

# **TOWNSHIP SHORTS**

#### Be prepared

Are you prepared for any emergency? Find out if you could survive for three days in an emergency at an open house on Saturday, May 1 at the Rockwood fire station.

The Guelph/Eramosa Township Fire Department, along with emergency response partners, will host an open house/ information day in conjunction with National **Emergency Preparedness** Week, which runs May 4 through 10.

Emergency personnel will stage an auto extraction event and practice with a fire extinguisher simulator. The fire safety trailer will be there, along with mascot Sparky. The event runs from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. with a barbecue lunch.

#### **Book Launch**

The latest book by Eden Mills author/artist/ illustrator Janet Wilson -Severn and The Day She Silenced the World - will be launched on Saturday during Earth Day celebrations at the Eden Mills Community Hall.

Wilson will be on hand from 2 to 3 p.m., at the event hosted by Eden Mills Going Carbon Neutral, a community project to reduce the village's carbon footprint.

#### Quarry forum

In order to provide an opportunity for a fulsome and frank discussion of the Hidden Quarry application, St. John's Anglican Church in Rockwood is hosting a public forum on Saturday, May 10 from 2 to 4 p.m.

A press release from the Church offers neutral mediation for an open discussion from all sides in the controversial quarry rezoning application by James Dick Construction Limited for the quarry proposal between Rockwood and Acton on Highway 7.

#### Garage sale

The Concerned Residents Coalition (CRC) will help fund its fight against a proposed quarry on Highway 7 between Rockwood and Acton with a garage sale on May 31.

As of May 1, the group will gladly accept items for the sale which will be held beside the proposed quarry at 4943 Sixth Line, north of Highway 7.

For details visit www. crcrockwood.org or call Leanne at 519-856-1160.



SAFE & SECURE: The OPP found numerous problems with the installation of child car seats, and securing children in the seats at an information session last Thursday at the Rockwood OPP detachment, Village resident Colleen Kean (right) asked Co-Operator's insurance staffer Casey Shore when it was safe for her son, Easton, to sit in a front facing car seat. – Frances Learment photo

## Safer communities

A new sub-committee of a Wellington County group focused on making communities safer has been launched in Eramosa Township.

The new Safe Communities/Guelph-Eramosa Township will focus on prevention of falls, motor vehicle crashes and intentional self-harm. The group hopes to also tackle issues including crime and other injuries, home/vehicle security, health, accessibility, awareness and respect issues.

Under the umbrella of Parachute Canada, local officials of the injury reduction program hope to engage Township community services, businesses and citizens to spread the safety message.

Anyone interested in the program can call Robbin at 519-835-6994 or jrobbinwood@gmail.com

### POLICE REPORT

#### COKE BUST

A 56-year-old Flamborough man was charged with possession of cocaine after OPP pulled over a 1994 Lexus on Alma Street in Rockwood at 3:57 last Monday afternoon. During the investigation, the officer seized the suspected cocaine. The man appears in

a Guelph court on May 27.

#### CIRCLE CHECKS SAVE LIVES

The recent deaths of children run over by family members operating farm machinery in the OPP West Division prompted police to issue a caution and reminder for people to do circle

checks - to walk around the vehicle or machinery before moving it.

OPP said circle checks make sure the vehicle is road worthy and also that there are no persons or obstacles in the way. Police also caution against relying on a back-up camera or alarm because they can miss blind spots.

#### High Tea and High Heels

The High Tea & High Heels event takes place Sunday, May 4 at St. Andrew's Church, Hillsburgh and tickets are on sale now. Tickets sell out fast, so don't delay and get your tickets now, as there are only 100 tickets available.

Join us for a ladies afternoon at a high tea with a catered lunch of tea sandwiches, scones and finger desserts that will be catered

by The Friendly Chef. amazing butter tarts provided by The Pantry Shelf and Jess For You Café, served by members of the local Brownie, Girl Guide and Pathfinder units. Each guest will receive a gift bag with specialty teas courtesy of Sobeys along with different health and beauty

Tickets are available at the Rockwood and Erin offices, and would make

a nice early Mother's day gift.

#### Hunger Awareness Week

East Wellington Community Services is proud to participate in Hunger Awareness Week, May 5-9, and we ask the community to participate and raise hunger awareness through our Say It, Show It, Share It campaign.

Nearly 900,000 Canadians will visit a food bank for assistance this month alone. Of those, 38 per cent are children. Hunger is often a hidden issue and EWCS is working to raise awareness during Hunger Awareness Week 2014.

Show It: Show us what hunger means to you through posters, drawings, collages, videos, poems, mini skits or plays, etc. Have fun and get creative...any way you wish to raise awareness we want to see it.

Share It: You can share your time, donate food or funds to The East Wellington Community Services Food Bank in order to help out those in need right here in your Community.

EWCS encourages everyone - students, parents, families, and the business community to join us May 5-9, to Say It, Show It and Share It for Hunger. For more information on Hunger Awareness Week and how you can help visit www. hungerawarenessweek.ca or contact: Barb at East Wellington Community Services, Rockwood Office at 519-856-2113.

#### New Program for 55 Plus Club

Nordic walking is a lowimpact exercise that can be done by nearly anyone, while working out 90 per cent of your muscles and burning up to 46 per cent more calories than just walking alone. There are over 400 studies detailing the benefits of Nordic Pole Walking and its many benefits, including helping to reduce high cholesterol, lowering high blood pressure and reducing the risks associated with diabetes, heart disease, stroke and osteoarth-

It's a great way to get outside and enjoy the beautiful trails that this area has to offer. while providing participants with a chance to meet new people and learn something new. The session will be lead by instructor Liz Davies and, depending on the number of participants, poles can be borrowed for those wanting to take part in this new program. To register for this program, contact Sherri at 519-833-0087 or shemi.p@ew-cs.com

### ACTON'SminiECO-FAIR AND ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENT

#### Re-duce, Re-use, Re-cycle

Join our congregation along with Community Environment Alliance and Greening Sacred Spaces as we learn about what really happens to our electronic recyclables. Discuss with local organizations what we can do to change and improve our community.

### Participants will include:

Acton Community Garden, Halton Waste Mgmt Community Environment Alliance, WasteWise Halton Sustainability,

Don't forget! Free electronics recycling!



