



**SON RISE SERVICE:** Rockwood Presbyterian Church held an outdoor *Son Rise* service early Easter Sunday at the home of the Death family. Reverend Linda Paquette, shown kneeling in centre, conducted the service. Photo by Rebecca Ring

# The Rockwood MILLER



## Guelph/ Eramosa

## Council Chips

by Rebecca Ring

### Township Receives Drinking Water Report

Guelph/Eramosa council received an annual report on the drinking water system from the Ontario Ministry of the Environment. Parameters measured included micro-biological (such as E.Coli bacteria), inorganic (such as mercury and lead), and organic (such as DDT and benzene). In this case, organic does not mean pesticide-free. The scientific use of *organic* means "a chemical compound containing carbon". Some of these chemicals are found in pesticides, such as diazinon or DDT. The standard of allowable levels is provincially legislated. For the three Rockwood wells, all parameters were within the allowable limits except sodium. Lead was higher than half of the allowable limit.

Council member David McCrae asked if a representative from the Ontario Clean Water Agency, which tests the water supply, could explain the report and any significant

findings to council. Mayor Martin and Councillor Chris White agreed with the suggestion.

### Property Value to be Appealed

As a result of the newly enacted by-law regarding County Wellington's role in tax assessment appeals, the county submitted a property for appeal to Guelph/Eramosa council. Council unanimously authorized the appeal to the Assessment Review Board (ARB) regarding an incorrectly assessed property. The property in question is a planned subdivision. There was a Plan of Subdivision registered in early November 2004 with Land Titles. MPAC (Municipal Property Assessment Corporation) did not process this plan before the tax roll cut off date, which was November 26. MPAC assessed the property as one lot but then added 39 lots on December 7, 2004. As a result, the Township has lost \$2,323,000 in tax revenue.

The property owner may have to pay this amount retroactively if the ARB agrees with the appeal.

Councillor David McCrae said he wants MPAC to be more efficient and wants council to tell them so in a letter.

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## Police report rash of B&Es in Erin twp

A rash of break-ins in Erin township and Erin kept Wellington OPP busy on Monday, March 28.

Someone broke the lock and entered the Brisbane Convenience Store on Wellington Rd. 124 at 12:59a.m. and stole \$50 worth of lottery tickets.

At 3:11a.m police responded to a break-in at the T-Rax Diner on County Rd. 124. Thieves gained entry near the air conditioner and stole liquor and cash. They were seen leaving the area in a stolen red Dodge Shadow heading east on 124.

At 6:26a.m. OPP officers responded to a call for a break and enter at the Halton Bakery on Main St., Erin. The suspect(s) removed the glass from a window and entered through the door, stealing a tray of cookies.

Anyone with any information about these crimes is asked to call the Guelph office of the OPP at 519-822-7250 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

### What's Your Beef?



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Charles Simon with his work in progress in 2001.

## Harrowsmith feature...

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voices not only critical of urban sprawl but offering solutions. While it has been stated that in the developed world buildings consume half the energy we generate and contribute half the CO<sup>2</sup> emissions, Charles maintains that "by far the greater problem is the sprawling, highly subsidised patterns of development which are totally unsustainable environmentally and fiscally".

This is leading him back to a renewed interest in his second profession of planning.

"So much NIMBYism arises from a fear of greater densities, and yet some of the most sublime and livable environments are surprisingly compact" he adds. Whether in central cities or rural villages, he intends to place an increasing emphasis in his work on illustrating that more sustainable development patterns can also be more affordable and attractive.

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