# ROCKWOOD

## L'Township Digest

#### **School Boards' chairs**

Marino Gazzola was elected chair of the Wellington Catholic District School Board and Trustee Steve Redmond was elected vice-chair at the Board's recent inaugural meeting.

At the Upper Grand District School Board's inaugural meeting, Orangeville Trustee Bob Borden was elected as chair, and Guelph Wards 1 and 5 Trustee Linda Busuttil was elected vice-chair.

#### Christmas trees

Wellington County residents, including Rockwood residents can drop off their natural Christmas trees at County

waste facilities until January 29. Live trees must be stripped of all decorations and will be accepted, free of charge, at the County's waste transfer facilities and landfill – the closest to Rockwood is Aberfoyle, Elora or Bellwood. For urban residents Guelph/Eramosa, live trees will be picked up with the regular Friday's pickups during the week of January 10.

There are no changes to the curb/roadside garbage and blue box collection this holiday season. On your regularly scheduled collection day, place user pay garbage bags and blue boxes at the curb/ roadside by 7 a.m.



PLANT SALE: The Rockwood District Lioness Club's pre-Christmas craft/bazaar at the Rockmosa Community Hall was a great success and a lot of fun for poinsettia sellers Lindsay (7) (front left) and Alyssa (5) Stewart and Sherol Steinberg (back), with son Noah. – Denise Paulsen photo

### A look back at Rockwood in 2010

#### January

- Rockwood's new medical centre – officially the Guelph/ Eramosa Community Health Centre – opens on Alma Street
  - Students at Rockwood

Centennial Public School raised over \$2,335 for Haitian relief efforts

#### February

• Rockwood physician, Dr. Anne-Marie Zajdlik, is named to the Order of Ontario for her on-going work as an AIDS activist

• Wellington-Halton Hills MPP Ted Arnott is named Deputy House speaker at Queen's Park

March

• A "considerable compromise" over hours of operation ended a long-standing dispute between the Guelph Rod and Gun Club and some Eden Mills residents

• A drastic increase in traffic speed and volume in Brucedale prompted some residents to petition council for a lowered speed limit

#### April

- The 30 volunteers who spent countless cold nights caring for outdoor ice rinks in Rockwood are thanked by the Township for their efforts
- "Insane" insurance rate increases and a double-digit conservation levy are behind a proposed 2.6 per cent tax increase for Guelph/Eramosa Township ratepayers

#### May

- Charges are laid under the Occupational Health and Safety Act against an unnamed engineer in connection with the death of Rockwood's Isabel Warren, 14, who died when a washroom wall at a Guelph ball diamond collapsed on her
- St. John's Anglican Church welcomes its new interim

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New Year!

pastor, the Reverend Hollis Hiscock

#### June

- An elderly Eden Mills man, Bill Richie, died when a raging fire consumed his home, leaving a pile of rubble
- Rockwood residents ask the MTO for safety improvements sidewalks and a pedestrian crossing at an open house to talk about provincial plans to reconstruct Highway 7 through the village

#### July

- The Township offers residents rebates of \$60 or \$75 to replace their water-wasting toilets with low-flow models
- Township Council agrees to spend 10 cents-per capital – \$1,200 – to help defend maintenance standards used to defend themselves against law -suits stemming from road conditions

#### August

- Rockwood residents continue their requests for a stop light at the south end of the village and a pedestrian crossing as the MTO discusses plans to reconstruct Highway 7 through the village
  - Rockwood's Brittany

MacPhearson pitched 17 strikeouts at the Canadian national Bantam championships B.C.

#### September

- One Rockwood business owner – Tanya Orton – moved her gift shop/art galley to Acton to avoid an anticipated loss of business when Highway 7 is reconstructed through the village
- A plaque commemorating A.J. Casson and his 1926 painting of Rockwood is unveiled by Heritage Guelph/Eramosa outside Heaven on 7

#### October

- Five years after female remains were found at rest stop Highway 7 west of Rockwood, OPP hold a press conference to try to help identify the body
- In a repeat of the last municipal election, Mayor Chris White is being challenged by former mayor Clint Martin

#### November

- A large solemn crowd including veterans, students and citizens attend the Remembrance Day services at the Rockwood Cenotaph
- Wellington-Halton Hills MPP Ted Arnott continues to press the government to release its long-proposed 10year hospital plan, including proposal for Georgetown and Fergus hospitals

#### December

- Thousands line the streets of Rockwood for the annual parade of Lights which features farm equipment festooned with Christmas decorations and lights
- Guelph/Eramosa Mayor Chris White is elected Warden of Wellington County, a two-year term that includes an annual salary of \$79,226

