The ROCKWOOD Miller

Guelph / Eramosa COUNCIL CHIPS

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Brothers Concert Summary

Rockwood Lioness Doris Ens gave council a follow-up report on the success of the recent 11th Annual Good Brothers Concert in May—the proceeds of which go to the Princess Margaret Hospital's "One Walk to Conquer Cancer". The goal this year to support three walkers was resoundingly met, and Ens said the Brothers do not take any money for themselves, just paying their backup band and roadies. Their mother died of breast cancer, making the event personal for them as well. She added the event "has been a really fun thing for me to do. The only difficulty is if we decide we're going to do it again next year, call me in March" since the follow-up from the event is considerable. Ens said her treasurer insisted she be compensated for mileage, but she said it's the getting in and out of the car visiting 90 businesses that starts to wear. "I just want everyone to know how much support I get from council," said Ens, who cited the far less collegial atmosphere of council meetings elsewhere she'd attended with her daughter, and how councillors in those environments aren't always happy to interface with such community activism. They aren't as friendly either she added, praising all staff at the town office. Mayor White responded in kind, saying Ens was an absolute pleasure to work with. "It's one of the more successful grassroots community events and a worthwhile cause."

Promenade Road Parking Restrictions

Director of Public Works Harry Niemi presented a petition by residents on the west side of the township regarding parking restrictions. Residents of the enclave on Promenade Road want restrictions lifted in order to allow parking on both sides of the road, after traffic counters determined there were no issues with doing so. 72 per cent of residents signed—which amounts to 13, with three declining and a few unreachable. Niemi recommended council approve the request, while Mayor White conceded that it was summertime and parking on both sides could act as a deterrent to speeders anyway. The move would not incur any cost, and the signs removed would be put into inventory to be reused as needed. At the conclusion, Mayor White felt it was a good solution given that non-residents do tend to cut through there. As he read out the bylaw, he noted it's number, exclaiming "that's 7,000 bylaws passed" which couldn't be "a good omen". However, it was pointed out that in actual fact, there is a special numbering system for traffic bylaws separate from regular bylaws.

MARKET: Talented local musician Anika Berringer helped ring in the 2018 season for Rockwood's popular weekly farmers' market. Opening day featured the usual sunny skies, but with a dramatic start: right at the 4 p.m. opening, the wind picked up with ferocity and the rain poured down. Vendors struggled to keep things from flying away, but the weather event was short lived, and the market carried on, albeit a little windier than desired. - *Vivien Fleisher photo*

BIG BIRTHDAY: About 150 family, friends and neighbours were on hand recently to help Bert Kelly—pictured here with wife Mary—celebrate his 90th birthday. St. Johns Anglican Church hosted the event in the church hall, and well wishers were lined up at the door to congratulate Kelly. - *Vivien Fleisher photo*

WORD IN THE VILLAGE

with Vivien Fleisher

What do you do to stay cool?

Jonathan Hernandez Givezzi: "I stand in front of the fan, and I drink a lot of water."

Cally Macri: "Usually, if I'm getting overheated working on the oven, stepping outside is the easiest way to cool down, just having the breeze. That's the fastest way. Or, go stand in the walk-in fridge."

Farida Alam; "Oh, I like summer. It doesn't matter. It's okay. I don't mind, I take a break in the winter time."

Ethan Morse: "We have a walk-in freezer, so I just go back there and I just hang out. That's exactly what I do. If it rains, I go out there like the Shawshank Redemption and hold my arms out, but if not, I just go in the freezer. That's exactly what I do."