

The Rockwood MILLER



Constable enjoys Rockwood posting

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The New Tanner

Getting to be village constable for Rockwood is one of the best things in her career to date says Heather Nellis.

A graduate of the Aylmer Police College and the University of Guelph, Nellis began working for the Ontario Provincial Police in 1994, straight out of school.

Her original posting was to Mount Forest. She transferred to the Guelph detachment last year and that was when she heard the village constable position existed. Before long her predecessor wanted out of the position and she volunteered to replace him.

With her own family living on a rural property outside the village and her hus-

band's family living in rural Milton, working in Rockwood is ideal for Nellis.

The position is aimed at building ties between the village and the force so people get used to continuity in service.

"Policing is not a feel good job," she says, "but here you get known by residents, the kids wave at you, come across the street to say hello, etc. You like to feel you're doing a worthwhile job and this is as close to that recognition as you ever get."

Const. Dale Gear does school visits, but Nellis does other types of community activities, such as the upcoming Community Day at Rockmosa on June 24. Community groups and organizations such as churches, 4-H clubs, Junior Farmers, Child Find, Lions and emergency and fire services will have the opportunity to set up displays about their program. Nellis expects differ-

ent OPP services to be displayed too, such as their TRU Team, their RIDE and Marine units and perhaps their mounted unit from Mount Forest.

Nellis has high praise for the community. "People are beautiful. They're so friendly and caring."

When there was a rash of spray painting last fall someone even cleaned the graffiti off the sign at the new funeral home because they didn't want the owners to see it and be upset.

"They're like that. There's community spirit here," Nellis says. "It's heart warming."

Since there has been break-ins Nellis is reminding residents to lock vehicles and homes.

"My pet peeve is the way some people leave their garage doors sitting open. They're just inviting some-

one to walk in."

And where residents have their dogs tied up outside she points out the animal is no protection if its rope won't reach the house.

No question is silly and no bit of information too trivial.

"We want the community to feel the police are not far away. It's important they let us know about things," she says.

Nellis works out of the detachment's Rockwood office all the time although on rotating shifts. Other constables cover the area on the other shifts but they don't work right in the office as Nellis does.

Major Novice on a roll

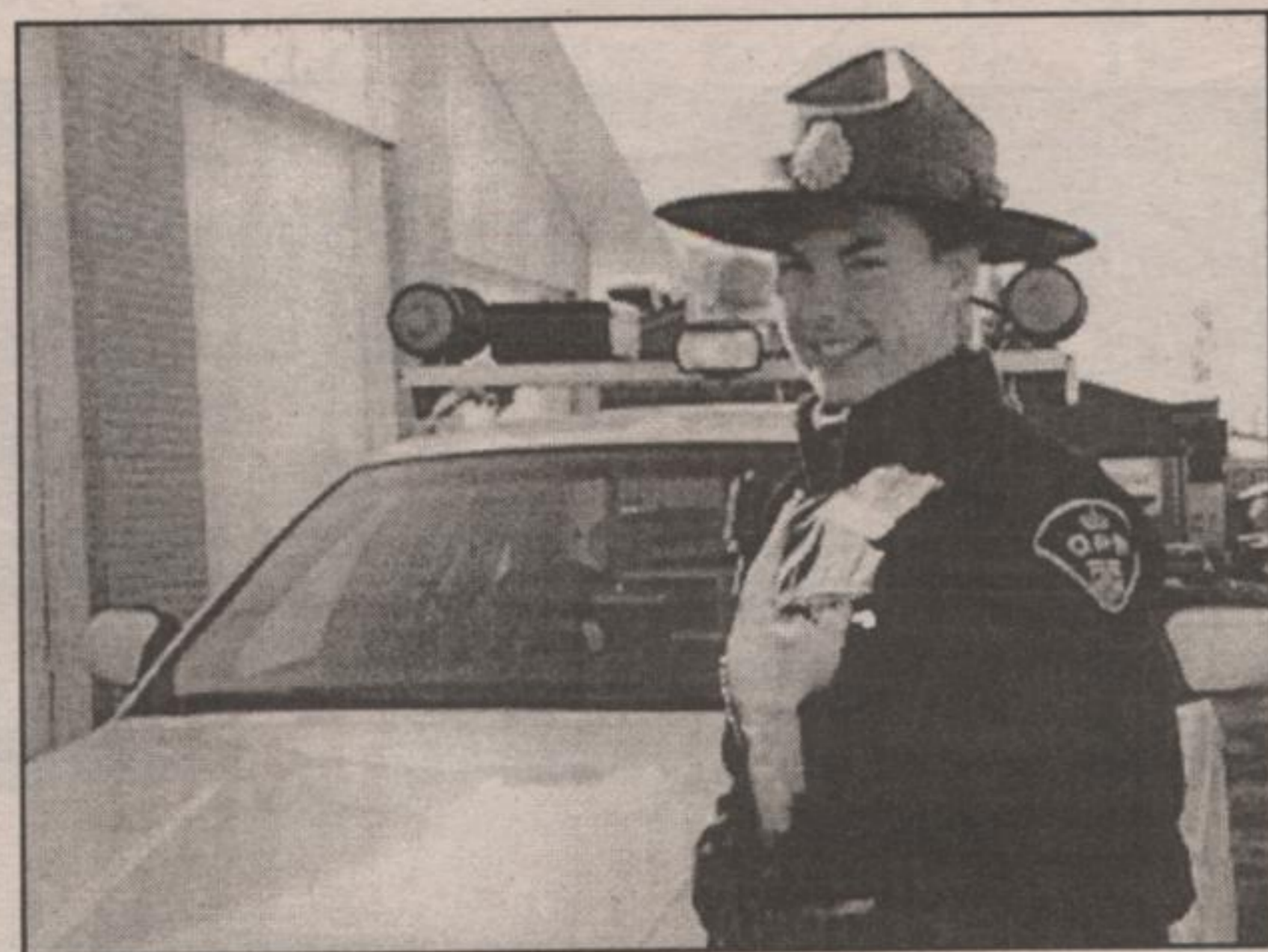
The Acton Major Novice Tanners have three wins and a loss in their 10-game OMHA playoff series. The Tanner's three game winning streak ended with a 2-1 loss to Erin/Hillsburgh last Wednesday. Anthony Kri had Acton's lone goal and goalie Spencer Veness played well, stopping 12 of the 14 shots fired at him.

In game three, Acton downed Erin/Hillsburgh 5-2. Kri had a pair of goals and Jordan Kuenzig, Daniel Kearns, and John Traversa had singles. Assists went to Matt Angell, David Garvie, David Morrow and Kuenzig. Darren Pezzack was between the pipes for the win.

Solid win

A 4-1 win against visiting Pelham last Tuesday advanced the Acton Minor Bantams to OMHA quarter final play. The decisive win-the team's sixth straight victory - sets the stage for Acton to face Tillsonburg.

Game four was a must win situation for Pelham who drew first blood in the second period. Acton hit back hard with two goals from Matt Wolfer with two assists from Peter Glatt and one from Steve Atkinson. Shane Drexler and Adam Mills scored in the third period



VILLAGE CONSTABLE: Heather Nellis is Rockwood's village constable.-Maggie Petrushevsky photo

EWAG NEWS

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Overtime losses doom Minor Atoms

Two overtime losses helped knock the Acton Minor Atom Tanners out of OMHA playoffs. The Tanners lost three and won one game in their best-of-five game series against Erin/Hillsburgh. Daniel Woolford and Garrett Williams scored for Acton in a 3-2 overtime loss to Erin/Hillsburgh in game one. Craig Kirkwood assisted on both goals and Greg Henry helped on one. Game two was a repeat 3-2 overtime win visiting Erin/Hillsburgh. Both teams scored singles goals in the first and second periods and the third period was scoreless but Erin/Hillsburgh cinched the win

after just 1 minute and 20 seconds of overtime play. Michael Bentley scored with help from Garrett Williams and Jason Douthwright and then Williams scored with help from Sean Nellis. Acton doubled Erin/Hillsburgh 4-2 in game three. Garrett Williams scored twice with assists from Bentley on both goals. Bentley then scored with help from Woolford. Kyle Fellows made it 4-2 in the third period with help from Shawn Harkley and Braden Artem. Erin/Hillsburgh downed Acton 3-1 in game four to end the series. Bentley scored for Acton with help from Williams and Douthwright.

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