

Julie Brace thanks donors

An open letter to Eramosa Township residents.

Rockwood's 1978 campaign for the March of Dimes Ability Fund has reared a grand total of \$1,355.61 (far outdoing last year's total of \$936.00) which has been forwarded to the Association to further aid the handicapped adults.

Both rural and community collections were higher than ever before, and combined with proceeds gained through two dances, two "50-50" draws, a carnival put on by children in the village, and an exhibition double-header baseball game. The total fund raising was a tremendous success and gratefully acknowledged by myself, the District Chairman.

Where do you find the words to firstly thank the whole of the village of Rockwood, and this year also Eden Mills, as well as the township, for all their support, and secondly, to thank the individuals who worked hand in hand with me to make my campaign the success it was. It takes very special people to so willingly give of their time and work so hard for a cause. They must first of all believe in what they are working for, and I hope that they, as do I find satisfaction in their hearts when they realize the good they are doing when they offer their help to me. It's so easy to say "no", I am involved in enough right now. But did any one of the handicapped adults we are helping, have that same opportunity of saying "No—I don't want to spend the rest of my life in this wheelchair, I don't want to wear all these braces or have artificial limbs. I want to have two arms and two legs that function like yours". No, they didn't have that freedom of choice.

But because of the efforts made to help these people, they are learning to help themselves. I only wish you could all see and meet just some of these special people who have gained confidence in themselves

and overcome the feeling of self-pity, to go on and in some cases, drive a car—maybe totally controlled by their hands, or if they don't happen to possess these limbs, try the whole thing, steer, brake, signal system with your feet! This is being done every day and do you read of a car accident caused by a paraplegic.

My help to these people comes from those who help me, and to them I know you know how much I appreciate your help but just once more, please allow me to say "Thank you from the very bottom of my heart."

My door-to-door canvassers this year were; Mrs. Moira Nightingale, Mrs. June Jansen, Mrs. Helen Hill, Mrs. Marilyn Brace, Mrs. Fran McKnight (assisted by David McKnight and Collin Brace), Mrs. June McLaren, Mrs. Sandy Wiseman, Mrs. Jan Osborne, Mrs. Helen Hills, Mrs. Gail Baldwin, Mrs. Nancy Rockola and Mrs. Mary Kelly.

With the baseball game and dances, neverending support was with me through Miss Brenda Ingle, Tony and Maria Reid, Mrs. Nancy Rockola, Gary and Helen Hill, Mrs. Sophie Thatcher, Mr. Tom Rockola, Miss Judy Mikkelsen, my dad Mick Holmes and my husband Denny and daughter Sherri.

Without all of the above mentioned, I would not be capable of forwarding a cheque for \$1,355.61 to the March of Dimes—to you all, bless you and thank you. Rural donations are still coming in and please continue! This campaign does not stop—the cheques are forwarded and acknowledged and our total continues to grow.

"It's been a great year, Rockwood, and at this point I would like to borrow the March of Dimes Ability Fund Motto, 'Tho' much is taken, much abides'."

Sincerely,
Julie Brace



ROCKWOOD CENTENNIAL School's newly-elected Athletic Council is pictured above. Front row left to right, Linda Veldhuis, Brad Stevens, Mike Orr, Mike Hudson. Back row, Bob Love (staff advisor), Krish, Duncan, Lis Moore secretary-treasurer, Glen March president, Brian De Vries, John Jackson staff advisor.



ROCKWOOD CENTENNIAL School has elected their 1977-1978 Students' Council Executive. They are left to right John Root staff advisor, Joy Fuller president, Janet Wietzke secretary, Carol Swantek vice president, Jody Wilson treasurer.

Local students place in cross country events

by Barb Wynneck

They ran cross country in the warm autumn sun. Starting from the Rockwood Centennial School yard, over 400 Wellington county runners followed the path through the autumn splendor of the bush down into the Conservation area roadway, on October 11.

Senior students from nine schools participated in this annual cross country event, under the supervision of Rockwood's vice principal Bob Love. The girls paced themselves to run the 2.5 kilometre course, up and down hills and around the base of the "Devil's Kitchen."

The boys route of 3.5 kilometres, took them on the path around the lake, then panting up the pavillion hill

back to the school yard.

Some runners admired the gorgeous scenery—"Oh isn't this pretty!" one girl exclaimed as she travelled past the mill pond falls. Other athletes concentrated on the length ahead, or aching feet and legs.

Schools had a boys and girls team, each, made up of about 20 runners. The first ten runners, from each team, had their times recorded as they passed through the finishing gate.

Elora, College Ave., King George and Willow Rd. were classified as A schools. Renee Goodall of Elora clocked the winning girl's time of 12 minutes, one second. Doug Ingram of Willow Road was the boys' champion with a

time of 11 minutes 53 seconds. Elora was the overall A school winner.

Harriston, Arthur, Rockwood, Drayton and Mount Forest were classified as B schools. For the girls Joanne Yates of Harriston ran the distance in a winning time of 12 minutes, 42 seconds. David Lamont of Mount Forest had a victor's time of 12 minutes, 18 sec. for the boys. Arthur won the overall event in the B. school classification.

The Rockwood team put in a great effort. The girls placed third and the boys second. If two Rockwood male runners had remembered to hand in their cards, their team would have placed first, according to disappointed non-officials.



OVER 400 runners from Wellington County Senior Schools paced the Cross Country course from Rockwood Centennial School, up and down hills in the Conservation area. The autumn sunshine streamed down on the energetic athletes.

Free Press

ROCKWOOD & DISTRICT

Block Parent program underway in Rockwood

by Marg Townsend and Cathy McIntyre

What is the Block Parent Program? A Block Parent Program consists of several homes in each village block displaying a Block Parent Sign. This signifies to a child that protection and responsible assistance in an emergency is available at that home when the sign is displayed. The main purpose of the Block Parent Program is to discourage troublemakers (safety of children).

When should children go to these homes?

Children are to go to these homes in cases of emergency, such as: alarmed by strangers, accident, illness, bullies, vicious dogs and other emergency incidents. Block Parents do not provide toilet facilities, tie shoe laces, etc., or babysit while a mother runs to the store.

What will the Block Parent do?

In emergencies involving child molesters, the Block Parent will call the police and parents while offering protection to the child. In emergencies involving physical injury or illness the Block Parent will be advised to contact the child's parents. If the parents are unavailable, the Block Parent will then contact the Police Force if warranted. Each Block Parent home has a list of emergency telephone numbers for reference.

Who can become a Block Parent?

Anyone over the age of 16.

You do not have to have a child attending one of our schools in Eramosa Township.

Grandmothers, Grandfathers, housewives, anyone that is at home and available to help someone in need can become a Block Parent. Each applicant will fill out an application form to be signed by both husband and wife. This form will be forwarded to the Ontario Provincial Police in Guelph for consideration. The police will have the final say in the approval or rejection of this application.

Why would someone be rejected?

Any person with a criminal record will be rejected automatically. Teens and Adults can use these Block Parent homes for the same reasons. It is not just for children. It is for the aid of everyone.

We would like to stress the importance of the Block Parent Program. Its success depends upon your response to and support of the program. So let's have an enthusiastic crowd out at the Block Parent Open House on Oct. 23 at 8:00 p.m. at Rockwood School. Attention! Everton, Eden Mills, Ostic, Eramosa, and rural areas.

We need you for Block Parents as well. Please attend.

Who runs the Block Parent Program?

It is run by an elected committee consisting of chairman, vice-chairman, secretary, and treasurer. At the present time these are Marg Townsend, Cathy

McIntyre, Sue Grainger and Debbie Vlasblom respectively.

Dentist wants another chair

by Barb Wynneck

Renovation to the dental office at the Rockwood Medical Centre will be discussed by the Medical Centre Board, Builder John Gooyers and Dr. Shane Hunt, Eramosa Council has decided.

Dr. Hunt, who took over the Rockwood practice from Dr. Ignatov in August told council that he feels that he needs two dental chairs to operate an effective program of preventive dentistry.

Councillor David Masson pointed out that the medical

centre was set up three years ago, as a community service with the rent based on cost, subsidized by the taxpayer for service. He feels that renovations should be at Dr. Hunt's expense, he said.

The Medical Centre Board members Reeve Bill Adsett and Rockwood Trustee Chairman Tony Reid will review an update on the leases for both Dr. Hunt and Dr. Hosdill. Furniture needs for the waiting room and revisions to the building will be considered.

Rockwood Roundup

by Barb Wynneck

Free badminton court time, sponsored by the Eramosa Recreation Committee is available under the direction of Audrey Hudson, at Rockwood Centennial School, Mondays 7-9 p.m., Wednesdays 7-10:30p.m. All Eramosa township racquet enthusiasts of high school age and over are welcome. There will be no badminton Mon. Oct. 23 as the Block Parent organization will be using the auditorium.

takes place this Sat. Oct. 21. Time to clean out basements and back porches to support the village youth!

Welcome back home to Rockwood, Agnes and Wynne Dunbar. The Dunbars, both village natives, have taken up residence at 238 Main St. S., on the property formerly known as Wishwood.

The streets of Rockwood, Everton and Eden Mills will be patrolled Halloween night by the C.B. Club, to ensure a safe evening for trick or treaters.

Horticultural club plans pot-luck meal

by Barb Wynneck

The best produce from their own gardens will be blended in the pot to provide the annual pot-luck dinner for Rockwood Horticultural Club members. It all happens this Sunday evening at the Town Hall in a candlelit harvest decor theme.

At October's meeting, the few members present decided to maintain the Rockwood Club as a unique affiliate of the Guelph Horticultural Society. The two dollar membership fee is divided equally between the Guelph and Rockwood units. The members felt that they get the benefit of both the

small and large clubs with this particular set-up, according to member Jan Osborne.

The Nov. 8 meeting will focus on Christmas designs.

Trees available

Excess white ash nursery stock is available to Eramosa township at a bargain rate of two dollars per tree from the Grand River Conservation Authority. Roads Superintendent Bob Hamilton, was directed by Eramosa township council to assess the township's needs and purchase the necessary trees.

Councillors request suggestions for floor

by Barb Wynneck

The basement of Rockwood Community Centre is presently a wide open gravel floored space. What type of recreational facilities would Eramosa township residents like to see there? This is the question facing the Community Centre board.

What are your ideas? Should this area be divided into small club rooms? Is there a need for wide open floor space for kids winter activities? Call John McLeod at 856-9985 or Henry Holman Jr. at 856-4148 with your thoughts about the future development of your community centre.

Rockwood girl Miss Erin Fair

Seventeen year old Cathy Bailey of Rockwood was named Miss Erin Fair at that town's four day fair.

Miss Bailey, who will graduate from John F. Ross Collegiate next year, will

represent the fair at the Canadian National Exhibition in 1979.

The fair itself was a great success with close to 20,000 people in attendance.



STEVEN CHADDER asks Liz Peterson about the different types of plants before buying one at the Eden House Tea and Bazaar on Saturday.

March of Dimes windup campaign

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Council praises construction firm

by Barb Wynneck
Jackson Construction Ltd., R.R.2, Tiverton, should be commended for a job well done, at a fair price, considering the difficulties encountered during Mary Coulter's Guelph St. water and sewer installations, according to Eramosa Deputy Reeve Henry Holman Jr.

The council wished that no damage be done to Jackson's work reputation. Council will send a letter of support to the M.O.E. regarding the expense Mrs. Coulter incurred while

drilling a new well at her McKenzie St. property. The well went dry at a time coincidental with the blasting for the municipal water and sewer lines in her area of town.

Council dissatisfied with ministry's GO answer

by Barb Wynneck
Eramosa township Council is not satisfied with the letter of explanation from James Snow, Provincial Ministry of Transportation indicating that GO bus service to and from Rockwood will be reduced.

"We want no explanation, just service," said Councillor John McLeod. There is no longer any rail or taxi service in the village. Although about 30 passengers a week are

using the bus, according to the ministry, these are the people who need the service, says the councillor. With the population of Rockwood destined to grow, even more ratepayers will need the service in years to come, he said.

New pack

A new Brownie Pack is meeting Wednesday nights at Speyside school. Martha Casson is Brown Owl. The brand new group has 20 Brownies.

Rockwood bowling

Team standings at the end of the fifth week of bowling are: Erk and Jerks, 22; Guelphites 20; Carneys 20; Kay's Feeds 19; Rovers 19; Four Corners 17; Good Timers 17; Rockwood Posties 16; Unpredictables 16; Happy Gang 16; Countrymen 13; Late Corners 12.

Ladies over 500 for Tuesday October 10: Vivienne O'Brien 630; Nellie Stockman 626; Eke Van Driel 612; Nancy Gordon 599; Ann Parkinson 587; Linda Wilson 575; Ellen Garner 558; Lula Pearl 556; Marjorie O'Krafn 546; Jane Murison 543; Nini Coverdale, 542; Sue Nightingale 537; Diane Carney 533; Ivy Ritchie 527; Jean Smith 521; Verna Blair 520; Alice Johnson 514; Marg Somerville 506; Marg McKersie 501.

Men over 600 for Tuesday, Oct. 10 Dunc Kingsbury 767; Gary Parks 642; Dennis Death 640; Dunc McPhedran 646; Sam Lawler 623; Ted Jestin 618; Jim Cernik 609.

Results of games bowled Tues. Oct. 10, and two highest bowlers: Rovers 5 points, Vivienne O'Brien 630, Ted Jestin 618; Unpredictables 2 points, John Dales 535, Fred Vandervalk 527; Happy Gang 5 points, Dennis Death 640, Paul Holman 593; Guelphites 2 points, Dunc McPhedran 646, Gary Parks 642; Four Corners 5 points; Nellie Stockman 626, Anne Parkinson 587; Late Corners, 2 points, David Donnell 566; Ellen Garner 558; Rockwood Posties 2 points, Jane Morrison 543, Roy Nightingale 537, Sue Nightingale 537; Carney's 5 points, Dunc Kingsbury 767, Howard Dunk 572; Good Timers 5 points, Danny Bolton 530; Kathy Bolton 467; Countrymen 2 points, Bert Guld 507, Jean Smith 521; Erk and Jerks, 7 points, Erke Van Driel 612, Dick Haliburton 563; Kay's Feeds 0 points, Lella Pearl 556, Verna Blair 520.

50-50 draw

"50-50" draw for March of Dimes made Reuben Solomon of Rockwood a richer lad by \$120.50 Saturday evening.