purchase of baseball uniforms and community betterment. Pledge sheets are available at Short's Variety, Plaza Variety, Stratlons, Swanston Farm Equipment, Rockwood

Hardware, Rockwood Centennial and Eramosa Public Schools. Get your wheels and legs in shape for the 25 mile route, starting and finishing at Eramosa School!

This Saturday, May 13 is the annual Rockwood Nursery School Bazaar 2-4 p.m. at the Rockwood Centennial School. Bring the children and come to shop from a wide selection of crafts, plants, home preserves and baking. There will be a children's fun area as well as a fish pond, penny table and white elephant table. Little children will be able to purchase an attractive inexpensive gift for their Mom from the special Mothers Day Table. Every one can relax and enjoy tea or the homemade fudge and popcorn. Rockwood Nursery School's Cook Book - full of the children's and their moms' favourite recipes will be available too. Come and have fun at the school's main fund-raising event.



CARLA AND SHARLA Wood discuss the upcoming trail ride with English visitor, Ron Whiteside. Mrs. Wood, riding Boss, and Miss Wood, riding Mitch, were two of the 60 participants in the Rockwood Trail Riders pleasure ride Sunday. This first trail ride of the season was followed by a chicken barbeque and the sun smiled on all.

Rockwood bowling

The following are the final playoff standings for the three game playoff series: Playoff champs, Nortons, Pinfall 11167; Runner-Up Champs, Kay's Feeds, 10585. Other Standings: Pinpals 10400, Carneys 10296, Four Corners 10279, Pelters 10180, Rovers 10140, Guelphites 10120, Optimists 10094, Countrymen 9857, Happy Gang 9789, Dynomites 9749. Two top Bowlers for each team: Nortons—Sue Nightingale 660, Jane Murison 591; Kay's Feeds—

Ruth Polo 568, Elmer Allan 559, Pinpals—Danny Bolton 520, Garfield Tarzwell 500; Carneys—Ted Justin 634, Diana Carney 567; Four Corners—Ann Parkinson 588, Nellie Stokman 575; Pelters—Joy Halliburton 593, Dick Halliburton 536;

Rovers—Gordon Strander 554, George Smith 493; Guelphites—Sam Lawler 649, Dunc McPhedran 631; Optimists—Gerry Birkhodz 676, Gerda Birkholz 491; Countrymen—Eva Bosch 562, Bert Gould 475; Happy Gang—Dennis Death 528, Nini Coverdale 516; Dynomites—Paul Holman 572, John Dales 571.

Programs at Grand

The weekend programs of the Grand River Conservation Authority's "Conservation For Communities" program are continuing to the end of June at all three nature centres in the Grand River watershed, App's Mills, Laurel and Taquanyah. Designed as informative as well as recreational days in the out-of-doors, the events are free of charge for families and organized community groups.

R&D Rockwood & District Coming Events

ROCKWOOD and District Lions Club and Eramosa Ball Association Bikathon, June 3. In event of rain June 10. Registration times: 8:00-10:00 a.m. at Eramosa Public School. Pledge sheets available at Short's Variety, Plaza Variety, Stratlons, Swanston Farm Equipment, Rockwood Hardware, Eramosa and Rockwood Centennial Schools. 10335

REGISTRATION for Rockwood Nursery School, May 17, 7:30-9:30 a.m. at Rockwood Town Hall. 10283

VILLAGE of Rockwood Clean up day, May 13, 1978. Items too large for normal garbage collection will be picked up at usual location by village vehicle. 10247

ROCKWOOD Nursery School Bazaar, Saturday, May 13, 2-4 p.m. Rockwood Centennial School. 10259

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READY, SET, GO. Mo McGinnis and Whipporwill head out with 60 riders for the annual spring pleasure ride, part of the Rockwood Trail Riders equestrian events. Mr. McGinnis organized the ride held from the Halton Presbytery Grounds, Blue Springs Line, Sunday.

More awards

An Erin Township Rottweiler was judged best of breed at the recent Guelph and District Dog Show in the Royal City and brought to eight the number of champion Rottweilers bred, born and raised at Don-Ari Kennels Reg'd. R.R.4, Rockwood since 1971. Located on the western boundary of Erin Twp., Lot 16, Conc 1, across the county road from Eramosa, the kennels are operated by Matthew and Elena Donahy; he originally from County Antrim, Ireland, she originally from Essex, England.

Grits, Tories pick men

The Grits and Tories in the Wellington-Dufferin-Simcoe riding chose candidates for the expected federal election. Harry Greene, a 54-year old Orangeville businessman, will carry the Liberal banner. Meanwhile Perrin Beatty was unopposed for the Conservative nomination.

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Non fiction: The blood and fire in Canada by H. Moyles; Practical pruning by Roger Grounds; Someone you love is dying by Martin Shepard; How to enjoy Life between 12 and 20 by Lynn Dorr; Early Woodenware in Canada by Carl Morgan.
Juvenile Fiction: My family is not forever by M. Allan; How the rooster saved the day by Arnold Lobel; Super book of Adventure stories by L. Matthews; There's no such thing as a dragon by Jack Kent; 10-33 emergency by Bob Cunningham.

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