



ROCKWOOD CENTENNIAL: The Grade eight class at Rockwood Centennial School celebrated their graduation last week – looking forward to a bright future. – Ted Tyler photo

Eden Mills church celebrates 150 years

Eden Mills United Church will celebrate its 150th Anniversary on Sunday, July 17 at the small stone church nestled deep in the Village, overlooking the Eramosa River. The guest speaker will be United Church of Canada Moderator, Mardi Tindal, and outspoken advocate for action to address climate change.

The work of "soul, community, creation" will converge in Eden Mills where Moderator Tindal's passion for the environment is shared by members of the community and church. Eden Mills Going Carbon Neutral, a project of Eden Mills Millpond Conservation Association Inc., has been very successful in reducing the carbon footprint of the village since 2007 when Eden Mills set its goal to be the first

village in North America to "Go Carbon Neutral." www.goingcarbonneutral.ca

Barb Marshall, long time church member and local historian who was christened in the Eden Mills church in 1953, is excited about the upcoming anniversary celebration. She recalls the story her grandfather, village storeowner and postmaster Norm Marshall, told about buying back the church building, then used to store farm equipment, in 1925, from Ron Burrows for \$25.

"Over the years, Norm and Gladys Marshall were devoted to the Eden Mills Church and managed to obtain a pipe organ, still used today, from a Jewish synagogue in Hamilton. Many families including the Parkers and James have cared lovingly for

the church over time," Marshall said.

Along with other church members, Marshall has a strong interest in the environment and sustainability, and is involved in the Eden Mills Going Carbon Neutral initiative.

The 10 a.m. service will include an Anniversary Banner dedication, and a commemorative tree planting. After a lunch in the Eden Mills Community Hall, there will be a walk-about with the Moderator, featuring carbon neutral initiatives and historic buildings. The church, erected in 1861, is one of the oldest buildings in the village. The original congregation was Canadian Wesleyan Methodist.

The church is located at 19 Cedar Street, Eden Mills.

Check out backpack program

Links2Care is currently accepting applications and donations for its annual Backpack Program, which provides new backpacks filled with school supplies to students from lower income families in Halton Hills. Last year, Links2Care provided 170 backpacks to students whose families really needed and appreciated this support. Back to school necessities can be very expensive and this program helps to relieve some of the financial pressures that lower income families face.

If you would like to apply for this program, applications are available at the Links2Care offices at 36a Armstrong Avenue, Georgetown and 47 Mill Street East, (please use the John Street entrance) Acton. Application forms are also available at the Acton Links2Care Ontario Early Years Centre at 85 Wallace Street, as well as the Links2Care Employment Resource Centre, 45 Mill Street East, Acton Foodshare and the Acton Hub.

The program is funded by the generosity of sponsors and through in-

dividual donations and is organized by volunteers. To help support this program, Links2Care is accepting donations of the following items: backpacks, markers, crayons, calculators, math sets, binders, glue sticks, duo tangs, lined paper and rulers. Financial donations are also very much appreciated. All donations can be dropped off at the Links2Care offices in Acton or Georgetown. For more information about the Backpack Program please call Cathy at 519-853-3310 ext. 223.

Saws stolen

Two concrete cutting saws valued at \$2,400 were stolen from a trailer that was broken into in the Silvercreek area on Highway 7 on Monday.

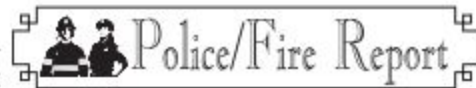
Help yourself

A wallet with credit cards, identification and loose change was stolen from an unlocked vehicle, parked on Duby Road, overnight last Wednesday/Thursday.

That same night, a Garmin GPS and an iPod were stolen from an unlocked car parked at an Elgin Street residence.

Arcing wires

Acton firefighters responded to a report of arcing hydro wires in the Fourth Line/15



Side Road area just after midnight on Sunday. Police stood by until Hydro crews

arrived on scene.

TV odours

Acton firefighters determined that a burning electrical wire smell reported at a Storey Drive home at 1:43 on Sunday afternoon came from an old television set. The homeowner was advised to replace the unit, or have the old one repaired.

Man rescued

A Dublin Line man was injured when a tree fell and trapped him at 9:28 on Saturday night. He was standing beside a car at Smallwood Acres campground when the accident occurred. He was taken to Georgetown Hospital with minor injuries.



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