

Community support made Pioneer Day '95 a success

LETTERS

To the Editor,

Pioneer Day '95 has come and gone and I would like to thank everyone who participated and to all those who came out to enjoy the day.

Thanks to the Township of Eramosa Works Department, who put up the fencing, got our dance floor out and picked up picnic tables from GRCA. Thanks to the GRCA

for supporting the community by loaning us all the picnic tables, and to Gary Martin for driving his flatbed and returning them, with the help of Ken Mercer, Tom and Paul Blomberg, Kyle Dawe, Chris Ripley and Ian Reid.

Thanks to Ken and Ruth Steele for delivering and collecting all the other tables and chairs, and to John McClintock and Ray Death for the use of their tents. A special thanks to John Root, Parade Marshall, who organized the entrants at Rockmosa, and to the Eramosa-Rockwood Fire Department for their great job of traffic control.

Thanks to Linda Semanyk, Nancy Beattie and Joanne Blomberg, who had the difficult job of judging the entrants. I want to thank the Acton Citizen's Band for marching in the parade, and the Guelph Concert Band and the Swiss Band for performing during the day.

Other performances: John Poppe with his Percheon team, Country Cabin Cloggers and Dance Spirit Studio, and the Kinnard Dog Drill team. These groups supplied great entertainment all through the day.

Thanks to Tom Semanyk, who supplied the sound system for the

day and D.J.ed for the dance at night. Door prizes were a hand-made afghan, donated by Joanne Blomberg and an hour-long limousine ride in a 1934 Lincoln, donated by Ray Death. Kathy McIntyre donated her services as bartender for the dance and was helped by Paul Blomberg.

Because of the generosity of all these people, over \$1,300 was raised for the Town Hall Restoration Fund. Thanks to all the groups who set up booths in the park. Gord and Michell Dawe of Remax Realty and Paul Blomberg ran the dunking booth, which made over \$125 for the Fund. Thanks to all

the good sports who took a turn at the dunking booth.

Thanks to the Optimist Club of Eramosa, who once again ran the bicycle rodeo. This event is educational for all the children who participate. The Optimists gave four prizes of bicycles to the lucky winners.

The beautiful collector medallions were once again created by our own talented Maureen McLeod. Each year she comes up with a new theme and this year's was especially effective with two horses' heads.

Our dance floor needed some extensive repair for this year's activities and this work was done by Jan and Al Osborne, Ray Death and Wynne Dunbar. Let's hope we have some asphalt for the dance next year. This year's posters were the combined effort of Heather Reid and Jan Osborne, and the Rubber Duckie Race was also a shared endeavour of Pam Osborne and Heather Reid.

I would like to thank Mike Semanyk, Pete Osborne, Ian Reid and Jason for manning the canoes and trying to encourage those little ducks to swim. We had great pre- and post coverage of Pioneer Day because of the many businesses who supported the advertising section of the newspaper, and *The Acton Tanner/Rockwood Miller*, who put it all together.

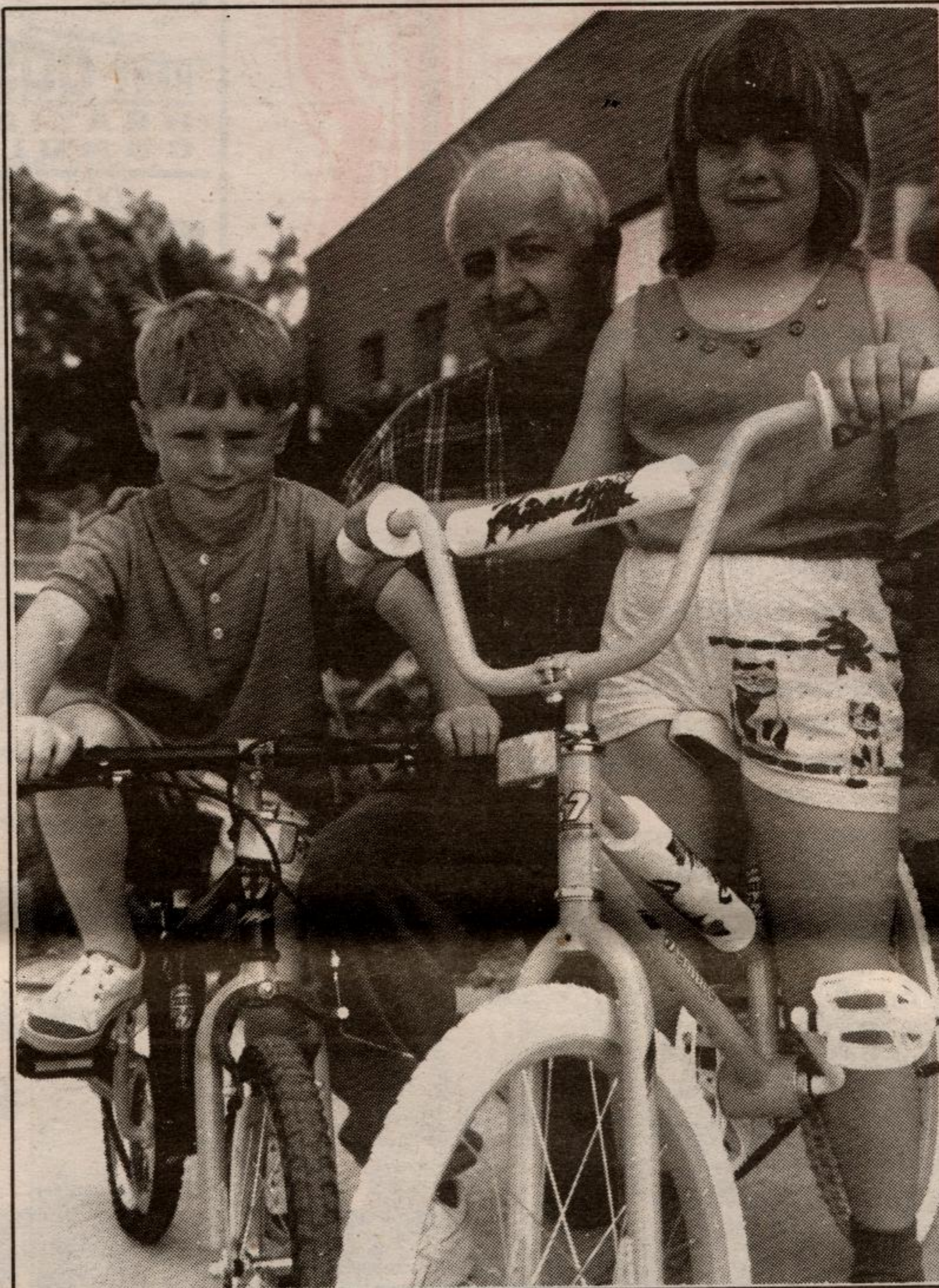
Thanks to the Township of Eramosa and the Rockwood Oldtimers for a great ball game and to Jim Milne for his umpiring. Both teams were good sports, which made for an entertaining game.

Every year the celebration gets bigger and better. This is due entirely to the cooperation and participation of the community. Having great support from the entire township and tremendous help from all of the above-mentioned people makes my job an enjoyable one.

To anyone I may have missed, thank you, and let me know if you have any ideas for next year.

Thanks again to *The Acton Tanner* for the great amount of space they have given in order to thank all the deserving and supportive people, who made the day such a great success. Your support is greatly appreciated.

*Marla Reid, coordinator
Rockwood Pioneer Day*



BIKE WINNERS! Optimist Club of Eramosa past-president Ken Steel is flanked by bike winners Robert House, 4, of Everton and Rockwood's Erin Thompson, 7. The bikes were won at the bike rodeo at the recent Pioneer Day. (Doug Harrison photo)



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