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## POLICE BRIEFS

### Drinking and driving

On March 2 at approximately 4:09 a.m., Wellington County Ontario Provincial Police officers were patrolling Fergus. A 2001 Dodge was stopped on Kelsowood Lane and the driver showed signs of impairment by alcohol. He was arrested and brought to the Centre Wellington Operations Centre for testing.

A 20-year-old Fergus man has been charged with impaired driving and over 80 contrary to the Criminal Code of Canada. He is scheduled to appear in Guelph Criminal Court on March 18 to answer to the charge.

### Drug charge

On March 1, at approximately 1:48 a.m. Wellington County Ontario Provincial Police officers were patrolling Fergus and stopped a 2000 Chrysler on St. Andrew Street.

Police spoke with the male driver and an odour of marijuana was detected coming from the inside of the vehicle. Marijuana was seized and the driver was arrested.

A 19-year-old Centre Wellington Township man has been charged with possession of marijuana contrary to the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act. He is scheduled to appear in Guelph Criminal court on April 8 to answer to the charge.

### OPP investigate thefts from community mailboxes

Wellington County Ontario Provincial Police received numerous reports in Centre Wellington Township and Guelph-Eramosa Township about Canada Post Community mailboxes being forced open. The incidents occurred between the dates of Feb. 14 to Feb. 21.

The Wellington County Street Crime Unit (SCU) took over the investigation and on Feb. 22. A Fergus male was arrested.

Wellington County OPP would like to inform citizens that mail has been recovered from several residents' mailboxes. As the investigation is ongoing, officers are still sorting through the recovered property and processing evidence for a successful prosecution. At this time, investigators are working to identify the owners of the mail that has been recovered, and are in the process of notifying the rightful owners of the property. Officers will contact those people whose mail has been recovered and make arrangements for it to be returned. We ask that people please be patient and if your mail has been recovered, you will be contacted in the near future.

Anyone with information regarding this crime, please contact Wellington County OPP at 1-888-310-1122.



### SISTERS

Bianna Dolderman, 19, and Avery Dolderman, 11, volunteered at the recent clothing bazaar fundraiser for Groves hospital health-care needs. The two sorted and put out clothes throughout the day. Please see full fundraiser coverage on pages 3 and 11.

LEAH GERBER PHOTO

## Public health to assess student nutrition

Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph is tackling the problem of poor nutrition in young children. Public health is looking at the nutrition status of children in Wellington, Dufferin and Guelph who attend junior or senior kindergarten in the Upper Grand District School Board and Wellington Catholic District School Board.

Public health is using a screening tool called NutriSTEP which was developed and scientifically

validated by researchers at the University of Guelph. The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care recommends the use of the NutriSTEP screening tool by public health units and health-care providers in Ontario.

"Children experiencing poor nutrition are at risk for growth, behaviour and development problems," said Dr. Mercer, Medical Officer of Health for Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health.

"By screening children at an early age, children can be referred to appropriate health-care professionals and community programs."

Public Health urges parents of kindergarten students to complete the NutriSTEP questionnaire when it comes home from school in March. Questions about health and nutrition can be directed to Public Health's KIDS LINE at 1-800-265-7293 ext. 3616.

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