

# School Board approves change in boundary

By Rebecca Ring

At a special meeting on April 17, the Upper Grand District School Board approved a boundary change for Rockwood Centennial and Eramosa Public School students. Fifty current students will be affected.

The boundary review was initiated due to overcrowding in Rockwood Centennial and under-enrollment at Eramosa. All changes involve moving students from the former to the latter.

Rockwood Centennial students in kindergarten to grade six who live north of Hwy. 7, west of Eramosa/Erin Townline, east of Jones Baseline, and south of Regional Road 124 (formerly Hwy. 24) will attend Eramosa Public School as of September 2008. The move does not include students living on Hwy 7 or those entering grade six next September.

Students entering grade six in 2007 will be "grandfathered" at Rockwood Centennial. Communications Officer Maggie McFadzen says the Board does not wish to move those students for just one year, as all students from Eramosa Public School will go to Rockwood Centennial for grades seven and eight.

As population growth is expected to continue, the board agreed to request a report from staff outlining options for an accommodation review in 2011.

To address overcrowding and primary class size

legislation, construction has begun on the six-classroom addition at Rockwood Centennial and an extra class will be added at Eramosa. McFadzen says, "The kids in school are being monitored very carefully to make sure they are safe during construc-

tion." She adds that there have been no problems with the Rockwood project and hopes an occupancy permit will be issued by Labour Day this year.

The new classrooms will replace some of the portables currently on site.

## Ring Around ROCKWOOD

with Rebecca Ring



### Community clean-up

The Rockwood and District Lions Club is organizing a Spring Clean-up for Rockwood and Hwy. 7 next Saturday. All are welcome to participate. Meet at the Rockwood United Church parking lot on Harris St. on Saturday, May 5, at 8 am. Students can use this opportunity to earn community service credits. Wear comfortable clothing and bring work gloves. The township will provide bags and safety vests.

### Cinco de Mayo

Just a reminder that all are invited to join St. John's Anglican Church in celebrating St. John's Day, Saturday, May 5, 12 to 7 pm. Entertainment includes Rockwood-born James Gordon (formerly of The Spoons), Scottish dancers, dramatized Gospel stories, story tellers, art displays, stone art workshops, children's games, dinner at 5 pm and Choral Evensong at 6:30 pm. BBQ goodies will be available from Faith Cross Youth Group throughout the day.

### Free breakfast

The Rockwood and District Lions Club is inviting the community over for breakfast again on May 6, from 9 to 11 am at Rockmosa Community Centre. The purpose is to educate the community on diabetes. Learn about symptoms, detection, prevention and management while enjoying a full complementary breakfast.

### Green Legacy's free trees

Wellington County's Green Legacy Program will be distributing 153,000 trees this spring. Guelph/Eramosa is getting 5,000 of those, which will be given to residents in exchange for a food bank donation on Saturday, April 28, from 9 to 11 am. Four thousand will be given away at Rockmosa Community Centre and 1,000 at Marden Community Centre on a first-come, first-served basis.

The seedlings are packaged in bundles of ten and may be white pine, white spruce, or oak. They are ideal for planting in your yard, farm, or church lands.

This event is organized by Councillor John Scott. He says, "Trees release oxygen, sequester carbon dioxide, help prevent erosion, provide habitat, filter the air and water, provide shade and wood products. Involve your children and help them create a land ethic and ownership of something they have done to improve our environment. Please bring a gift for the food bank in a plastic shopping bag or similar container, then you will be able to transport your trees home in the same container."



**CULINARY DELIGHTS:** The Everton Academy of Culinary Arts held an open house last Saturday. Visitors sampled fine Greek, Indian and Asian cuisine and watched cooking demonstrations from gourmet soups to desserts. The food was prepared by the owner Chef Dale McCarthy and his helpers. He bought the beautiful 1837 limestone house at 8599 Wellington Rd. 124 over a year ago and decided to offer culinary courses and gourmet getaways at this lovely B&B. McCarthy is shown here ready to serve his "Easy Apple Pie" while fellow Chef Wendy Mok prepares crepes. - Rebecca Ring Photo

# Fishing season opens Sat. with well stocked waters

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The Ministry of Natural Resources' Guelph District Office added 3,750 brown trout to eight sites in this area in time for the start of trout fishing this Saturday.

According to Ken Cornelisse, Water Resources Coordinator, the MNR is stocking the waters to provide urban angling opportunities. He says, "It is important for families to enjoy outdoor activities. Children can get out and enjoy nature and parents can pass on our fishing heritage."

The trout will be ready to fish when the season opens this Saturday, April 28. This is a "put and take" fishery, so take your catch home with you. A fishing licence is required except for people who are handicapped, under 18 years of age, or over 65. They can be purchased at tackle shops, Canadian Tire and other sporting goods stores.

For more details, contact the MNR or visit [www.mnr.gov.on.ca](http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca).

The trout were raised in a fish culture station (hatchery) and are now about ten inches long. Locally, the MNR is stocking 500 fish in Marden



**STOCKING TROUT:** The MNR is stocking several waterways in the area with delicious brown trout to promote outdoor activities and appreciation of nature. Fishing season opens this coming Saturday, April 28.

Creek at Marden Park, 400 in the Eramosa River at the Rockwood Conservation Area, 200 in the kid's fishing area of Hampton Pond at Belwood Lake Conservation Area, and 650 in the south pond in Clythe Creek beside the Royal City Jaycees Park and the Royal Canadian Le-

gion on Hwy. 7 in Guelph.

Cornelisse says all brown trout in Ontario descend from stock that was brought here from Loch Leven, Scotland, in the late 1800's. They were first propagated in hatcheries in 1913, with Mount Pleasant having one of the original hatcheries in the 1920's.

# Seat belt charges

During the first week of the annual spring seat belt campaign, OPP officers throughout Wellington County checked 36,811 vehicles. That figure would include 246 child seat inspections.

Officers laid a total of 300 seat belt charges which would include 262 against drivers not buckling up, 28 against passengers who failed to buckle up, 8 for drivers who failed to ensure that children under 16 were buckled up and 2 for drivers who failed to ensure that a child was properly secured in a child seat.

Officers will continue to conduct spot-checks and monitor motorists to ensure that they are complying with our current seat belt legislation.

Buckle Up - Seat Belts Save Lives! is the OPP's motto.

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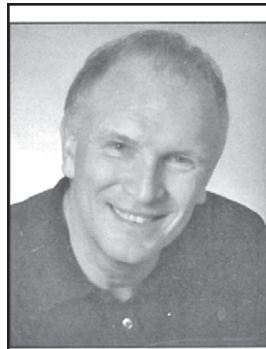
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