

'Mischief' at Conservation Area

During the past week, the Grand River Conservation Authority (GRCA) has reported several incidents to Wellington OPP of mischief, which occurred at the Rockwood Conservation Area on Fall Street, Rockwood.

In one incident, there was a theft of \$600 worth of plywood, police said. It was used to build ramps for rollerblading. In another incident, a shower unit was damaged by fire.

Police have increased patrols in the area but are requesting citizens to report any trespassing or vandalism that occurs at the park. The park is closed for the season and trespassing is not allowed.

Anyone with information which might assist in preventing these types of crimes or wish to report any incidents, is asked to contact the Park Superintendent, Brad Dixon at (519) 820-2323.

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EWAG NEWS

Our thrift store sale for the month of December continues the **½ price sale on all Winterwear**, including coats, mitts, scarves and hats. There is a nice collection of Christmas gifts such as decorations and small gifts. Come in early while the getting is good!! Also, many thanks to all our dedicated volunteers who help out in the Encore shop

Remember our **Silent Auction** for some great ideas for Christmas gifts. There are some fantastic items that you can bid on, and every two weeks there is something different.

For a full explanation of rules and regulations, please come into the Encore shop, or call Lynn at #856-2113 for more information. (Donations will be gratefully accepted at the discretion of the Auction Manager.)

Ontario Early Years Programs: All Dads are welcome to join us on Saturday December 4 for the **Dads Program**, at the Rockwood Fire Hall for a tour and crafts. Come with your children 6 years of age and under. This is a drop-in from 9:30 until 11:30

There will be **Christmas Crafts for the Kids** at the Eden Mills Community Centre on Tuesday, Dec. 7 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Call Jane or Jacqueline to register.

Euchre: All Seniors are welcome to join us for a special Christmas potluck on Thursday December 2 at 12 noon at the Rockwood library. Beverages will be provided but please bring your favourite dish and after lunch there will be some Christmas activity and perhaps a card game or two. For more information call

the Rockwood EWAG office or Heather at 833-0087. All are welcome to join in the fun.

Need help with your resume? Are you job searching? Contact Lorraine from **2nd Chance Employment Counselling** at 823-7887, ext. 355. Lorraine is at the EWAG office on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. This is a free service for all who are looking for assistance!!

Food Bank is available to those in need in Rockwood, on Tuesdays between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Please call ahead to make an appointment by phoning the Rockwood office. If you would like to make a donation to the Food Bank, we are always accepting donations of non-perishable food items. If you or someone you know is in need of a **Christmas hamper**, please call the office for an application form. Please return forms to the Rockwood office by Wednesday, December 15.

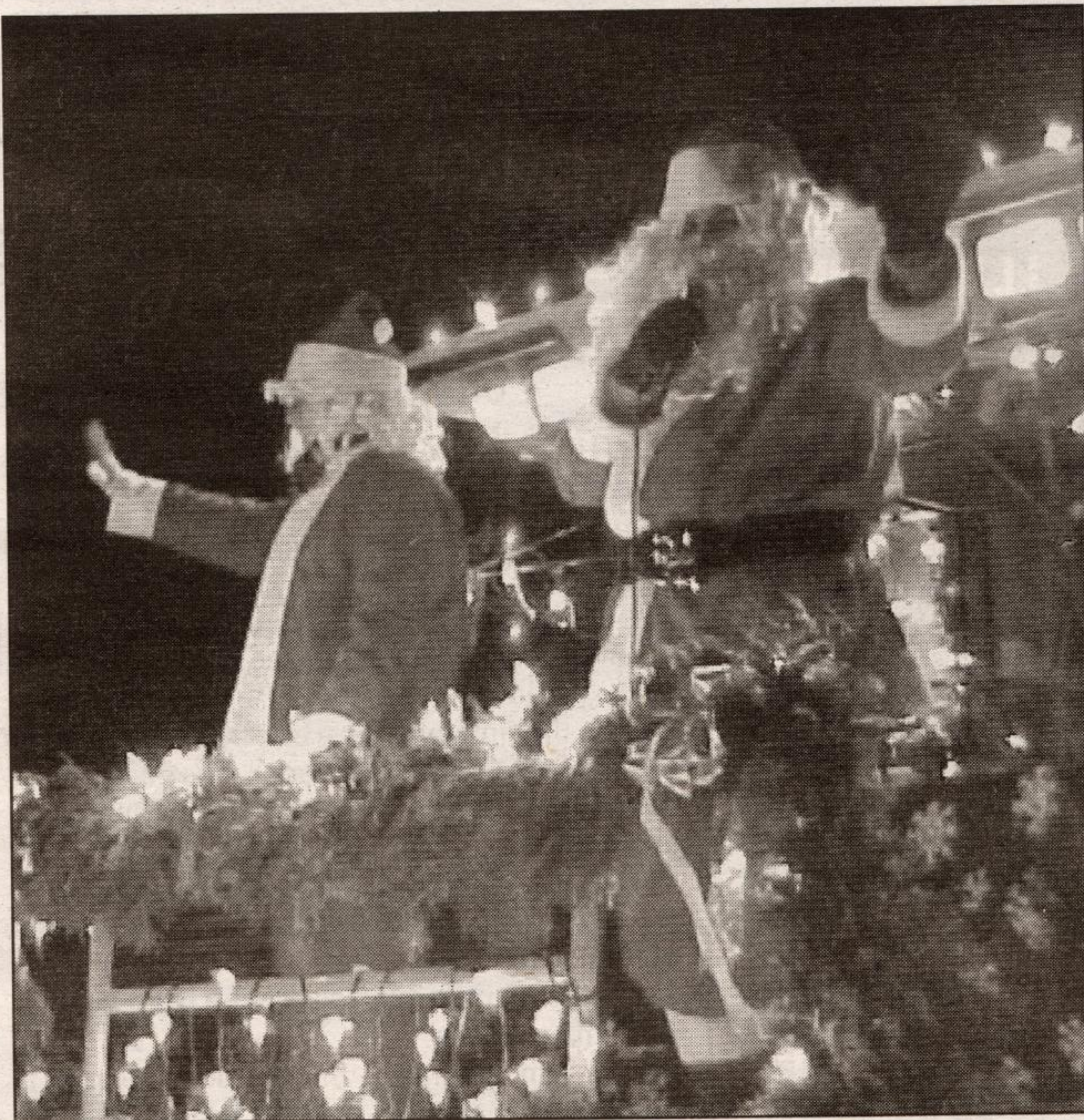
Location and Hours: We are located at 106 Church St. (behind St. John's Anglican Church) in Rockwood. Our **phone numbers is 856-2113**, or e-mail us at ewag2@sentex.net. Remember, we offer **free Internet** access, as well as **fax, laminating and photocopying** service for a small fee. We also carry **government forms** such as Passport Application, Social Insurance, OHIP and Canada Pension.

Our thrift store is open Monday to Thursday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 12 to 4 p.m. The office is open Monday to Thursday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and closed for lunch from 12:30 to 1 p.m.

Speeder of the week

A 45 year-old Guelph woman had been awarded the Speeder of the Week label by Wellington OPP for being 70km/h over the posted limit.

Sergeant Rick Weiler, conducting speed enforcement along Wellington Rd. 7, saw a 1995 Mustang southbound travelling fast. His radar showed the car travelling at 150km/h in a posted 80km/h zone.



Rockwood Parade of Lights set for Thursday, Dec. 9

The popular Rockwood Farmers' Parade of Lights, an annual pre-Christmas treat, is scheduled for Thursday, December 9 this year, starting at 7 p.m.

The unique parade attracts thousands from this area and all over Ontario and the event seems to get more spectacular each December as festively lit farm equipment ablaze with tens of thousands of lights parade through Rockwood. Floats, some as wide as 20 feet, have 20 to 40 strings of lights on them.

Farmers start to decorate their machinery as much as a month ahead in order to

achieve the desired visual effect.

The parade, which started 12 years ago when a number of farmers got together and drove their lit farm machinery through Rockwood with no set route or legal considerations, is now conducted in safe and organized fashion with police escorts – and a permit.

The stars of the parade, of course, are Santa and Mrs. Claus riding in style on a huge combine. The parade has been described as a "festive confection" but it also gives spectators an opportunity to see farm equipment both modern and antique.

Council urged to implement twp. tree planting program

Rick Hughes from the Green Legacy Tree Planting Program addressed Guelph/Eramosa Council on Monday outlining their program and the desire to cooperate with the township on future tree planting programs.

The organization was formed in 2001 to encourage the planting of more trees on municipal land. Hughes said they have planted over 600 trees this year and have another 600 trees in nurseries ready to be planted.

Thanking council for its past cooperation, Hughes noted the township has done a "fair amount" of tree removal but not much in the way of tree planting. He said his organization would help the township to do more plantings, noting that the Grand River Conservation Authority (GRCA) had only 22% of the recommended 30% tree cover.

Hughes outlined the benefits of trees including shade, water retention, etc.

Trees planted include evergreens, sugar maples and oaks among others.

Councillor Chris White acknowledged the township should at least have a policy of replacing trees that were cut down but he had some concern about labour costs as well as the cost of the trees.

Hughes noted the township had a successful program when Bob Hamilton was the roads supervisor, replacing trees along roads. He suggested something similar would be possible.

Manager of public works Larry Van Wyck said the tree planting program at

Rockwood Ridge last year was successful and felt it could be emulated in other areas.

A motion by Councillor White, seconded by Councillor Teresa Gibson Smye was passed that a tree planting policy be further investigated before any action is taken.

O.P.P. warns residents about old paving scams

Wellington O.P.P. is warning residents of Wellington County to be careful of paving scams such as the following:

Contractors offer to pave driveways at a reduced price, because they have a small amount of asphalt left over from a nearby job. They approach homeowners and solicit their business but no contract is signed. When the job is complete, the price is higher than expected and the homeowner is threatened with legal action if they do not pay.

The O.P.P. offers this help to prevent you from becoming victims:

1. Get a written estimate before you agree to have any work completed.
2. Get several estimates to ensure that the price is reasonable for the work requested.
3. Call you local Better Business Bureau and see what the reputation of your contractor is. If you can't, check with his previous customers to see the quality of his/her work and prices charged.
4. Before you pay, make sure that the work completed is what you requested.
5. If you are overcharged, do not pay the contractor, call the Police immediately and report the incident.