

Brent Stiles rides to conquer Cancer

By Rebecca Ring

A Rockwood man is preparing for a long journey on his bicycle to help fight cancer. Brent Stiles, 36, will join thousands of others in the second annual Ride to Conquer Cancer benefiting The Campbell Family Institute at The Princess Margaret Hospital.

Cyclists will ride 200 km from Toronto to Niagara Falls, from June 12 to 14, to raise funds for cancer research and treatment.

Throughout their journey, riders will be supported by hundreds of volunteers and crew members, providing them with food and hydration, portable restrooms, safety

on the road, comprehensive medical services, and an overnight campsite complete with tents and hot showers.

Stiles is not new to the fund-raising scene, as he has participated in the Terry Fox for the last 20 years. "This is a cause close to my heart," he says. A friend of his got him involved as a high school student and he continued on through the years. In addition to the Terry Fox Run this year, he is combining his commitment to the cause with his passion for cycling. He is an avid cyclist and has participated in duathlon races at Guelph Lake.

One in three Canadians will be diagnosed with some form of can-

cer in their lifetime, so like most people, Stiles has been personally affected. He lost one uncle to the disease last month and another uncle has been recently diagnosed.

"Cancer affects us all in some way, whether directly or through a family member or friend," he says. Stiles sees the Ride to Conquer Cancer as a call to action and has set a personal goal to raise \$3000, which is more than he has ever raised before for cancer research.

To sponsor Stiles, visit www.conquercancer.ca or call 1-877-699-BIKE. His participant ID number 534129-6.



RIDING FOR LIFE: Rockwood's Brent Stiles will Ride to Conquer Cancer to raise funds for the Campbell Family Institute at the Princess Margaret Hospital for cancer research and treatment. He will join thousands on the journey cycling from Toronto to Niagara Falls this June. He is shown here racing in a duathlon at Guelph Lake last summer. - Submitted Photo

Council passes burning bylaw

By Rebecca Ring

The weather may not show it yet, but spring is just around the corner. It is a time when many people decide to set outdoor or "open-air" fires, which are now regulated by a new bylaw. Deputy Fire Chief Lyle Quan presented the proposed bylaw to council on Monday, which passed it unanimously.

Until now, residents were expected to contact the Guelph Fire Department dispatch to advise them of their plans for open air burning, other than for cooking. Quan says there have been varying levels of success with this system, but there is a need "to more formally standardize the process and better educate our residents on the requirements and responsibilities for open air burning."

The bylaw is intended to ensure there is a standard format for all residents and to better coordinate requests, approvals and tracking for open air burning.

The by-law prohibits open air burning in areas

of the township zoned for residential purposes, including in fire pits and burn barrels, but not including barbecues, cooking fires and approved open air burning devices (e.g. chimenea), as defined in the by-law, for recreational burning. In those cases, only dry, clean seasoned wood or commercial charcoal briquettes can be burned. Burning pressure treated or creosote treated

wood is prohibited.

Recreational fires are permitted between 10 a.m. and 11 p.m. Campfires are allowed in Conservation Areas, regulated by the GRCA.

Open air burning is allowed in non-residential areas (e.g. agricultural) but only with a permit. A person planning to set an open air fire must first apply for a permit for a fee of \$25. If granted, it is valid for 180

days and by-law regulations must be followed. For example, the fire must be constantly supervised. Only wood (untreated and unpainted), straw, sticks, tree brush, and paper products can be burned.

Materials which can never be burned?: plastics, paint, solvent, rubber (such as tires), wire (including coating), asphalt, shingles, toxic chemicals (such as pesticides), pressure treated wood, creosote treated wood, or materials that violate Ministry of Environment regulations. The fire cannot bother neighbours, including allowing smoke to enter a residence or building. The fire chief can prohibit fires of any kind during droughts (except barbecues).

The by-law will be enforced by firefighters, fire prevention officers, police officers and the township by-law enforcement officer. Offenders will be charged fines and any fees for emergency services.

Quan says the public will be informed of the new bylaw through the township website, the sign at the fire hall, and information will be provided

EWCS NEWS

Free tax clinic – for low income families (income less than \$25,000) and individuals (income less than \$17,000). For information or to book an appointment for Wed. Mar 11, call Darci at 519-856-2113 in Rockwood or Kelly at 519-833-9696 in Erin.

EWCS food bank is in need of juice, soda crackers, granola bar, "Sidekicks", canned stew or chili. Please drop off these needed items at EWCS in Rockwood or Erin or in the foodbank

bins at local grocery stores.

Seniors Program:

Seniors Wellness Expo will be presented by EWCS in partnership with the Victorian Order of Nurses – Tues, Mar. 31 at Centre 2000, Shamrock room (upstairs, wheelchair accessible elevator available) Lunch will be provided, reservations only. Contact Sherri Plourde at 519-833-0087 for more information or to reserve a seat.

Day trip to Grand River Raceway and Slots – Tues, March 17. Cost is \$20 per

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TOWNSHIP OF GUELPH/ERAMOSA

NOTICE TO RATEPAYERS

Take notice that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Guelph/Eramosa will be holding the following meetings in the Council Chambers at the Township Municipal Office (8348 Wellington Road 124) to present the 2009 budget:

Wednesday, March 11, 2009 at 9:00a.m. (Presentation)
Monday, March 23, 2009 at 5:00p.m. (Presentation)
Monday, March 30, 2009 at 7:00p.m. (Public Input)

It is the intention of Council to adopt the budget at its regular meeting of Council to be held on April 6, 2009

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Past, Present & Future Participants

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with Rebecca Ring



March Break at Guelph Lake

The GRCA is holding a March Break Environmental Day Camp at Guelph Lake Nature Centre, March 16 to 20, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., for children ages six to 10. Campers will be introduced to the wonders of nature with fun, hands-on activities in the great outdoors, which may include animal tracking, snow-shoeing, feeding chickadees, making crafts, sledding, meeting the animals and learning how to survive in the snow. For more information or to register, visit www.grandriver.ca or call 519-836-7860.

Can't wait to for March Break? Join the Hoot and Howl at the Guelph Lake Nature Centre on March 7, from 7 to 9 p.m. All ages are invited to go on a guided night hike to look and listen for owls and coyotes. The evening will begin with an introductory slide show. Bring a flashlight and dress warmly. To register, call 519-836-7860.

March Break at the Library

Rockwood Branch of the Wellington County Library has lots of fun lined up for March Break, with activities each day, from March 16 to 19. Registration is required for all these events, except for Thursday's show.

On Monday at 2 p.m., ages six to 12 can join Jack and Annie for fun from ancient China with Magic Tree House – Day of the Dragon - with games, crafts and snacks.

On Tuesday at 2 p.m., ages six to 12 can climb aboard the Magic School Bus in The Search for the Missing Bones. Scavenge for bones and learn some fun facts about skeletons.

On Wednesday at 10:30 a.m., ages eight to 12 can join Percy Jackson and the Olympians with magical monsters and Delphic diversion.

On Thursday, all ages are invited to see Eddie Douglas live. Described as the "Pied Piper with a guitar," the Juno nominated singer/songwriter has "knack for putting poetry into musical motion for kids." Tickets are required, except for infants in arms.

For more information, tickets or registration, call (519) 856-4851.

Night of Euchre, Bridge

The Rockwood and District Lioness Club invites all to join in games of Euchre and Bridge at Rockmosa Community Centre on Wednesday, March 11 at 7 p.m., with prizes and lunch. Proceeds go to community projects.