

# GRAPEVINE

## ACCESS FOR ARDEN

Arden is a 10 year-old Rockwood girl who was diagnosed with a rare condition called Acute Necrotizing Encephalitis that has left her with extreme mobility restrictions and confined mostly to a wheelchair. Arden's parents are facing the need to carry out extensive and costly renovations to their home to help improve Arden's quality of life. The Optimist Club of Halton Hills, The Acton Rotary Club and the Rockwood and District Lions Club are joining forces to host a fundraiser for Arden and her family on Saturday, September 10 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at their location #13439 Highway 7, Georgetown. There will be a bouncy castle, games, a silent auction along with hamburgers and hotdogs and more.

Access for Arden 50/50 tickets will be sold until 4 p.m. on the Sunday of the Acton Fall Fair, at which time Miss Acton will draw the winning ticket. They can be obtained at either the Acton or Rockwood branch of the RBC bank, Saunders Bakery, The Whistle Stop, or Acton Optical.

## CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Do you know someone who has gone out of their way to help others in our community? Or, someone who is consistently a community minded volunteer? If so, why not nominate them for the Acton Rotary Club's Citizen of the Year Award. The Rotary Club is asking for nominations with an explanation to be sent to Citizen of the Year c/o The Acton Rotary Club, Box 22, Acton ON L7J 2M2 or emailed to nancywilkes@actonoptical.ca. The deadline for nomination entries is Saturday, September 3.

## HOLIDAY WASTE COLLECTION

Just a reminder – as a result of the Labour Day holiday Monday, September 5, the household waste collection will take place the day after our regular collection day. Acton's in-town collection on Wednesday will be picked up on Thursday, September 8. Please have waste at the curb by 7 a.m. For ore information on waste collection please call 311 or visit their website at www.halton.ca.

## CONSERVATION HEROES

Conservation Halton is look-

ing for your help to recognize some local conservation heroes, who have made a difference in the community this year. You can show your appreciation for a local conservation hero by nominating them for Conservation Halton Award. There are five categories of awards including a Citizen award (adult and youth), Community Award, Education Award, and a Stewardship Award. Candidates for an award can be nominated by any individual or organization and must be received by midnight Friday, October 7, 2016. Your nominations can be submitted by calling 905-336-1158 ext. 2233 or their website at conservationhalton.ca/conservationawards where you can also find information about the award categories and criteria.

## FUGITIVE OF THE WEEK

In this edition of Fugitive of the Week the 3 District, Burlington Offender Management Unit is searching for Joel Bergin, 25 years old of Burlington.

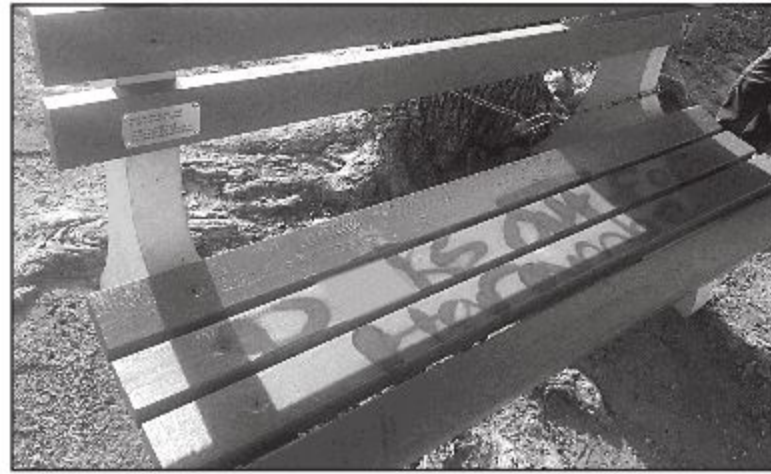
It is alleged that Bergin was convicted of aggravated assault and drive while disqualified in 2015 and was placed on a probation order. In 2016 Bergin was on an undertaking for an offense of fail to comply with probation. His whereabouts are unknown at this time and a warrant has been issued for his arrest.

Bergin is described as 5'6", 200lbs with brown hair and green eyes, He has tattoos on left forearm of "Taay", his right hand has five dots, ice on his right forearm and he also has a pierced bottom lip. Bergin is known to frequent Burlington, Oakville, Hamilton and surrounding areas.

Anyone who may have witnessed this person or has information that would assist investigators in locating him are encouraged to contact D/C Bulbrook – Burlington Criminal Investigations Bureau at 905-825-4747 ext 2346, or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.



Joel Bergin



**BRAZEN VANDALS:** The new Buddy Benches at McKenzie-Smith Bennett Public School were vandalized recently. These benches were donated to area schools by local groups and businesses as a means to promote inclusion on the playground. Anyone with information on this incident or any other acts of vandalism should contact the Halton Regional Police – Angela Tyler photo

# LETTERS

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## Working together we can make a difference

To the Editor,

In a country as affluent as Canada, hunger is unacceptable. Yet, more than 850,000 Canadians will visit a food bank for assistance this month alone. Of those, 36 per cent are children or youth. We are working to change the statistics on hunger during the month of September during our Hunger Awareness campaign.

Here in East Wellington the needs of those turning to us for support is equally concerning, with more than 248 individuals in our community coming to EWCS' Food Bank for assistance in 2016. But we can change this.

During the month of September, we are drawing the line on hunger and we encourage Canadians to engage. Take part by donating one bag of food to the EWCS food bank containing some of our most needed items such as peanut butter, school snacks, juice, canned fruit and vegetables, oatmeal, canned pasta, cereal and toiletries.

We hope that people will raise awareness by taking part in the #OneBagChallenge and encouraging others to donate food to our local food bank. Drop off your #OneBagChallenge donation at one of the EWCS offices located at 45 Main Street in Erin, or 107 Harris Street in

Rockwood. You can also visit us online at [www.eastwellingtoncommunityservices.com](http://www.eastwellingtoncommunityservices.com) to make a small donation. Then challenge a friend, neighbour or co-worker to take part.

We can work together to make a difference for the 248 individuals in the Town of Erin and Township of Guelph/Eramosa who turn to our food bank for support each month. Help us fight against hunger in our community.

Sincerely,

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# JUST A THOUGHT

## Who is the real water villain?

As 'big bad' Nestle Canada scrambles to secure water removal permits, Wellington Water Watchers has brought to the forefront the very real dilemma of natural resources in a global market. Should, as this tree-hugging, off-the-grid bunch suggest, water be a not-for-sale commodity? And if so, where should the resource commodity problem end? Soil? Lumber? Chudleigh's apples?

In truth, water is different. It is entertainment, commodity and life all in one. We use it to hydrate, clean, make and power things. And every day, with every choice, you are using a lot more of it than you realize. New t-shirt: 700 gallons. Cup of coffee: 35 gallons. Steel for a car: 80 000 gallons. In short, every step in producing, manufacturing, and preparing the things in our capitalist lives uses water. Even one litre of water itself is really two. (Or three, depending on who's counting.) Of the 326 million trillion gallons of water on our blue planet, only 0.4 per cent is available for drinking, so, it seems so easy to blame big faceless moneymaking corporations for taking it. Yet, they are scapegoats. After all, they only offered a product for sale; it was your willingness to pay that told



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them they were right to do so. No, the real villain is the consumer; the flavour-of-the-month, everything-is-disposable man and woman, jumping on the masses' bandwagon without stopping to think about the consequences of their choices. Sure we can blame Nestle for making money, and we can shake our little finger at a government who wasn't gouging them for doing so; however, had their been no profit in it, they certainly wouldn't have stayed in the game. Which begs the question: is it really about the water? Golf courses are "carefully crafted imitations of nature" that not only take millions of gallons of water out, but also put chemical fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides into the water supply. They, too, pay the permit fee plus \$3.71 per million litres removed, contributing to the total 1.4 trillion litres drawn out of Ontario's ground ever day. Google 'golf near Aberfoyle' and you'll see at least 20 courses listed, yet, there

is no outcry for their immediate closure. Where is their vilification? No, this has nothing to do with actually protecting water; instead we're passing the buck and clearing our collective consciousness as we continue to water our lawns and wash our cars.

While the UN predicts a water shortage for over 60 per cent of the world by 2025, one fifth of all obtainable fresh water is found in Canada. That's right, just by location alone, we have a twenty percent share in a limitedly renewable resource that everyone needs. Not wants, needs. Meaning Canada has three options: sell it, stockpile it, or give it away freely. If the world was the utopia Wellington Water Watchers wants it to be than this would be easy, but instead we wonder: if we just give water freely, will the rest of the world choose to share their resources with us, too? Or, will we end up begging for the very resources we used to have in abundance? So, while sipping your H2O from yet another plastic bottle, remember it's your actions as consumers that dictate our future. Open those water-filled eyes a little wider, folks: more than your backyard is at stake.