

The ROCKWOOD Miller

Caving at Rockwood Conservation Area



By: Vivien Fleisher

On Saturday, June 6, a group of twenty adults and children assembled near the main gates of Rockwood Conservation Area for an expedition to the caves under the guidance of GRCA's Kara Dennis. This particular expedition was not for everyone though; caving can be pretty challenging, depending not just on your level of fitness and agility, but on your ability to stay calm under extremely confining conditions.

Cave number one was not for the faint of heart, with the cave's exit presenting more of a mental challenge than a physical one. The caver had to think their way out of the tight rocky space. Kara explained the importance of staying calm while feeling your way along and fitting your body around the rocks

as you pull yourself through. This was less challenging for the younger and smaller members of the group, and the arrival of a boy's group from Niagara-on-the-lake midway was evidence of this; this was their eighth year coming to the park and it's the caves they always head for first.

A few of the leaders in that group were volunteer firefighters, which came in handy when one of the adults in the first group found himself feeling lightheaded and a little disoriented after enthusiastically touring both caves. Paramedics were called, but in the end all was well. It did however serve as a reminder to always use the buddy system when undertaking challenges like this.

Area resident Matt Campbell, who came out with his two young sons, said of the experience: "It was good, it was fun. And it was definitely tight."



Rockwood cave tour. - Vivien Fleisher photos



TERRIFIC TOURNAMENT: Rockwood FC U12 Boys Select team had a fantastic showing in this year's Ancaster Heritage Days tournament last weekend. Front row: Anthony Mattina Second row (left): Eric Murison, Owen Campbell, William West, Joel Betts, Nico Mills, Cameron Clack, Adam McKerracher Third row (left): Angelo Morreale, Mattias Terpstra, Jefferson Brown, Daniel Roe. Top row (left): Mason Arnold, Curtis Goldin. - Submitted photo

OPP REPORT



R.I.D.E. leads to over 80 mgs charge

On June 3, at approximately 10:55 p.m. members of the Wellington County Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Traffic Management Unit (TMU) were conducting R.I.D.E. spot checks on Wellington Road 39 and Wellington Road 30, Guelph-Eramosa Township.

Police investigated the driver of a 2004 Pontiac and believed that alcohol was consumed. A Roadside Screening Device test was conducted which resulted in a fail.

The 90-day Administrative Drivers' Licence Suspension (ADLS) program was initiated and his motor vehicle was impounded for seven days.

A 51 year old of Guelph man has been charged with Over 80 mgs contrary

to the Criminal Code of Canada. He is scheduled to appear in Guelph Criminal Court on June 19, to answer to the charge.

Man charged at Guelph Lake

On June 7, just before 1 a.m. the Wellington County Ontario Provincial Police received a request from Guelph Lake Conservation Area staff for assistance removing a group of intoxicated people that were violating Conservation Regulations and refused to leave.

Investigation revealed that individuals on a campsite were consuming alcohol and being disruptive which was disturbing other campers. Park security attended the campsite and spoke with the individuals regarding the alcohol consumption and noise and then had to re-

turn when the behaviour continued and more complaints were received. A security officer was threatened when he asked the campers to leave and observed a male expose his genitals to him and other park staff. Police attended and placed the male under arrest.

A 41 year old of Guelph man has been charged with Uttering Threats, Causing a Disturbance - Indecent Exhibition, Loitering contrary to the Criminal Code of Canada, Trespass to Property- Engage in Prohibited Activity and Trespass to Property - Fail to Leave When Directed To contrary to the Trespass to Property Act.

He is scheduled to appear in Guelph Criminal court on July 7, to answer to his charges.

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