

The Rockwood MILLER

Y2K means early Parade of Lights

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The New Tanner

Thanks to Y2K and all the stresses being built into the system to compensate for its possible problems, Santa Claus is going to have to visit Rockwood early this year.

Parade of Lights organizers have had to move their parade date forward a week (to Dec. 9) because police won't allow them to hold it closer to year end, says Murray Swanston.

The annual event, started by Third and Fourth Line neighbours (of Eramosa Township) and their friends, is unique because of its agricultural theme. Floats tend to be farm machinery decorated in imaginative ways while the chief jolly elf arrives on a self-propelled combine complete with driver and beautiful Christmas lights and his bag of toys.

While others have wanted to participate in the parade, organizers stick to their theme

and limit floats to around 20 to prevent long delays for traffic on Highway Seven.

"We're using the same route as last year," Swanston says. "We'll come down the County Road to the north end of Main Street, turn west along Alma Street and go back up the Fourth Line."

The highway is to be closed from 7 p.m. to around 8:30 p.m. but there will be parking along the route as there was last year.

The parade has drawn large crowds in recent years because it is so different, and even has its own web site, www.blahs.on.ca/willoa.html, for those interested in picking up further information about Rockwood's annual Christmas claim to fame.

Incidentally, rumour has it that Stone United Church is holding a chili supper at Rockmosa on parade night so anyone looking for a way to fill young tummies without getting stuck in traffic might want to check that out.



POLICE BEAT

Driver injured

A three-vehicle crash on Trafalgar Road north of Ballinafad early Monday morning closed the road for four hours and sent a rural Acton woman to Toronto's Sunnybrook Medical Centre with serious head injuries.

Christine Kerr, 28, of Erin Township was eastbound on Wellington County Road 50 at 7:55 a.m. when she slid into the Trafalgar Road intersection and was struck by a southbound Denny's coach driven by Harry Kaufmann, 37, of Kitchener. The bus then struck a northbound vehicle which received only minor damage. Neither that driver nor the bus driver were injured in the crash.

Vehicles entered

Overnight Nov. 24-25 the back window of a van on Weatherall Street was smashed but nothing seemed to have been stolen. Two vehicles on Parkedge Street were entered and a number of items stolen from each.

Vandals hit again

Vandals did an estimated \$400 damage to a Denny's Bus Lines school bus parked in the driveway of a Carberry Road home over the night of Nov. 27-28. The damage included a broken antenna, a bent stop arm, damaged to the rear door and mirror and stealing a fire extinguisher.



YOUNG SHOPPER: Christine Gayfer brought her son Forrest, 1 1/2, along when she shopped at the Rockwood Lioness bazaar at Rockmosa. - Maggie Petrushevsky photo

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EWAG is joining in that avalanche with their annual Lasagna Dinner and Auction. This gala event is held in Erin at the Erin Legion on Dec. 4. Viewing begins at 4:30 with dinner at 6 p.m. Get your tickets fast because they won't last long!!

In Rockwood, seniors are enjoying their share of Christmas events as well. On Dec. 9 we will hold a Christmas Euchre with prizes and special goodies that day. All are welcome to join us at the EWAG office starting at 1 p.m.

There will be a Christmas luncheon and Bingo on Dec. 16 for seniors with all kinds of other festive things happening. If you would like to join the gang, please give Lynn a call at 856-2113 for an afternoon of fun and more goodies.

Come to Happy Returns, our thrift store, and after pur-

chasing \$10 worth of items, get in on our Draw for a Discount. You can also put your name into our Christmas Raffle and have a chance to win our Christmas basket. Draw to be made on Dec. 16. We have lots of great items for you to choose from and gently used items are always welcome.

If you know someone who you feel requires a Christmas hamper this season, please call Lynn here at EWAG at 856-2113. All names are kept confidential.

Keep an eye out in the future for details on Tai Chi coming to Rockwood!!! There will be more information in upcoming media releases and our newsletter, to come out in January.

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