

The ROCKWOOD Miller

Township Digest

Tow bylaw change

In order to bring the Township's accident scene solicitation bylaw into line with the Highway Traffic Act, Guelph/Eramosa Council voted last week to amend its bylaw that prevents tow trucks from coming to within 200-metres of an accident scene, if sufficient tow trucks are already at the scene to deal with all vehicles.

Recently Council was asked by the OPP to enact an anti-solicitation bylaw to fight "outlaw" tow trucks drivers from outside Wellington County who have initiated fist fights over who gets to tow. Police said the "pirates" often offer cut rates, but a driver accepting an offer is at the mercy of the operator for sudden

increases and the location the vehicle is towed.

While a motorist can call whomever they want to an accident scene, OPP have a list of local firms and will provide it to drivers who ask. The bylaw prevents anyone from stopping, soliciting or offering tow truck services within 200-metres of the scene of an accident or apparent accident, or a vehicle involved in any accident on any highway.

The amendment to the bylaw says no person will park, stop or stand a tow truck within 200-metres of the scene of an accident "if there is a sufficient number of tow trucks already at the scene to deal with all vehicles that apparently require the service of a tow truck."



GIDDY GEESE: Once again, the Rockwood Geese are out in full force, celebrating spring with a dance around the May Pole. – Marie Shadbolt photo

OPP Bears ease children's trauma

The OPP has launched a new partnership program with Aviva Canada Inc., that will help officers in comforting distressed children they encounter.

Thanks to the generous sponsorship of Aviva, the Community Bear Program will equip OPP cruisers with plush black and white teddy bears that officers will hand out to children who have experienced trauma and devastation in incidents. Traumatic situations like car crashes, personal injury, domestic violence and abuse have a profound effect on children, and the new Community Bear can help ease the pain and trauma they experience in these situations.

Inspector Scott Smith, Detachment Commander for Wellington County said:

"The safety and well-being of children in our communities is paramount to the OPP, and being able to hand a distressed child a Community Bear at a time when they need it can be highly effective in helping them cope with a traumatic ordeal."

Aviva has provided an additional 100 Community Bears, which they are selling to their employees with proceeds donated to the OPP Youth Foundation.

The launch of the program coincided with Ontario Police Week which ended Saturday, an annual initiative dedicated to increasing community awareness and recognition of policing services, while strengthening partnerships between police and the community.

Wellington O.P.P. Report



Fast and Foolish

There are two contenders for Speeder of the Week in Guelph/Eramosa Township this week – a Suzuki motorcycle driver who blasted by OPP at 107-km/h in a 50 km/h zone, and a Chevy captured at 125-km/h in a 50-km/h zone.

Rockwood OPP were monitoring traffic on Wellington Road 124 at the Fourth Line Eramosa last Monday before 10:30

a.m. when they spotted the bike speeding. A 27-year-old Guelph man was charged with Race a Motor Vehicle. About three hours later, OPP clocked the Chevy Cavalier and charged the driver, a 21-year-old Rockwood man, with race a Motor Vehicle.

Both drivers appear in a Guelph court on June 15.

EWCS NEWS

News & Events

- Bookends Store is now open late on Friday evenings until 6 p.m. If you haven't come in to see the new renovations, stop by on a Friday after work. There is a great selection of first-rate second-hand books, including: best sellers, classics, reference, children's books, and something for everyone.

- The Kraft Hunger Challenge is back again this year. From May 31 to June 10, any donations to the Food Bank which says "Kraft Hunger Challenge" in the memo line of the cheque will be matched by Kraft Foods of Canada. This is a great time to give since

your money will go twice as far. Donations can be mailed to Box 786, Erin, or Box 792, Rockwood.

- EWCS has teamed up again with the Alzheimer Society of Guelph-Wellington to present Family Care-giving Sessions, for anyone caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's or other dementias. The session will provide information and support, and is free at EWCS's Seniors Center in Erin on June 1 and June 8 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., both days. Please register in advance with Sherri 519-833-0087.

- The Shamrock Shuffle was a huge success despite the rain. On May 15 over 150 men, women, kids and fam-

ilies came out to run, walk and shuffle for two good causes. EWCS and EDHS Athletic Council thank everyone who registered, raised funds, or pledged a shuffler.

- EWCS is still offering beginner computer courses through the SNERDS program. Mike and Rod will be in the Erin office on Wednesday and house-calls can also be arranged. Mike will be in Rockwood on June 29. If you are interested in learning more about computers, or need help with a specific problem, call 519-833-9696. Appointments are required.

- EWCS is holding a Children's Concert fundraiser. Families are invited to join Miss Jenni for a morning of fun and songs, on Saturday, June 25 at Erin Public School at 10 a.m. Tickets are available at EWCS offices or from any of the Children's Program Staff.

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