



**FIFA FLOCK:** Not to be outdone by the games being played in South Africa, the Rockwood geese faced off in a past paced soccer game recently.

— Marie Shadbolt photo

**Drunk driver**

A 41-year-old Puslinch Township man was arrested

and charged with having more than 80-mgs of alcohol in 100-mls of blood after his 1997 Pontiac Sunfire was stopped at an OPP R.I.D.E. spotcheck on Conservation Road in Eramosa Township at 3:39 on Friday afternoon. He appears in a Guelph court on August 9.

**Drunk driver flees**

The OPP canine unit helped locate a 23-year-old Rockwood man who fled from the scene of a single vehicle crash on the Eramosa-Milton Town Line.

A 2008 Mazda 6 crashed into a garage at 3:41 on Sunday afternoon, and the driver took off on foot. When he was found and arrested, police determined that he had been drinking. He was taken to Guelph Hospital, treated for non-life



threatening injuries and released.

He was charged with having more than 80-mgs of alcohol in 100-mls of blood and Fail to Remain and appears in a Guelph court on August 9.

**Drunk in ditch**

A 58-year-old Erin man was charged with having more than 80-mgs of alcohol in 100-mls of blood and Driving with Open Liquor when OPP responded to a call about a car in the ditch south east of Erin on Canada Day at 10 p.m.

Police found a 1999 Ford Windstar in the ditch on Wellington Road 124 at Winston Churchill Boulevard and when they spoke to the driver they determined he had been drinking.

He appears in a Guelph court on August 16.

# Eden Mills project a Hometown Hero finalist

The Eden Mills Going Carbon Neutral project was one of 10 finalists in Canada for the 2010 award for communities that foster meaningful, long-term awareness and action on environmental issues.

The Eden Mills Millpond Conservation Society Inc. wants to make Eden Mills the first carbon neutral village in North America by cutting the use of fossil fuels, replacing fossil fuel consumption with sustainable energy sources and increasing absorption and sequestration of carbon dioxide.

The Hometown Heroes program, established in 2004 by Earth Day Canada, recognizes and celebrates environmental leaders, groups and organizations. The Eden Mills project is under the umbrella of Eden Mills Millpond Conservation Association.

Hometown Heroes are those who overcome en-

vironmental obstacles. They engage others in support of a sustainable community and a healthier environment. The Eden Mills project met the criteria Earth Day Canada considers individual and group candidates who:

- demonstrate outstanding environmental leadership, commitment and achievements in their communities;
- carry out not-for-profit environmental efforts with notable accomplishments in the past two years or a single outstanding environmental initiative in the previous calendar year;

• focus their environmental efforts in Canada; and

• engage, educate, or empower community members to support a healthier environment.

The winner of the Individual Hometown Heroes Award, receives a \$10,000 cash-prize (\$5,000 to keep and \$5,000 to donate to the environmental cause of their choice), and the Group Hometown Heroes Award, receives a \$10,000 cash-prize to support their work.

GreenHere of Toronto received the group Hometown Heroes Award this year.



# Low flow toilet rebates available

By Denise Paulsen

Replacing old and inefficient toilets with one of two low flow models may entitle Rockwood residents to a \$60 or \$75 rebate from the Guelph/Eramosa Township. A limited number of toilet rebates are available – on a first come first serve basis as Ontario bans the sale of medium (13-litre) flush toilets as of January 1, 2011, making low flow the only type of toilet available for purchase in the province. The Township is now accepting applications for the rebate program available to Rockwood residents connected to the Township’s municipal water and wastewater systems.

The program saves both water and money, as finding new sources of water and treating it is very costly.

Ken Gagnon, Manager of the Township’s Public Works recently said the province’s rumoured legislation banning the sale of all but low flow toilets could make the continuation of the rebate program unnecessary.

The Toilet Rebate Program “closely mirrors the City of Guelph’s Royal Flush Program,” Gagnon said allowing two rebates

per eligible household.

To qualify Rockwood residents must meet the following requirements:

- have a valid water/wastewater non-delinquent account;
- show proof of having replaced a high flow (20 litre) or medium flow (13 litre) toilet;
- residence built prior to 1996, and
- has not received a toilet rebate in the past.

The Township will not issue rebates for non-approved toilets. Rockwood residents should check the Guelph/Eramosa Township’s website for a list of approved All Star models. A \$60 rebate will be paid to replace older toilets with a water efficient low flow (6-litre) toilet, and a \$70 rebate will be paid to replace toilets with a dual-flush or ultra low flow model.

The average single family home uses more than 300-litres of water per day for indoor needs. By making a conscious effort to conserve water usage – such as installing a low flush toilet – residents can decrease their household water consumption by 35 per cent. Switching from a high-flow to a low-flow toilet (based on 18-flushes

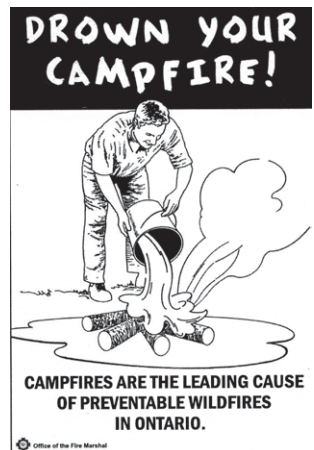
per day/household) saves 252-litres – a cost savings of \$294 per residence.

Gagnon said the City of Guelph currently has a backlog of 31 applications for toilet rebates from Rockwood homeowners. Rebate cheques are being processed and should be mailed out within the next month.

The City previously picked up the tab for the rebate program. Since amalgamation in 2006, they have agreed to cover only 50 per cent of the cost – representing the wastewater portion. The Township is now responsible for half of the cost of the 31 applications received by the City.

Funding in the Township’s 2010 budget will cover approximately 65 rebates. Old toilets can be dropped off at the Aberfoyle Landfill Site or at the City of Guelph’s Water Resource Innovation Centre. Further information about the program is available on the Guelph/Eramosa Township’s website.

Township council agreed to Gagnon’s recommendation to put \$2,500 in the 2010 budget to cover the cost of an additional 34 low flush toilet rebates, and to review the water conservation program annually.



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