



TOWNSHIP SHORTS

ARNOTT'S EXPANDED ROLE

Congrats to Wellington-Halton Hills MPP Ted Arnott who was named the new PC Critic to the Minister of Research and Innovation, in addition to the current job as PC critic to the Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs.

Arnott said he sees the Ministry of Research and Innovation as a key economic portfolio and looks forward to his new expanded position as a constructive critic with a duty and responsibility to hold the government to account.

ROCKWOOD TO WELCOME 4-H

4-H Ontario will host an open house at its new Rockwood HQ, in a century

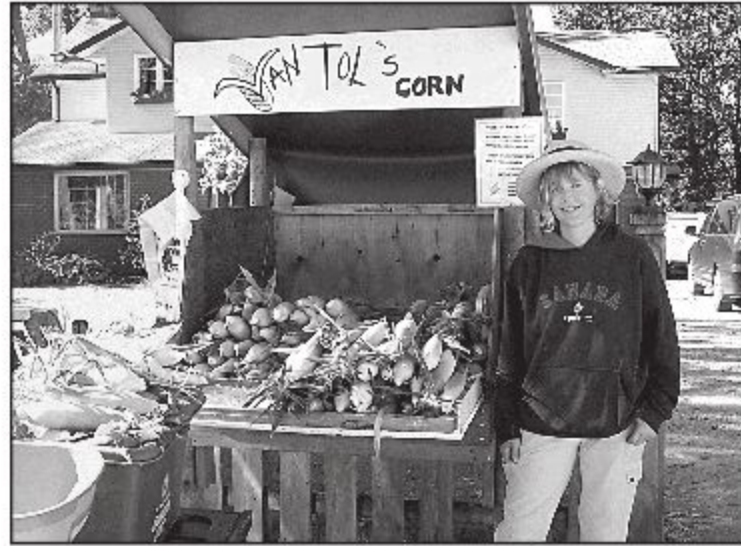
house at 111 Main Street, on October 25 from 3 to 7 p.m. to formally introduce themselves to the community.

The site, once home to Nellie and Tom Storey, was also proposed as a possible location for a 7-Eleven variety store, and now according to 4-H officials is reflective of its age and mandate.

NEW FACILITY

The Guelph washroom facility where 14-year-old Isabel Warren of Rockwood was killed by a collapsing cinder block wall will be rebuilt by the City of Guelph.

The washroom in a well-used south end park was closed in June 2009 after the accident and demolished. It will reopen in July.



BOUNTIFUL HARVEST: Business was brisk for Joanne VanTol at this corn stand on Alma Street in Rockwood, one of five the family runs in Wellington County. — Marie Shadbolt photo

EWCS News

FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED

With the need increasing in the community for so many, the East Wellington Community Services food bank program is in need of many basic items so that we can continue to support the more than 220 families who rely on this program to help them have enough to eat.

"Locally, through East Wellington Community Services, our food bank program sees more than 1,100 client visits per year from individuals needing assistance. From January to August of this year, our food banks in Rockwood and Erin have seen a 17 per cent increase in the total amount of food distributed – or a 13 per cent increase in the number of families served compared to last year. This is quite significant," said Erika Westcott, Manager of Community and Volunteer Services.

Items that are in most need for the food bank include toilet paper, hearty

soups and stews, tomato and vegetable soups, healthy choice hot and cold cereals, jam, peanut butter, sugar, children's school snacks, coffee, tea, pasta and sauce, canned salmon, turkey, ham and chicken and baked beans.

If you, your business or organization would like to host a food drive or if you would like to make a donation to the food bank program, please contact Erika at 519-833-9696 or Rick at 519-856-2113 or you can drop off your donations as follows:

Rockwood – EWCS office at 106 Church Street: bring into the main office between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday to Friday

PROJECT ZERO

Enbridge Gas Distribution ("Enbridge"), the Fire Marshal's Public Fire Safety Council and local fire departments are working together for a safer Ontario with \$200,000 in funding for two Safe Community programs – Project Zero and Project Assist. Through Project Zero, up to 15 fire departments will deliver more than 2,900 combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarms to Ontario homes and Project Assist will help 20 Ontario fire departments with volunteer firefighters purchase firefighting training education programs.

This year, Enbridge has donated \$100,000 to expand Project Zero, a public education program aimed at reducing residential fire and carbon monoxide deaths to zero. Since the launch in Toronto in 2009,

Enbridge has supported the delivery of Project Zero to 34 Ontario communities.

Project Zero is the first program of its kind in the Town of Erin and all involved with the project are excited that the Town of Erin Fire Department was selected to participate in this program. The Town of Erin Fire Department, in partnership with East Wellington Community Services, is currently distributing 184 combination fire and carbon monoxide alarms to those who reside in the Town of Erin to vulnerable individuals that include families with small children and area seniors and/or their related family caregivers.

If you would like more information on this project and to see if you qualify to receive one of these alarm units, please contact Alyssa or Erika t 519-833-9696.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM UPDATE

Sing-Song Days & Fingerplays

A six week music program for children aged 24 months to five years and their parents/caregivers starting Monday, October 7 at St. John's Anglican Church Hall in Rockwood.

Music lights us up from the inside out. Long before children learn to read a note on a page or play a scale on a musical instrument, they can feel the joy of grooving to a rhythm.

Join us at "Sing-Song Days and Fingerplays" as we sing, bounce, sway and tell stories using our voices, hands and bodies together. It's a rockin' good time. For more information, contact Susanne at 519-856-2113 or visit our meet-up website - www.meetup.com/EWCS-childrens-programs

POLICE REPORT

DRUGS SEIZED AT R.I.D.E STOPS

Small quantities of drugs were seized by Wellington OPP officers in two separate R.I.D.E spot checks on Friday in Guelph/Eramosa.

At 1:59 p.m. a 2007 GMC pickup truck entered a check point on

Trafalgar Road, north of Wellington County Road 22 in Hillsburgh and a search uncovered small quantities of marijuana, hash and cocaine.

A 46-year-old Huron-Kinloss Township man was charged with possession of under 30-grams of marijuana, possession of over 30-grams of hashish

resin, and possession of cocaine. He appears in a Guelph court on October 29.

A 38-year-old Guelph man was charged with possession of under 30-grams marijuana after being stopped at a R.I.D.E. spot check on Guelph Line and Indian Trail on Friday at 12:34 a.m.

OPP found a small amount of marijuana after stopping a Honda Civic at. The man appears in a Guelph court on November 8.

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