

The ROCKWOOD Miller

No cause yet for 'challenging' Ospringle gas station blaze

Chief Callaghan hopes owners will rebuild.

Investigators continue to look for the cause of a \$1-million fire that destroyed a local auto garage, convenience store, and apartment at the Cango gas station at the corner of Highways 24 and 25 late Thursday night.

Erin Fire Chief Dan Callaghan said the cause of the "challenging" fire is undetermined, but investigators are looking into power surges reported the previous day that disrupted service to 89 hydro customers, including

building owners Tony and Sue Takhar, who lived beside the convenience store, propane and gas bars and garage.

No one was injured in the blaze, which was reported at 10:45 last Thursday night by a passing truck driver who heard the fire alarm and smelled smoke. At the height of the blaze, pumpers, tankers and 45 firefighters from Erin, Hillsburgh and Guelph/Eramosa were on scene. The fire was almost out by 6 o'clock the next morning.

Chief Callaghan said the Takhars were on

their way to Kingston for family business when reached by the OPP. The heavily damaged property was turned back over to the Takhars on Friday afternoon. "Hopefully, during the process (with the insurance company, they rebuild and continue to provide services to the community - they've been well-liked in the community for 10 years," Chief Callaghan said.

On Monday, Wellington OPP spokesperson Mark Cloes said their investigation, which found "no indication" of a criminal act, was closed.



UNDER INVESTIGATION: While criminal activity has been ruled out by OPP, the cause of a \$1-million fire at the Cango gas bar/convenience store and apartment in Ospringle last Thursday night remains under investigation by the Erin Fire Department. - Frances Niblock photo

Mark your calendars

New Reverend

The congregation of St. John's Anglican Church in Rockwood welcomes a new rector, the Reverend P. Owen Ash, who brings with him experience with youth, music ministry, volunteers and community outreach. Reverend Ash was ordained in 2005. He is married with three children.

Lest We Forget

The Guelph/Eramosa Township Council invites everyone to its Remembrance Day service

and reception on Saturday, November 5 at 11 a.m. at the Rockwood Cenotaph. Participants will assemble at 10:30 a.m. on Guelph Street near the Post Office, and the parade will march to the Cenotaph at the corner of Main Street South (Highway 7) and Guelph Street.

After the service, the parade will march north on Main Street to the St. John's Anglican Church Hall, where the Rockwood Fire Department will host a reception. For details

call Amanda at 519-856-9596, ext. 125.

Country roots

The Muir family and special guests will present The Routes of Country on November 5, at the Century Church Theatre in Hillsburgh. With family stories, historical anecdotes and lots of music, the Muirs will trace the growth and popularity of country music, building on their crowd-pleasing performance from last year. For tickets call 519-855-4586.

Suspicious black truck in Erin

Last Thursday morning, OPP responded to a call about a suspicious pickup truck which appeared to be driving slowly behind a young boy walking to Erin Public School. The black truck had tinted windows, and had a shield emblem with a Canadian Flag.

Wellington OPP remind parents to reinforce some safety rules.

- Stay in a group when heading to and from school
- If a stranger offers you a ride, say 'No'
- If a stranger follows you on foot, get away as quick as you can.
- If a stranger follows you in a car, turn around and go in another direction.
- Tell a trusted adult or school official if you

spot a stranger hanging around the school or playground.

- Don't carry items, backpacks or clothing that display your name
- If a stranger asks you a question, don't answer; run away.
- If you see anything suspicious please report it to school officials or to police.



Township of Guelph/Eramosa

INVITATION TO REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

Please join us for our annual Remembrance Day Service to be held on:

Date: Saturday, November 5th, 2011
Time: 11:00 a.m.
Location: The Rockwood Cenotaph (at Main Street South and Guelph Street in Rockwood)

Participants will assemble at 10:30 a.m. at the Rockwood Post Office. The Parade will proceed to the Cenotaph, which is located at the corner of Main Street South (Highway 7) and Guelph Street in Rockwood, Ontario. After the service, the parade will march to the Church Hall at St. Johns Anglican Church (on Main Street for refreshments).

At the 11th hour, on the 11th day of the 11th month, we remember all of those who risked - and lost - their lives fighting for the freedoms we enjoy today.

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