



**COMFY QUILT:** Raffle tickets are on sale to win a handmade quilt, showcased at CK Covering Open House last weekend. Proceeds go to St. Patrick's Catholic School in Guelph. Parents cut and sewed denim and Cathy Kelly sewed all the pieces together. Displaying the quilt are student helper Steven Kelly, host Cathy Kelly, Teresa Civiero of TLC Treasures, student helper Emily Walsh, Mary Catherine and Kiara Lago. *Rebecca Ring Photo.*

## Ring Around ROCKWOOD

with *Rebecca Ring*



Donate old soccer uniforms

The Rockwood Soccer Club is asking for old soccer uniforms, socks, shorts and jerseys to send to kids in third world countries, such as Guyana and Krygstan. There is a drop-box at the Rockwood Pharmacy on Alma St. until October 27.

Big book sale in Eden Mills

The Eden Mills Community Hall is holding a Really Big Book Sale Plus on Sunday, November 4 from 11 AM until 4 PM. Proceeds will go to help the village become

carbon neutral, through the Eden Mills Mill Pond Association, and to support the community hall. Buy used books, DVDs, CDs, audio/video tapes, electronic equipment and even vinyl albums. To donate books, bring them to the sale at 9 AM or sell them at a table yourself to keep half the profits, donate 25% to the community hall and 25% to the Carbon Neutral Project. To donate books or other items, call Brian Skerrett at (519) 856-0128 or Kit Bresnahan at (519) 856-1188. For more information on the Carbon Neutral Project, visit [www.goingcarbonneutral.ca](http://www.goingcarbonneutral.ca).

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Play Euchre to help seniors

The Guelph/Wellington Seniors Association is holding its second annual fundraising Bid Euchre Tournament Spookarama on Saturday, October 20 at Evergreen Seniors Centre, 683 Woolwich St. in Guelph. Doors open at noon and games begin at 1 PM. For more information or to register, call (519) 823-1291, ext. 2453.

**Too good to waste**

Across Canada, October 15 to 21 is Waste Reduction Week and this year's theme is "Too Good to Waste." In this province, it is organized by the Recycling Council of Ontario and Wellington County's Solid Waste Department is participating.

Take the time to think about the waste your household or business produces. Choose products with little

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# More sewage capacity needed for development

by **Rebecca Ring**

Rockwood is expected to grow by 5000 residents in the next five years, according to Wellington County's forecasts and Ontario's Places to Grow legislation. Sewage capacity has to be increased before any more growth can take place so the township is in negotiations with the City of Guelph, who provides sewage treatment services.

According to Mayor Chris White, properties are already earmarked for development when sewage needs are met. They are the Bonner property on Main St. N., near Rockmosa Community Centre, the Drexler property on Station St., and the Harris property behind Harris St.

Currently, Guelph allocates 1260 cubic metres (m3) of sewage treatment capacity to Rockwood. The updated request is for an increase of 450 m3, totaling 1710 m3, based on the development of the three properties and

infill/intensification projections. By 2031, Rockwood will need about 2500 m3 to meet the county's household forecasts.

In the meantime, the bill for treatment for 2006 has raised some eyebrows. Guelph charged the township \$304,903 for 329 m3 in 2006, compared to about \$189,000 for 329 m3 in 2005. Public Works Manager Ken Gagnon said that the discrepancy involves capital works charges. The city included treatment and capital expenditures in the charge per cubic metre.

Council agreed that Gagnon get the breakdown of capital costs and representatives will meet with the City of Guelph Committee and Council in November. The payment of the current account was postponed until more information is gathered. "We want to be cooperative and work together. This [agreement] will become the precedent until 2031," said White.

# Rural garbage, blue box pick ups continue for year

by **Rebecca Ring**

Some may have noticed flyers around Guelph/Eramosa warning residents that the rural garbage and blue box collection pilot program may be discontinued. This was indeed the recommendation of Wellington County's Solid Waste Division to its committee, saying, "that the rural collection pilot be terminated and the notion of providing rural collection Countywide be abandoned."

At the committee's meeting last week, Mayor Chris White made a motion to continue the pilot program for another year, with bi-weekly rather than weekly pick-up to better match the service to the need and reduce costs. The motion was passed unanimously.

The results of the county's study show that rural residents who use the

service are satisfied (about 90%). The study also showed that a lower percentage of rural residents use the garbage and blue-box pick-up compared to urban residents (26% versus 54% for garbage and 47% versus 82% for recycling).

In a telephone survey, the county found that rural residents who do not use the services prefer to take their waste to a waste management facility, burn it or use a private hauler. Their reasons include animal concerns, the cost of user-pay bags, early collection times, and the length of their lane-ways. Some were simply not aware of the service.

These findings support White's assertion that rural pick-up benefits the environment. These benefits include one truck going to the landfill versus hundreds of vehicles, a reduction in burning garbage and recyclables, which emit harmful poisons, carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gasses contributing to climate change. Even driving garbage a few metres to the end of a lane-way rather than many kilometers to a waste facility burns less fuel and produces less pollution.

Regarding animal concerns, many animal-proof

garbage cans are available at hardware or department stores, which would allow garbage to be put out safely the night before pick-up.

White says the county's alternative to rural pick-up would be to build a multi-million dollar waste transfer station, like the one that was proposed in Ospringe a few years ago. The community spoke out against having it in their area. The proposal was removed and the rural pick-up pilot project was put in place last January in Guelph/Eramosa and Minto to assess countywide feasibility.

"Sometimes it takes people awhile to shift their thinking and habits, so another year will give us a better feel as to whether the program is working. This is a serious, expensive, long-term matter and we want to get it right," says White. "People have told me that they support rural pick-up, and want to see it extended. They agree that weekly pick-up may be too much and that bi-weekly should work better."

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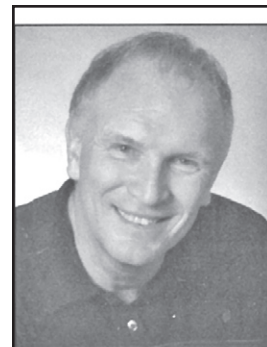
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