ROCKWOOD MILLE

FESTIVAL FUNDING

Guelph/Eramosa Township Council will provide a grant of \$200 to the Kiwanis Musical Festival of Guelph, which runs April 8 to 26. Some 1.200 entrants are expected to compete, and last year \$15,000 in prize money was awarded to the winners.



TRIATHLON APPROVAL

Township Council will be careful not to close any one road too often for events like the Guelph Lake triathlons. Noting the north end of Watson Road will be closed five times in three days for the events, Councillor Corey Woods wants to make sure staff monitor the closures to avoid over use of any one road.

Annually, World Endurance Canada stages the Guelph Lake one triathlon in mid-June and a second mid-August event, both which require temporary road closures, including Side Road 20 from Jones Baseline to Wellington Road 29.

The Township's new Special Events Policy requires applicants to provide proof of \$5-million insurance naming Guelph/Eramosa as an insured party, to provide medical assistance at the event, posted notice of days and times of closures two weeks in advance, and applicants are required to pay \$2 per participant to help cover Township administrative costs and for road reserves.

PERMIT UPDATE

Although the Township did not expect to hit the \$20-million mark in the construction value of issued

building permits issued this year, they did "quite well" according to Chief Building Officer Michael Newark who reported recently that higher value permits, mainly for custom homes, put the value of the 205 permits issued until the end of November at \$18.4-million.

During November, six permits were issued for additions or renovations to houses, one new house permit, and one new industrial/commercial permit were issued for a monthly construction value of \$3.7-million. In 2011, 177 permits with a construction value of \$12.7-million were issued.

4-H TO MOVE TO **ROCKWOOD**

In a move that will make it fully accessible. 4-H Ontario is moving within months to a commerciallyzone century house at 111 Main St. North in Rockwood. It is currently located on Highway 6 north of Guelph.

In a press release, John den Haan, president of the Ontario 4-H Council. said the move presents an incredible opportunity. "(N)ot only in terms of serving our volunteers, members, stakeholders and the public with dignity, but also, with the opportunity to create a permanent home, a hub for 4-H Ontario, and a showcase for our history."

4-H Ontario has 19 full-time staff, two-thirds centralized in the provincial headquarters. 4-H Ontario will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2015, and will use its new location as a showcase of its history. The move is expected within months.



GIVE THE GIFT OF COMMUNITY SUPPORT CAMPAIGN

Thank you to the many businesses, individuals,

churches and community organizations for your generous support of the annual Give the Gift of Community Support Campaign, to date. Our agency has received just over 75 per cent of the fundraising target goal of \$25,000. The campaign ends January 19, and we are hoping to reach our goal which will provide East Wellington Community Services with needed funding for our many programs and services, including the food bank, seniors adult day programs, active seniors, our new telassurance and friendly visiting program through partnership with the VON, information and referral services and more.

As little as \$10 per month will make the difference by helping our agency distribute food to those in need, provide transportation to seniors who would otherwise remain isolated at home or contribute to children's programs. If you would like to donate to our campaign, donation cards are available online at our website, www.eastwellingtoncommunityservices.com or at our office, 45 Main Street, Erin.

SENIORS PROGRAM UPDATE

Starting in February, SNERDS is back. This is free, computer assistance for seniors in the Erin/Hillsburgh area. If you need help with your computer, contact Sherri to request an appointment – 519-833-0087.

Student Volunteer Opportunity! EWCS Seniors program is looking for students to help seniors shovel their sidewalks and driveways for the winter months in the Hillsburgh area. If you are interested, contact Sherri at 519-833-0087 or sherri.p@ew-cs.com this is great way to earn community hours for graduation while helping members of our community.

NEW TO YOU STORES

Rockwood - The Rockwood New to You store has extended hours every second Thursday of the month, where you can shop from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. This is a new

venture for the store and we hope to see many "late night shoppers" on Thursdays.

Erin – The Erin New to You store has continued their Boxing Day blowout sale where shoppers can enjoy 50 per cent off all items in the store until January 19.

Both stores host a great selection of items and feature labels such as Tommy Hilfiger, Alfred Sung, Laura, FMX, Jones New York and more as well as a great selection of children's clothes. Come and check out great deals on all your favourite brands for less! Proceeds raised from our stores go directly back into supporting our agency programs including the food bank, seniors and children's programs and others

BOOKENDS AND ONLINE BOOKSTORE

With winter officially arrived and many cold nights ahead, it's perfect reading weather. Be sure to check out our bookend store in Erin or shop online by selecting the link on our website to our online bookstore. New titles are arriving daily.







Everyone welcome.

Sunday January 13th 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Victoria Park Seniors Centre 150 Albert St. W. Fergus



Wellington-Halton Hills MPP Ted Arnott

