

# The ROCKWOOD Miller

## OPP Report

### THANKS, IN ADVANCE

The OPP took the rare step of thanking Ontario drivers ahead of its Festive R.I.D.E. (Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere) campaign this year, acknowledging the vast majority of drivers understand enforcement is only part of the solution.

There were 1,375 impaired charges and 1,208 warn range licence suspensions last year in Ontario. In a press release issued Tuesday, OPP brass said driving sober will end impaired driving related deaths on Ontario roads every year.

"I am calling on all road users to help us keep everyone safe over the holidays.

Never allow yourself to drink and drive, never allow someone you suspect is impaired by alcohol or drugs to drive," said Chief Superintendent Don Bell, Commander, OPP Highway Safety Division, adding call 911 is you suspect a driver is impaired.

The OPP's R.I.D.E campaign runs November 23 to January 2.



**WARMUP TO CHRISTMAS:** Debbie BeChamp, a regular performer on The Tommy Hunter Show and with Gordie Tapp, will use her large Christmas repertoire to entertain at the Century Church Theatre in Hillsburgh on December 7. - Submitted photo

# TOWNSHIP DIGEST

### BOOKS AND BAKED GOODIES

Proceeds from Saturday's book and bake sale hosted by the Rockwood Veterinary Clinic in the St. John's Anglican Church Hall will benefit *Animals Homeward Bound*, a non-profit rescue operation.

The event, which runs 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., will feature fresh-baked goodies, refreshments, a soup/chilli luncheon and lots of books.

### LIONESS BAZAAR

Looking for those perfect stocking stuffers? Check out the annual Rockwood Lioness bazaar at Rockmosa on Saturday,

from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### ROCKWOOD FRENCH IMMERSION

Rockwood parents have said "oui" to French Immersion in a big way, convincing the Upper Grand District School Board to offer French Immersion programming in Rockwood beginning next school year.

The location for the programming - either Rockwood Centennial or the new public school being built in the southwest end of the village - will be determined by a boundary review. To date, approximately 40 Kindergarten and Grade one student have enrolled during early registration.

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MPP Wellington - Halton Hills



In our minority Provincial Parliament, the moments of non-partisan cooperation are few and far between.

In one sense, this is just "politics as usual," with each party seeking to gain whatever short term advantage it can over the other parties, in the lead up to the next provincial election.

Yet at the same time, people are fed up with politics as usual. Wherever I go in Wellington-Halton Hills, there is disappointment with Government, cynicism about the political process, and disgust with the abhorrent behaviour of some politicians.

For most, politics as usual is seen to be failing us.

Yet, on an issue-by-issue basis, there are opportunities for cooperation across party lines.

On October 29, I rose in the Legislature to inform MPPs

that the Georgetown Hospital's new Emergency Room was now open and accepting patients. I proceeded to thank the Minister of Health, who was in the House at the time, for the provincial grant she had approved two years ago. To conclude, I extended a public invitation for her to visit Wellington-Halton Hills again, when the newly renovated Georgetown Hospital has its official opening.

Immediately after I'd finished my remarks, the Minister came across the House to my desk in the front row of the Opposition benches. I thanked her again, and we shook hands.

By working together, where it's possible to do so, we can accomplish so much more.

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Working together with Liberal MPP Bas Balkissoon and

NDP MPP Paul Miller, I have introduced a Private Members' Bill to recognize one of the most outstanding and accomplished Ontarians of our time, Lincoln Alexander.

After a long life of public service, Mr. Alexander passed away last year in October 2012.

Bill 125, An Act to Proclaim Lincoln Alexander Day, if passed, would proclaim January 21 of each year as Lincoln Alexander Day in Ontario.

Lincoln Alexander's life was an example of service, determination and humility. He overcame racism, always fighting without malice for equal rights for all in our society. He changed attitudes and contributed greatly to the inclusiveness and tolerance of Canada today.

He served as a Member of Parliament, federal Cabinet Minister, Chair of the Ontario Workers' Compensation Board, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, Chancellor of the University of Guelph, among many other leadership and community roles.

Bill 125 has the support of Mr. Alexander's widow, Marni Beal-Alexander, other Alexander family members, and the Ontario Black His-

tory Society.

When I introduced the Bill on October 30, it was greeted by a spontaneous standing ovation in the House, from all sides.

Our bill is scheduled for second reading debate in the Legislature on November 28. It is my hope that the Bill will be called for third reading, and passed into law before Christmas.

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In the past month, I've enjoyed attending numerous community events in Halton Hills: the Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce Business Achievement Awards; the Agricultural Societies of Ontario regional meeting in Acton; Remembrance Day observances in Acton, Glen Williams and Georgetown; the Rotary Club of Georgetown's Norm Bigg dinner; and the Santa Claus parades in Acton and Georgetown.

I want to thank everyone involved in organizing these events, all of which serve to demonstrate the very best of our community.

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Wellington-Halton Hills MPP Ted Arnott welcomes your comments. He can be reached at 1-800-265-2366. His website address is [www.tedarnottmpp.com](http://www.tedarnottmpp.com)

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