



MEET OSCAR: Rockwood Conservation Area had some guests from Mountsberg on Sunday. Sandra Metzger from Mountsberg brought a collection of birds of prey including, Oscar, a great horned owl. - Angela Tyler photo

### Stolen jeep found in Eramosa quarry

Some person(s) unknown drove a stolen Jeep Cherokee into a quarry located on Hwy. 24 in Eramosa Township on Thursday August 2 at about 3 p.m. The vehicle had been driven through several trees before plummeting into 40 feet of water in the quarry, which is privately owned.

Member from the County of Wellington OPP responded to the scene, but no suspect(s) were located. The Underwater Search and Rescue Unit was called in and divers searched the quarry. No person(s) were found in the water and the vehicle was removed.

This vehicle had been reported stolen in Kitchener.

Anyone who may have any information is asked to call the Guelph Detachment of the OPP at (519) 822-7250 or Wellington County Crimestoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

### Five new officers assigned to Halton Hills

Halton Regional Police will add 11 new officers to the ranks next Friday, August 10 when the two women and nine men will begin their careers with this Service.

Police Services Board Chair Jack Brewer and Chief of Police Ean Elgar will preside over the "swearing-in" ceremony that will be held at Halton Regional council chambers, 1151 Bronte Road, Oakville. Three of the officers have prior policing experience.

The new officers come from a variety of places, including: Milton, Stoney Creek, Brantford, Burlington, Ancaster, Mississauga, Toronto and Hamilton.

Officers assigned to Halton Hills include: Michael Leighton, Pritpal Nagra, John Pauls, Adam Smith and Stephanie Visser.

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