

The ROCKWOOD Miller



SUNNY DAYS: It was all fun in the sun for Rockwood's Milo Robitaille, 22 months, his pal Larel Hagerman, 3, and caregiver Mary-Ann "Meme" Azzopardi who enjoyed the great weather while playing at Rockmosa on Friday. — Frances Niblock photo

Street Proofing kids

Last Tuesday at about 3:52 p.m., County of Wellington OPP responded to a reported suspicious person call in Erin. A group of youths from St. John Brebeuf Catholic School (two boys and two girls) were walking on Millwood Road in Erin when a truck stopped and the male driver asked the group if they wanted some candy. The group linked arms and ran ahead to another group of teens.

OPP officers need help identify the suspect, described as male white, 40's, stocky build, wearing a brown toque, in a candy apple red pickup, with silver strip on the lower part of the door.

Parents and care givers are urged to continue to be vigilant and help reinforce safety

tips for street proofing students.

- Let your parents know where you will be at all times.
- Never enter anyone's home or isolated areas without your parents' permission.
- Never accept gifts from strangers.
- Don't approach or enter a stranger's car.
- Never take shortcuts through empty parks, fields or isolated areas.

County of Wellington OPP are asking if anyone has information regarding this matter to contact Constable Heather Nellis at 519-856-1506, or if you wish to remain anonymous, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or submit a tip on-line at www.crimestoppers-wellington.com.

Poem strikes a chord

So moved by the prose, a Rockwood teacher will send a Remembrance Day poem, written by a 13-year-old student, to her husband who is serving in Afghanistan.

Lindsay Christopher, a Grade eight student at Rockwood Centennial School, wrote the poem for an English class assignment and made such an impression that she was asked to read it at the village's Remembrance Day ceremony last Thursday.

"It (the poem) just came to me — it's called Risking their Lives to Fight for You and it came to me while I was thinking about Remembrance Day," Christopher said on Sunday, adding she has several American family members in the U.S. Navy, and her cousin, Anthony Price, formerly of Acton, was injured in Afghanistan.

Christopher said the solemn service at the Rockwood Cenotaph did not make her nervous because she "likes the spotlight" and recited her poem from the heart, to be told later by several Veterans how much it meant to them.



Lindsay Christopher

This is Christopher's poem:

*Risking Their Lives to Fight For You
The people who go to war
are just like me and you
Sisters, brothers, moms and dads too
Risking their lives to fight for you.*

*Grabbing their guns and heading to war
Even though they've had little sleep
and are very sore
They don't care the tiniest bit
For they are the lucky ones
who haven't been hit
Very few people realize what they do
They're risking their lives to fight for you*

*A soldier is down and others risk being hurt
He is bleeding with no bandage,
so his friend uses his shirt
The soldier will now return home too
Because he risked and lost his life
to fight for you*

*Remember all the soldiers
with stories the same
And be glad you don't have to feel the pain
Remember the soldiers and their stories too
For we have lost them because they were
risking their lives to fight for you.*



Letters



Scouts say thanks

To the Editor,

On behalf of the youth and volunteers of the 1st Rockwood Scouts Group I would like to say thank you.

Thank you to Paul and

Don from Rockwood Home Hardware for inviting us to provide a barbeque at their grand re-opening, and for their continued support.

Thank you to Wellington Country Marketplace for donating the proceeds from Rural Romp and for the use of equipment.

Thank you to Steve, Hildegard and Bernie Liebig of Rockwood Foodland for hosting our fundraising barbeque in their parking lot and for their generous support.

Thank you to all of the local merchants that hosted the youth while they collected donations for their apples.

Thank you to the residents of Rockwood who supported Apple Day fundraiser and to all of you who purchased food from our Scouts.

Thank you to the gang from the Rockwood Cruise Night for inviting our Scouts to provide food for your events.

As the holiday season approaches please remember to support these wonderful people.

Scouting has been running in Canada for over 100 years and our program is even more applicable today. As we move into the 21st century and become device dependant we can easily forget the outdoor skills of

our ancestors. It's easy to forget the connection to the natural world when our entertainment now comes from electronics. Scouting teaches the youth these skills and reminds them that the outdoors is full of fun and adventure; that watching a campfire with your friends is better than watching TV and that the best stories are the ones you and your friends make up when playing outside. Scouting teaches responsibility, leadership and helps to challenge and encourage the adults of tomorrow.

Scouting in Rockwood has a long and proud history, for me personally it only dates back to the 1970's, but I know that the movement was going strong long before that. The volunteers of today want to continue this tradition and to invite you to join us. For more information visit our website at www.rockwoodscouts.com. We are also looking to add some of that rich history to our website. If you have any pictures you'd like to share, please contact us.

It takes a great community to raise great people. Thank you for being such a great community.

*Mike Chapman
Group Commissioner
1st Rockwood Scouts*

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