

Township Digest

Successful Fox Run

The Rockwood Terry Fox Run raised “a shade under \$10,000” in pledges and donations, bringing the 29-year total for the event to \$130,000. “I’m happy. I’m ecstatic with the dollars – it is a little run, and in the past five years we’ve been approaching that \$10,000 mark,” organizer Steve Thomson said last Thursday.

Twenty-five participants – as young as four

and as old as 75 – took part in the event which included a five-kilometre loop through the village, a route that eliminated another five-kilometre loop to the south of the village to avoid the on-going Highway 7 reconstruction as possible.

The first Rockwood Fox Run was an outreach project of the youth group at Stone United Church and many of the participants in the September 16th Run were Church members.

Tiered response deal

Faster responses to serious medical emergencies and less response duplication are the anticipated results for a new tiered response agreement between Guelph/Eramosa and Guelph-Wellington EMS.

The goals of simultaneous response are to ensure the timely response of staff and resources to safely and efficiently deal with life threatening/public safety incidents, and to deploy adequately trained and equipped personnel.

At a recent Guelph/Eramosa Township Council meeting, Township Fire



Chief John Osborne explained how the new agreement would deal with “do or die” situations – including vital signs absent, near drownings, burns and obvious threats to life – by dispatching both fire and ambulance at the same time. For less urgent calls – including breathing problems,

chest pains, blunt trauma – if it is expected to take the ambulance more than 15 minutes to arrive and begin treatment then firefighters would also be dispatched.

Asked how the new system would affect the number of calls the fire department responds to, an therefore the budget,

Chief Osborne said, “When the ambulance is sitting at the (Rockwood) fire hall, I see our calls will decrease 15 to 20 per cent,” he said, adding in the worst case scenario, the number of calls should not increase with the new system because they are already responding to all of the calls currently.

EWCS NEWS

Car Seat Clinic - Rockwood Fire Department

Did you know that non-use or misuse of a car seat, child restraint or booster could cost you \$240 plus two demerit points off your license? Come and have your child’s car seat inspected by trained volunteers on Thursday, October 18, by the Rockwood Fire Department

from 2 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. This is a FREE clinic for car seats for children ages birth to 12 years old. You must register ahead. Contact Jane - 519-856-2113.

Infant Massage Classes

Join our certified instructor for a five-week course that will teach you how to massage your baby with a combination of Swedish and Indian mas-

sage strokes. It is suited for children ages birth to nine months old, or crawling.

There will be discussion time so parents can learn, share experiences and support each other while having fun. Massage strokes are repeated and developed each week, so that by the end of the course parents will be able to give their baby/babies a full massage.

The course runs Thursdays from October 4 to November 1 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Contact Angela to register and for more details - there must be a minimum of five participants to run this program.

Wanted: Great People to Share their Time, Talent and Energy

Volunteers are the heart & soul of East Wellington Community Services. EWCS is a come share your talents while meeting new people and helping your community charity agency. For more information, contact Erika Westcott – erika.w@ew-

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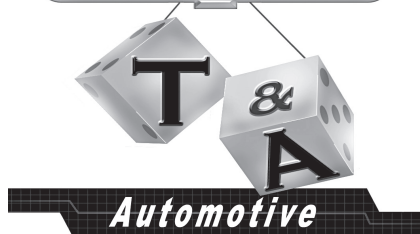
Pot pursuit

A 23-year-old Rockwood man was charged with possession of marijuana following a Guelph police traffic unit stop of a speeding car last Wednesday.

Police said after pulling the vehicle over, they noticed the smell of burnt marijuana and informed the driver and passenger they were under arrest. The driver took off at a high rate of speed to avoid arrest, leading to a brief police pursuit which was called off due to public safety concerns.

A short time later, the passenger from Rockwood was located and searched and a small amount of marijuana was seized. The next day, the driver, a 23-year-old Guelph man, turned himself into police and was charged with dangerous operation of a motor vehicle, flight from police, resisting arrest and speeding. Both men appear in a Guelph court in November.

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