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**LET ME BE YOUR TEDDY BEAR:** The Rockwood and District Lioness Club held their annual Christmas bazaar recently. Lioness Jane Murison is shown here with Denise Fisher and her lucky draw from the Penny Table – a hand made teddy bear by Helen Bingelman. - Rebecca Ring Photo

## Council approves 13-lot subdivision in Ariss

By Rebecca Ring

A proposed 13-lot development in Ariss got the go-ahead at Monday's Guelph-Eramosa council meeting (with Councillors Knapp and Moyer absent), as they unanimously agreed to rezone the land from agricultural and hazard to rural residential and hazard and accept the draft plan.

Township planner Bernie Hermen presented the draft subdivision plan for "Usher's Creek Subdivision" on Wel-

lington Rd. 86, in former Pilkington. The draft addresses concerns voiced at a public meeting held Nov. 12. They include road conditions, traffic, water quality and quantity, high water table, septic systems, storm water management, drainage, grading, relocated municipal drain and parkland.

The conditions of the agreement stipulate that the development be consistent with the Official Plan and compatible with adjacent uses;

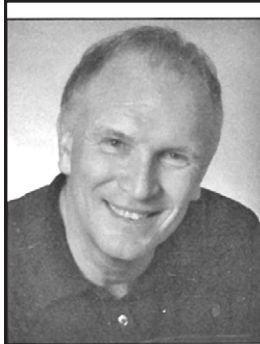
the proposed road integrates with the existing network; the township engineers (RJ Burnside) be satisfied with the proposed storm water management system; all lots conform to the Rural Residential designation; and a park block be provided linking with Kissing Bridge Trail. The configuration of the municipal drain and Regional Floodplain must be reviewed and accepted by Burnside and GRCA staff.

One hot button issue was water quality and quantity as residents were concerned about their wells. A pumping test was conducted in June and found minimal impact to adjacent wells and the potential yield of the aquifer is greater than projected demand. Regarding quality, it was tested according to Ontario Drinking Water Quality Standards. It met all standards except hardness, iron and total coliforms. The hardness and iron are not considered to be health issues, but rather aesthetic.

Regarding coliforms, ground water treatment systems were recommended, in addition to offering information on private systems to the homeowners. Councillor Doug Breen asked if there was any protection for existing well water quality in relation to the addition of septic systems. Hermen said that was addressed in the agreement.

To manage storm water, roadside ditches will drain away from the development into the municipal drain. Surface swales will be located at the rear of each property. Mayor Chris White asked if they would be a safety issue. Hermen explained that they will be 100 feet wide with gradually sloping sides, trees

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