

# The ROCKWOOD Miller

## Noble Ridge concerns

There was anger, frustration, concern and a lot of questions at a statutory public meeting for the proposed 258-unit Harris subdivision last Monday at Rockmosa.

Charleston Homes has filed three planning applications to turn 40 acres of Rockwood farmland once owned by the Harris family, including former Reeve Leverne Harris, into Noble Ridge, a mix of single family, condominiums and townhouses on the village's eastern boundary, off of Harris Street.

The density of the development – the number of units per acre – was an issue with many of the 20-plus residents who spoke at the meeting, several who told County planning staff, the applicant's consultants and Township

councillors that they don't want urban sprawl, like Brampton.

Traffic was a major issue raised by numerous residents who predict traffic nightmares if a stop light is not installed on Main Street (Highway 7) and Harris Street. The Ministry of Transportation requires the developer to build a left-hand turn lane for southbound Main Street traffic, turning left onto Harris Street.

Harris Street resident David Clark, a safety specialist, said the road is dangerous now, and the development will make it worse. He said everyone involved the planning applications should start "lining up the body bags, because when people get killed... my wife almost got ran over last Wednesday," Clark said, adding

his neighbour's dog was by a car and killed recently standing at the mailbox.

Harris Street resident Marty Durksen said with overcrowded schools, convenience-only shopping in the downtown, and limited recreational facilities, the proposed cookie-cutter housing is too dense and will create traffic safety issues.

"The only way to address this future traffic problem is to simply reduce the number of houses that are going into this subdivision," Durksen said to the loud clapping of the crowd.

Guelph/Eramosa Mayor Chris White reminded the crowd several times that development has been on the book for over 20 years, and while they can't stop it, they can use innovative measures, including sug-



**MOTHERING SUNDAY:** For the 45th year, the congregation at St. John's Church in Rockwood celebrated Mothering Sunday when children presented blessed flowers to all females, and a sweet biscuit called Simnel Cake was served. Jean Martin (left), Jean Gorton and John Jones helped at the service. – Submitted photo

gestions from residents for one-way traffic system, to mitigate its impact on Rockwood and "make the best of a bad situation."

Developer Charlie Kuiken stressed that Charleston Homes is a community-minded developer who has been in Rockwood for 25 years and is proud of what they've built. "I know change is difficult, but we are working within (planning) parameters," Kuiken said.

All of the comments and questions raised at the meeting will be incorporated in a report that Township planners will prepare Council within two months.

## Township Digest

### Easter Egg Hunt

What's Easter without an Easter egg hunt? Everyone is invited to join Rockwood's St. John's Anglican Church for an Easter egg hunt on Easter Sunday, from noon to 1 p.m.

Parents are asked to pre-register their children at [st.johnsrockwood@belnet.ca](mailto:st.johnsrockwood@belnet.ca) or by calling 519-856-9211 by April 16.

### Shop Rockwood

Just in time for Mother's Day shopping – the

second annual Rockwood Women in Business Shop Rockwood Extravaganza is April 30 at St. John's Church Hall. The event offers free admission, door prizes, music, and jewellery, children's fashions and much more. It runs from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

### Active transportation money

Guelph/Eramosa Township Council reconsidered an earlier vote and now will contribute \$3,000 – like the County's other six townships – towards a \$60,000 Active Transportation plan for Wellington.

Several councilors questioned the value of the report, but agreed with Mayor Chris White who said the \$3,000 could be leveraged into money to develop the Township's trail system. Council voted to take no more than \$1,000 from the economic development budget to help pay its share of the study. Staff will find the balance from existing budgets.



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Avery's Bravery Race Saturday, April 30, 2011



Avery Bond

Join Friends and Family of Avery Bond at the Rockwood Conservation Area for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Avery's Bravery Race.

All proceeds from this event will go to SickKids Foundation, who were there for Avery when she needed them the most.

**2km walk \$15**  
(includes nylon knapsack)

**5km run \$30**  
(includes t-shirt)

**2km family rate \$40**  
(2 kids, 3 adults)

**SickKids**  
FOUNDATION

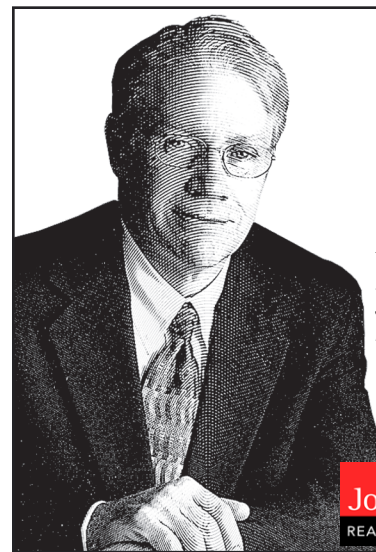
**FREE**  
for the  
**KIDS**

- Bouncy Castle
- Face Painting
- Cupcake Decorating
- Crafts
- 100m Heart Pumper Run
- Toddler Play Area

Register online at [runningroom.com](http://runningroom.com)

**EVENTS START AT 10 AM**

For more information call 519-856-0066  
[averysbraveryrace.com](http://averysbraveryrace.com)



**david burland**  
sales representative

How much is  
your *Real Estate*  
worth?

519-853-5155

Johnson Associates  
REAL ESTATE LTD., BROKERAGE

## Rockwood Lions 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual

April 10, 2011

8am to 1pm  
Rockmosa Centre,  
Rockwood

Adults \$7.00

Children \$3.00  
(10 or under)

Pre-schoolers Free  
Tickets available  
at the door.

