



**A LITTLE NORTH POLE:** This Rockwood house is all decked out for the holidays. It was bound to get noticed as it is on the Farmer's Parade of Lights route. *Rebecca Ring Photo*

# The ROCKWOOD Miller

## New seatbelt legislation went into effect Dec. 1

Effective December 1 changes made to the current seatbelt legislation became law, says Wellington OPP. Any person who is an occupant a motor vehicle must occupy a seating position that is equipped with a seatbelt and must wear it properly. This now includes all persons who are over 16 years of age or older and not just children under 16. Drivers are still responsible to ensure that all passengers who are under 16 years of age occupy and use a seat that is equipped with a seatbelt. Children must be properly secured as well.

Drivers can still face the consequences for any child not wearing/or not properly secured in a seatbelt. In addition to a minimum fine of \$110.00, the driver can also receive demerit points upon conviction for an offence of not wearing his/her seatbelt, failing to ensure that a child under 16 years wears their seatbelt, or failing to securely fasten their seatbelt. Since enforcement of seatbelt legislation is necessary to ensure compliance, all passengers 16 years of age or older, who are in a motor vehicle, are now required

to identify themselves to a police officer upon request. Failure to identify themselves is now an offence under section 106 (8.1) of the Highway Traffic Act.

## Rockwood farmer reimbursed when coyote killed a beef calf

A Sixth Line Rockwood farmer will be reimbursed \$525 after a coyote killed one of his beef calves on November 4.

Township of Guelph/Eramosa Council approved the payment on the recommendation of its livestock valuer who said the farmer did all he could to protect the herd – it was in a fenced area and looked after by a guard dog – and has since followed advice to move the herd into a barnyard at night to protect it from coyotes that are becoming “more brazen,” according to one councillor.

Township Council cuts the cheques and is reimbursed by the Ministry of Natural Resources.

The valuer said the predation risk in the area is currently high, with increased attacks on livestock.

### Trapping approved

Rockwood trapper Paul Parkinson can continue trapping raccoons on Township of Eramosa road allowances.

Township of Guelph/Eramosa Council gave its approval, with the condition that Parkinson carry at least \$2-million insurance

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and name the Township as an insured party.

Staff noted Parkinson had approval to trap last year, and said that another trapper also caught mink in the former Eramosa Township waterways.

### Grant request

The Township of Guelph/Eramosa will apply for a \$1-million provincial grant to reconstruct 7.8 kms of the Fifth Line.

Although the Township's five-year capital budget forecast identi-

fied four roads that need to be upgraded, staff recommended the grant application be made for improvements to the Fifth Line, where geotechnical work has already been done.

The plan is to pulverize the existing roadway and resurface it from County Road 124 to Country Road 22.

Last year, the province announced a \$70-million, one-time investment in rural infrastructure with grants for upgrades to roads, bridges, water and wastewater facilities. Applications for the Rural Infrastructure Investments Initiative will be accepted until February 5, and the money must be spent by March.

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