



FLYING HIGH: These children from the Guelph area were enjoying the warm weather with a visit to Rockmosa Park this week. From left are Clara Harman-Denhoed, Kyra Smythe-Commodari, Amanda, Sebastian, and Rachael Harman-Denhoed, Oliver and Maryn Smythe-Commodari. - Photo by Rebecca Ring

Cancer Society launches Daffodil fundraising campaign

By Rebecca Ring
The Rockwood Miller

The Canadian Cancer Society will be selling daffodils by the bunch in Wellington County and Acton to launch April's daffodil campaign. All month, volunteers will be going from door-to-door seeking donations for the Cancer Society. Funds raised will go to cancer research, transportation, information and support programs for people living with cancer, including support for families and friends. Last year, over \$330,000 was raised in Wellington County and Acton through the door-to-door campaign and close to \$10,000,000 was raised across Ontario.

The cheerful spring flowers will be sold at Greenscape Garden Centre and Nursery in Rockwood from Thursday, March 29 until sold out, and on Main St. in Erin this Saturday from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. In Acton, they will be sold Thursday and Friday evening and all day Saturday at Sobeyes.

Unit Manager Mary Ann Mahill said she is particularly proud of the transportation services provided by the Cancer Society. In Wellington County, volunteers clocked over 400,000 km last year, driving people to Grand River, Hamilton, Toronto, London or anywhere necessary. Mahill said, "As a cancer survivor, I know what their kindness can do. The drivers are the heart of the program. I am very proud of them and the work they do. They always get the patient to treatment on-time and in all weather."

Mahill said the Cancer Society is always looking for volunteers for all kinds of activities, from fund raising to making sandwiches for events. She added that the CCS raises the most funds outside of the government for research in the country. Another major campaign in the works for Wellington East and Acton is *Relay for Life* slated for this fall. Mahill said, "Cancer takes power away, but giving takes it back."

Rockwood students excel festival

Rockwood and area piano students of the Bookbinder's Keyboard Studio captured eight firsts, five seconds and one third award at the Kiwanis Music Festival of Guelph 2006.

Robin Librach, Kayle Arsenault, (two) Christal and Adrianna Vermuelen, Kate-

lyn and Brendan van Gool and Devon Jones all received firsts. Melissa Chapman, Anastasia and Stefan Smelsky, Cailey and Kassia van Veen, Aaron Smelsky captured second and third.

Congratulation are also due to the seven talented students: Ben Turner, Marc

G. Barber, Kayleigh Rankin, Christian Arsenault, Anastasia Smelsky, Michelle Savage and Melissa Chapman who entered with their own compositions and received excellent adjudication's. All compositions are accepted and performed at the Festival.

The Rockwood MILLER



Guelph/Eramosa Council Chips

by Rebecca Ring

White Tanning Co. applies to house immigrant workers

White Tanning Company, located on the Erin-Eramosa Townline, has applied to Erin Township for a zoning amendment to allow for housing of immigrant workers. Guelph/Eramosa was consulted regarding the municipal wells' proximity to the tannery.

According to manager Tom Mance, their operations will not be increasing, just specializing. Mance said the company is hiring immigrant workers because they have a hard time finding employees locally. They are expanding overseas business by purchasing hides from Europe, as they are cheaper, and some workers will be trained to handle those overseas transactions. Their custom tanning operations for hunters also requires more employees as man hours and labour are more intensive than regular production.

The family-owned company has been in business for 50 years. Mance said many tanneries did not survive the costs of stricter environmental regulations and competition with China but his company adapted. It spent over \$1,000,000 on effluent treatment in the last ten years. He said all their dyes are non-metal and water-soluble. To meet these costs, the company specializes

in custom tanning and special products, which yield a higher profit margin, such as leather for prostheses and horse hide gloves for the military.

Council resolved to get more details as they were not clear on what the proposed amendment involves, and to determine if the subject lands are within the municipal well capture area.

Committee to recognize Jim Milne's contribution

Richard Turner, Guelph/Eramosa resident and friend of local hero Jim Milne, requested that the township formally recognize the contributions Milne made to the community. He suggested a plaque, bust or statue, renaming a park or community centre in Milne's honour, or preserving and displaying an article eulogizing Milne published in *The New Tanner* on the event of Milne's death.

Council resolved to establish a committee including community members to develop and submit ideas to council for the commemoration of Jim Milne.

Council accepts application to allow Mosque

Council accepted an application from Woodland Properties to amend the zoning for property on Whitelaw Rd. from agricultural to institutional. The goal is to allow construction of a mosque to serve area Muslims.

Council considering "Dark Skies" policy

Council directed township staff to investigate dark skies policies and consult with Wellington County on the issue. The policy would help to control light pollution. Councillor Chris White introduced the motion, hoping to have something in place to guide lighting decisions for the new OPP headquarters. He said a countywide by-law would be easier to enforce, adding, "Saving energy and reducing light pollution is



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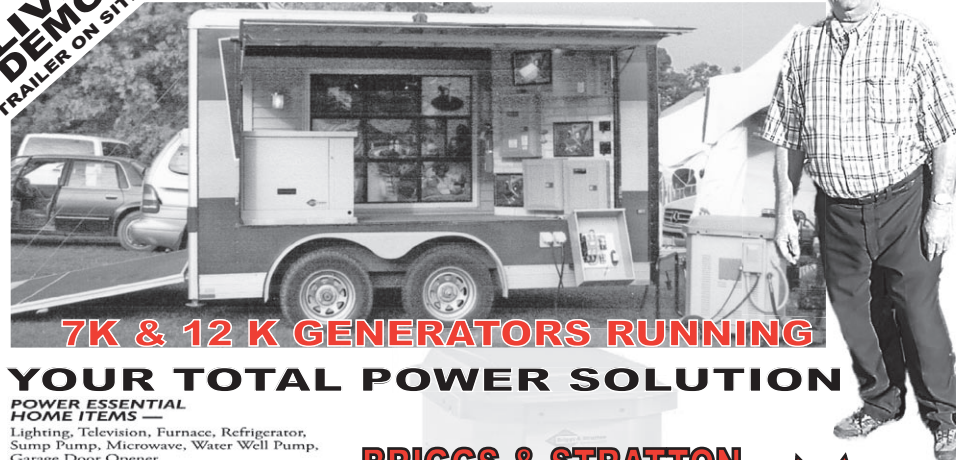
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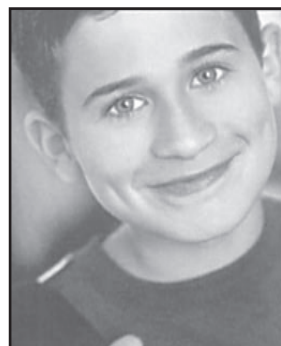
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