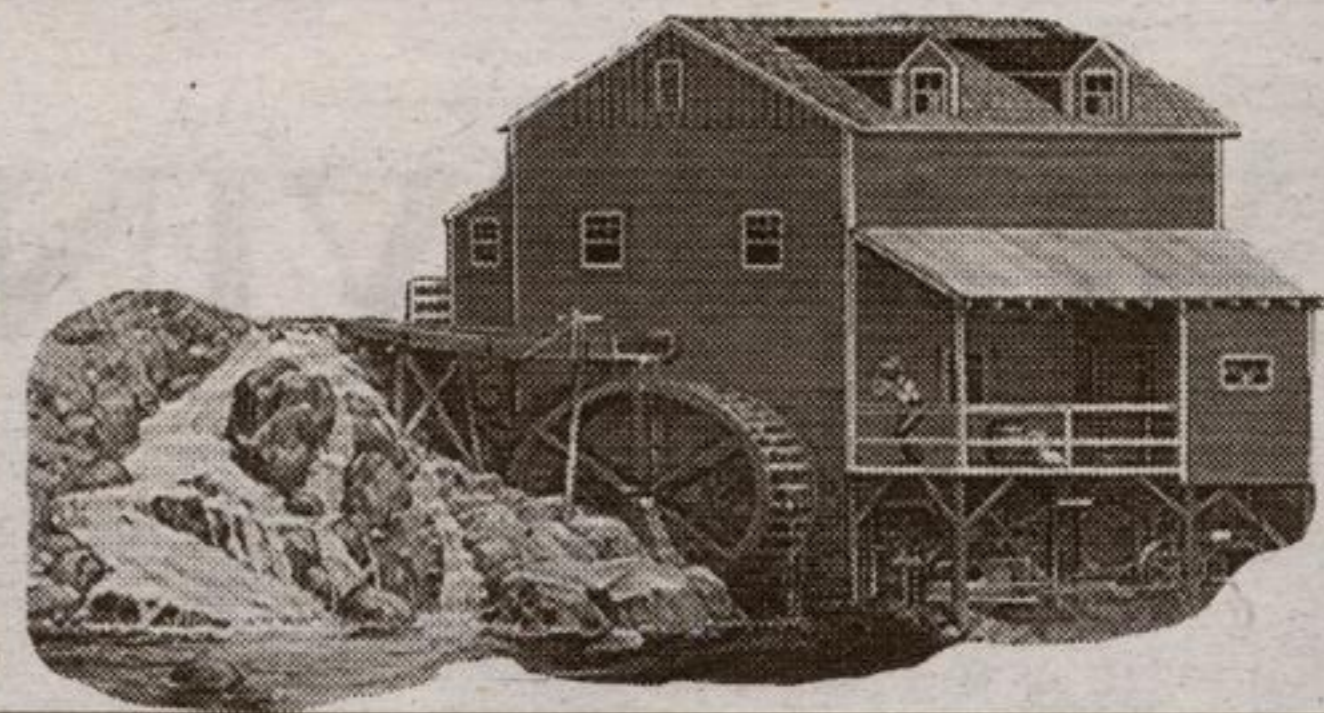




SHOWING OFF: Members of the Guelph/Eramosa Firefighters Association demonstrated their new lifesaving equipment at council Monday. All the members of the department have been trained to use the defibrillator and restart hearts with electric shock if the victim's vital signs are absent when the emergency crew arrives. Craig Smith tests the "victim's" airway is open while Greg Pierce practices CPR and Rob Crosbie, left, and John McClintock right, wait to play their part in the demonstration. — Maggie Petrushevsky photo

The Rockwood MILLER



Lions plan Spring Fair

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Cultural life in Guelph/Eramosa is about to include a new event with the addition this June of the first annual Rockwood Spring Fair.

The fair, sponsored by the Rockwood and District Lions Club, will be held at the

Rockmosa Community Centre on June 14, 15 and 16 said Lion president Jim Nellis.

While it is hoped in future to combine Pioneer Days and the fair, that wasn't possible this year, said fair organizer Jim Weatherby. This time the annual Pioneer Days will happen the preceding weekend.

Nellis said the fair will involve as many community groups as possible, as well as featuring rides from Campbell Amusements. The Rockwood Fire Department and the Police Community Day are to participate in the fair along with displays by the Community Centre for Businesses, several clubs and churches. Organizers want it to be a family event.

The rides will operate Friday night and all day Saturday and Sunday. There will be a cruise night on the Friday. Four bands are to entertain between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. on the Saturday and weather permitting, an outdoors 50s/60s dance is set for Saturday evening. Sunday the Rockwood Lionesses will hold a community breakfast and a pet show is planned for the afternoon.

Former Lion president and

past Eramosa reeve Daryl Nicholls reminded council the group is not actually asking for a handout. Most of the funds Lions raise through their various projects get returned to the community in donations to such things as minor sports groups for children.

Weatherby asked council to waive the rental fees for Rockmosa and also to donate \$500 to the event since council makes a similar donation to Erin, Acton, Aberfoyle and Fergus Fall Fairs.

Parks and Recreation superintendent Glen Smith said Rockmosa rents for \$350 on Fridays and Saturdays and \$150 for Sundays. In total it would cost about \$850 to waive the hall fees for the weekend.

Council agreed the fair will be good for the community and want to support it for the first year to get it started. But councillors had to figure out the appropriate way to handle the fee issue. Rather than asking Smith to show a loss in his budget for the three days, council agreed to donate \$1,350 to the club. That will cover the fees and the donation.

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FIRE AND ICE: Professor Starlight shows her audience the dangers of working with dry ice during a show at Rockmosa on Saturday to raise funds for the Rockwood Nursery School. Called Fire and Ice, the show from Mad Science of Kitchener teaches youngsters about various scientific principles using fire and dry ice. — Maggie Petrushevsky

Council will fill seat by appointment

Guelph/Eramosa council will advertise for applicants and appoint a replacement to fill the Ward 4 seat left vacant by the recent resignation of Coun. David Hindley.

Clerk/Chief Administrative Officer Janice Sheppard told council it will take at least three months to fill the vacancy if they hold a by-election and estimated the cost at \$4,000 to \$5,000.

If council advertises the vacancy, applicants can be interviewed and an appointment could be made by mid-April. Sheppard estimated the cost for filling the vacancy that way at \$700.

Coun. Doug Breen pointed out that since 1997 the municipality has held a by-election, a regular election, and this will be the second vacancy filled by appointment.

Sheppard did not say when the advertisements will be placed or in what newspapers. However, applicants will be given a deadline for making their submissions and she expects to present the applications to council at their first meeting in April.

Then, if applicants can be interviewed during the following couple of weeks, it's possible the appointment could be made at the mid-April meeting and the new councillor might even be sworn in that night, she said.

Sale Ends Sunday March 10th