

## No traffic calming measures

Guelph/Eramosa council won't be enacting any traffic calming measures on Jolliffe Road or anywhere else in Rockwood Ridge subdivision in the near future.

A report from their public works superintendent Larry Van Wyck indicates most of the requested calming efforts would be counterproductive. He also pointed out that streets in the subdivision are still controlled by the developer and until council takes over the streets they have no authority to enact bylaws to control them.

Citizens requested all way stop signs on several intersections in the subdivision at a public meeting some months ago and council asked Van Wyck to investigate their complaints. They also asked that Jolliffe and Parkview Lane be made one-way and speed be reduced to 20 km/hr in the subdivision.

Van Wyck said the intersections do not meet the requirements for all way stops listed in the Ontario Traffic Manual. Even if the stops did control speeding, they create another problem because drivers forget or ignore the signs, he said.

Making Parkview one-way would force traffic from Elly's Lane to travel the entire length of Parkview, he noted. He recommended leaving the existing designation in place until the future of the commercial block is determined.

While he agreed that lowering the speed limit might be appropriate, it can't be

dropped to 20km/h since the Highway Traffic Act sets 40/km/h as the minimum speed. He suggested a uniform speed be adopted throughout the entire village of Rockwood but suggested bylaws to enforce that be held up until he finishes a traffic count later in the spring.

Van Wyck suggested also that council might want to consider banning parking on one side of subdivision streets or perhaps even banning on-street parking completely in the subdivision.

He said he was surprised to count 224 vehicles on Jolliffe Avenue between Ridge Road and Dunbar Street since the street only has about 25 houses on it.

"That's as much traffic as some of the northern (municipal) roads get in a whole day," Coun. Les Foote pointed out.

Council agreed to put all action on the problem on hold for a while until the traffic study is completed in the spring.

## The Rockwood MULLER



### Kudos to merchants from Coun. Breen

Rockwood merchants got a pat on the back from Councillor Doug Breen Monday for recent efforts to improve the looks of the village's main street.

Breen said the business people purchased new banners for the street and had them put up in time for the Parade of Lights early last month. The merchants should be encouraged and applauded for their efforts, Breen said, noting the banners look good. He said he was happy to see them working on area improvement projects.



**SLIPPERY SLOPE:** Even snow plows can get in trouble when the rural roads are slippery. This one missed the turn on Ennisclair Drive in Rural Rockwood on Saturday Jan. 4 and wound up over the bank. Resident Salome Holland was right there with her camera to record the incident.-Salome Holland photo

### OPP surprises thieves in attempted break-in

Officers from the Wellington OPP were on routine patrol when they came across a break-in in progress at the Lake Road

Market on Wellington Road 124 at Wellington Road 32 in Guelph Township on January 5 at 2:30am.

The officers pulled into the parking lot and were immediately rammed by a suspect vehicle, a 2001 Dodge Pick-up White, which had been reported stolen from Oxford County on January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2003. The suspect vehicle then fled westbound on Wellington County Road 124 and was abandoned in a field approximately 1/2 km from the scene. Three suspects fled on foot.

Officers from Waterloo Regional Police Service, Guelph Police Service and the Ontario Provincial Police responded to the scene. Canine units from Waterloo Regional Police and the Ontario Provincial Police were used to track the suspects but were unsuccessful in locating them.

Wellington OPP believe the suspects may have also stolen a 1998 Mercury Mystique 4 door light blue Lic: AKSV-642 (Ont) from Guelph Township and fled the area. The three suspects involved were wearing disguises.

Anyone with information that might assist police with this investigation is asked to contact the Guelph Detachment of the County of Wellington OPP at (519) 822-7250 or Wellington County Crimestoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

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### 'Unwanted' man found in Rockwood closet

Wellington OPP were called to a Main St. S. Rockwood home Monday at 2:26pm following a report of an "unwanted male" inside.

Officers arrived to find a 31-year-old Guelph man hiding in a closet. Investigation revealed that he was on bail with a condition not to be in that Rockwood residence and he was charged with failing to comply with his bail conditions.

He was held in custody until Tuesday pending a bail hearing at 10:30am in Guelph Court.

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