ROCKWOOD

Village events

Ragtime concert

The ninth Annual Bob Milne Ragtime concert is slated for October 15 at Century Theatre Church in Hillsburgh. The show features stories and music about the pioneers who created and played it. A tea will follow a one-hour afternoon concert with Milne, and there will be

a longer evening concert. For information call 519-855-4586 or visit www. centurychurchtheatre. com

All-Starz basketball

Registration for the fifth season of All-Starz Basketball at Centennial School in Rockwood is September 29, and October 6 at the school from 7 to 8 p.m. All-Starz is a developmental program with focus on individual skills, team play and fun for co-ed youth aged eight to 12.

The season runs October 13 to April 26. For details call 519-856-4491 or visit www.allstarzbasketball. com



EDEN MILLS FESTIVAL: Last weekend's 23rd annual Eden Mills Writers' Festival drew acclaimed Canadian authors, attentive, appreciative crowds for readings, and was a huge success. On Sunday, a parade (top photo) kicked off the day. Audiences gathered in residents' backyards (bottom photo) to hear Sylvia Tyson read from her book Joyner's Dream, and sing. – Howard Partnoy photos



Drug trafficking bust

A hypodermic syringe loaded with morphine was seized, along with other drugs, when police arrested a 38-year-old Eden Mills woman on the street in Guelph last Friday.

The woman was charged with Trafficking cocaine, Possession of cocaine for the Purpose of Trafficking, Possession of a Controlled Substance. and four counts of Breach of Probation. Police seized seven grams of cocaine, morphine, prescription drugs, a digital scale and \$410 cash. She was held for a bail hearing.





Township Digest

Speed petition

Guelph/Eramosa

Township will investigate a request to reduce the speed limit to 60-km/h, from 80-hm/h, on Mill Road from Jones Baseline Road to Watson Road. Resident spokesman Rob Gray delivered a 30-name petition in support of lower speeds to Guelph/Eramosa Township Council on Monday, and said there are "dangerous hills" and 24 driveways in the area.

The section of road is a bypass for people to get from Highway 24 to Highway 6, and Gray said there are more large trucks on the narrow road. Mayor Chris White said staff would determine if traffic counts warrant a lower speed, and report back to Council and ratepayers. Gray has no illusions that a posted lower speed will solve all their safety concerns – he joked it

might slow drivers from 100-kn/h to 80-km/h.

New Building Permit fees

The cost of a septic permit fee will jump 200 per cent with a new building permit fee schedule approved recently by Guelph/ Eramosa Township Council.

There is a new \$100 fee that will be added to the existing \$11.46 per \$1,000 value of construction for permits for sheds, decks, tents, to do demolition, plumbing or build a retaining wall in Guelph/Eramosa Township. Staff said these types of permits generally require more administrative and inspection time than they recovered with the \$92 fee, and the \$100 more closely reflects the actual cost for completing three inspections and associated paper work.

Chief building official Mike Newark the new fees are "very similar" to other jurisdictions, and will now automatically adjust for inflation. Last month, Council approved new administrative fees which will double the cost, to \$150, to receive Council minutes by mail and double the cost of burial fees for residents to \$20.

Civic address review

Concerns from the Guelph/Eramosa Fire Department that some residences in Rockwood do not have emergency identification numbers prompted Township Council to call for a review of its civic addressing bylaw.

Proposed changes to the existing bylaw include clarification of some definitions, changes to the guidelines for installation and size of identification numbers and identification plates, and changes in the way civic numbers are assigned.