



ROCKWOOD RENEGADES: Last Tuesday, Rockwood Centennial students competed in the All Science Challenge at the Life Time Learning Center at the Ontario Veterinary College, University of Guelph. The students included, back from left: Matthew Walmsley and Dillon McDaid. Middle: Evan Little, Adam Dingwall, Peter Corneliesse, Amy Hare and Colin MacMillan. Front: Susan MacKinnon, Adrianna Wiley and Claire Millson. Absent: Sheena Grinwis, Grade eight Science Teacher. – Submitted photo

Science challenge

Rockwood Centennial students attended the All Science Challenge last week for an enriching and exciting question and answer competition with fun, hands-on design challenges to inspire Grades six, seven and eight students to acquire science knowledge beyond their curriculum. Over 200 students competed in the All Science Challenge competitions taking place at the Universities of Guelph and Waterloo. These two events were the first of 22 All Science Challenge competitions at university and college sites across Canada.



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After a long winter

One of the best things about the dawn of spring and the return of warmer weather is the chance to get out of the house and get some fresh air. For homeowners, this is the perfect opportunity to assess any damage the previous months did to yards and develop a plan to restore properties.

* Don't jump the gun. The first warm day of spring might seem like a great time to get out in the yard and get your hands dirty. But it's best to wait until the grass has completely dried out before getting to work. Raking on wet grass increases the risk of tearing out grass, which can cause bald spots and the growth of weeds down the road.

Patience should prevail with regard to mowing the lawn as well. A lawn's roots will not start to grow until the average everyday temperature routinely reaches 40 F, so mowing too early is both unnecessary and potentially harmful to the lawn. When the temperatures regularly reach 50 F, then homeowners will likely start to see their lawns growing.

* Remove debris that's piled up. Fallen branches, stones and even trash can accumulate in a yard, putting those who spend time in the yard at risk of injury once the warm weather returns. Once the grass is dry enough to walk on, walk around the property and remove any debris that's piled up over the last few months.

* Remove thatch. Once the grass has dried, you can begin to remove thatch that's built up over the winter. Thatch is potentially very harmful to soil, blocking sunlight, air and moisture the soil needs to ensure a lawn looks lush and healthy.

* Aerate, particularly if the yard is a heavy traffic area once the warm weather arrives. So if your yard is the place to be come the warmer months, aerate in the spring to loosen the soil and make it easier for the lawn to withstand the months ahead.

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NOTICE TO RATEPAYERS AMENDMENT TO 2012 BUDGET

Take notice that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Guelph/Eramosa intends to amend the Township's 2012 Capital Budget for road reconstruction and upgrade projects and an addition to the municipal administration building at the next Regular Council Meeting on May 7, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. Township Council Chambers (8348 Wellington Road 124).

This notice is provided in accordance with Section 291 of The Municipal Act, 2001.

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