

# Town Digest

### Help for fire victims

Acknowledging that \$100 is a "measly" amount, Halton Hills Mayor Rick Bonnette asked Council to make a donation in that amount to fire ravaged Slave Lake. The request for the \$100 financial support was made to all Ontario municipalities by the Township of Stormont.

### Water available for RC school

Halton Region has confirmed that there will be water available for the Halton Catholic District School Board to construct a new school on a site it plans to purchase from the Acton East Housing Corporation (Fred Dawkins and Frank Heller) on Tanner's Drive.

While the Board said it has no "im-

mediate need" for the school at this time, when it is ready to build - 2014 at the earliest - Halton will allocate the water when the Board applies for a building permit.

### Subdivision approved

Town Council has given draft approval to the Acton East Housing Corporation to build 16 single-family homes, fronting on the west side of Churchill Road, across from Rachlan Drive.

In compliance with the Town's new Green checklist, the developer will build housing with an elevated environmental performance, incorporating features which exceed the Ontario Building Code.



WAITING FOR SUN DOWN: It's time for the geese to catch the latest Harry Potter flick at the drive in. The screen is big and high so they won't have to strain their necks which raises the question: Why is that pair parked all the way at the back by themselves? - Marie Shadbolt photo

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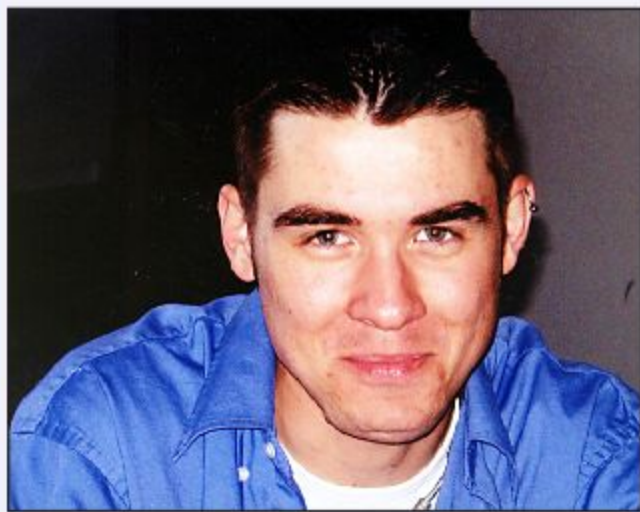
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## IN MEMORY OF ALLEN K. VRYENHOEK



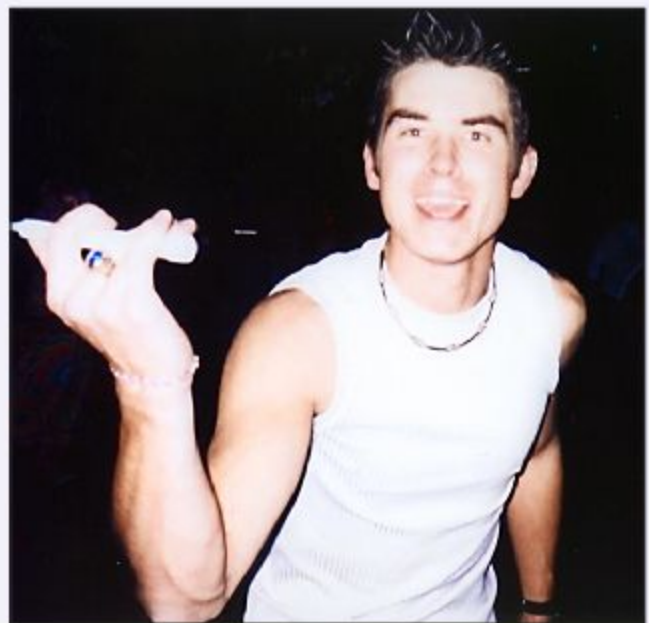
Turn on the news and it's full of tragedy. Every day 150,000 people will die and enter into eternity. According to the World Health Organization cancer killed 7.9 million people in 2007 and heart disease took another 7.2 million. Traffic accidents kill 1.27 million people annually.

Eight years ago the police came to our door and informed us that our son, Allen was in a fatal car crash. He was killed by a drunk driver. Allen was only 20 years old. We never know when death will seize upon us. Until then we were only concerned with the here and now. Religion told us that if we do this and do that, god would bless us and prosper us. We did not equate "God has a wonderful plan for your life" with eternity. All we wanted was the promise for a better life now. When the trials came we were forced to look into the claims of the Bible for ourselves.

Most people believe they are good and if they were to die today they would reap the benefits of whatever is on the other side of this life. Lets take a little test to see if we are good enough to reap the benefits of eternity using the 10 commandments as our standard. Have you ever deceived anyone with a lie? (9th Commandment) In your anger have you ever used God's name to express your disgust? (3rd Commandment) Have you ever dishonestly taken something that did not belong to you? (8th Commandment) When was the last time you lusted after another person? To do so is to committed adultery because Jesus said that He judges our intentions as well as our actions. (7th Commandment)

For those who admitted to being guilty, if you died today you would stand before God as a lying, thief and a blasphemous adulterer at heart. God gave us His law to demonstrate our guilt. We are in a very bad position. We can not undo the past. God said that death is the result of sin and it is appointed unto man once to die and then the judgement. God in His great wisdom provided a way of salvation for us. 2000 years ago Jesus came to this earth and freely gave His life as a payment for our crimes. Because Jesus was without sin, death could not hold Him and he rose from the grave on the third day. He shed his life blood in our place so that we could go free. All we have to do is believe Jesus paid the price for transgressions against God's law and turn from our sinful ways. No works required.

Christianity does not promise us a wonderful life. Christians experience life much in the same way as the world except for this one very important point. We are covered by the blood and work of Jesus. Free and without condemnation on judgement day.



### The Broken Chain

*We little knew that day,  
 God was going to call your name.  
 In life we loved you dearly,  
 In death, we do the same.  
 It broke our hearts to lose you,  
 You did not go alone.  
 For part of us went with you,  
 The day God called you home.  
 You left us beautiful memories,  
 Your love is still our guide.  
 And although we cannot see you,  
 You are always at our side.  
 Our family chain is broken,  
 And nothing seems the same,  
 But as God calls us one by one,  
 The chain will link again.*