

# PIONEER DAY '95

## Saturday, June 10, 1995

### Lloyd Dyer Park, Rockwood

## Pioneer Day '95 should be better than ever!

Pioneer Day is almost here and organizer Marla Reid is predictably putting a lot of hours into the annual project.

But the Rockwood woman is quick to defer most of the credit for the popular celebration.

"The people who help me are just great," Reid enthused recently. "I've been able to delegate jobs, and when someone says they'll do something, they really do it!"

Reid explained that "the whole community gets involved; sometimes I wonder who'll be around to watch the parade, because it seems

like the entire village is marching in it."

Reid said that the kick-off parade (which leaves Rockmosa at noon this Saturday) should be exciting, thanks to Parade Marshall John Root.

"We've got a lot of entrants lined up - at least as many as last year," she enthused.

The parade will wind its way to Lloyd Dyer Park, where there will be a horse demonstration, drill-team dogs, a performance by Rockwood cloggers, the Guelph Concert Band, Dance Spirit Studios and the ever-popular dunking booth.

Rockwood Scouts have arranged for a hot-air balloon to take brave souls up in the sky, while Sky High kites from Eden Mills will be demonstrating and selling a variety of quality kites.

The Optimists' Bike Rodeo will test youngsters' skill on their bicycles, while numerous vendors and community groups will set up displays all around the park.

Reid said that one highlight of Pioneer Day is sure to be the return of the popular "Swiss Band," which will entertain people with their "outlandish costumes and seasonal music."

Hubert Biemann of La

Vieille Auberge has arranged for the musical band to return to Rockwood.

The annual Rubber Ducky Race at Waterside Park is actually the day's first event, starting at 10 am.

Township staff and politi-

cians will play a "mystery" squad in an exhibition ball game at the Lloyd Dyer diamond at 4 pm.

As usual, an outdoor dance is scheduled for the evening. The dance runs from 8 till 1 am.

## Rubber Duckies race!

"We both start and stop Pioneer Day!"

That's how organizer Jan Osborne describes the role played by the Rockwood Town Hall Restoration Committee, which runs both the morning's Rubber Ducky Race and the evening's Community Dance.

Saturday's fourth annual Rubber Ducky Race is slated for 10 am at Waterside Park. Osborne expects some 300 rubber ducks to race along the Eramosa River this year. The ducks, at \$3 each or two for \$5 can be "rented" at local businesses - or you can grab a duck just before the race on Saturday morning.

First prize this year is an acrylic painting of the Eramosa River by Rockwood artist Rosalyn Insley. Second prize is a scented "bear basket" from Doodles, third prize is a hand-made afghan from Joanne Blomberg and fourth prize again this year is a chocolate duck donated by Schneider's.

Time again for everyone to get quackin'!

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