

# Sherrat stresses need for burning permits

BY DOUG HARRISON  
The Rockwood Miller  
The Township of Eramosa Fire

Department recently took five  
nuisance calls over a two-day pe-  
riod from people who committed

the cardinal sin of starting a fire  
and seeing it get out of control on  
a windy day.

Dave Sherrat, Township of  
Eramosa Fire Chief, stresses the  
need for people to pick up their  
burning permits at the municipal  
office. The permits, which are good  
for a year, cost \$20. A bargain  
when you consider a charge of  
negligence per unit is a hefty \$300.

He says the rural community  
has been good about the permits  
and it has helped area farmers.

The permits tell you what you  
can and can't do. For example,  
you can't burn leaves because they

should be composted.

"Strict is fair and common sense  
should prevail," offers Sherrat,  
who says four of the five incidents  
involved new residents who were  
unaware of the permits. "The proof  
is in the pudding — we didn't  
make any runs (to nuisance calls)  
last year."

If you don't have a permit,  
Sherrat suggests you check with  
local authorities concerning burn-  
ing requirements.

It's not fair to the general tax-  
payer when the fire department is  
answering a grass fire call for no  
reason, says Sherrat.

He says the fire department will  
soon be doing a fire prevention  
campaign that will include stick-  
ers, tips about chimneys and more  
emphasis put on smoke alarms.

"If you follow the script (of the  
permit) we won't here from you,"  
Sherrat says.

# Take care of your teeth!

## CENTENNIAL NEWS

BY CHRISTA PARKINSON &  
JACKIE HUME

Oh no ... it's time to get your teeth  
checked again! For grades Kin-  
dergarten, 2, 4, 6 and 8 there was  
a dental checkup. From what the  
kids have been saying, it wasn't a  
very pleasant experience.

In the Grade 3 classes, Mrs.  
MacDonald and Mrs. Spence are  
going to see the "Wizard Of Oz."  
They are also researching whales.

For Education Week they are  
talking about "endangered spec-  
ies." They finished Gymnastics.

On April 11 one of our Grade 2  
teachers had a baby boy. His name  
is Brandon David and he weighed  
eight pounds, 14 ounces. Con-  
gratulations! Replacing Mrs. Mar-  
tins-Clark is Miss Tracey Vent.

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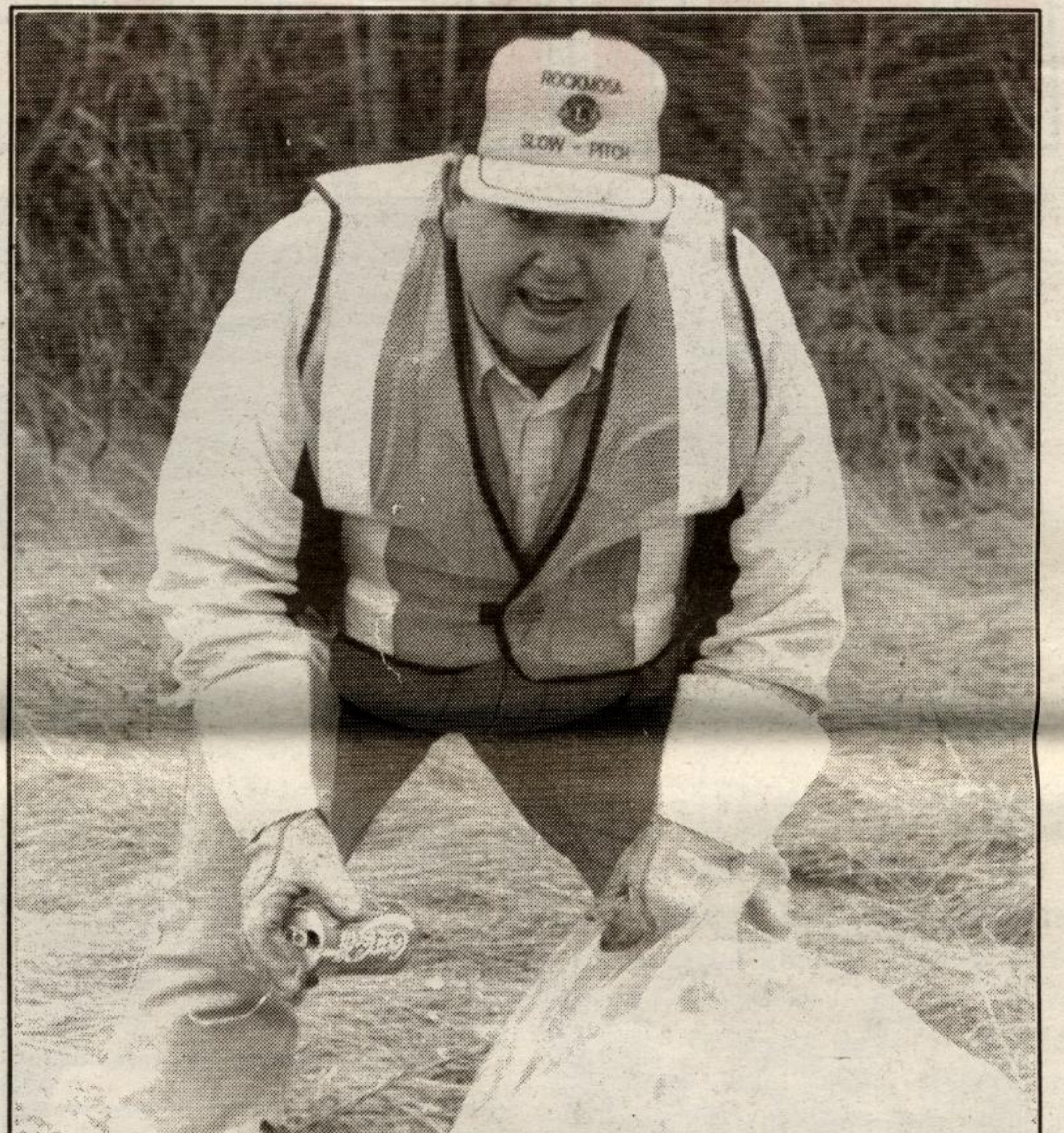
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