



TOWNSHIP SHORTS

TOWNSHIP CASH FOR ROCKWOOD FOOD BANK

Thanks to an additional \$6,000 from Guelph/ Eramosa Township Council, East Wellington Community Services (EWCS) can buy new freezers, a new refrigerator, new weigh scales, and other capital items for the Rockwood Food Bank. The Township provides \$10,000 in annual funding to the Rockwood Food Bank.

While gratefully accepting the cheque last Monday, Rick Eller, EWCS's Manager of Community and Volunteer Services said the extra donation "will help our food bank and our ability to continue to provide valuable community services."

Eller briefed Council on EWCS's new Strategic Plan, its vision for future growth of recreational programs for older adults and recent Food Bank usage numbers. In the first six months of this year, the Rockwood

Food Bank distributed 11,150-pounds of food valued at over \$27,800, serving 80 families, representing 202 family members, including 110 adults and 92 children.

WELLINGTON FOCUSES ON BUSINESS RETENTION

The County of Wellington, in partnership with the seven municipalities and the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food and the Ministry of Rural Affairs is undertaking a countywide Business Retention and Expansion (BR+E) project.

It is a first in Wellington to provide more support to grow existing businesses, and is one of four top strategic activities for 2013/14 as outlined in the County Economic Development Implementation Plan.

"One of the reasons for the popularity of the BR+E project is that it not only provides a long range plan for the community but also yields some short-

range tangible results," Warden Chris White said in a press release issued on Monday.

The BR+E project is designed to show local businesses that Wellington appreciate their contributions to our economy, to identify employer concerns and ways local government can assist them, to connect local businesses with resources and to help businesses set priorities for future policy decisions and economic development efforts.

HILLSIDE FESTIVAL

Guelph Lake hosts the Hillside Festival, a very popular three-day event featuring musicians, spoken word artists, workshops and a diverse blend of musical in a relaxed outdoor venue from July 26 to 28. The not-for-profit music festival celebrates creativity through artistic expression, community engagement and environmental leadership.



FOOD BANK FUNDS: East Wellington Community Services will buy new freezers, a new refrigerator and weigh scales for the Rockwood Food Bank, thanks to a \$6,000 donation from Guelph/Eramosa Township Council. That's in addition to the \$10,000 EWCS already received in Township funding this year. Rick Eller (third from left) EWCS's Manager of Community and Volunteer Services, accepted the cheque from Councillors David Wolk (left) John Scott, Doug Breen, Corey Woods and Mayor Chris White. – Submitted photo

EWCS NEWS

KIDS TO CAMP

Summer is off to a great start for some local area kids in East Wellington who received Kids to Camp funding to attend summer camps with themes and sports including science, laser tag, crafts, basketball, photography and video production and so many other fun themed camps. EWCS offers more than 30 weeks of camp for local families with help of \$1,800 from the Guelph Community Foundation.

PICNIC AND A PLAY

The active adults are gearing up for another exciting adventure as they head to Gore Park in Elmira for a catered picnic lunch and afterward, will travel to the Dunfield Theatre in Cambridge to see the production *Sorry, I'm Canadian* on Wednesday, July 24.

The cost of the trip is \$75 per person and includes return transportation from Erin, Hillsburgh and Rockwood, admission to the play and the picnic lunch. For more information and to register, contact Rick at 519-856-2113 or email rick.e@ew-cs.com

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

- July 17- Rockwood Splash Pad & Story Hour
- July 18- Nature Trail Music-Rockwood Conservation Area
- July 19- Walk along the Elora Cataract trail-Erin
- July 24- Trip to Donkey Sanctuary
- July 25- Teddy Bear Picnic-Lyons Park-Erin

For more information on any of these trips or our regular programs, logon to the children's program meet up site - www.meetup.com/EWCS-Childrens-playgroups, call 519-856-2113 or log at www.eastwellingtoncommunityservices.com



St. Joseph Patron of Canada Church marks 90 years of service

The Catholic Women's League began serving the Acton community of St. Joseph Patron of Canada Church 60 years ago, and

the Knights of Columbus formed their Council and service 30 years ago.

In May they joined in celebration of their com-

bined service of 90 years and held a dinner and dance at the Legion. Proceeds totalling \$500 from that dance were donated

to St. Vincent Charities, another aid organization sponsored from St. Joseph Patron of Canada Church.

NINE DECADES OF SERVICE: The Catholic Women's League and the Knights of Columbus at St. Joseph Patron of Canada Church celebrated a combined total of 90 years of service recently. Money raised at a celebratory dance was donated to St. Vincent Charities. With the \$500 cheque were, from left: Penny McCabe, President of the Catholic Women's League, Father Robert Hetu, Pastor of St. Joseph Patron of Canada Church, Kathy Sanford on behalf of St. Vincent Charities, and Marc MacDonald Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus #8050. – Submitted photo