



PIZZA DAY! These Rockwood Centennial students filled up on pizza pies courtesy of the student council on Friday. From left are council president Ian Lyon, volunteer Ross Willoughby, Matt Bowen and Eric Sousa. The remaining members of the council are Jenn Peart, Holly Yurek and Kirsten Thatcher. (Doug Harrison photo)

Lions clean up with highway program

If you were driving to Guelph on Hwy. 7 a few weeks ago, you would have seen a group of people on either side of the highway between Rockwood and the Second Line, apparently rummaging in the ditch. They were, in fact, picking up and bagging trash as part of the "adopt-a-highway" program.

This project represents the co-operation between the Rockwood and District Lions Club and the Ministry of Transportation (MTO).

"The program was started in Texas and has spread throughout the United States, and now into Ontario. Ontario is the first province that we are aware of to start such a program," states Darryl Nichol, supervisor of one of Saturday's road-cleaning teams.

According to Nichol "The MTO was forced to choose between offering roads relatively free of potholes and bumps, or no litter in roadside ditches — take your choice."

If each Lions Club in Canada were to adopt five kilometres of highway, they could clean up the

roadsides across Canada. A pilot project by the MTO was set up in 1991, running from Blind River to the Manitoba border, and involved six Lions Club groups. In 1992, three groups in the Stratford/London area signed on, 27 groups had joined the program in 1993, and as of April 1994, 47 Lions Club associations have come on-board.

The agreement between the MTO and the Lions Club states that the club will clean their section of highway three times a year. They work on sunny days only, during daylight hours, trash-pickers must be 12 years or older, must wear gloves and fluorescent vests, and are advised against picking up needles, closed containers or dead animals

Nichol says the Lions Club members plan to approach local businesses for donations of money or garbage bags before their next clean-up in the summer.

If you are interested in helping or looking for more information, contact Ken Russell at 823-0228, or Darryl Nichol at 856-4566.

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Rockmosa tennis players open '94 season in style

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Opening day at Rockmosa Tennis Club was a great success, despite the cold temperatures. The rain was kind enough to wait until 4 pm, after registration was finished. Existing club members, as well as new ones, turned up in a steady stream throughout the day for this year's membership and to sign up for lessons and tournaments.

The courts looked clean and inviting with new nets and everyone took a turn and played a few sets, happy to be outside again after a long winter. Others took

advantage of waiting for their turn to play by enjoying hot dogs and drinks around the barbecue, catching up with old friends and meeting new members.

The main topic of conversation was the new clubhouse. It will be built this year and is a great and important acquisition for the club and its members.

All schedules are now in effect and a lot of activity can be expected on the courts. If you missed Opening Day and want to join the club or require information about it, you can still do so by contacting Shirley Heal at 856-9037.

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