



ABOUT TIPPY! Rockwood Centennial's Kurtis McLaren, 12, spoke of his dog Tippy at the school's Intermediate public speaking contest on Thursday. The area final is on Feb. 14, while the County event will be held at Centennial on Feb. 21. (Doug Harrison photo)

Valentine celebration this Saturday night

BY DOUG HARRISON
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The six-member Eden Mills Park Committee hopes to lock up \$5,000 this year in local fund-raisers to revitalize the Park Street play area, starting Saturday with the Valentine's *Secret Garden of Eden* evening at the Community Hall.

Two years ago, a group of mothers looking after kids banded together and wondered how the park could be more attractive to area residents and visitors. After talking with parents, seniors and teenagers, it was felt the area needed to be expanded and include more modern playground equipment.

"We want the park to be a place in the community to meet your neighbours. This is basically a community development project," Eden Mills' Susan Allen says of the Eden Mills Park Revitalization Project, adding the current equipment "doesn't owe us anything, and is showing its wear."

According to Allen, the \$30,000 project will include safe and durable creative climbing play equipment, along with a beach volleyball-style area and basketball court for the village's teenagers.

"We need a focal point to draw people," Allen notes. "A lot of people need to use the space at the same time. There are family gatherings and the village's homecoming, so if we had the equipment on-site it would be used more and easier to pull off special events."

Allen, a mother of one preschooler, is confident the commit-

tee can meet the \$5,000 goal — the Rockwood Optimist Club has already assured them of \$3,000 over three years.

The committee's next step is to approach service clubs and the Township. "The support is there in principle," Allen says of the Township, which owns the park. "But there's not a lot of money for them to give to anyone."

She hopes the clubs and Township will kick in \$15,000, while the remaining \$10,000 could come from corporations and other levels of government.

"We want to hit all age ranges with the revamped park and have it fit with the rural nature of the village."

Meanwhile, 100 people are expected at a sold-out Community Hall this weekend to enjoy a gourmet dinner with a hot entrée of roast pork, a choice of 12 salads, dinner roll and an assortment of desserts all in the company of wandering minstrels (violinists).

The \$25 per person evening also includes door prizes and a comedic one act theatrical review by the Eramosa Community Players.

"It's going to be really interesting. People certainly will get their money's worth," figures Allen, who adds the theme of the evening relates to the garden of Eden and a children's video, *My Secret Garden*, which is a story of an abandoned garden brought back to life.

Any remaining tickets can be purchased at Marshall's store. Dinner will be served at 7 pm.

Speech-time!

CENTENNIAL NEWS

BY EDDIE HESS &
JOEY LEGATE

This past week the Grade 6s visited Mansfield Conservation Area. They spent three days and two nights skiing and studying the fur trade and wilderness survival.

Everyone had a great time and supervisors said the students were well-behaved and were good representatives of their school. Mrs.

Gregg, our vice-principal, treated the students to a hot dog lunch for their good behaviour.

This week also saw the Intermediate students participate in their oral communication festival. For weeks, students have been preparing and presenting speeches.

The finalists were: Andy Debartolo, Dawn Airdrie, David Lawrance, Tyler Macpherson, Amy Armstrong, Mike Dunsmore, Christy Leslie, Christina Marshall, Heather Brown, Kurtis McLaren, Dacia Hornick and Jessie Davis.

The winner was Dacia Hornick,

who spoke about names, and the runner up was Christina Marshall, who spoke about forgetfulness. Dacia moves to the area final in Elora next Tuesday.

The intermediate county final will be held at Rockwood Centennial on Feb. 21. Grade 7 and 8 science fair projects will on display in the gym on Feb. 22. Students are looking forward to showing off their interesting ideas.

Primary and Junior students have enjoyed ice skating at Lloyd Dyer Park as part of their phys. ed. program.

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Fight at Rockwood Hotel

Police were called to break up a fight involving 18-20 people outside the Rockwood Hotel early Sunday morning.

According to the OPP, two female patrons became involved in an argument at closing time, precipitating the larger scuffle. No serious injuries were reported, but one male lost a tooth.

No charges had been laid at press time.