

EWAG NEWS

I was so pleased with the great turnout for our first ever SMILE theatre production here in Rockwood! The folks who saw the show seemed pleased with it, so we may have to book them again. Many thanks to a few folks: David Andrews for the great-looking tickets, Betty Death for helping at the door, Ann Snell for transportation, and Paul Bradley, Kim deGroot, Justin Beal and Mr Grant for helping set up chairs. I appreciate all the help.

Don't forget about EWAG's 2nd Annual Perennial Plant Sale coming up on Saturday, May 11 from 9:00 to 12:00 noon. If you have plants to donate, please drop them off at Betty and Ray Deaths at 310 Main St. S. or they may also be dropped off at the EWAG office. If you need pots or someone to help dig, give us a call. (856-2113). Please support us by either donating a few plants or coming to buy. Great selection at great prices.

The Rockwood Lions Club is having a Spring Carnival - June 14, 15 and 16. If you are interested in renting a "garage sale" table on Sun-

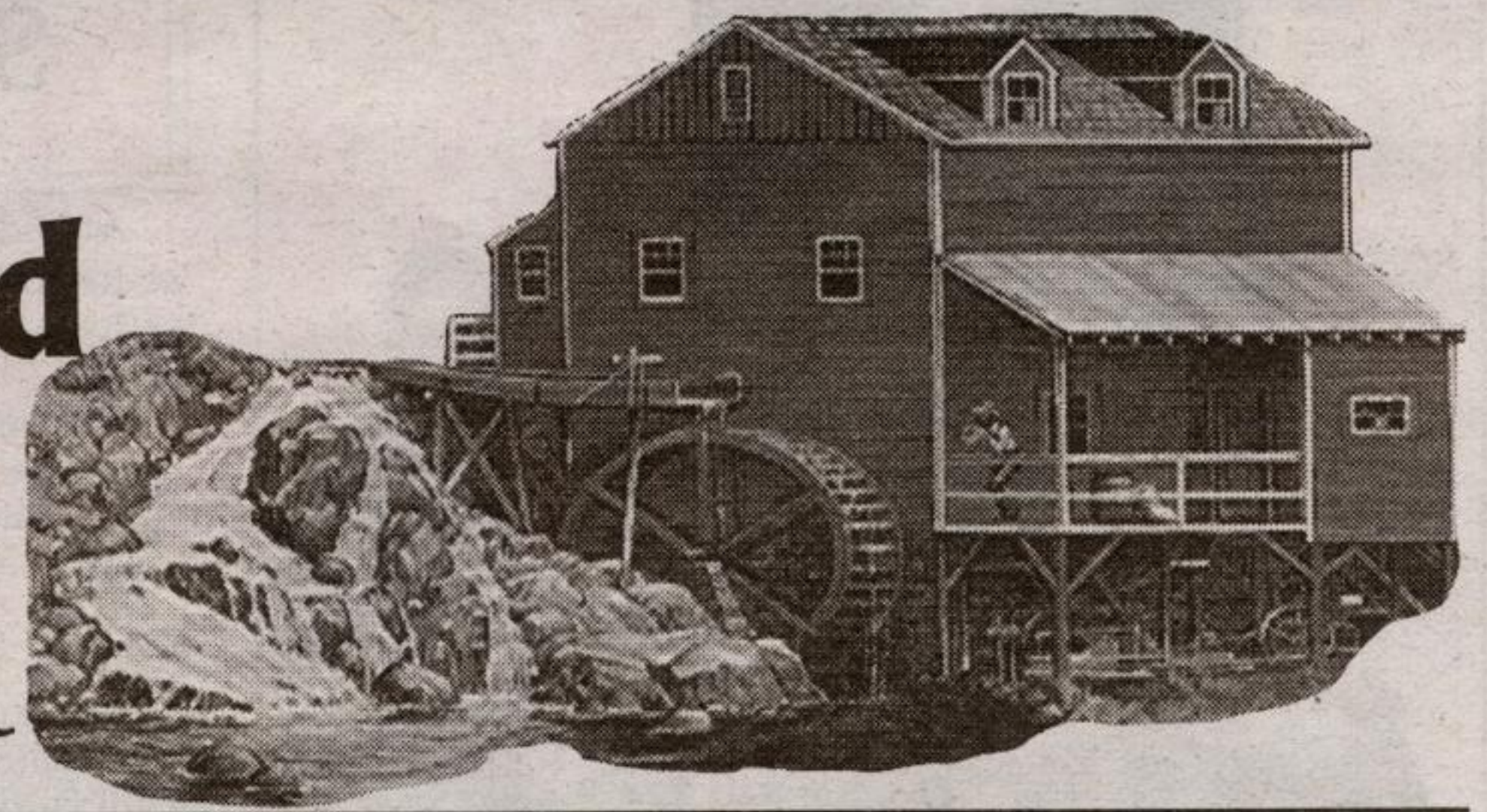
day afternoon, June 16, please call Lynn at the EWAG office before May 10. Tables will be available for \$15.00 each. I would like an idea as to how many people are interested in a table.

EWAG is accepting INKJET Cartridges as part of the ThinkFood Program. Cartridges can be turned in and re-used. The proceeds from this program will go toward our food bank. Please throw your inkjets our way. Thank you.

If you are of the 'older generation' and would like to know more about computers or the Internet, give us a call at the EWAG office. We have two young fellows who are more than willing to teach you all they know! Food Bank is available on Wednesdays by appointment only from 1:00 - 4:00pm.

We are located at 126 Main St. S. Rockwood. Our phone number is 856-2113. Our regular office hours are from Tuesday to Friday from 10:00 - 4:00pm. Due to a lack of volunteers, we are currently closed on Saturdays but hope to re-open in the future. We apologize for any inconvenience.

The Rockwood MULLER



SMILE: Andrew Scanlon of Smile Theatre performs a Wilf Carter's song for Betty Death during the company's show, *Love Knots and Lariats*, at Rockmosa. The travelling productions are taken to nursing homes, retirement homes and seniors organizations. *Love Knots* is based on the life of early Canadian country singer Wilf Carter. - Maggie Petrushevsky photo

New councillor sworn in

Guelph/Eramosa council is back up to full strength with the swearing in Monday of Sandy McPhedran as the new councillor for Ward 4. The township's lawyer, Robin Lee Norris administered the oath. **Municipal nursery planned**

Guelph/Eramosa's recreational director Glen Smith wants a bit more time to fine tune details for a proposed municipal nursery plot to provide trees for local roadsides and parks. In a report to council Smith said volunteers have

approached him about establishing a 10 foot by 50 foot plot to raise seedlings either at Marden or behind the municipal office at Bruceedale. While council supports the idea, Smith said he needs to talk more with the volunteers interested in the project before asking council to dedicate a site for the tree nursery.

Highway repairs

Repairs to a section of Highway 7 south of Rockwood, undermined by a leaking water line earlier this spring will cost Guelph/Eramosa more than \$15,000. Public Works manager Larry Van Wyck told council the province's bill for materials for the job was reasonable. However, he was concerned both with the number of hours and the hourly rate paid to the private contractor hired by the ministry to repair the road.

He raised the issue with the ministry without success. Since the municipality will need to deal with the ministry on another matter later this year, he advised council to just pay up and hope that will make the ministry more reasonable over the future matter.

COUNCIL CHIPS

Guelph/Eramosa Public Works manager Larry Van Wyck may have a way to stretch a chunk of the municipality's 2002 budget for road repairs.

He told council he may be able to resurface all the roads in Eden Mills and Everton along with Schuett Road and Kaine Hill Drive without overstepping his funding. The original plan would only repair Schuett and Kaine Hill and two sections of roadway in Eden Mills. Instead of using hot mix asphalt as originally planned, Van Wyck wants to use open graded cold mix asphalt. This flexible pavement can be placed atop the existing road with conventional paving equipment, he said, and moves during the freeze-thaw cycles while healing in warmer weather.

The system tends to be used in more remote areas where hot mix asphalt is not readily available, he said. Having received council's approval in principle, he wanted time to check prices more fully before telling council exactly how much roadwork he can complete for the budgeted money.

Award contract

Guelph/Eramosa has awarded the contract for street cleaning equipment to Cox Construction and the contract for calcium chloride to Miller Paving. Cox will charge the municipality \$41.73 per hour for its 2000 gallon water tank and \$65.27 per hour for both a six cubic yard truck and an eight cubic yard truck. The calcium will cost the municipality \$293.86 per tonne, plus GST.

Member resigns

Doris Bozzelli has resigned from Guelph/Eramosa's Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee. Since

six members remain on the committee, council will not be replacing her at this time. Council wants details. While Guelph/Eramosa councillors all agree the concept is good, they aren't too happy with a request for a municipal grant to write a new book on the history of Rockwood for the community's 100th anniversary. Freelance journalist Deborah Quaille asked council for \$500 towards production of a collection of stories about Rockwood as told by several local residents including Lloyd Dyer.

In her letter Quaille said she expects to interview about five people and tape their oral histories as well as transcribing them into the book she is tentatively calling *Timepieces: A Centennial Celebration of Rockwood*.

She estimated the project will take more than 400 hours to do and total cost to produce 500 books will be more than \$13,000. Coun. Doug Breen said while the project has merit for Rockwood, he couldn't support using general tax funds for it. He suggested taking any grant from the Rockwood Hydro Reserve fund.

Coun. Sandy McPhedran said he felt it would be of general interest and could see no reason she shouldn't pay herself for her time on the project.

Coun. David McCrae said the issue was whether the book was supposed to make a profit or just recoup its costs. If it was to be a money maker, then public funds shouldn't be involved.

"You'd think if someone wanted a grant, she'd be here in person to answer questions and explain the project to us," he said.

Council decided to invite Quaille to the next council meeting.

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DIRTY JOB: Rockwood Lioness Eileen Woodeson and husband Lion Woody Woodeson were busy cleaning ditches along Highway 7 as the clubs did their annual highway clean up Saturday morning. - Maggie Petrushevsky photo.