



PLANTING FOR TOMORROW: Students from Eramosa Public School had a great time digging in the dirt and learning how to plant trees. They planted seedlings on Katherine Dean's farm as part of Wellington County's Green Legacy program. *Photo by Rebecca Ring*

The Rockwood MILLER



Guelph/ Eramosa Council Chips

by Rebecca Ring

Go ahead for fence
Council approved the construction of a fence thereby allowing a zoning by-law amendment to proceed. It will allow a six-unit single detached vacant land condominium on Hwy. 7 and MacLennan St. in Rockwood. Applicants Orval and Wayne Gates have been waiting for the decision since a public meeting was held in 2002. Wellington County approved the Plan of Condominium in April 2002 with the condition that the developer constructs a six-foot chain link fence on the common boundary with the Rockwood Cemetery. Written notice will be sent to area residents informing them that council will vote on the amendment.

Mosque application withdrawn
Woodland Properties withdrew its application to the

township for a zone change that would allow a Mosque to be built at Whitelaw and Fife Rds. The applicant will be refunded the application fee minus administration costs and any expenses incurred by the township.

Pioneer Days get the green light
Council agreed to support Pioneer Days at Lloyd Dyer Park as it has in the past. Free of charge, the township will supply, erect and remove snow fence for the liquor-licensed area, and transport picnic tables loaned by the Rockwood Conservation Area. They intend to ask the OPP for extra monitoring after the event to prevent late-night "street partying". The organizers must supply a certificate for \$2 million liability insurance, as the township assumes no liability. Brad Roelofson, manager

of Property and Leisure Services said Christie St. should be open by the date of the event.

Conflict issues resolved
Conflicts of interest were ruled out for three donations to which council had previously committed. All agreed to honour the donations of \$500 each to Rockwood Centennial and Eramosa Public Schools for their playgrounds, and \$500 to the Rockwood and District Lions Club toward the cost of the A1C blood testing machine for the Guelph General Hospital Diabetes Clinic. Gibson Smye had originally opposed the playground donations based on her opinion that the province should pay, but said that council should honour its commitment to donate.

Guelph company gets shorthaul funds

Polymer Distribution Inc., Guelph, will receive funding totalling \$250,000 to demonstrate the ability of short haul railways to efficiently carry cargo usually moved by truck. This project is one of five projects nationwide to receive funding from the federal government, MPP Michael Chong announced last week for the Minister of Transport, Lawrence Cannon. "I am especially pleased that this project will be using existing facilities and rail cars in a much more efficient way," said Chong. "If successful, this demonstration has the potential to reduce greenhouse gases in a sector that produces a quarter of the emissions in our atmosphere. This is great news for Guelph and my riding of Wellington-Halton Hills." The Government of Canada is contributing up to 50 per cent of eligible project expenses, to a maximum of \$250,000, with applicants and their partners contributing the remainder. This announcement brings the total funding allocated under the program to approximately \$4.7 million for 34 projects across Canada.

Rockwood organic farm is featured in CBC TV series

By Frances Niblock

Whole Circle Farm, an organic farm east of Rockwood, provides a perfect set for an upcoming episode of *Make Some Noise!* A CBC television series showcasing teens and young people who are making themselves heard.

The story of three girls who turned their backs on big city life to learn how to farm organically on the Eramosa Township land of Maggie and Johann Kleinsasser is featured in the *Open Spaces* segment of the show that airs on June 11.

Make Some Noise! is a fast-paced series based on the premise that you're never too young to make a difference, and in each of the 13 episodes, young people show they won't wait for the adults to change the world.

Each episode is driven by innovative music and unconventional, yet smart visual techniques. The organic farming segment features Smiljks Tasic, Leslie Moskovits and Allie English who were interns/apprentices at the Kleinsasser farm, learning how to grow food without chemicals or pesticides, when the episode was filmed over one-and-a-half days last July.

The farm is a certified biodynamic organic operation—everything fed to the beef, dairy, fowl and pigs is raised organically on the farm. The Kleinsassers are involved with several organizations that teach holistic/organic farming to people, and the young women first came to the farm on a rotating Farm Day visit several years ago and stayed.

Smiljks Tasic, who is now working on a farm on Peelee Island, received an e-mail



MAKE SOME NOISE: For Smiljks Tasic, Leslie Moskovits and Allie English, apprentices at Whole Circle Farm the CBC series *Make Some Noise* was an opportunity to show some of their organic farming skills. Their segment of the series is airing on June 11.

about the *Make Some Noise!* project and decided it was something she wanted to do.

Her friends, English and Moskovits, and the Kleinsassers also agreed to take part in the project and the rest is now history.

English and Moskovits, chose to remain on the farm after their apprenticeship was over, and this season, they are in charge of a 10-acre vegetable garden. The produce will be sold in the Kleinsassers' self-serve store, and to members of a CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) program set up by English.

The CSA provides members with a basket of fruits and vegetables each week during the growing season for a flat fee of approximately \$550.

English, who spent the winter working at the University of Norway on her thesis on how young people from

non-farming backgrounds now calls Whole Circle Farm home.


English said the environmentally friendly segment for the series.

"There seems to be a growing group of young people from the cities who are interested in farming in some capacity," English said on Monday, suggesting some are really motivated to farming from an environmental or social change perspective.

"They see it as something they can do here at home and it is very appealing in terms of lifestyle – it's very creative. You have to be able to do so much and work with plants and animals and fix tractors and rewire your barn. It's pretty creative and diversified," English said, adding the TV segment is like a home video to her – somewhat superficial, but it does

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A diagnosis of Diabetes can be frightening. You can't cure it but it certainly can be controlled usually diabetes is diagnosed when a fasting blood sugar is over 7. With a combination of good attention to diet, exercise and blood sugar monitoring diabetics can live long and happy lives.

It was back in 1850 that doctors first began to take the patient's temperature as a regular part of making a diagnosis. Back then it took about 20 minutes to get an accurate reading. In 1866, the first clinical thermometer was developed in England. This speeded up the process immensely.

Statin drugs are very popular in the treatment of high cholesterol. In the United Kingdom, one of the statins became available without a prescription in the middle of 2004. It's debatable whether this was a good decision or not. Being available OTC means it isn't covered under many drug plans. Not good for many people

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