

Centennial students respond generously to Tsunami appeal

By Rebecca Ring
The Rockwood Miller

The students at Rockwood Centennial Public School have responded to the Tsunami disaster in Asia with empathy, generosity and action.

Several students approached their classmates, teachers, and principal Bonnie Talbot, with a desire to help. Among them were Jennifer McClantock, Jordyn Hughes and Remington Canary. Jordyn, a grade 6 student, wrote a letter challenging her classmates to donate their allowances. Remington, a grade 3 student,

challenged her classmates to donate their piggy banks.

The student council, whose executive is made up of Frazer Nagy, Tyler Monty, Jordan MacKenzie and Emily Fowler, decided to organize the students into collective action. They have implemented four fund-raising activities. One activity is "Toonies for Tsunami." Each student was asked to donate a toonie. The response was overwhelming. Many donated much more.

Alyssa Herwynen, a grade 7 student, donated \$85, most of which was from money she was saving to buy a horse.

She decided the horse could wait and she donated the money to "a good cause."

The second activity is to approach businesses asking them to sponsor the school's morning announcements. In return for a donation, the business name is announced along with a message from the company. The first business to respond was Robert Mackenzie Standardbred Stable.

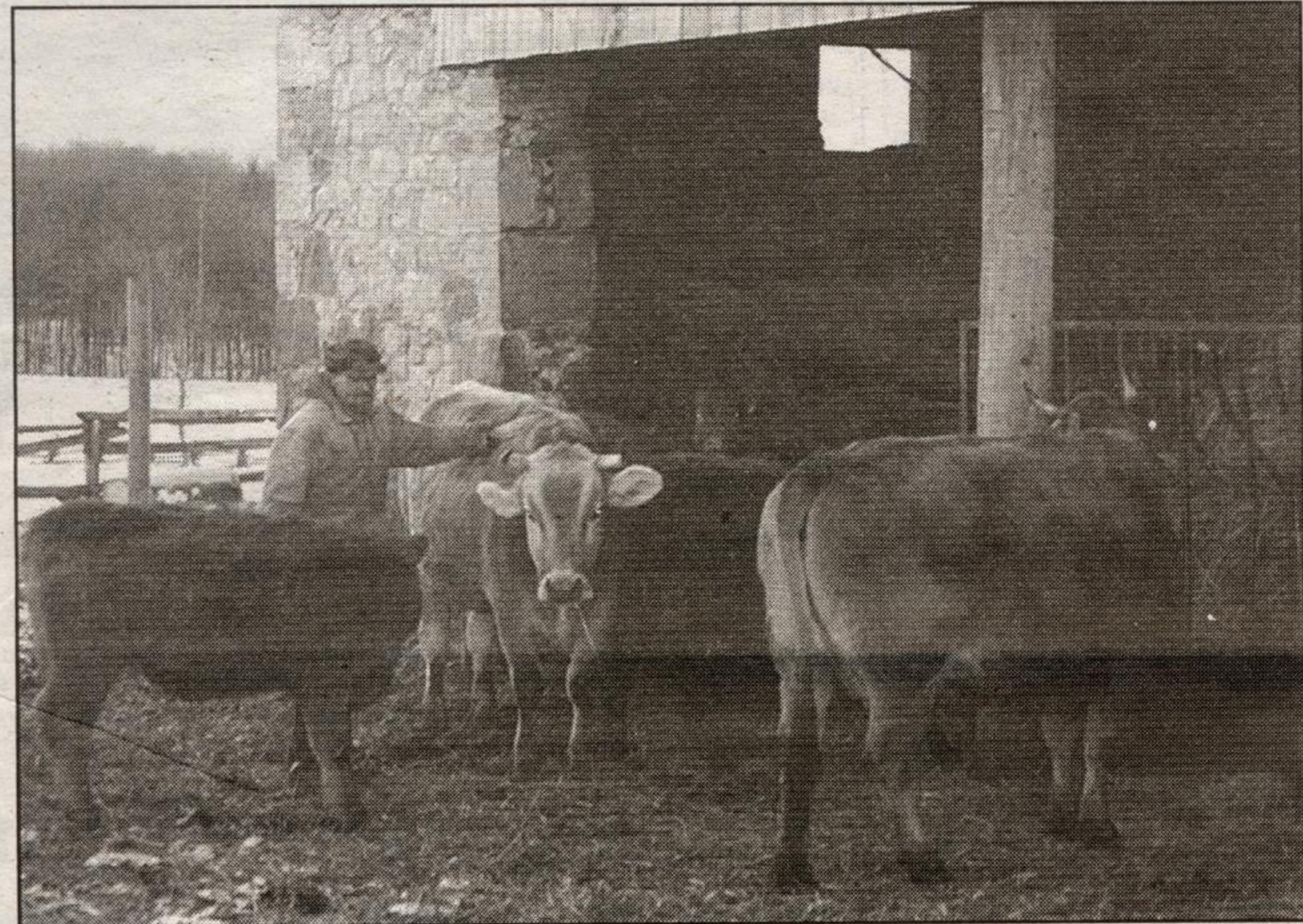
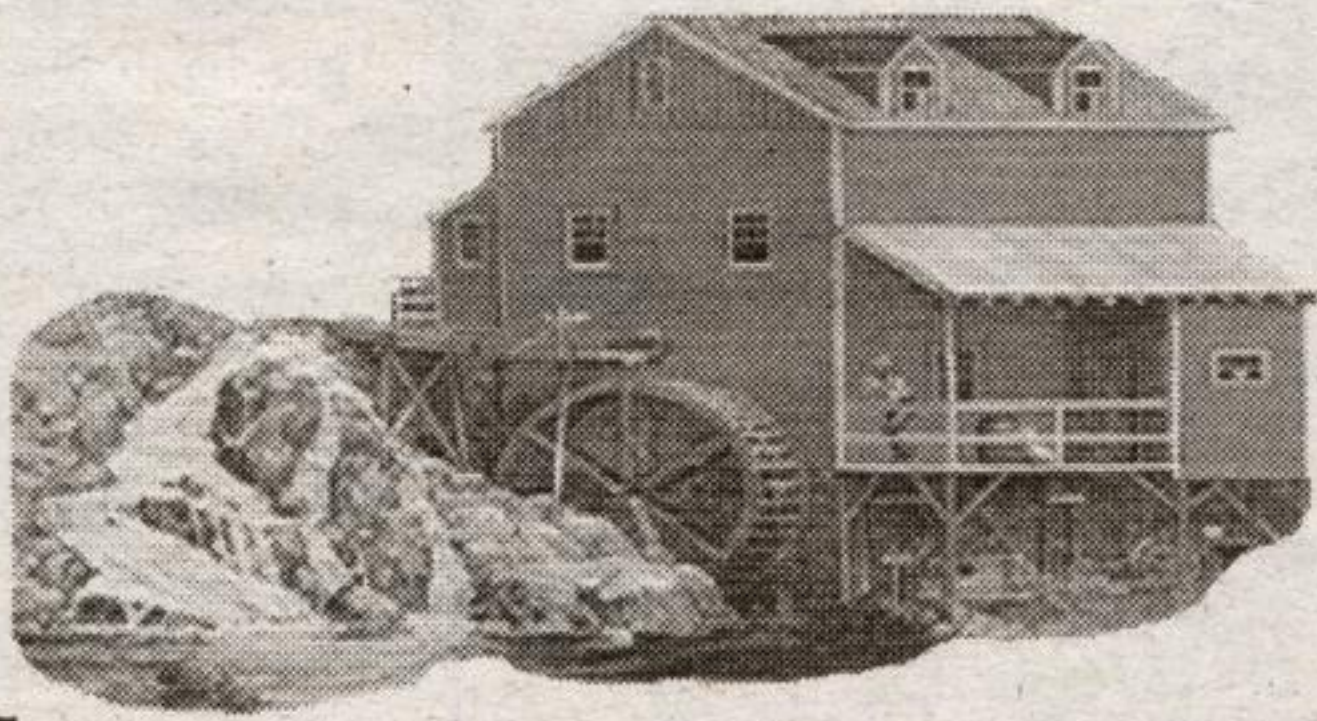
The third activity is the same offer to families to become sponsors. The fourth activity is an offer to students to have their portraits painted by Janus, a local artist. The cost is \$150, of which \$50 will

be donated.

According to Frazer Nagy, the student council president, over \$400 has already been raised. When asked what prompted them to do this, Tyler Monty, the student council vice-president, said "the need". These children opened their hearts and piggy banks to fellow humans in desperate need of fresh clean water, food, shelter and medicine.

This is not the first time they have done this. They sponsor a child named Aliaa in Egypt. We can be very proud of our generous and caring children at Rockwood Centennial Public School.

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CONTENTED COWS: Johann Kleinsasser of Whole Circle Farm cares for his cattle. Each one has a name and is raised according to organic biodynamic standards. - Photo by Rebecca Ring

Whole Circle Farm part of diversified ecosystem

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There is an unconventional farm near Rockwood. Set in a beautiful wooded area, Whole Circle Farm, a certified organic biodynamic farm, has its original century old house, barn, and hedgerows, a beautiful sight fast becoming a rarity. The farm is part of an ecosystem that sustains wildlife and biodiversity. Many species, including songbirds, depend on intact hedgerows for their survival.

Farmers Johann and Maggie Kleinsasser practise the tried and true method of farming with nature. Whole Circle Farm is a certified biodynamic organic farm. They raise beef and dairy cattle, pigs, hens, chickens, ducks, turkeys, vegetables, grains, and herbs.

To be certified organic means there is no use of chemical fertilizers,

pesticides, fungicides or GMO's (genetically modified organisms). Crops are rotated to enhance healthy soil and ecosystems.

To be certified biodynamic goes even further. The farm and farming practices are holistic. The farm is a self-sustaining living organism. All feed for animals and fertilizer for the soil is produced on the farm. Fertilizer comes from compost and manure. Feed comes from the land.

Cattle graze all summer

and forage for their own food, which means they consume a diet natural to them. With recent occurrences of Mad Cow Disease affecting the cattle industry, this can be seen as quite sensible.

Johann likens his stewardship of this land to conducting an orchestra. If he finds weeds or insects he sees them as a symptom of the health of the soil or plant. Insects do not thrive on healthy plants. Weeds indicate soil condition. For

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Charleston Homes wants to join leftover land into one lot

A request from Charleston Homes to sever an L-shaped lot of on acre on Harris St. from one of the lands left over from the development of Stone Barn and Riverwalk subdivisions was reviewed by Guelph/Eramosa Council at their Jan. 10 meeting.

The severed parcel would allow the company to merge all the remaining excess lands into one parcel that would be attached to the parcel of land containing the original stone

house at the corner of Main St. and Cobble Stone Place in Rockwood.

The parcels are irregular in shape and mostly hazard lands, most of it landlocked with frontage on the Eramosa River and limited frontage to Harris St. which could allow development of a lot and construction of a house.

The proposed severance is partly within the Village limits and the rest is beyond the limits. The proposed

lot would utilize Harris St. frontage and utilize it for a driveway access to a proposed house.

The proposed severance could either be serviced by a private water and septic proposal system or be attached to municipal water and sewage services on Harris St. However, servicing on the municipal system would be setting a precedent of servicing a lot partially beyond Rockwood village limits.

TOWNSHIP OF GUELPH/ERAMOSIA EDEN MILLS BRIDGE (STRUCTURE #82) CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

NOTICE OF COMPLETION

The above project is being planned under **Schedule B** in accordance with the requirements of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment document dated (June 2000). Subject to comments received as a result of this Notice, and the receipt of other necessary approvals, the Township of Guelph/Eramosa intends to proceed with the decision and construction of this project.

The existing single lane, single span concrete 'T' beam bridge was constructed in 1925 and has been identified as being deficient with respect to physical condition, load carrying capacity and barrier protection. The preferred solution is to replace the structure with a new structure at the same location. The work is scheduled for completion by late 2005. Further information on the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process is available at the following locations:

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Interested persons may provide written comment to the Township on the proposal within 30 calendar days from the date of this Notice. Comments should be directed to Mr. Larry Van Wyck, Manager of Public Works.

If concerns regarding this project cannot be resolved in discussion with the municipality, a person/party may request that the Minister of Environment make an order for the project to comply with Part II of the Environmental Assessment Act (referred to as a Part II Order), which addresses individual environmental assessments. Requests must be received by the Minister at the address below within 30 calendar days of this Notice. A copy of the request must also be sent to the Township of Guelph/Eramosa. If there are no requests received by Feb. 19 2005, the Eden Mills Bridge (Structure #82) will proceed to design and construction as presented in the planning documentation.

Minister of Environment
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Mr. Larry Van Wyck
Manager of Public Works

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