



Kids learn how animals survive extreme cold

By: Vivien Fleisher

The University of Guelph has developed some great hands-on programs for kids of all ages in their 'Let's Talk Science' program, which travels to schools and libraries all around the province and the country. The goal is to get kids passionate about science through applied experience. Last Friday, Ann Vandergast showed—through stories and demonstrations—some four to eight year-olds



at Rockwood Library just how animals make it through our frigid winters. Partly based on the Robert Munsch book *50 Below Zero*, she used materials like

ice and simulated blubber to demonstrate to the kids all the amazing ways our furry friends beat the cold, since they don't have the luxury of central heating.

Always safety first when it comes to ice

The Wellington County Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) would like winter sports enthusiasts to take these ice facts into consideration in order to prevent a potentially deadly event from unfolding.

- Ice does not freeze at a uniform thickness across most lakes and rivers. This can be particularly evident at the start of the winter season when near-shore ice is often much thicker and safer than ice further out. Anglers should check thickness regularly with a spud bar or auger as they move further out on the ice.
- Not all ice is created equal. Ice that has formed over flowing water, springs, pressure cracks, old ice holes or around the mouths of rivers and streams can be weaker than surrounding ice.
- Clear blue ice is the strongest. White or opaque ice is much weaker. Ice that has a honeycombed look, common during thaws or in the spring, should be avoided altogether.
- Traveling on frozen lakes or rivers with snowmobiles or vehicles can be particularly dangerous and added precautions must be taken. At least 20 centimeters (eight inches) of clear blue ice is required for snowmobiles and 30 centimeters (12 inches) or more is needed for most light vehicles. Double this amount if the

- ice is white or opaque.
- Heavy snow on frozen lakes and rivers can insulate the ice below, causing the ice to freeze slower.
- It's important to let others know where you're planning to fish and advise when you plan to return. If you are missing, rescue crews can narrow their search and potentially save your life.
- Parents are always reminded to be mindful while children are out of school, as they may venture out on frozen ponds, ditches or area waterways. Those venturing onto the ice are reminded to keep safety in mind at all times and be prepared.

Carry survival items

- Distress signalling devices such as, marine flares, waterproof flashlight, or a whistle will assist in attracting attention.

- Ice picks in the event that you fall through the ice.
- Carrying a fully charged cellular telephone, stored in an inside pocket to keep it warm. Keep it turned off to conserve the battery, and only use it when necessary.
- Let someone know where you are going and when you expect to return.
- Carry a Global Positioning System (GPS) and a compass.
- Energy bars and water to keep you nourished.
- Plastic sheets, small tarpaulins, or even space blankets will assist in establishing a make shift shelter.
- Avoid alcohol consumption

There are a number of lakes within Wellington County and the OPP are reminding residents to be extra cautious around ice due to the mild, unpredictable temperatures as of late.

Rockwood Pharmacy celebrates 25th Anniversary

By: Les Schmidt

The Rockwood Pharmacy staff, owners and customers celebrated its 25th Anniversary last week, from January 26 to 28. Customers enjoyed in store discounts, free coffee and baked goods. Long-time customers reminisced about the store's history and former staff while looking through a photo album compiled for this milestone event.

There have been numerous changes over the years. Initially, Pharmacist Maija Dale started with a different business partner and had one technician and a part-time student to help out. However, shortly after opening, the opportunity arose to purchase a gift and greeting card shop next door. The gift shop not only had some nice inventory, but it also provided



Pharmacist Jenna Matthews (left), and Pharmacist Partner Mary Murrell

extra floor space, and the opportunity for a better store layout. A renovation project soon followed. Over time business needs continued to change allowing Pharmacist Mary Murrell to join Dale as a partner, and as a result of the shop requiring another significant renovation, the eventual move across the street to the store's current location at 175 Alma St.

As the business grew, so did staffing requirements;

today Rockwood Pharmacy has four licenced Pharmacists and six additional staff, some of whom are part-time students. A couple of previous part-time student employees have gone on to become Pharmacists themselves. One currently works at the hospital in Guelph, and another, Jenna Matthews, has returned, and is now one of the four licenced Pharmacists at Rockwood Pharmacy.

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NOTICE OF CEMETERY EXPANSION NOTICE OF CEMETERY BY-LAW

1. NOTICE OF CEMETERY EXPANSION

TAKE NOTICE that the Township of Guelph/Eramosa is proposing to include an additional 1.47 acres of land as active cemetery within the Rockwood Cemetery, located at 501 Main St S.

The Township of Guelph/Eramosa welcomes feedback regarding this expansion. The deadline for comment is **WEDNESDAY, March 1, 2017 at 4:30 p.m.**



2. NOTICE OF CEMETERY BY-LAW

TAKE NOTICE that the Township of Guelph/Eramosa has developed a new Rockwood Cemetery By-law. Copies of the proposed By-law are available at the Township office or online at www.get.on.ca.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION about these matters, please contact the undersigned.

Dated at the Township of Guelph/Eramosa this 25th day of January, 2017.

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