

PIONEER DAY '96

Saturday, June 8, 1996 Lloyd Dyer Park, Rockwood

Ask any Rockwood resident what the biggest day of the year is, and they'll tell you it's Pioneer Day, slated for this Saturday.

Every year at this time area citizens gather to celebrate the rich history of Rockwood-Eramosa. But many of this weekend's events aren't related to history at all - in fact, there is a decidedly contemporary feel to certain elements of the day.

Organizer Marla Reid is again at the helm of the celebration, with John Root returning as Parade Marshall. Jan

Osborne is also back this year, running the ever-popular Rubber Ducky Race.

From the sounds of it, this year's parade should be one of the best.

"Many of the same entrants are back for the parade this year," explained Reid yesterday (Tuesday), "but we'll have some terrific new floats this year. I think we'll even have an appearance by Noah's Ark, courtesy of the new veterinarian!"

The parade will wind its way to Lloyd Dyer Park, where there will be displays, penny tables, a dunking booth, food concessions, vendors, crafts and much more. New this year will be horseshoe pitching.

Saturday's fifth annual Rubber Ducky Race is scheduled for 10 am at Waterside Park. Ducks, at \$3 each or two for \$5, can be "rented" at local businesses - or you can grab a duck just before the race starts.

First prize this year is a painting of Waterside Park by local artist Gail Root. Second prize in the Rubber Ducky Race is a handmade afghan from Joanne Blomberg, and third prize is a chocolate duck once again donated by Schneider's.

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.

The popular "Swiss

Band" will entertain everyone with their outlandish costumes and seasonal music, and Reid reported that a jazz quartet is expected to play at Pioneer Day for the first time.

Township staff and politicians will play a mystery squad ("The Highwaymen" is their name, and that's all we can tell you) in an exhibition ball game at the Lloyd Dyer diamond at 4:30 in the afternoon.

As usual, an outdoor dance will cap off the Pioneer Day celebrations on Saturday evening. The dance runs from 8 am till 1 am.

Make a point to spend a few hours at Pioneer Day this Saturday - you'll have a great time!



PIONEER DAY Saturday, June 8, 1996 - Schedule of Events -

- 10 AM Rubber Ducky Race (Waterside Park)
 - 11:30 AM Parade forms at Rockmosa (To leave by 12 noon)
 - 12:15 PM Parade arrives at Lloyd Dyer
 - 12:30 PM Parade Judging, Prizes
 - 1 PM Optimists' Bicycle Rodeo (Medical Centre)
 - 4:30 PM Ball Game (Township vs. Highwaymen)
 - 7 PM Children's Dance
 - 8 to 1 AM Dance (Licensed)
- PLUS: A number of different Pioneer Day activities will run all afternoon long at Lloyd Dyer Park (Balaclava Street).

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