

Dirt bikes, ATVs barred from Trail

Wellington O.P.P. has received several complaints regarding dirt bikes, ATVs and other motorized vehicles illegally using the Cataract Trail near the 8th Line of Erin (formerly 27 Side Road). Snowmobiles are the only motorized vehicles allowed to use this trail. Now the weather is changing, people are starting to use the trail and are complaining about the unauthorized use by motorized vehicles, police said.

The Town of Erin has now posted signs restricting the use of the trail, informing the public that no motorized vehicles are permitted. Officers can now utilize the Trespass to Property Act to enforce these signs.

The minimum penalty for engaging in a prohibited activity is \$110 but repeat offenders can be summonsed for a higher penalty.



MASTERING THE ART: The Rockwood Karate Club recently celebrated the graduation of its first Brown Belts. The three boys have been training since the club opened in 2002. They have shown great dedication, focus and respect for the ancient art of Karate. Pictured from left, in back row, are: Laura Bennett, Brian Thompsen (Brown belt), Sean Horricks, and Sensei Donna Haskett; in middle row are: Spencer Bennett, Thomas Betts (Brown belt), and Dylan Lillie (Brown belt); kneeling in front is Daniel Steduto. - Photo by Rebecca Ring

363 tickets issued in seatbelt campaign

Wellington O.P.P. inspected 32,450 motor vehicles during the 2005 Spring Seatbelt Campaign which ran April 16 through to April 24.

Officers issued 363 seatbelt violations to motorists who were not wearing seatbelts. A number of motorists were cautioned for not wearing

their seatbelt properly since improper use of a seatbelt can cause severe internal injuries as well as fractured ribs.

Officers inspected 493 child restraints throughout the campaign and issued six seatbelt violations to drivers for children not wearing a seatbelt.

Statistics show that motorists who wear a seatbelt reduce injuries by 75% in motor vehicle collisions, police noted. Also, 25% of fatal motor vehicle collisions are a result of people not wearing a seatbelt.

Please buckle up – seatbelts save lives, the OPP implores.

Wellington O.P.P. Report



Bank robber charged

On Tuesday July 27, 2004 Wellington OPP responded to a robbery at the TD Canada Trust bank located at 125 Main Street in Erin.

The suspect made a demand for cash and left a suspicious package inside the bank. The suspect walked out of the bank with an undisclosed amount of cash. He was last seen getting into a small teal coloured vehicle and travelling north on Daniel Street.

The Wellington O.P.P. Crime Unit and the Western Region O.P.P. Technical Identification Services Unit responded to the scene to assist with the investigation. The Western Region O.P.P. Tactical Response Unit also attended the scene to deal with a suspicious package left by the suspect.

The Guelph Police Service apprehended a suspect last week in an unrelated robbery. Subsequent investigation by members of the Wellington O.P.P. Crime Unit along with the assistance of the Guelph Police resulted in the identification and successful apprehension of the same suspect for the Erin bank robbery.

A 57-year-old Guelph man was arrested and charged with robbery. He appeared in Guelph Court on April 21, for a bail hearing.

Drunk Driver

On Thursday, April 21 at 1:55a.m. a Wellington O.P.P. officer investigated the driver of a 1997 Dodge pick-up on the First Line of Erin Township. The driver had been drinking.

A 55-year-old Mississauga man was arrested and faces charges of Impaired Driving and Driving with more than 80 mgs. He is scheduled to appear in Guelph Court on May 23.

Domestic Violence

On Wednesday, April 20 at 10:03a.m., Wellington O.P.P. responded to a report of a domestic assault at a business on St. Andrew Street East in Fergus. Investigation revealed that a 42-year-old female had been assaulted and threatened by her spouse a few days earlier. No injuries were sustained.

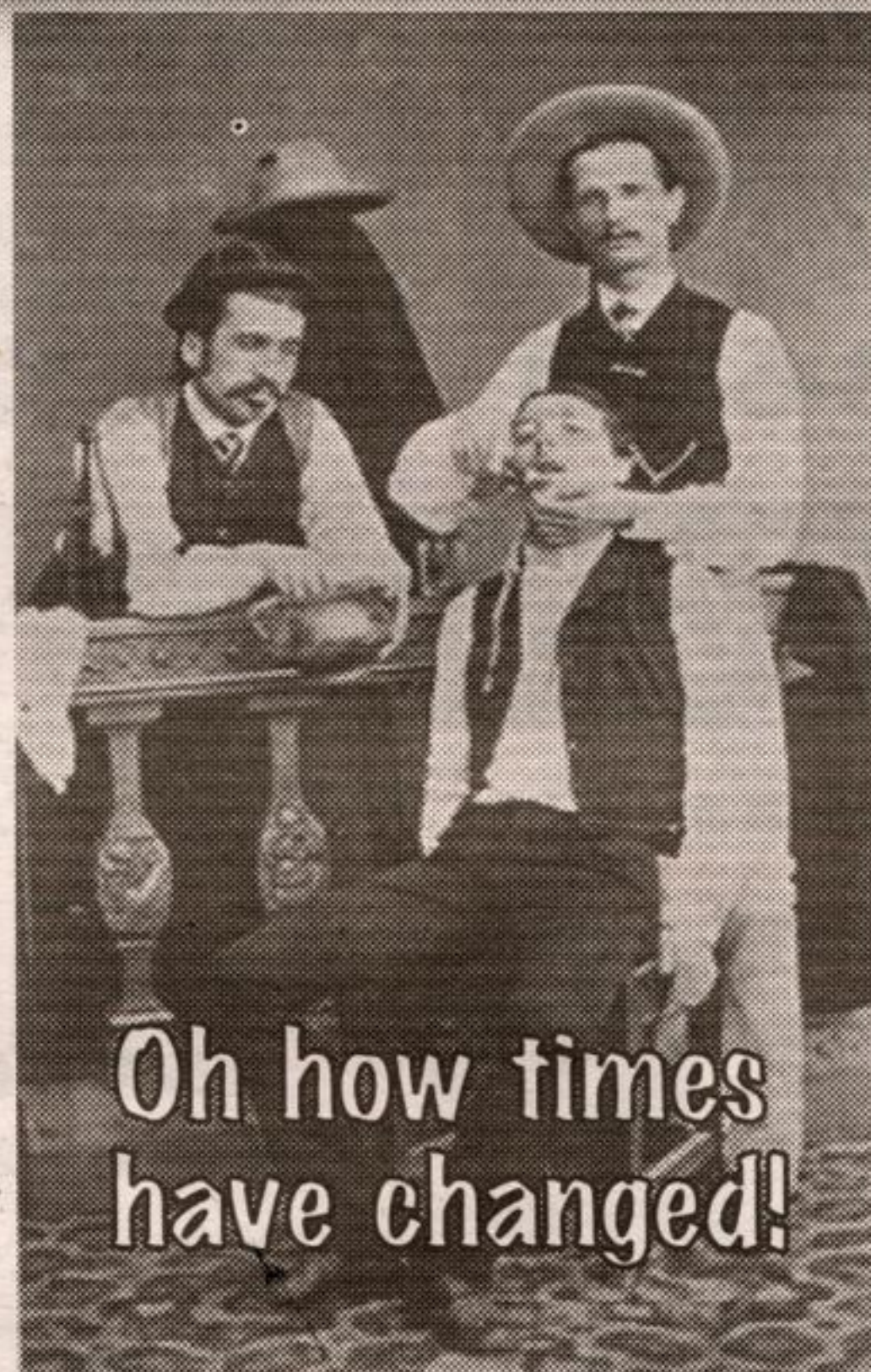
A 44-year-old male from Elora was arrested and faces charges of assault and uttering death threats. He was held in custody pending a bail hearing in Guelph Court.

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