

The ROCKWOOD Miller



SLIDE FOR SIGHT: Meghan Vanderyt and friend Ally enjoy a fast run on Monday in Eden Mills for the annual Slide for Sight, a fundraiser for the Foundation Fighting Blindness. Meghan was diagnosed several years ago with Retinitis Pigmentosa and is a successful fundraiser for the Foundation. – Submitted photo

Slide for Sight fun

On Monday's Family Day, Mike Hessien of Eden Mills hosted the second annual Slide for Sight, a hugely successful event that drew more than 60 people.

Rockwood's Meghan Vanderyt was diagnosed a few years ago with Retinitis Pigmentosa and has been on a mission ever since to raise awareness for the need for research into eye disease to find a cure.

Friends and family from the Rockwood area and several of Meghan's high school friends participated in

a fun-filled day of tubing, sliding and 'GTing' down a winding, snow-covered hill. This is an annual event raised over \$1,000 and put Meghan's funding totals at over \$11,000.

The Vanderyt and Hessien families staged the event. Donations are still being accepted by the Foundation Fighting Blindness. For more information visit <http://my.e2rm.com/personalPage.aspx?registrationID=797522&LangPref=en-CA> or find her link through the FFB website: <http://ffb.ca/>

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Township Digest

By Frances Niblock

Industrial plan objections

Most of the 130 people who jammed the Township of Guelph/Eramosa council chambers last Monday are not happy with the latest version of the so-called Robertson application – plans for a 30-lot industrial development near Eden Place at the southwest corner of Highway 7 and Wellington Road 29.

While the developer's consultant said Highway 7 will be the main traffic route, several people – including a teenager with a 35-name petition – are worried about the impact of additional traffic on Eden Mills. Another petition signed by over 70 local youth was also tabled at the public meeting, and members of a group calling themselves the Friends of the Eramosa River Valley, presented council with a

150-name petition in opposition to the industrial development. Some of its concerns include decreased property values, light pollution, seasonal flooding, hours of operation of businesses and increased risk of accidents.

It is regrettable that some residents have the perception that council is not dealing with the proposal in the proper manner.

Township will consider all of the questions and comments and report back at a future public meeting.

Erin waste changes

Rural residents in the Town of Erin will be offered paid curbside collection of bagged garbage and blue box recyclables every other Thursday beginning May 6. There's no bag limits and a wide range of material is acceptable to the blue box pick up program.

County of Wellington user-pay bags are available

for purchase at a variety of local distributors, all County-owned waste facilities and the County Administration Centre in Guelph. Information on the curbside collection program is available on the County's website: www.wellington.ca.

The Hillsburgh Transfer Station will be closing permanently on May 1, 2010 to limit negative environmental impacts from the former landfill site. An earlier County Council plan for a full-service transfer station in Erin was rejected in 2004 due to community opposition.

The County is in discussion with local organizations about a Reuse Centre located in the Town of Erin. Urban residents in the Town of Erin will continue to receive weekly bagged garbage and blue box curbside collection every Thursday.

Around ROCKWOOD



By Frances Niblock

Essay contest

Think you can perfectly describe your favourite place in Wellington County – using 500 to 2,000 words? The Wellington County Historical Society's annual essay contest this year asks contestants to write about the place they like best.

When the IODE started the essay contest in 1930s popular topics were "My school" and "My Church" according to Society

spokesman Ian Easterbrook who hopes for at least 40 entries from all ages.

The deadline is April 14 and "modest" cash prizes will be awarded to adults and students. For details call 519-843-6576.

Youth dance

Big screens, big sound and big fun are on the bill for the video dance party on Friday, February 26 at Rockmosa.

Party Cinemas will make the fundraiser happen with help from East

Wellington Community Services.

Doors open at 7 and close at 10 p.m. at the adult chaperoned event, aimed at kids seven to 14.

No fee support

Phone support, crisis intervention, counselling and help with transportation and children is available, for free, from trained volunteers with East Wellington Community Services.

Rockwood area women can call Kim at 519-856-2191.



RED NOSE ALERT: M&M Meat Shops Acton product consultant Caitlin Lichty and daughter Gillian get into the spirit on Red Nose Day on February 6. The day is a Red Nose reminder to lighten up and laugh. – Submitted photo