



HORSES AND BULLS: Lane Norris (right) of Dodge Rodeo in Orangeville helped entertain a large crowd on Saturday during the open house of System Fencing in Rockwood. Also on hand were Sarah Fortin with Tipperary Equestrian (far left), System Fencing president Dwayne Job and Ross Millar from Dodge Rodeo. — Frances Niblock photos

Shamrock shuffle set for Sunday

The 7th annual Erin Shamrock Shuffle road race and walk is this weekend and more than 100 runners and walkers are expected to participate. The race begins from Centre 2000 at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, May 16th. Last minute registration opens at 7:45 a.m., and registration is \$40.

Last Friday, the Erin branch of TD Canada Trust held a bake sale in support of the Shuffle. Funds from the bake sale went towards pledges being raised by two of the bank's employees, Mary Cunningham and Dawn Kivell, who are walking 5K. In addition to the pledges they are raising, TD Bank donated \$500.

"The Shamrock Shuffle is a great community event involving heart healthy activity and includes all levels and conditions, as you can walk or run. Both our High School and EWCS benefit financially if we do a good job with our fundraising & sponsorships," said Mary Cunningham, manager of the Erin TD Canada Trust.

Raising pledges this year means Shufflers are not only supporting two great causes in their community, but also

earning prizes. Various prizes will be given to all participants who raise certain levels of pledges, starting at just \$50 raised. There is even a pledge level where participants get an iPod shuffle - perfect for the Shamrock Shuffle.

Everyone in the family can participate in the Shuffle. There is the choice to run 10K or 5K and walkers can

choose from a 5K or 2.5K. There is even a 1K fun run for kids under 12. After the run, participants will enjoy a pancake breakfast and awards for top place finishers in all age categories as well as draw prizes.

For more information visit EWCS's website www.eastwellingtoncommunityservices.com or call 519-833-9696.



SHAMROCK SHUFFLE: Staff from East Wellington Community Services (EWCS) accepted a \$500 cheque from Mary Cunningham and other TD Bank staff in support of the Shamrock Shuffle that takes place in Erin on Sunday. The event will raise money to benefit EWCS and the athletic department at Erin District High School. — Submitted photo

Our MPP Reports

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May 6 in the Ontario Legislature, my colleague Elizabeth Witmer asked a question on the Government's pharmacy proposals. Her question exposed the McGuinty Liberals' indifference to small town and rural Ontario pharmacy service.

Witmer disclosed that the Ministry of Health produced a briefing document last year, which advised the Minister that smaller independent and rural pharmacies would have a "low capacity" to survive the changes the Government announced recently.

Evidently, this prudent advice from Ministry staff was ignored, for the Government declared war on pharmacy on April 7.

Anyone who has visited their neighbourhood pharmacy in the past month has likely heard what the changes may mean: less service for patients, and the possible closure of some pharmacies.

Speaking in the Legislature, I have called upon the Minister of Health to

withdraw her proposals to cut pharmacy service, tone down her rhetoric, and sit down with the pharmacists' association to seek common ground. I believe a compromise could be found to encourage savings AND maintain service.

If you are concerned about this issue, more information on the campaign to support local pharmacies is available online at stopcuts.ca. I am receiving stacks of petitions and postcards on this issue, which I intend to present to the Government.

In my ongoing efforts to reach out to Halton Hills residents, my staff and I are continuing to schedule meetings with constituents at the Mold-Masters SportsPlex arena's boardroom. If you need to meet me, please call 1-800-265-2366 to set up a time.

In addition, I plan to once again visit the Georgetown Market Place mall on Friday, May 14, from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m., to listen to your ideas and concerns.

Rockwood music students perform at Kiwanis Festival

Rockwood and area piano students of the Bookbinder's "Keyboard Studio" recently performed at the 2010 Kiwanis Music Festival of Guelph.

Awards received in Competitive Classes include:

Beniot Cuerrier: third place finish
Myra Freeman: two second place finishes
Chelsea Ingle: first place finish
Alison Kim: honourable mention
Titus Lee: three first place finishes
Aquila Lee: two first place finishes
Lidia Lee: second place finish

Kayleigh Rankin: two first place finishes
Aidan Szekely Nokes: first and second place finishes
Christal Vermeulen: two second place finishes
Adrianna Vermeulen: first and second place finishes
Non-Competitive Classes:
Lidia Lee: adjudicated excellent
Aquila Lee: received the Award Committee's scholarship prize.

Mark Kosir performed his composition at the Festival. Congratulations to all for outstanding performances.

Fill up your tank winner

Four of the twelve winners have been drawn in East Wellington Community Service's "Fill Up Your Tank" 12 Month Raffle has been drawn. Marilyne Houghton was April's recipient of \$250 in free groceries and \$250 in free gas.

Marilyne bought her ticket at the Village Green in Erin. When she

came to pick up her prize she joked about sharing the gas card with her husband and keeping the grocery card for herself. She also said she would be sending him to buy another ticket.

There are still eight more chances to win the \$500 prizes so those who have a ticket and haven't won

yet still have an opportunity. There are even a few tickets still available. The contest continues all year, on the third Friday of every month. The next draw will be on May 21st.

Proceeds from the raffle go to supporting EWCS's programs in the community.