

Rockwood students sing with the best

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK
The Rockwood Miller

Rockwood music students shone at the Milton Music Teachers' Association Music Festival last week.

Rockwood music teacher Debbie Tilson took 20 of her students to the competition, and they came home with top honours.

"I'm really pleased that once again, my students have done well," Tilson said in an interview on Monday.

"In some cases they were up

against some stiff competition."

Rockwood's Laurel Tubman, 7, led the winners, capturing two first place honours and a music scholarship.

"Laurel has a beautiful, natural quality to her voice that captivated the judges," Tilson explained.

Rockwood's Corey Rivers, 13, took first and second place and won a scholarship with a Grade 6 music exam song and a show tune.

Other vocal competition winners include: Cameron Ivens, Allison Cherry, Melissa King, Jessica Luckett, Belinda Taras, Emma Tilson, Jennifer Tosh, Jennifer Willes, Anysley Anderson, Marlowe Horn and Naomi Craig Johnson.

In the duet competition, first place honours went to Jennifer

Tosh and Olivia Brown, and Marlowe and Maureen Horn.

Jennifer and Christopher Willes won second place for their duet.

In the piano competition, Owen Cherry won second and third honours, Anysley Anderson took a second as did Jennifer Willes and Christopher Jowett.

All of Tilson's students will perform at the year-end recital on Sunday, June 12 at the Eramosa Community Library, using the new grand piano that was purchased by the Eramosa Music Association.

"The Association wants to help expand the music program at the library," Tilson said. "Already we have four recitals booked and this Saturday Clara Bookbinder's senior students will play for music lovers."



GOOD EATS! Bernie (left) and brother Steve Liebig hosted their third annual SampleFest, held recently at Rockmosa.

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A local FitWalk is happening in

Rockwood, starting at the Lions' Waterside Park and looping through the Conservation Area.

The walk will begin at 10 am and take about an hour to complete. Both young and old are invited to participate.

The FitWalk is a celebration of Canada's favourite physical activity — walking. It is a series of nationwide events which take place during the largest festival of physical activity in the world, Canada's Fitweek.

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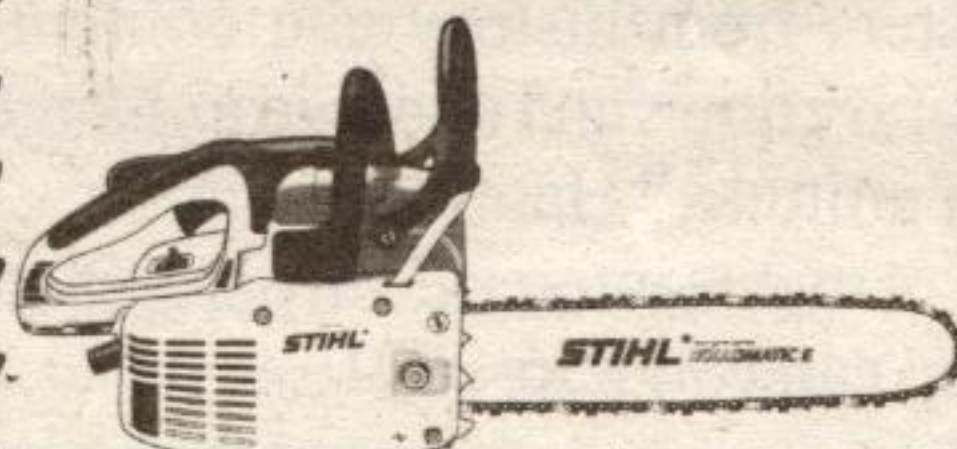


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Over 1,200 attend 3rd SampleFest

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Eat until you drop!

That was the challenge presented to over 1,200 Rockwood residents recently, who crammed the Rockmosa Community Centre to take part in Rockwood Knechtel Food Market's Third Annual SampleFest.

Over 30 suppliers set up their booths and offered complimentary samplings of products in their line. Samples included meat trays, sausages, nachos, cheese, crackers, cookies, hot dogs, and juices, to name a few. And Pepsi donated 10 to 15 cases of pop.

The two-hour event was a huge success as 230 pounds of food was donated to the Acton FoodShare.

"It was a good chance for people in the community to meet each other and have something to eat," says Rockwood Knechtel Food Market co-manager Steve Liebig, who hosted SampleFest with his brother and co-manager Bernie. "I've had some people come to me since the event and say they pulled up, saw all the people and went home saying they would come back next year."

"There was a lot of goodwill involved in this event," adds Bernie. "It was a great experience and I'm satisfied there were a lot of donations made to the food bank, and it really needed the support ... it's nice to give something back to the Rockwood community."

In its inaugural year, the event was held inside the Alma Street

store, but crowded aisles and bigger turnouts deemed the store too small. "I thought we'd never leave the store," says a surprised Steve.

The Township of Eramosa Fire Department was in charge of the food drive and had their old fire truck on the SampleFest site.

Prizes such as Blue Jays tickets, baseball caps, cooler bags, coats, posters and towels were given out. And kids could get their face painted if they were willing to stand in a line that stretched about 50 yards.

Musical entertainer Mo Train, who has attended all three SampleFests, dressed up as a conductor and thrilled everyone by singing and playing the world's largest and smallest harmonicas. Also on hand were clowns and the St. John Ambulance.

"I can't wait until next year, I have big plans," says Steve, who hints the event could be staged outdoors.

"It was fantastic, but I never expected so many people," says Rockwood's Doris McGuin, who attended SampleFest for the first time. "There was nobody left in Rockwood—everyone was here."

"It was nicely laid out. I was excited to go and it went over well ... sure I'll go next year," Florence Lovell added.

The Liebig brothers would like to extend a big thank-you to the 25 Rockwood Knechtel Food Market employees and the numerous volunteers who made SampleFest possible and a huge success.

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