



GO! Members of the Mad Hatters bed-racing team, Sharon Brouwer, Tracy Haggett and Frances Jamieson, are focused on their mission during the Eden House Alzheimer fundraiser last Thursday. (Karen Wetmore photo)

Alzheimer fundraiser helps 'those that can't remember'

Special to The Miller
Last Thursday, Eden House became a hive of activity for their annual Alzheimer fundraiser. This event has indeed grown over the past few years, and last year's total funds exceeded the \$8,000 goal. This year everyone worked hard to realize the goal of \$9,600. What a challenge!

The residents of Eden House, many of whom suffer from Alzheimers, have had family and friend support in a walk-and-wheel-a-thon. Families and friends have industriously gotten sponsors for their relative.

Staff participation has been fantastic, getting pledges, dressing in costumes for the bed races and playing

a game of baseball in true World Series form.

Volunteers were everywhere. They cooked hamburgers and sausages, provided music, donated raffle items, sold tickets and just overall did a fabulous job.

The opposition team for the baseball game was comprised mainly of the Rockwood Fire Department, local Council representatives, and even a firefighter who flew in from Ohio specially for this event. Although the winning team shall remain nameless, an exciting and innovative game was played by all.

The evening had an M.C. in the person of Scott Jamieson. Scott came back by popular request for the super job he did last year. Children with

outstanding facial painting could be seen enjoying rides on a restored fire truck. This was compliments of Kelly's Klowns and the Rockwood Fire Department.

During the fashion costume parade, music was provided by volunteers of a local brass ensemble.

At the end of the evening, tired residents, staff and volunteers rallied to give themselves a big thanks for a job well done. Special thanks to Marian Meyer, Activity Director at Eden House for prodding, poking and generally pulling this event together.

Although weariness settled in among the crowd, they were happy they did not forget "those who can't remember."

Role for economic committee debated

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To be successful Eramosa's newly reconstituted Economic Development and Agriculture Committee must clearly define its role.

Both Eramosa Reeve Rick Hughes and committee chair Ross Durfey think the committee can play an active role in enhancing the well-being of Rockwood, and both suggest the same approach.

"I think this committee has to determine what the future economic drivers for Eramosa Township will be," Reeve Hughes said Friday.

"The committee must decide if tourism should be developed, if we should look at enhancing retail in the village or if we should try to find some other economic activity that is evolving out of this new economy that the Township could plug into.

"There needs to be a philosophical discussion about what is going to work in this new economy," Hughes said.

A similar committee established during the previous council's term did not get off the ground and although the Township advertised for members to the committee

following its election last fall, the committee is just now getting started.

Hughes suggested the committee take a look at economic development committees in surrounding areas to see how they are helping.

Committee chair Durfey said that they need a mandate from Eramosa Council.

"We need an overall picture of what the Township wants and we want to do. It's critical that we identify our resources and areas of need and decide what this committee can do for Rockwood." Durfey said one of the first

jobs tackled by the committee was to begin to build the existing data base of village businesses and services at the Rockwood and Eramosa Business Association.

"We don't want to duplicate what REBA is doing - there is a lot more in making a community viable from an economic standpoint."

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