

Hamilton men charged with Knechtel break-in

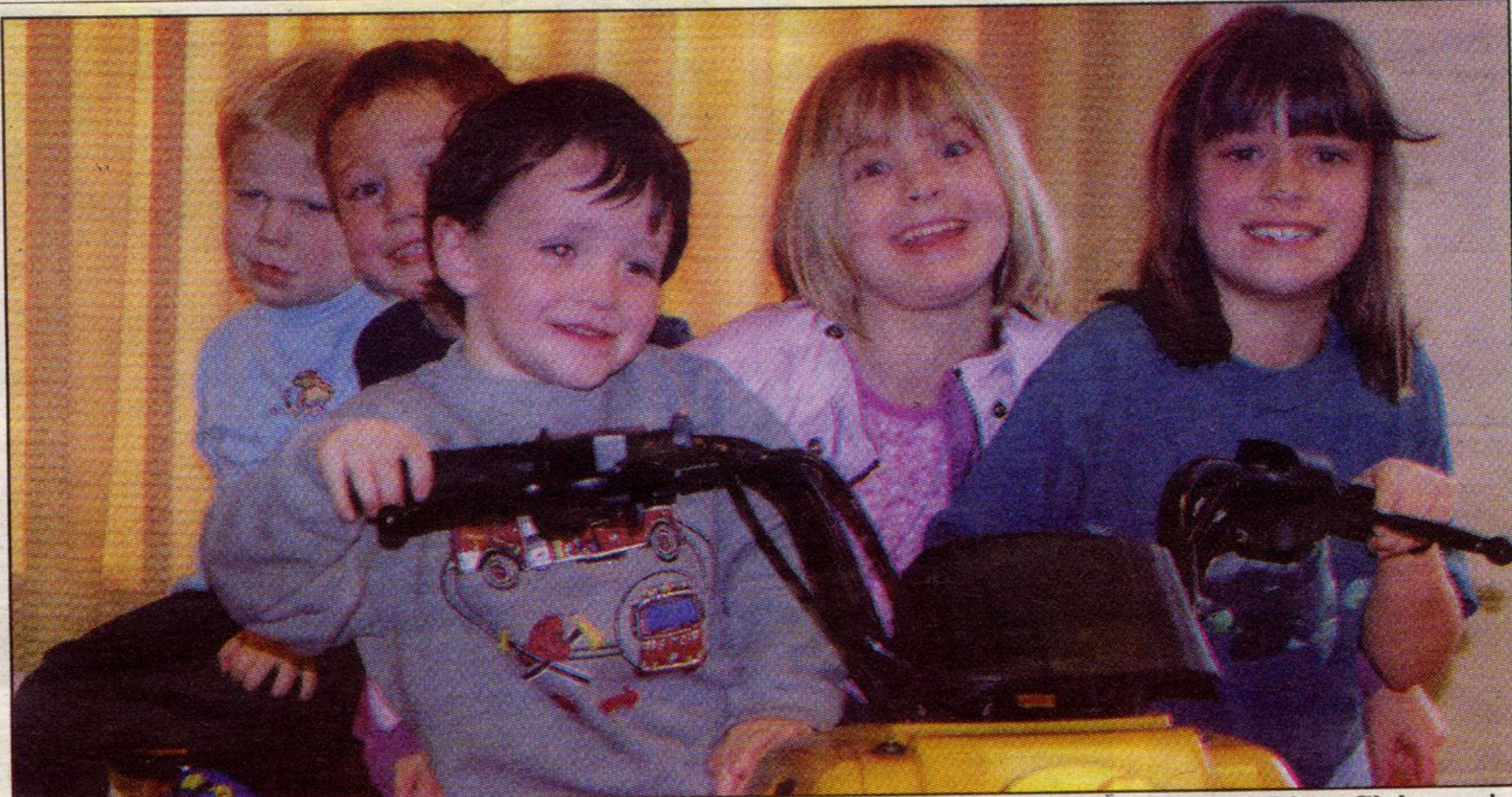
Two Hamilton men have been arrested and charged with several break-ins including one at Knechtel's Food Market on Alma St., Rockwood, on Thursday, January 6 of this year.

Two men were observed breaking into Knechtel's at 1:15 a.m. on the above date, Wellington O.P.P. said. The suspects attached a chain from a Chevrolet Trailblazer to the store's front doors from and pulled them off. The pair entered the store, police said, and took a large quantity of cigarettes before they fled.

As a result of investigation by members of Wellington O.P.P. Crime Unit, along with Brant County O.P.P.,

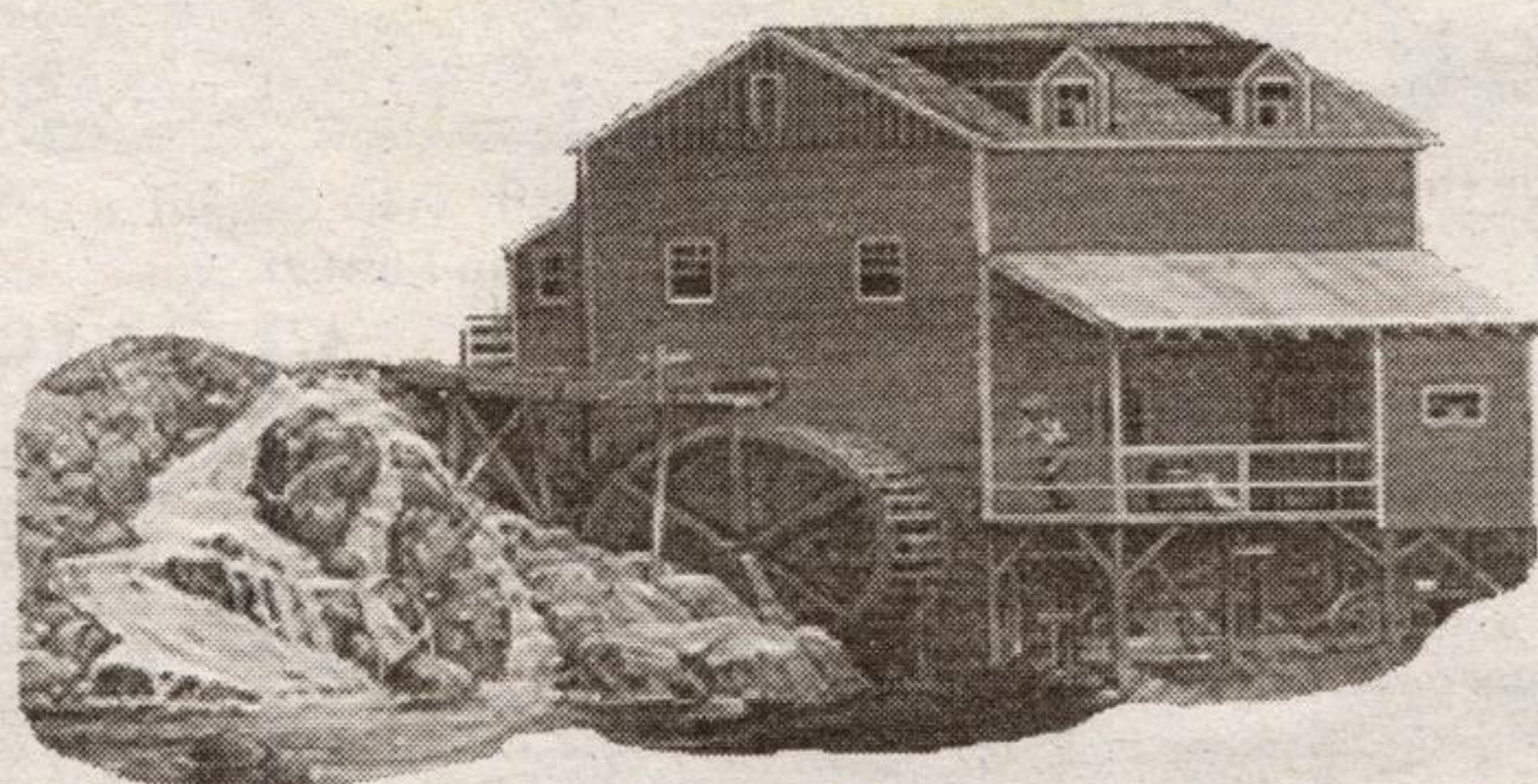
Haldimand County O.P.P., Norfolk County O.P.P. and Halton Regional Police Service, two suspects have been identified for the Rockwood break and enter as well as numerous others in other jurisdictions.

Jason John Ellis, 34, of Hamilton and Graham Reginald Schofield, 43, of the same city are charged with Break, Enter and Theft Over, Disguise with Intent and Failing to Comply with bail conditions. Ellis is in custody while an arrest warrant has been issued for Schofield. He is currently in custody in another jurisdiction and awaiting transfer to Guelph Court for arraignment on those charges



ALL ABOARD: These children are playing on one of the prizes that the Rockwood and District Lions Club are giving away in a draw, supporting Habitat for Humanity. The ATV and other prizes were displayed at a Lions Pancake Breakfast. From left to right are Thomas Barlow, Christopher Rowan, Sam Freeman, Genevieve Barlow, and Myra Freeman. - Rebecca Ring photo

The Rockwood MILLER



Rockwood Soccer Club ready to kick off another season

Youth soccer is about to start another exciting season in Rockwood as part of the fastest growing sport in Canada and the biggest sport in the world.

The Rockwood Soccer Club is home to 450 keen soccer players, ages 4 to 18 years old, from all parts of Guelph Eramosa Township. They develop good technical skills and sportsmanship in a fun environment and enjoy the summer outdoors in the local Rockwood and Eden Mills parks.

Players are grouped in small teams of 2-year age categories, boys and girls playing on the same teams. There are also all-girls teams for 11 years and older girls, where numbers warrant.

The younger players – up to 10 years old – play mini-soccer on small fields and compete against other Rockwood club teams. On a fine summer evening at Rockmosa Park in Rockwood you may see two mini-soccer games running simultaneously side by side across the small field, to cheers from full bleachers and sidelines lined with parents in lawn chairs. The evening starts with a short practice, followed by a short game, where the players may have coaches on the field helping with an encouraging word.

By 10 years old, with greater abilities and experience, the children play the length of the small field.

Coaches are relegated to the sidelines and a young referee enforces fair play and simple rules of the game. The coaches try to instill a positive attitude about sports and activity – the children mostly play to have fun and be with their friends.

The players are proud of their colourful uniforms and the highlight of the evening may be anything from an exciting play or the end of game watermelon. The season runs from June to August, games about once a week.

Or the evening may be pouring rain, and the big kids are muddily toughing it out with a team from neighbouring Acton, Georgetown, Puslinch, Caledon, or Grand Valley on the full-size Rockmosa field. At 11 years and older, the teams may compete against these other towns, playing to full international rules under the direction of licensed referees.

Although it's still officially "house league", the season can be as intensive as leagues in the bigger centres, with up to 18 regular season games and maybe several more in playoffs. Rockwood has teams in the Acton House League, North Halton/Peel League and Inter-City League. A typical season runs mid-May to early September, with almost all games and practices on weekday evenings. The new field at Eden Mills will be a welcome addition to the ex-

isting Rockwood facilities.

For keen and adventurous teams, there are weekend tournaments in nearby towns like Fergus. These can resemble a medieval scene of colourful tents and pavillions, banners, picnics spread on blankets, as backdrop for multiple, simultaneous matches all weekend long.

Besides out-of-town tournaments, the club may run a fun local tournament, march in the Pioneer Day parade, and organize a trip to see a Toronto Lynx professional soccer match. Coming soon are the Level 1 and 2 Coach Certification courses, held April 9 and 23 in Rockwood. Referee training starts April 16.

As with most youth activity programs in small communities, all Rockwood Soccer activities are run by volunteers, from the executive, convenors, special events organizers to the coaches and team managers. Club president Pete Williams says, "Extra hands are always welcome. We'll find you a job!"

Some teams still have room for a few more players, according to registrar Sandy Halloran. To register, drop in to Dribblers soccer store in Rockwood (856-4635), check the Rockwood Soccer Club website at www.rkd.ca/rockets, or call Sandy at 856-0014.

-Richard Lay,
Rockwood Rockets,
Head Referee



Rockwood soccer action in 2004.

EWAG NEWS

Remember EWAG While You Tend Your Garden

Now that the lovely spring weather has finally arrived all you avid gardeners are no doubt eagerly tending your gardens. While you are out cleaning up and cleaning out those perennials, please remember EWAG and its yearly perennial plant sale being held this year on Saturday, May 28. Each year we gratefully accept the community's perennial plant donations and sell them as a fundraiser. It is a wonderful opportunity to fill your garden with hardy perennials from caring neighbours. It is always a lot of fun and very successful. If you are interested in making a donation, please contact Sue at 856-2113. We would very much appreciate all donations to be potted and clearly identified with species and colour (if known). For more information, please do not hesitate to call. HAPPY GARDENING!

April Discount Days at the Encore Shop - During the month of April, come into The Encore Shop at 106 Church Street and SAVE! For every purchase of \$10 or more you will be eligible to draw a ticket for an added

savings. Each ticket will be worth either \$1, \$2, \$3, \$4 or \$5. Come in and see all the great bargains we have on spring and summer fashions.

Kids In the Kitchen - Tuesday, April 19 and 26 from 9:30-10:30, join other parents and their children in the kitchen at the Everton Community Church for an hour of nutritious granola snacks on the 19th and pancakes on the 26th. Pre-registration is a must, so please call Jane at 856-2113 to reserve your spot today.

Food Bank Service - Our food bank is open every Tuesday. If you require this service, please call Gillian at 833-9696 for more information on how we can help.

Location and Hours: EWAG Community Support Services is located at 106 Church Street and is open Monday - Thursday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. and the Encore Shop is also open Fridays and Saturdays from noon until 4 p.m. We offer a variety of Government forms, free access to the Internet, laminating, copying and faxing services and much more.

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