



WORLD RECORD BREAKERS? Rockwood came out in droves to help Ontario break the Guinness World Record for the greatest number of people walking one kilometre simultaneously, currently held by Western Australia (100,915). In Wellington County, 24,551 people walked with 656 of those in Rockwood. We'll find out if it beat the record after October 12.

The ROCKWOOD Miller

Rockwood Centennial Public School students are about to experience a "garbage alarm" where they will see how much waste they create in just one day. The alarm will be similar to a fire alarm, only the students will be instructed to carry their day's garbage with them to the back field, where they will assemble and see their collective waste displayed.

The goal is for students and staff to learn about the importance of waste reduction. Classes will be challenged to compete for the coveted "golden garbage pail award" and students will be invited to join the environmental club that will start the following day. The event will launch a school-wide waste reduction program and the environmental club for students. It takes place Monday, Oct. 15 at 1:45 p.m.

The program was initiated by two mothers concerned about the environment who wanted to help kids take actions and feel more empowered in the face of climate change. They have since been joined by many more parents. Committee chairperson Janet Johnson says, "The garbage created

by the simple act of packing a lunch when multiplied by hundreds of students is enormous. Likewise, lots of us making this simple change will have an equally big impact."

Libby Little, co-organizer of the initiative, says, "For me it started when my son came home from school last spring, certain that the world would end in ten years based on what he had heard on the playground about global warming. I wanted to find real actions that kids could take that would make a difference, and a school club seemed a great place to start."

The program has the support of school staff. Principal Leslie Newman says, "Leadership on environmental issues has to start somewhere, and I'm delighted to see that in this case it's parents and students who are showing us the way forward." They also have the support of Guelph/Eramosa Township as its Environmental Stewardship Committee donated \$1,000 towards implementing the program and funding the club's activities for the year.

Little says that the impact

this program can have on the school's 600 students and their families is enormous. "According to Statistics Canada, Canadians produce over 970kg of solid waste per person each year, 383kg of which comes from household garbage, the equivalent of 30 green garbage bags per person. Solid waste is a major source of both methane gas and carbon dioxide, two of the gases that contribute to global warming."

For more information, contact Leslie Newman at Rockwood Centennial Public School.

Add new flags at Cenotaph in Rockwood

Guelph/Eramosa Township will be adding three new flags to the Rockwood Cenotaph: the Union Flag, the Canadian Forces Ensign, and the Red Ensign.

A dedication ceremony will occur on Saturday, October 20 at 10a.m.

- First flown in Canada in 1610, the Union Flag or Royal Union Flag was the flag Canadian troops fought under during the First World War.

- The Unified Canadian Forces Ensign or White Ensign was introduced in 1968

to identify the Canadian Armed Services as a whole.

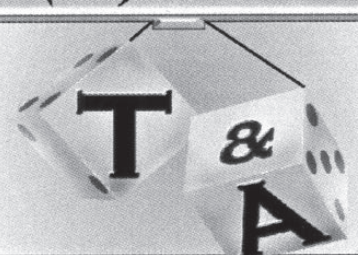
- The Canadian Red Ensign was used on land and sea as Canada's first flag. One version of the Red Ensign was carried by Canadian soldiers during the battle of Vimy Ridge.

Council and the Heritage Committee invite veterans and civilians alike to join them for this dedication.

Robert Edwards, member of the Heritage Committee and resident of Rockwood, will speak about the sig-

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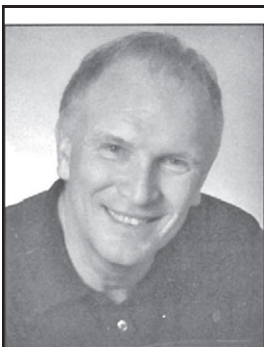
INVITATION TO
FLAG DEDICATION CEREMONY

Date: Saturday October 20, 2007

Time: 10:00a.m.

Location: The Cenotaph (at Main and Guelph Streets in Rockwood)

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