

Keetch's Building Supplies Three great locations to serve your building needs
613-757-2616
 6 North Street, Killaloe
C.A. Reiche & Sons Ltd.
613-735-4104
 Hwy 41, Pembroke
Eganville Country Depot
613-628-2272
 Hwy 41-60 West, Eganville

castle building centres

"Get what you want"
PEMBROKE HONDA
 1405 Pembroke St, Pembroke
1-800-273-0313
613-732-3673

2010 Mercedes Benz ML 350 Bluetec
 3.0L, 6 Cyl AWD, Power Seats, ABS, Heated Seats, Heated Mirrors, AC, Running Boards, Power Windows, Side Head Airbags, Auto Climate Control, Diesel Fuel, Security System, Traction Control, Sunroof, Cruise, Luggage Rack

\$39,900
 P7139

VALLEY WINDOW & DOOR
The Best of the Best!

873 Pembroke S. E., Pembroke
Phone: 613-735-6843
 Toll Free: 1-800-668-2526



The Eganville Leader

Renfrew County's largest paid circulation newspaper

Independently-owned since 1902

111th Year - No. 17

Wednesday, October 16, 2013

Eganville, Ontario

(\$1.42 + 8 cents GST) **\$1.50**

\$35,000 donation made to RVH Foundation in memory of Hwy. 17 crash victim

Company pleads guilty to four charges

By Debbi Chirstinck
Staff Writer

Renfrew-- Greenwood Paving pled guilty to four charges under the Highway Traffic Act and made a \$35,000 donation in honour of Jessica Fitzgerald, the nurse and mother of two who was killed on Highway 17 last summer when her vehicle was hit by a dump truck owned by the company.

"As president of Greenwood Paving, I wish to convey to the court and the family of Jessica Fitzgerald how deeply sorry I am Jessica was killed by a former employee of our company driving one of our vehicles," company president Kent Plumber said in a Renfrew courtroom last Friday afternoon. "The driver, Terry Gogolin, no longer works for our company and he never will work for our company again."

The company was charged last December with driving a commercial motor vehicle without prior inspection, driving a commercial motor vehicle with a major defect, failing to ensure performance standards met and failing to maintain books and records. Under a joint submission between the defence and the Crown, the company was fined \$1,000 plus costs for each count and will be placed on

probation for 12 months. As part of the submission, a \$35,000 donation to the Renfrew Victoria Hospital Foundation was made "in the name of Jessica Fitzgerald to be used for the benefit of the community in a way that will honour and celebrate the life of Jessica Fitzgerald and her commitment to Renfrew Victoria Hospital."

A nurse at the hospital, she was on her way to work when she was struck by the dump truck owned by Greenwood Paving on June 27, 2012. According to a statement of facts presented in court, she was travelling eastbound in a Honda when she was struck by the westbound truck near the intersection of Haley Road. The court heard the dump truck rear-ended a transport with an empty wood chip trailer and then veered into the direction of Mrs. Fitzgerald's vehicle. At the time, vehicles were attempting to turn on the highway when the dump truck driven by Mr. Gogolin hit the tractor-trailer and then lost control.

After the collision, Mrs. Fitzgerald's Honda was almost totally demolished and thrown into the southeast ditch. The 32-year-old was pronounced dead at the scene. Damage to the Honda was extensive with the front seats pushed back to the back seat and the roof peeled back, the court heard. The dump truck also received extensive damage and Mr. Gogolin was transported to hospital and later released with minor injuries.

The accident occurred in the early morning around 7:30 o'clock, and visibility was good with the roads clear and dry at the time. The court heard Collision Investigator Const. Jeff Hewitt conducted a thorough investigation into the collision and concluded the dump truck veered into the path of Mrs. Fitzgerald's vehicle after skidding into the tractor-trailer. The court heard Mrs. Fitzgerald reacted to the oncoming truck by moving to the right, but there was no evidence the driver of the dump truck attempted to avoid a collision in a similar manner.

See Page 4



Eganville Olympian Melissa Bishop was the special guest of the Pembroke Lumber Kings' during Sunday's home game versus the Smiths Falls Bears. Here, she drops the puck for the ceremonial face-off between Kings' captain, Sam Gleason and Bears' captain, Victor Beaulac. The Kings presented a donation to assist Ms. Bishop with her ongoing career and many fans also made donations throughout the game.

Teens lead police on high-speed cross border chase

By Leader Staff
Eganville -- A 16-year-old Eganville youth and his 13-year-old female friend from Pembroke led police on a cross provincial and cross border chase during which they were shot at by police and later jumped into a river to avoid apprehension.

The pair were apprehended early Tuesday near Farmington, Maine after they led police in Ontario, Quebec and Maine on a Bonnie and Clyde-style chase that began in Eganville Sunday evening.

Although not identified because of protection under the young offender act in Canada, U.S. authorities identified the teen as being from Eganville. The incident began at approximately 9 p.m. Sunday when officers from the Killaloe OPP detachment were dispatched to the report of a stolen vehicle from a residence on Wellington Street in Eganville. A 2002 Chev Avalanche, owned by Chad Costello of Eganville, was stolen from his residence and minutes later the suspect vehicle was reported leaving the Eganville Husky gas station where the operator drove off without paying for the fuel.

Police identified the suspect through a security video at the gas station and the vehicle was later seen in the Pembroke area.

OPP Constable Darcy Nicol, Com-

munity Services Officer at Killaloe, said the suspect drove to Pembroke where he picked up his friend, who had been reported missing by her step-father that day.

The two headed for Ottawa where they were involved in a police pursuit on Carling Avenue early Monday morning. After heading into oncoming traffic and across a field, police abandoned the pursuit as it was deemed too dangerous. The vehicle was later found abandoned in a Liquor Control Board of Ontario (LCBO) parking lot on Robertson Road in Bell's Corners.

It is believed the couple stole another vehicle in Ottawa, which they later abandoned in Sherbrooke, Quebec, where they stole a third vehicle. They then made their way to the Montreal area where they were involved in a high-speed police chase down Route 27 near the Quebec-Coburn Gore border crossing into the United States.

During the chase, speeds reached in excess of 100 miles per hour and the fleeing vehicle was fired at by Border Crossing personnel after it collided with a Border Patrol vehicle during the pursuit. The teens were not hit by gunfire.

While earlier reports indicated the teens had exchanged gunfire with the Border Patrol officers, those reports were denied by Franklin County Sheriff Scott Nichols on Tuesday.

The stolen vehicle was found abandoned in Kingfield, where the two suspects stole a fourth vehicle that was later observed driving erratically in the community of New Portland. Officers from the Maine State Police pursued the vehicle and the chase ended after the stolen truck ran over two different sets of spike belts that had been deployed and the vehicle crashed into the guardrails along Route 27 in Kingfield. The suspects then fled on foot, jumping 10 to 12 feet down an embankment into the Carrabassett River below, where they were later arrested.

Both suspects were transported to Franklin Memorial Hospital for assessment of any injuries. The young girl was later transferred to a facility in Portland for the treatment of possible internal injuries incurred during their flight from police after crashing into the guardrails.

"They created a lot of chaos for a while," Sheriff Nichols said in a release on Tuesday (yesterday).

He said police had locked up the downtown area of Kingfield and had road blocks established, but they had exited the community prior to the roadblocks being set-up.

Numerous police agencies in the U.S. were involved in the incident including State Police, the Border Patrol, Carrabassett Valley Police and

the Franklin County Sheriff's Office, as well as investigators from the Attorney General's Office because shots had been fired.

Suffers From Disorder

The Eganville teen was charged with three felony charges in Juvenile Court including eluding an officer, passing a roadblock and aggravated criminal mischief. He appeared in court Tuesday morning in Maine where he denied all charges against him. He is being held without bail at Mountain View Youth Development Center in Charleston pending an October 30th hearing in Farmington, Maine.

The teen's mother told the *Leader* her son has suffered from a mental illness all of his life.

"He's had mental issues since he was a kid," she said. "Now he has the adult version of ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyper-activity Disorder)."

She said her son was recently assessed at the Royal Ottawa Hospital after he had a scrape with the law this past July when he stole a vehicle from an Eganville garage.

The teen lived with his mother until he was 12 or 13 and then went to live with his father, also in Eganville.

The incident has upset the mother, but she said perhaps her son will now get the help he needs. The teenage girl, formerly of Foymount, has not been charged yet.



Jessica Fitzgerald, a mother of two little girls and a nurse, died in a collision on Hwy. 17 in late June 2012.

Public warning issued after lynx is stolen from rural residence

Eganville -- Killaloe OPP are asking the public to be on the look-out for a lynx that was stolen from a rural Bonnechere Valley Township residence over the weekend.

Community Services Officer Darcy Nicol said the eight-year-old

Siberian lynx was removed after the lock was broken at its compound in BV Township. Const. Nicol said while the lynx socializes with the owner's family, it is still a wild animal, and anyone spotting it should immediately call the Killaloe OPP at 613-757-2600.

Arnprior -- A 57-year-old Oshawa man was killed in a collision on Highway 17 at Campbell Drive west of Arnprior during Friday afternoon's long weekend traffic.

Douglas Earhart was travelling westbound on his Harley Davidson motorcycle at about 1:45 p.m. when a car entered the busy highway from Campbell Drive into the path of the motorcycle. Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) at Renfrew said the driver of

the northbound car stopped at the stop sign and then entered the highway when the collision occurred.

The highway was closed to holiday weekend traffic until late Friday night causing long line-ups and delays for holiday weekend travellers who were detoured around the crash scene on county and municipal roads.

Const. Raul Pasta of the Renfrew OPP detachment investigated the collision. Police were withholding the

name of the driver of the 2012 Honda until it is determined whether or not charges will be laid.

Friday's fatal was one of two in the area on the holiday weekend involving motorcycles.

The second crash occurred Saturday afternoon near the Mountain Chute hydro dam in North Frontenac Township. Officers from the Killaloe and Renfrew OPP detachments were first to respond to the head-on collision be-

tween two dirt bikes on a logging road. Police said one man died at the scene while a second man was airlifted to hospital in Renfrew from the scene.

Preliminary investigation revealed two groups of riders were riding dirt bikes on a logging road that runs off Mountain Chute Road when the mishap occurred at about 2:30.

The man who died at the scene was in his 40s while the second male driver who was injured was in his 30s.

ALL NEW RENFREW
CHRYSLER
1-877-506-4308
CHRYSLER Jeep DODGE RAM

This Week's Special!
2013 DODGE AVENGER Stock # P1490

\$19,999 PLUS TAX
 5.99% at 96 months \$146 B/W tax in OR

SXT, sunroof, 4 cyl, daily rental - 30,157 kms

Matt Greenidge General Manager
Rick Jones Business Manager
Bob Eve Sales Manager
Gwen Fiebig Sales Consultant
CJ Parisien Sales Consultant
Kristine Bonell Sales Consultant