

LETTERS

Rewarding work

To the Editor,

Now that April is here, National Volunteer Week occurs. It is time to recognize the many people who are volunteers.

The dictionary says to volunteer is "to offer one's services for a particular enterprise — to give

of one's own accord."

Therefore, being a volunteer is a choice made by an individual without the expectation of financial compensation.

At the present time, there is a "buyer's market" for anyone wishing to become involved in that capacity.

For me, as an anachronistic "stay-at-home" parent, volunteering offered a way of getting out of the house, meeting people and learning about the city where I lived.

I don't think I was altruistic in the choice of where or how I spent

my spare time. There was always a job description given for the position I was interested in, so I knew what was expected of me and that training would be given, if necessary.

I once served as treasurer and really needed some training for that — I did learn and can now balance by budget!

I learned about ballet, beavers and begonias while making costumes, counselling at Bolton Camp and visiting people at Cummer House.

I have lived 71 years and have had lots of volunteer experiences

which have contributed to my self-esteem, my empathy towards others and helped me develop many valuable skills.

Specifically, I enjoy my present volunteer position as secretary of the Rockwood Footcare Clinic. This service is sponsored by other volunteers: the Rockwood and District Lioness Club, which donates hundred of dollars so that clients pay only \$10 per appointment; the Eramosa Non-profit Housing Corporation, which offers free space for the clinic in Squire's Lodge. They also provide a storage cabinet and cover

the cost of materials and utensils necessary for footcare.

The Victorian Order of Nurses, Guelph Wellington Dufferin, is another non-profit organization directed by volunteers, and they need more volunteers to assist and enhance their many service programs.

I feel comfortable being part of a tri-service group and I get to meet the interesting people who attend the footcare clinic.

Another satisfactory volunteer experience!

*Joanna Wilson, volunteer
Rockwood Footcare Clinic*

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BOOK FAIR! The O'Brien family visited the recent Children's Book Fair at the Eramosa Community Library put on by Carriage Book Fairs of Milton. From left, are Sean, 8, Heather, 4, and her mother, Jennifer. The library was given a portion of the proceeds. (Eve Martin photo)

Eramosa students 'race against waste'

Have you noticed your child rummaging through your family's garbage lately? Don't be alarmed; Eramosa Public School students are taking part in a Race Against Waste.

The program encourages young people to build toys out of items that otherwise would be thrown away. Toys are constructed without the use of glue or tape, if possible. Paint is not permitted.

Broken toys, spools, boxes, cans (with safe edges), fabric scraps, twist ties and plastic bottles are just some of the items being used to build toys.

All projects will be on display at the school during Education Week in May.

Tragic accident kills Rockwood farmer

Robertson, 49, was digging holes

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK
The Rockwood Miller

There is no word yet if an inquest will be held into the death of well-known Eramosa farmer Allan Robertson last Tuesday.

Robertson, 49, was killed on his Eden Mills Sideroad farm while digging fence post holes.

Guelph OPP Sergeant Rick Weiler said Robertson was operating a tractor-driven post hole auger when he was killed.

"Robertson was trying to finish up a series of holes he was digging, and for reasons not clear, or not known to us now, it looks like his clothing may have become entangled in the moving parts of the auger and he was drawn in and killed."

Robertson's body was found at 10 pm by his wife and son, who became concerned when he did not come in from the field. Police do not know when he died, but suspect it was after dark.

The police report of the accident will be sent to the local coroner and the Farm Safety Association of Ontario is also investigating the tragedy.

Robertson, with his brother, owned and operated Crown Dairy, a milk distribution depot located on Hwy. 7, west of Rockwood, which had been in the family for



ALLAN ROBERTSON

approximately 65 years.

Crown's milk trucks, parked on the south side of the highway, are a familiar sight to area motorists.

Robertson leaves his wife Marlene and three children, Debbie, Shelly and Jeffrey and three grandchildren.

Robertson was an avid horseman who also enjoyed curling, snowmobiling and animals.

Funeral services were held on Saturday in Guelph.

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