

## The Rockwood MILLER



# County arranges funding for new firehall, truck

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Guelph/Eramosa council has authorized its treasurer Laura Smith to arrange for a debenture through Wellington County to pay for its new fire hall and a fire truck.

It is estimated the municipality will need \$500,000 for the hall and \$250,000 for the truck.

Smith said debenturing through the County will give the municipality a 5.5

per cent average interest rate over 10 years. That's a better rate than it can get with a bank. \*

The County will issue a \$4.6 million debenture this fall, and take another one in the spring, Smith explained. Guelph/Eramosa will be one of several municipalities sharing in the County's borrowing efforts.

This fall, the municipality will only take a \$500,000 debenture, but if more money is needed for the projects, it can get the

remaining funds through the spring debenture.

The debenture will be repaid in 20 years, Smith said. However, it will be reviewed in 10 years and if the municipality has sufficient funds in 2012, it can retire the debt then instead of proceeding for the entire 20 years.

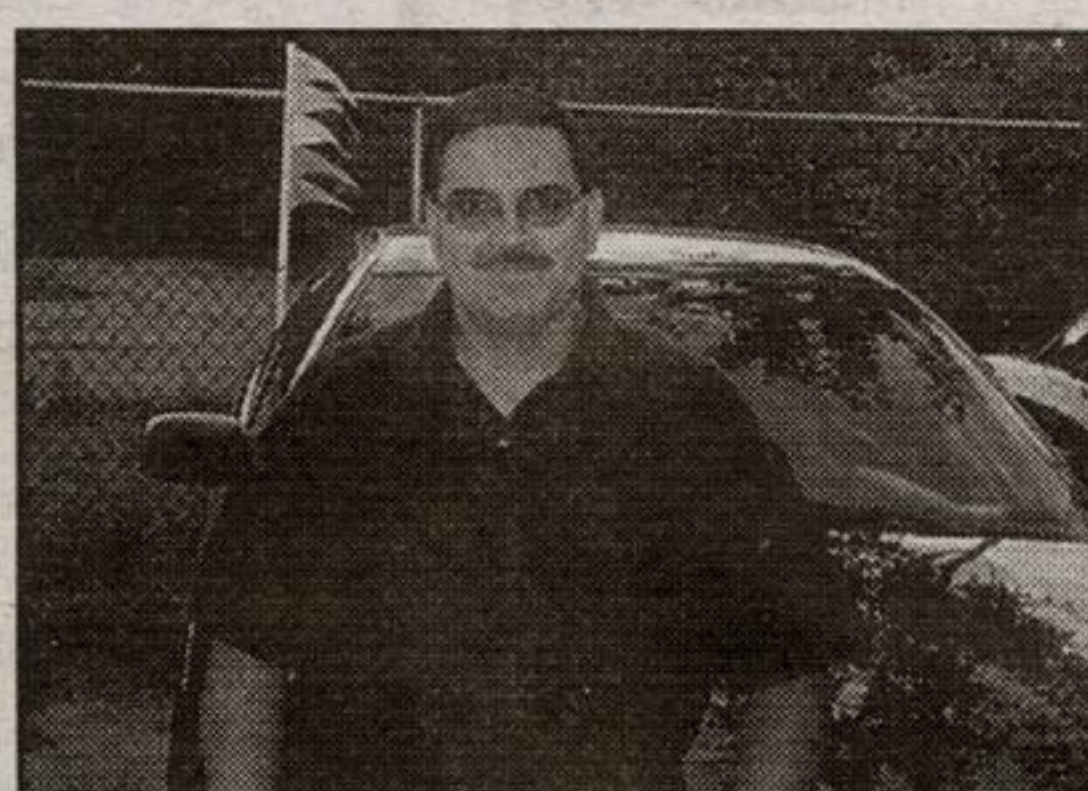
Coun. Doug Breen said he was pleased with the arrangements since the annual payment for each year under the proposed debenture will be smaller than the sum the municipality has been putting in a reserve fund for the new hall in each of its past three budgets.

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# Neighbours, developer to decide on fencing

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Developers of the Mudge rural industrial subdivision at Lot 1, Con. 6 in the former Township of Eramosa have been told to work out an agreement with their neighbours on how the buffers and fencing will go between the adjacent properties before council will approve their rezoning application.

Coun. Doug Breen grilled the municipality's planning consultant Bernie Hermsen about how Minimum Distance Separation (MDS) requirements will affect the existing farms around the subdivision. He said it was unfair that the County Official Plan should take precedence over the municipal zoning bylaw because it seems zoning land for an industrial subdivision might prevent neighbouring farms from expanding.

And in farming, it could well be a case of expand or die, he said. In effect, just zoning the land could kill an existing business even though no subdivision was ever built.

Hermsen pointed out that the farms around the subdivision site have rural non-farm residences nearby and those homes might already have spoiled expansion possibilities for the farms.

Hermsen said MDS rules might prevent expansion near the subdivision, but allow

new buildings, more stock or different storage systems to be added at another site on the neighbouring farms.

He promised to investigate the situation for Breen and report at the next council meeting.

Mudge, his planner and one of the neighbours met after council to discuss the sort of fencing, which should be erected between the properties.

The neighbours want all traffic and parking to be

kept to the front of any buildings erected in the subdivision so that people won't be able to look in all the windows of their home. They also want restrictions on the sort of buildings which will be put next to their home since a tall building with windows will again allow people to look into their house. A tall building without windows, such as warehouse space, would not pose a problem for them, they said.

## WELLINGTON OPP

### Collision

On Saturday, October 5 at 12:50pm, Wellington OPP responded to a report of a minor personal injury collision on Alma Street near Main Street in Rockwood.

The collision occurred when an unmarked Police vehicle, a 2001 Chevrolet Impala, made a u-turn on Alma Street and was struck by a 1996 Suzuki Motorcycle travelling westbound.

The driver of the motorcycle, Matthew Geary 30-years-old of Mississauga, Ontario was thrown from the motorcycle and injured his shoulder. He did not require medical attention.

The County of Wellington OPP is seeking witnesses to this collision. If you have any information that might assist the Police with the investigation, please contact Sgt. Michael Gordon of the Guelph detachment at (519) 822-7250. The investigation is continuing.

### Domestic assault

On Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2002 at 1:07am, officers from the County of Wellington OPP responded to a residence on Cedar Lane in Erin regarding a domestic dispute. A married couple began arguing and the suspect punched the victim in the face. Alcohol was a factor. The suspect surrendered to Police later in the day.

A 30-year-old male from Erin, is charged with assault. He is scheduled to appear in Guelph Court on November 22, 2002 at 10am to answer to the charge.

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## EWAG NEWS

### EWAG

#### Welcomes New Staff!

We are pleased to have Gillian Riseborough and Jan Wahl join our EWAG team. Both have been hired on part-time as part of the Ontario Early Years Initiative, with Jane working out of the Rockwood office three days a week. Gillian and Jane will be implementing Early Years activities in Erin, Rockwood and surrounding areas for children birth to five years of age. Be sure to say "hello" to them at some of the upcoming programs.

We also welcome some new members to the EWAG Board of Directors, Executive members include: President Erik Stern of Rockwood, Vice-President Marion Young of Hillsburgh, Secretary Enid Acton of Acton, Vice-President of Finance Ross Durfey of Rockwood, and

Vice-President Human Resources is Cathy Moran of Hillsburgh. Other members include: Tina Trautman (Orton), Charles Lewis (Acton), Anne Snell (Rockwood), Miki Ackerman (Erin), Lorraine Snowball (Erin), Christine Priestman (Erin), and Anne Clement (Georgetown). Many thanks to all members for their support!

October is Halloween month at the thrift store. Come in and find a ghoulish costume for trick or treating. Also a "2 for 1 Sale" on infant wear.

October is also the month of Thanksgiving. Think of those less fortunate and please donate to our food bank. We have seen a marked increase in need in the past few months and if possible we would appreciate any donations of non-perishable goods to replenish our shelves. Donations will be received at

the EWAG office or may also be dropped off at the donation box at Knechtels food market. Food Bank is available on Wednesdays by appointment only from 1:00 - 4:00pm.

Seniors Euchre has begun another season! We have a change of location, with Euchre being held at the Rockwood library, alternate Thursdays at 1:00pm, where there is wheelchair accessibility and lots of parking. Come on down and for just a loonie enjoy good fellowship, coffee and goodies.

We are located at 126 Main St. S. Rockwood. Our phone number is 856-2113. Our office/store hours will be Monday to Thursday 10 to 4pm and Fridays the store will be open from 1pm to 4pm. Job kiosk and free internet available. Please note that we will be closed for Thanksgiving Monday.