

The ROCKWOOD Miller

Cookies for cancer

It is hard to imagine that 11-year-old twins who lost their mother to cancer three years ago would be able to turn that tragedy into something positive, but they, and several friends, have done just that.

Hannah and Noah Vickery, both Grade six students at Rockwood Centennial School, recently decided that they wanted to help others – patients and their families – who are fighting cancer. They decided to accept donations for cookies, and with the help of their grand-

mother, who baked 80 dozen assorted cookies, they recently raised \$105 at a booth they set up outside the Rose Garden on Main Street North.

“My mom died on June 19, 2007, and my aunt died too, and we decided to get some money with the cookies. I’m happy that we raised so much money. We did it for that, and for ourselves,” Noah Vickery said last Thursday, adding cancer is “hurting other peoples’ families.”

Noah’s friend, Grade six student Bazayd Hussain of Rockwood, said

he wanted to help with the cookies to help raise money to find a cure for cancer and “try to change the world.”

Twin Hannah Vickery, who also cut her long hair last weekend to donate to Locks for Love – an organization that makes wigs for children who lose their hair during cancer treatment – said her mom’s death and that of her aunt recently, made her act.

“I wanted to do something to raise money for cancer research and people who got the cookies were glad we were



CANCER COOKIES: Rockwood twins Hannah (left) and Noah Vickery (right) and friends Jessica Turton and Bazayd Hussain, recently raised \$105 for the Wellington Unit of the Canadian Cancer Society by selling cookies, baked by twin’s grandmother. Hannah also donated her ponytail to Locks of Love, an organization that supplies wigs to children fighting cancer. – Frances Niblock photo

doing it, and I felt glad because people were being nice and giving us money for a donation,”

Hannah said, adding her friend Jessica Turton helped come up with the idea.

Mary Zaborowski, Rockwood captain for the Wellington County Canadian Cancer Society,

said the students’ wonderful efforts “moved her to tears.”

“They’ve managed to make something good happen out of all that loss. What wonderful kids,” Zaborowski said.

Streamlined development process

Less bureaucracy and a streamlined, less expensive development process are the benefits of a new Site Plan Control policy approved recently by Guelph/Eramosa Township Council.

Site plans are a development tool allowing municipalities to control

issues like entrances, parking, loading areas and landscaping for new buildings, alterations to existing site plans and major renovations. Single family homes, semi-detached dwellings and agricultural buildings are exempt from the Site Plan Control process.

Until now, a site plan application, with a \$2,560 fee and deposit, was required for all development, regardless of its size or impact. With the new policy, Council delegates approval for “minor” site plans to the CAO and/or Clerk, without requiring a full site plan application and Council approval.

When several councillors expressed concern over what would be deemed a “minor” application, staff explained new criteria only allows applications with an existing Site Plan Agreement, and to be minor, an

application must comply with current zoning by-laws and not increase the size of a building by more than 30 per cent.

Until now, site plans have not been required in the agricultural area, but the new policy requires site plans for developments like country markets that have a visitor component, including parking and landscaping.

Mayor Chris White said the new policy would reduce bureaucracy and shows the Township is “a little more open for business.”

OPP Auxiliary Unit Celebrates 50th Anniversary

The Ontario Provincial Police Auxiliary program marked its 50th Anniversary this year. The OPP Auxiliary originally formed in 1960 by an Order-in-Council. Known prior to that as the Emergency Measures Organization, members were trained in crowd control and first aid in the event of a nuclear attack from Russia.

The current members of the County of Wellington OPP Auxiliary Unit have dedicated thousands of hours of volunteer work last year. Members locally support and help organize Child Safety Seat Inspection Clinics, food drives and they are involved in many community events County wide.

The duties of the Auxiliary unit are never ending. They continually assist in traffic control, ground security at major events, seat belt clinics,

assisting with RIDE initiatives, bicycle rodeos, safety displays and presentations, foot and road patrol, search and rescue, marine and ceremonial duties.

County of Wellington OPP Inspector Scott Smith said, “The Auxiliary Program benefits the community and the OPP organization as a whole. Without these dedicated members, many special events and operational needs would be negatively impacted. These Auxiliary officers contribute substantially to the public safety, education and awareness of the residents throughout Wellington County. The values and commitment these members bring to the organization is something that cannot be measured. I thank the members of our unit for their continued dedication.”



East Wellington Family Health Team

18 Thompson Crescent, Erin, Ontario

Check out our FREE workshops this fall to help improve the health and quality of life of those living in East Wellington

Managing Type 2 Diabetes: Learn how to tackle habit changes and gain resources to help build your diabetes management skills:

Tuesday November 9th 6:30 to 8:30 pm, 175 Alma Street, Rockwood
Tuesday October 26th 6:30 to 8:30 pm, 18 Thompson Crescent, Erin

Introduction to Diabetes Prevention and Management:

For anyone with pre-diabetes, at risk of diabetes, needing a refresher on lifestyle management of diabetes or who would like basic information on diabetes:
Wednesday Dec. 1st 6:30 to 8:30 pm, 175 Alma Street, Rockwood
Tuesday Nov. 2nd 6:30 to 8:30 pm, Community Room Centre 2000, Erin

You MUST be registered to attend these events so avoid disappointment.

To register or for more information on other events call (519) 833-7576 ext.224 or go online at www.ewfht.ca under ‘Workshops’.

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