

The ROCKWOOD Miller

OPP REPORT



Fire burns cabin down

On November 18, Wellington County Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) received a call regarding an extinguished structure fire at a vacant cabin that was discovered by the property owner. The property is located approximately 1 km from the roadway near Wellington Road 29 and Barden Street, Guelph-Eramosa Township. It was completely destroyed and it is believed that the fire took place sometime between November 15 and November 18.

Guelph-Eramosa Fire Department attended the scene and the cause at this time is unknown. This incident is being investigated by the Wellington County OPP and the Guelph-Eramosa Fire Department.

Any person with information regarding this incident should contact the Wellington County OPP at 1-888-310-1122.

Should you wish to remain anonymous, you may call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or submit a tip on-line at www.csgw.tips. You may be eligible for a reward from Crime Stoppers of up to \$2,000.

Drinking and Driving

On November 20, at approximately 3:30 a.m., members of the Wellington County Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) received a report of a possible impaired driver on Wellington Road 30 near Wellington Road 39 in Guelph-Eramosa Township.

Officers located the vehicle, a 2011 Dodge Challenger and while speaking with the female driver an odour of alcohol was detected on her breath. A Roadside Screening Device test was conducted which resulted in a fail. She was arrested and taken to a local OPP Operations Centre for further testing.

A 34-year-old Kitchener woman has been charged with Over 80 Mgs contrary to the Criminal Code of Canada. She is scheduled to appear in Guelph Criminal Court on January 6, 2017 to answer to the charge.

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



BE LOCAL: The Nassagaweya Historical society took part in the 'Be Local Buy Local' show and sale last Saturday at Mohawk Inn. All proceeds went to The United Way. NHS members (left) Charlene Tuersley, Joy Simpson and Audrey Allison. – Vivien Fleisher photo

New roundabout lighting upsets nearby residents



By: Mark Thomsen

MPP Ted Arnott, Township representatives, and the Ministry of Transportation (MTO), worked diligently for several years to bring Guelph/Eramosa Township (GET) an improved, modern and safe intersection at Jones Base Line and Highway 7. The new turning circle (known as a roundabout), is GET's first.

Residents are happy with the improved safety and overall design, but very unhappy with the new ultra-bright LED lights, engine brakes on trucks slowing down to 60km and the large signs. The new

lights were described by one resident as something from a sports stadium. In 40 minutes, while interviewing residents, there were five trucks using engine-brakes.

Susan van Leeuwen, whose home is right at the corner said, "I am in favour of lighting at the roundabout. I don't know why they have to have lights right here." (meaning at the side of Jones Base Line more than 20 meters from the corner).

Resident Dan Hauser e-mailed Mayor White and MPP Ted Arnott who responded right away and directed him to the correct person at the Ministry of

Transportation (MTO). Mr. Hauser said, "It's complete overkill. We went from two dim sodium vapor lights to this. Our backyard was completely dark before." He also indicated that he and his neighbours had trees removed for construction that would have helped block the light and reduce sound.

The intersection, although open to traffic, is not fully complete. While there is an opportunity to do so, residents are hoping the MTO can reduce some of the peripheral lighting, maybe make the very large sign south of Highway 7 a bit smaller, and prohibit engine brakes.



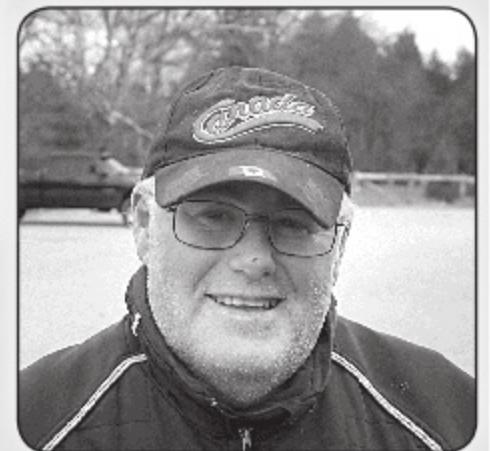
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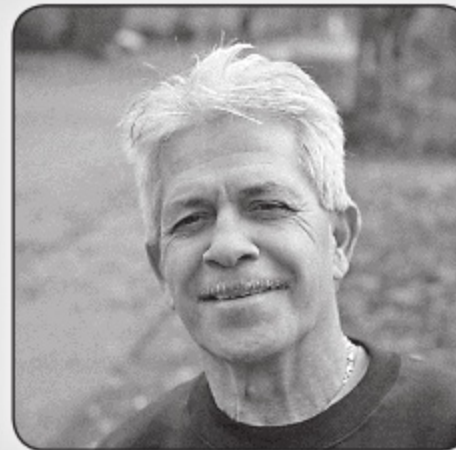
"Does Rockwood need a neighbourhood watch program?"



Ty Crawford: "No it doesn't. I don't think there is enough criminal activity to justify a neighbourhood watch program. Mainly because that cop station is sitting right over there."



Greg Wade: "I am not sure. I don't think a neighbourhood watch would hurt any place really. The police can only do so much."



Anthony Cabral: "I do. I have been involved with other neighbourhood watches. However, they only work if residents attend the OPP information and training meetings."



Suzanne McKerracher: "Absolutely. I've heard of a few break-ins in and around. I don't think we should have people walking around on an active watch but everyone should watch their neighbourhood."