

OPP REPORT

Fatal collision

On June 18 at approximately 9:08 a.m., Wellington County Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) received a call regarding a serious collision involving two vehicles on Wellington County Road 124 and Township Road 1 in the Township of Guelph / Eramosa.

Preliminary investigation indicates that a red Mini Cooper was travelling eastbound on County Road 124 followed by a second vehicle which was followed by a motorcycle. The red Mini Cooper made a left hand turn onto Township Road 1 as the motorcycle pulled out to pass and the vehicles collided. The male driver of the motorcycle was transported by land ambulance to a local hospital with life threatening injuries. The driver identified as Kevin Felker, age 47 of Guelph was later pronounced deceased. The driver of the car was not injured.

Guelph / Wellington Emergency Services (EMS) and Wellington County Roads attended the scene.

The cause of the collision is currently being investigated by Technical Collision Investigators from the Wellington County OPP and OPP Highway Safety Division. Wellington County Road 124 is closed between County Road 32 and Kossuth Road and is expected to remain closed for approximately 2-3 hours.

Over 80 mgs charge

On June 17, at approximately 11:48 p.m. members of the Wellington County Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) received a report of a single motor vehicle collision on Wellington Road 44 south of Highway 7 in Guelph-Eramosa Township.

Officers attended the scene and spoke with witnesses and the driver of the 2010 Mazda that was well into the ditch. While speaking with the driver police detected the odour of alcohol on his breath. The male confirmed that he had consumed alcohol earlier. An Approved Roadside Screening Device test was conducted which resulted in a fail. The driver was arrested and transported to a local OPP Operation Centre for further testing.

His driver's licence has been suspended for 90 days and the vehicle impounded for a period of seven days as per statute.

A 29-year-old of Guelph-Eramosa Township man has been charged with over 80 Mgs contrary to the Criminal Code of Canada. He is to appear in Guelph Criminal Court on July 5 to answer to the charge.

Drinking and driving

On June 20, at approximately 12:49 a.m., a Wellington County Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officer stopped a 2006 Jeep for speeding on Highway 6 near Wellington Road 51, Guelph-Eramosa Township. Police spoke with the woman driving the vehicle and believed that she had consumed alcohol. A road side test was administered which resulted in a fail. She was arrested transported to a local OPP Operations Centre for further testing.

Her driver's licence has been suspended for 90 days and the vehicle impounded for a period of seven days as per statute.

A 29-year-old of Scarborough woman has been charged with Over 80 mgs contrary to the Criminal Code and Speeding contrary to the Highway Traffic Act. She is to appear in Guelph Criminal Court on July 8.



IT'S BACK: Rockwood Farmers Market celebrated opening day under cloudy skies, but it didn't stop people from coming out to enjoy great food, music and local produce.



STEP UP: Workers install metal steps connecting Pine St. to Harris St. in Rockwood. Charleston Homes is behind the project, negotiated with the town early on in the planning stages.



BREAKING GROUND: Workers break ground at the Noble Ridge plaza site Tuesday morning. The site will be cleared to make way for several retail businesses in two buildings. - Vivien Fleisher photos



WORD AT THE MARKET

with Vivien Fleisher

"How do you feel about the new plaza going in on Ridge Road in Rockwood?"



John Gaida, Rockwood: "We are definitely not thrilled about where it's going. It's beautiful land. So sad to see it go, and the loss of green space."



Colleen Baeumler, Rockwood: "We've lived on Joliffe for twelve years. It's been in construction for twelve years. And now the plaza is under construction. No, I'm not happy; the dust, the dirt..."



Tiffanie Thompson, Rockwood: "I think it's a nice idea, although it would also be nice to rejuvenate the core of the town. It's such a small town, it would be nice to see something different go into the plaza."



Jeff and Carson, Rockwood: "I have mixed feelings. I'm not sure what's going into the plaza. We need more retail, but it doesn't fit the neighborhood. It seems like the businesses will be isolated from the rest of the town."

Vandals shut down climber at Rockmosa

Early Sunday morning, vandals removed a piece of safety grating from the climbing wall on the play equipment next to the splash pad at Rockmosa. The grate, which gives kids something to grab on to as they ascend the wall, was literally bent back and forth until the metal fatigued and snapped, which the unidentified culprits then removed from the site.

Town maintenance staff are looking at boarding up the unprotected section with plywood until replacement parts come in. Until then, it's off limits.

Asked whether it's related to vandalism earlier this year involving spray paint, employees couldn't say, but added that it's possible after the skate park is completed that surveillance cameras could be in the future.