

Rockwood Pharmacy team raises \$500 for Lung Association

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On Sunday, June 4, some 200 bikers and volunteers raised over \$10,000 for the Lung Association at the seventh annual Clean Air Challenge Bike Trek.

One of the most enthusiastic teams at this year's event was from Rockwood Pharmacy. The local

team of Heather Slater, Lisa Sark, Bethan Griffiths, Rita Ricciatti, Shalon Thoma and Heather Summerley raised almost \$500.

Before the event, pledge sheets were posted at the pharmacy and customers generously donated hundreds of dollars in amounts of various sizes.

In their matching team shirts, the Rockwood squad was also one of the most visible groups in the bicycle trek.

Some team members had new mountain bikes and some had old bikes; a few did the 35km challenge course and others kept to the 18km trek - but they all shared the

same enthusiasm.

After the trek, the tired bikers returned to the Arboretum Centre at the University of Guelph for a picnic and prizes, complete with live entertainment by Molly Kurvink and James Gordon of Tamarack, a talented folk group that is well-known to Rockwood

and Eden Mills area residents.

The CAN-DO Canary made its debut to launch the Lung Association's new environmental focus on clean air. As we prepare for the new millennium, the canary will be a household image, reminding everyone that they "can do" something to improve air quality.

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Eramosa to retain control of road

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Joe Martin, a member of Friends of Eden Mills, takes cold comfort from Eramosa Township Council's decision last week to retain control and ownership of Eden Mills Road.

Although Wellington County officials have indicated they do not want to take control of the road, Council's vote to retain it was a good faith move - an attempt to convince village residents that there is no intent to see the road rebuilt to higher County standards, which could result in increased traffic volume and speed.

In an interview on Monday, Martin said he has "no high degree of comfort" with Council's 3-2 decision to retain the road.

"There's always a selling job. The three councillors who voted to retain the road, I think, were attempting to convince the two who did not. Part of that process was to say the decision could always be reversed at a later date."

Concern over the future of Eden Mills Road intensified when Eramosa Township Council reaffirmed its decision to replace the crumbling Bowstring Bridge with a modern two-lane structure.

Township Councillor Mark Thomsen authored the resolution to retain the road and also put forward a motion, which passed unanimously, to investigate possible traffic "calming" measures and to make the new bridge more aesthetically pleasing.

"I think there would be a harmful effect to Eden Mills if we ever turned that road over to the County," Thomsen said in an interview on Saturday.

Thomsen pointed to increased traffic volumes and speed on the Seventh Line in Everton after it was taken over by the County, as a perfect example of what can happen when the Township gives up control of a road to the County.

But Councillor Gord Tosh argued that there would be "significant savings" for the Township if the County did take control.

"The County was prepared to spend something like \$1.5 million on the road and the bridge," Tosh said in an interview on Sunday.

"We pay the county levy re-

gardless of who owns the bridge." Tosh does not believe the argument that rebuilding to County standards would mean increased traffic volumes and speed.

Reeve Rick Hughes, who voted for Township control of the road and bridge, said that the significance of the decision depends on who you talk to.

"Ministry of Transport officials said that it really doesn't matter if

it is a Township or a county road. It is going to be the same in terms of road width and shoulder and that sort of thing," Hughes said in an interview last Wednesday.

Eden Mills Road and the Bowstring Bridge were owned by the County until 1990-91 when the bridge was designated as a heritage structure and the County passed a by-law turning ownership of them to the Township.

Lloyd Dyer break-in

Once again the concession booth at Lloyd Dyer Park was broken into overnight Sunday.

The culprits made off with various food items including hamburgers, potato salad, candy bars, potato chips.

Police report that there are no suspects.



GREAT DAY FOR A PARADE!

Rockwood's Country Cabin Cloggers marched from Rockmosa to Lloyd Dyer Park on Saturday in the kick-off parade for Pioneer Day. Once again, organizer Marla Reid's prayer for dry skies paid off, as Pioneer Day festivities were a hit from beginning to end. (Eve Martin photo)

Sport items stolen?

A homeowner on Concession 5 at Brucedale contacted local police when he discovered some outdoor sporting equipment had been left on his property.

Found were some chest waders, a rain suit, and a golf bag. Police suspect the items were stolen.

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