


EWCS NEWS

Thanksgiving is Approaching – Many thanks to all those who have recently made donations of food items and cash for our food banks. However, Thanksgiving is just around the corner and we are still in need of Kraft dinner, salmon, tuna, canned pastas and beans in sauce. If you could help us out, we would very much appreciate it. For more information, please call Gillian at 519-833-9696 ext. 222.

ECO Fashion Show This Fall – Wednesday, Oct 28 at 7pm the EWCS Annual ECO Fashion Show returns to Centre 2000 Theatre. Tickets are \$15 or \$10 for seniors and EWCS members. We are looking for vendors for this event. If you are interested please call Robyn at 519-833-9696 for more information.

Seniors News:

Foot Care Clinic – Treat your feet to some TLC on Tuesday, September 15 in the seniors' room at Centre 2000. The cost is \$20. Please bring your own towel. Contact Pauline Mikol at 519-941-9716 to book a spot.

Line Dancing – Resuming Friday, Sept 11 from 10am-12pm in the seniors' room at Centre 2000. Please call

Sherri at 519-833-0087 for more information and to register.

Dementia Information – Thursday, Sept 24, Rockwood Library meeting room, 9:45am – 3:15pm. Please contact Sherri Plourde at 519-833-0087 for more information or to register. There is no cost for this event. A light lunch will be provided. Donations are always welcome!

Day Trip to Royal Ontario Museum – Friday, Oct 2, hop on the bus and head down to see the Dead Sea Scrolls. Cost is \$60 and includes transportation, admission and lunch. Call Sherri at 519-833-0087 to reserve a spot. Seats are filling up fast!

Children's News:

New! New! New! – If you have a baby birth to age 12 months, join us for Baby Steps the first three Tuesdays of every month, from 10am-12pm, at the Rockwood Library. Discussions, ideas, tips, songs and games – everything you need to make the first year of your baby's life enjoyable for the whole family! If you live in the Erin area, Baby Steps takes place every Wednesday afternoon from 2-3 at All Saints Anglican Church.



REELING IN SUMMER: These two boys enjoyed some fishing at the Rockwood Conservation Area as summer winds down with the passage of Labour Day weekend. Shown are Nathan Haniatti (left) and Dylan Scattolon of Guelph. - *Rebecca Ring photo*

'Great summer' at Rockwood Conservation Area despite weather

By **Rebecca Ring**

With the last long weekend of summer

over, minds are turning to packing up the camping gear and getting ready for fall. This Labour Day weekend saw Rockwood Conservation Area campsites fully booked for summer's last big hurrah.

The weather this summer may not have seemed conducive for camping and swimming, but the hardy folks who frequent the park were not deterred. According to

assistant superintendent Angela Bird, there was no reduction in camping revenue but day use was down by about 10 to 15 per cent.

Park visitors took advantage of the special programs offered by the GRCA. Events such as "night hikes" and "swamp tromps" were well attended and are gaining in popularity. Day camps were fully booked at the Guelph Lake Conserva-

tion Area but a couple of spaces were left vacant in Rockwood. Day camps there began about three years ago when the Nature Centre trailer was introduced.

Besides accommodating day camps, the trailer is used for school and group programs. Four week-long Junior Camps (ages six to ten) and one Senior Camp (ages ten to 14) ran over the summer.

"The camps are always popular," says Manager of Environmental Education, Ralph Beaumont. Kids get to be outdoors exploring caves, hiking in the woods or canoeing (for older kids). In the trailer, they learn about nature and biodiversity with crafts and games. "We wear them out and send them home tired after a fun day," says Beaumont, "Rockwood Conservation Area is a spectacular park and has a lot to offer kids and adults." He adds that the day camps will continue next summer.

The GRCA also offers Outdoor Learning Adventures for organized groups led by experienced GRCA naturalists. Programs include caving and exploring, water ecology study, orienteering and canoeing. Visit www.grandriver.ca for more information.

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