

# 'Citizens' will watch out for Rockwood vandals

Citizen watchdogs and a midnight ban on public park use are two of the solutions Eramosa Township Council hopes will help curb vandalism problems in the Township, and especially in Rockwood.

Working with the OPP, Council hopes to start a Citizens on Patrol program, like one currently

operating in Kitchener.

Deputy Reeve Dave Adsett told Council recently that the patrol program was a suggestion from police and that there are also other things Council can do.

"I think we should also ask the Parks, Recreation and Culture committee to take a look at the

possibility of different activities for the kids at Rockmosa," Adsett said at a recent Council meeting.

When Reeve Rick Hughes raised concerns about Township liability with a citizens' patrol group, pointing out some of the problems experienced in cities that have Guardian Angels, both Coun-

cillors Mark Thomsen and Cathy McIntyre stressed that the Citizens on Patrol would not be a vigilante group, but just citizens who would watch for and report suspicious persons.

"Citizens on Patrol will be a deterrent if vandals think someone is watching and waiting to

report them," Adsett said.

In suggesting a by-law to prevent people from hanging around the parks late at night, Reeve Hughes said they might be able to avoid some of the problems they have been experiencing if there was no place for the would-be vandals to congregate late at night.

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## Run raises over \$19K with just 8 entrants

BY DOUG HARRISON  
 The Rockwood Miller

With \$19,040 raised in Rockwood's seventh annual Terry Fox Run on Sunday, you would think organizer Steve Thompson would be beside himself. Not only because Rockwood's highest pledge until this year was \$3,300, but the fact that it would take about 100 eager participants to attain such money.

How about eight registered entrants? That's where Thompson's concern lies after advertising the event with posters around town.

The high pledge total - which was considerably aided by an entrant who had a plethora of corporate donations - overshadows what was a disappointing turnout.

Participation climbed to 15 by the 12:30 pm start, thanks to spur-of-the-moment runners and walkers looking for a little exercise and the opportunity to help in raising more money for cancer research.

"I'm a little disappointed, but I had enough posters around Rockwood. I don't know where the problem was," Thompson, who ran the event on behalf of the Stone Church council, said on Monday.

"It was a tough weekend, with both Acton and Fergus Fall Fairs going. Rockwood is somewhat of a farming community, so some people I'm sure were showing at those fairs on Saturday and cleaning up on Sunday."

The first-year organizer also conceded that Terry Fox Run plans were put together at the last minute, despite the idea for an event being discussed six weeks ago.

Other reasons for the small gathering, Thompson suggested, was the fact school kids at Rockwood Centennial already had done a run on Friday and the fact Rockwood didn't have a Terry Fox Run last year.

However, he didn't consider the five-kilometre route - from Centennial to Hwy. 7, across to and up the Fourth Line to Stone Church and back - to be a deterrent. Or the weather, which despite early morning showers, gave way to sunshine by noon.

In 1993, the Rockwood Terry Fox Run drew 26 participants and raised \$2,040.

Thompson said he will likely run the event next year, since he's now head of Stone Church's youth group, which organized the run the first six years, starting in 1988.

"Next year," Thompson began, "I'll get hold of the papers earlier, get things (posters) into Everton and Eden Mills, get more people involved on the run committee and get more participation out of the other churches."

He would like to thank his volunteer committee of Peter Utches, John Rietkerk, Marg and Carl Baker and the May family.



**FOX RUN!** From left: Laverne and Joyce Hartung, Murray and Eva Oliver and Margaret and Murray Duffield were six of the 15 people who walked or cycled in Rockwood's seventh annual Terry Fox Run on Sunday. Over \$19,000 was raised from eight registered entrants. (Eve Martin photo)

## New year kicks off at Centennial

### CENTENNIAL NEWS

BY JAN GREGG  
 Vice Principal

Greetings from Rockwood Centennial Public School as this new year begins. Students are already hard at work all over our school studying apples, learning to draw and read maps, reading books, singing, drawing, doing science

experiments, playing instruments and participating in lots of outdoor activities.

The Juniors are playing intramural soccer at lunch time. Our new Kindergarten students arrived this week and are having fun discovering all the new things about coming to school.

The Intermediates are practicing their soccer skills after school as well as playing lots of touch football. At lunch there are many

throw-tons being tossed around and children are having fun playing in the tall pine trees at the edge of the playground.

We had our first pizza day and over 500 pieces of pizza were consumed. Wow! Kids at Rockwood Centennial sure have big appetites.

Next week we will report on our special Terry Fox Activity Day, which will be held tomorrow (Thursday) in the afternoon.

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### It's official

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