

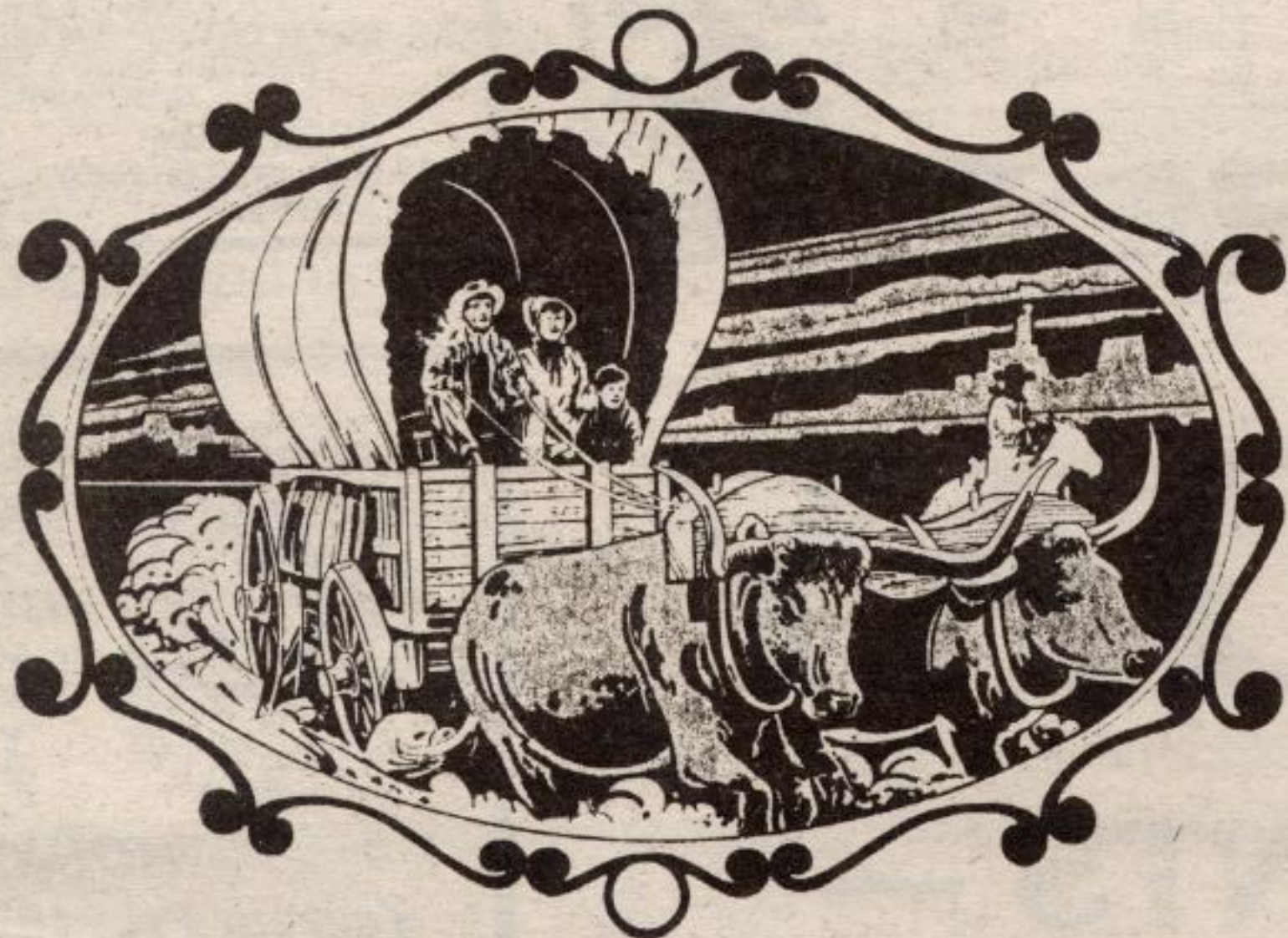
Celebrate With Us ...

PIONEER DAY

in Rockwood

This Saturday

June 11, 1994



Weekend party is ready to roll in '94

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The Rockwood Miller

"A good family-oriented community event."

That's how Rockwood Pioneer Day organizer Marla Reid describes this weekend's fourth annual celebration.

"The event keeps getting stronger and stronger and as long as the weather holds, this year will be our best celebration yet," Reid said in an interview on Monday.

Although the Pioneer Days were a hit in the late 1970s and early '80s, they stopped until four years ago when a group of Rockwood residents revived them.

"Interest had waned in the community and among the small group of people who organized it. About four years ago, people started saying that the community needed a celebration and we decided to stage Pioneer Days again," Reid said.

With a budget of \$1,500 from Eramosa Council, Reid said they can stage a party that is good, clean, cheap fun.

"We don't charge any of the groups that set up booths or set up penny tables in Lloyd Dyer Park. There's no cost for admis-

sion and we urge anyone who takes part to keep their prices low so a family can come out for the day and not break the bank."

Reid says even the always-popular outdoor dance on Saturday night is family oriented with special music for the kids from 7 to 8 pm.

"Although liquor will be served, we also have a license allowing kids to be at the dance and the D.J. will make sure they have a good time," Reid said.

Although Lloyd Dyer Park will be "action central" for Pioneer Day, Waterside Park will also host a Rubber Duckie race on Saturday morning and Friday night the Rockwood Lions are sponsoring an outdoor jazz concert.

Reid said another favourite part of the celebration is Saturday's parade, which marshals at Rockmosa Community Centre at 11:30 am, will travel along Hwy. 25 and Hwy. 7 and into Lloyd Dyer Park.

Although the festivities will take place rain or shine, Reid has one wish.

"Please let it be sunny and warm!"

We'll all keep our fingers crossed, Marla.



THOSE WERE THE DAYS! The Pioneer Day Parade, always a hit with both young and old, will be leaving Rockmosa at noon on Saturday and wind its way to Lloyd Dyer Park. This 1926 Model-T Ford was a popular installment in last year's procession. The car was the first delivery vehicle ever used by Edward Knechtel. (Submitted photo)

Some dates to remember

1821 — John Harris settled in Rockwood as its first resident (six years before John Galt founded Guelph).

1823 — Henry Strange, Sr. purchased lots in Rockwood.

1829 — John Harris returned to Rockwood.

1830 — Harris sisters opened a school (the first in the county).

1836 — Col. Henry Strange, Jr. came to Rockwood.

c1836 — First church building erected.

1843 — Col. Strange built a grist mill at the river.

1844 — Quakers came to

Rockwood. Friends Church erected near the cemetery.

1847 — Harris sisters' school destroyed by fire.

1848 — Henry Strange's barn, designed by Sir Casimir Gzowski, was built.

1849 — Rockwood Academy founded in a log building. William Wetherald gave the village the name "Rockwood."

1851 — Railway viaduct was built over the river. Robert Pasmore opened a general store.

1853 — First post office opened; John Pasmore named postmaster.

Dates from the book "Rockwood"

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