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'Looking back at 2008' up and downs in Tanner

By Rebecca Ring

January

Ontario's Chief Firearms Office deemed certain areas of the Guelph Rod and Gun Club as "non-compliant" after an inspection. The inspection followed complaints about bullets leaving the range and landing on neighbouring properties.

Guelph/Eramosa Township threw a retirement party for one of its longtime public works employees, Bob Jestin, at Rockmosa Community Centre. About 150 well-wishers attended the celebration.

February

Rob Johnson, Tree Nursery Manager for Wellington County's Green Legacy Program was the guest speaker at Rockwood and District Lions Club Community Appreciation Night. He described the benefits of "living fences", or tree-lined fields, for farmers, roadways, and the environment.

Guelph/Eramosa held its First Annual Pond Hockey Challenge at Lloyd Dyer Park in Rockwood on Hockey Day in Canada.

The 2008 Township budget was adopted with a two per cent tax increase and new services such as crossing guards and winter night snow patrol.

March

Parking and drop-off zones were changed at Rockwood Centennial Public School.

A family of four on Eramosa Fourth Line escaped

from a house fire unharmed thanks to working smoke detectors.

Guelph/Eramosa Township, residents and businesses joined the world in turning out the lights for Earth Hour.

April

The trial of a youth who pleaded not guilty to belonging to a terrorist group revealed that the group allegedly set up an Al Qaeda style training camp in Rockwood Conservation Area in May 2006.

May

The Volunteer Centre of Guelph/Wellington honoured Darryl Nichol with a County of Wellington Volunteer Appreciation Award for his many contributions to the community.

The Upper Grand District got the first carbon neutral school bus thanks to driver Darryl Nichol, Green Legacy and several high school students who planted 1000 trees to offset carbon emissions from the bus.

June

The old Harris barn, built in the 1800's, on Harris St. was demolished by current property owner, Charleston Homes.

July

Crystal Boarder was convicted of criminal negligence causing death and sentenced to serve an 18-month conditional sentence for her part in the hanging death of her husband, Tony Boarder, who died the previous September.

The Rockwood Knights of Columbus honoured an unidentified woman with a memorial stone and service at the rest stop where her remains were found in 2005.

Guelph/Eramosa opened its new, very popular, splash pad at Rockmosa Park.

August

Guelph/Eramosa participated in Voluntary Blackout Day to commemorate the anniversary of the massive blackout of 2003.

The GRCA held a public meeting to ask for public input on plans for the upper dam at the Rockwood Conservation Area on the Eramosa River.

September

Despite pouring rain, the Eden Mills 20th Annual Writers' Festival was well attended as people gathered to hear authors read from their latest works. The sun did come out later in the day.

Guelph Hydro Electric Systems Inc. submitted a site plan amendment application to build an electrical substation at the south end of Rockwood on the east side of Main St. S.

October

Eden Mills Writers' Festival founder and Canadian literary icon Connie Rooke passed away after battling ovarian cancer.

Another straw bale house is built in Eden Mills.

The school board approves plans to build a straw bale eco-class at Rockwood Centennial.

November

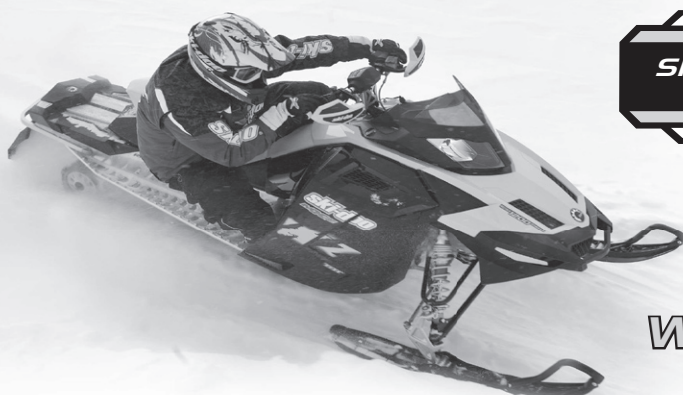
Plans for a state-of-the-art medical facility in Rockwood were put into motion as the Township agreed that Coldpoint Holdings will build a 12,035 square foot building that will house the East Wellington Family Health Team and health related businesses.

Rockwood held its Remembrance service, featuring letters from M Cpl Michael Woolley, who is currently serving in Afghanistan. Rockwood Centennial Public School held its first service at the cenotaph on Nov. 11.

December

Wellington County agreed to indefinitely continue rural waste pick-up in Guelph/Eramosa, even though the pilot project ended.

Jim's Repair Shop placed the winning bid for a Christmas Tree, raising \$1150 for St. Joseph's Health Care Foundation.



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