#### THE NEW TANNER

# Slow down and enjoy spring

The change of seasons brings out many people who have been cooped up inside throughout the winter. Wellington OPP remind drivers to adjust their thinking, drive safe and watch for other users of the roadways.

Now when the weather turns warmer, the people who use roller blades, bikers and joggers are out in full force; and you have to share the road with them.

• Slow down and allow extra room when passing. (There could be obstacles on the road that may cause roller bladers and cyclists to swerve into traffic.)

• When making a right turn, check both your left and right before accelerating. Some times cyclists will ride against traffic.

• Don't use your horn to signal cyclists.

You might scare them and cause them to lose control.

• Use caution and watch for motorcycles. Motorcycles have been away all winter and you have to adjust your thinking now, for motorcycles on the roads. Motorcycles accelerate quicker than cars, so make sure to check your blind spots before changing lanes, as they may not have been there a couple seconds ago.

• Tune out distractions.

• Eating or drinking should not be done in your car, as they divide your attention.

• No cell phones or electronic devices • Keep your eyes on the roadway and not on the passengers as your driving.

Please slow down and let everyone enjoy the change of Seasons.





### HONOURED VOLUNTEER

**Rockwood's Erik Stern** was honoured with a Wellington Volunteer Committee/County volunteer appreciation award recently for his work developing the Rockwood medical centre and fire hall.

- Frances Niblock photo

## Volunteer Stern honoured with award

Erik Stern's quiet effective leadership is evident in the good things in Rockwood, including the new medical building and the new fire hall station.

For "changing the face" of Guelph/ Eramosa Township. Stern was recently honoured with an award from the Volunteer Centre of Guelph/Wellington and Wellington County Council.

Guelph/Eramosa councillors congratulated Stern, of Rockwood, on Monday, thanking him for donating his time and talents to the Township. For Stern, volunteering is a way of life that makes him feel good.

"The real test of a person is what they share with others, not what they have Corridor Improvement Committee.

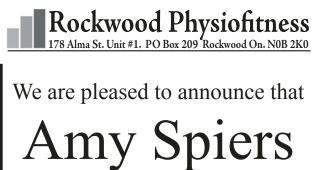
and keep. I have time and experience of running some committees...in small towns and townships if volunteers don't give, you can't get things done," Stern said on Monday, repeating some of the comments he made when he received his award at County Council last Thursday.

Stern said the award surprised him, because he doesn't go looking for recognition, but just does what needs to be done to help the township grow.

"That's all of the satisfaction I need." Stern was instrumental in bringing ambulance service to Rockwood, and he is a member of the Economic Development Committee and Commercial

## Accident investigation

Wellington OPP is in the intersection of Tralooking for witnesses to a falgar Road and Highway serious two-vehicle crash 24 near Brisbane last



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Thursday at 12:21 p.m. The driver of a tractor

trailer was not injured, but the driver of a Ford pickup truck, a 51-year old Guelph man, was airlifted to a Toronto hospital in serious condition with head injuries. The roads were closed for over five hours,. Anyone with information about the accident is asked to call 519-343-5770.

