

# New regulations for off-road vehicles

All off-road vehicles must be registered with the Ministry of Transportation and Communications by June 1 of this year, warns the Penetanguishene Police Chief.

An off-road vehicle is defined as any two or three-wheeled vehicle, plus specific types with four or more wheels designed primarily for

recreational use.

Licence plates for off-road vehicles went on sale on Feb. 1 and can be obtained at any motor vehicle licensing office. The fee is \$25.

Vehicles cannot be registered to anyone under 16 years of age. On registration, owners will be supplied with a vehicle permit and licence plate, the permit

to be carried by the driver at all times.

In addition, as of Aug. 1, vehicle liability insurance will be required for all off-road vehicles driven anywhere other than land owned or occupied by the vehicle owner. Proof of insurance must be carried by the driver.

The new regulations also specify that

drivers, passengers and riders on a conveyance towed by an off-road vehicle wear regulation helmets. Helmets are not required when operating on land owned or occupied by the driver.

Persons under 12 are not permitted to drive an off-road vehicle except on land owned or occupied by the vehicle

owner.

Every person who drives one of these vehicles without due care and attention or without reasonable consideration for others can now be charged with careless driving.

The owner of the vehicle, as well as the driver, is responsible

for violations of the Off-Road Vehicles Act and is liable for any loss or damage to property.

Legislation of these vehicles was prompted by the request of approximately 160 municipalities which were concerned for the safety of the drivers, passengers and property owners.

April 14

Ladies' Guild of St. James Church On-the-Lines, Penetanguishene, is holding a Send a child to camp tea, including home baking sale, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the church hall, Church Street at Cambridge Street.

## Kept bird in feed

A long-tailed, red-eyed Rufous-sided Towhee, Midland Point resident Bruce Henderson had kept in feed all winter is dead.

No matter what the temperature this past winter, the Towhee would return each day to Henderson's feeder for a meal, but then it happened...

"On the first day of Spring (March 20) a squirrel scared the frightened bird away from the feeder. The bird slammed into a stake and later died," Henderson reported this week.

"It hurt me. Here I had fed it all winter long and it had to die this way."

It is Henderson's opinion having a long-tailed Towhee spend the entire winter in these parts is a rather rare event.

"I can't ever recall seeing a Rufous-sided Towhee at Midland Point and I have lived there for 25 years."

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