



THE CHANGING FACE OF ROCKWOOD: What was once a view of tall Pines near Cobblestone Place is now a view of a new development in Rockwood, with about 40 homes being built here. The township is currently discussing increased sewage capacity with the City of Guelph, which would allow the expected increase of 5000 new residents in Rockwood in the next five years.- Photo by Rebecca Ring

Ring Around ROCKWOOD

with Rebecca Ring



October is Library Month

Throughout the month of October, the Rockwood Branch of the Wellington Public Library is celebrating Library Month. Children are invited to find the bookworm hiding in the library to win a treat.

Afterschool Adventures begin Thursday, Oct. 11, 4 to 5 P.M. Register in advance. For Dinner and a Movie on Friday, Oct. 12, 6 P.M. bring your dinner and the library will provide the family-friendly movie, a Canadian film.

Me-Shee the Water Giant. Oct. 15 to 21 is Ontario Public Library Week, so Preschool Storytime will have a library theme. Also that week, try the online catalogue scavenger hunt. The Afterschool Adventures program will feature a live martial arts demonstration by Sealy Karate of Guelph.

The Canadian Red Cross Babysitting Course is Saturday, Oct. 20, 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. Register in advance. Celebrate the PD Day on Friday, Oct. 26, 1 P.M. with Shrek Yecch-Fest. Join the Shrek swamp challenge, make an ogre rattle or other putrid craft and dare to eat King Harold's Frogspawn Jell-o! Stay afterward for Meet the Robinsons.

On Wednesday, Oct. 31, 10:30 to 11:15 A.M. Preschool Storytime will be having Hallowe'en fun! Come dressed in your costume and have a boo-tiful time! Drop in at no cost.

Living in our Natural World in Eden Mills

The Living in our Natural World series features a variety of speakers each month discussing different aspects of our environment. On October 11, 7 to 8:30 PM, Caroline Marshall will speak at the Eden Mills Community Centre on York St. It is a free community event but donations are welcome.

Marshall is an Associate Principal with ENVision – the Hough Group, a long-standing landscape architecture and environmental planning firm in Toronto. For over 18 years she has focused on public sector projects, including sub-watershed studies, municipal secondary plans for urbanizing areas, parks and recreation master plans, trails planning, and large-scale park master planning.

In response to changes in provincial policy, Marshall has recently been engaged in the assessment of cultural heritage landscapes, working closely with archaeologists, planners, built heritage specialists, and biologists to establish criteria for identifying cultural heritage landscapes and recommend planning tools for conservation.

Basketball season is here

Register for co-ed All Starz Basketball from 7 to 9 P.M. at Rockwood Centennial Public School. Games will be held on Thursdays, from Oct. 11 to Dec. 20 and from Jan. 10 to March 27. Nine to 11 year olds will play at 7:30 P.M. and 12 to 13 year olds will play at 8:30 P.M. For more information, visit www.allstarzbasketball.com or call (519) 856-4491.

Business Networking meet and greet

About 40 small and large businesses owners met at a wine and cheese held by the Business Networking Group of Rockwood last Thursday evening. Doris Bozelli hosted the event at her business, Rumours Furniture. "It was a great night – light hearted and casual. A lot of people made new business contacts and long-term connections," says Bozelli. "A wide range of businesses were represented from financial services to real estate to catering and more."

The Business Networking Group meets every Thursday morning in Rockwood and is currently made up of members from here, Guelph, Acton and Fergus. For further information on the group, member profiles and future events, visit www.businessnetworkinggroup.ca.

The ROCKWOOD Miller

Local nurse making gains with project in El Salvadore

Rockwood nurse Marion Willms is continuing with the El Salvador project to bring health care and medicine to the struggling country. She went there last spring to help assess the situation and lay groundwork. She also delivered donated medicines and supplements. She says the plans are now in their final stages to fully implement the project.

The project is being facilitated by SalvAide, a registered Canadian charitable organization based in Ottawa with a mission "to build social and economic justice, democracy and dignity with the people of

El Salvador." Since 1985, it has funded development projects designed by rural communities to meet their needs and priorities, such as poultry farms, dairy herds, daycares, schools, community stores, medical clinics, cottage industries and legal aid clinics. It also funds human rights work and organizational development of Salvadoran non-governmental and popular organizations.

In Canada, SalvAide fosters ties between Canadian and Salvadorans through their Twin Community Program, with no more than 15 Canadian communities twinned with rural country tours of

Salvadoran community leaders. According to SalvAide, Canadian interest in helping the country dwindled after the end of the civil war, but need continues to be very high.

Willm's team is a group of health care and non-health care professionals. They will be going to assist in three or four communities for a 10 to 12 day period in late January or early February. She will complete the final package after meeting with the executive director of SalvAide next week.

For more information or to donate funds or goods, contact Marion Willms at mwillms@cogeco.ca.



GRAND CHAMPIONS: Jim and Laurie MacFarlane of Guelph, first entrants in Rockwood Lions Club 3rd annual cook-off fundraiser, were declared Grand Champions. The contest was sponsored by Wellington Fireplace Leisure Living - Photo By Mari Shadbolt

Wellington O.P.P. Report

Investigation upgrades to Fatal

On Sat. Sept. 22 at about 1:48 p.m., officers from OPP responded to a serious head on collision on Wellington Road 24 near Sideroad 10 of Erin Twp. Two occupants of the Volvo became trapped and were extricated by Firefighters from Erin Fire Department. Air Ambulance took both driver and passenger from the scene to Hamilton General Hospital.

The driver of the Chevrolet Cobalt also involved in the collision, a 36 year old from Georgetown, and her 8 year old son were taken to Georgetown Hospital and treated for non-life-threatening injuries.

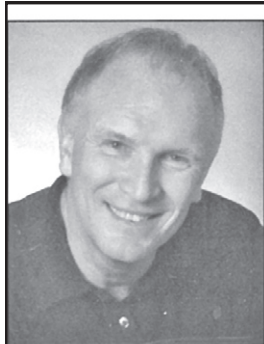
The Volvo driver, Cynthia Jolie, 43, of Limehouse is still listed in critical condition. The passenger, James Furness, 48, of Mississauga, succumbed to his injuries early morning of Sept. 28 at Hamilton General Hospital. Investigation into this matter is continuing and the County of Wellington OPP is seeking witness to this collision. Sexual Assault

Wellington OPP received information of a sexual assault on Tues. Sept. 25, reported to have taken place during Aug. and Sept. 2007 in the Town of Erin.

Officers found that a 46 year old man from Town of Erin had committed a sexual assault upon his 13 year old stepdaughter during this time.

County of Wellington OPP Crime Unit have laid charges in this matter. The accused is currently in custody and attended Guelph Court on Oct. 1 for a Bail Hearing facing charges of Sexual Interference, Sexual Assault and four counts of Invitation to Sexual Touching

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