

Wellington O.P.P. Report

THREE GUELPH YOUTHS CHARGED IN B&E

Wellington OPP officers responded to a reported break-in to a home on Wellington Road 26 in West Garafraxa Twp on Wednesday, Jan. 3 at 2:08 a.m. Homeowners arrived home after a short vacation to find the front door to the home had been forced and home ransacked.

Stolen in the entry were a homestereo and a 1994 Dodge Dakota pickup. The pickup truck was located a short time later, parked in Guelph.

Wellington OPP Street Crime Unit officers were assigned to followup this break-in and an 18-year-old Guelph man has been charged with Break and Enter and Theft Under \$5000. He is scheduled to appear in Guelph Court on Feb. 12, to answer to the charges.

Police have also charged a 17-year-old male and 15-year-old female, both of Guelph, who are scheduled to appear in Guelph Youth Court on February 14.

ERIN HARASSMENT
A 54-year-old Erin man

has been charged with criminal harassment following a complaint from a 40-year-old male who came to the Rockwood OPP office on Sunday, Jan. 21. Police said the Erin man has been continually watching the victim's residence over two weeks despite being cautioned by police to refrain. He faces charges of harassment, with two counts of failing to comply with bail conditions. He was held in custody for a bail hearing the next day.

IMPAIRED DRIVING

A 45-year-old Acton man was arrested and faces charges of impaired driving and with possession of marijuana following an incident on the Erin Third Line near the Halton-Erin Town line.

Police said they responded to a report of a driver having a heart attack on the Third Line on Sunday, Jan. 21 at 4:12 p.m. When officers arrived they found the driver of a 2006 GMC van slumped over the wheel. Investigations revealed the man had been drinking and was in possession of marijuana. He's to appear in Guelph

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EWAG NEWS

BAG SALE at EWAG Thrift Shop

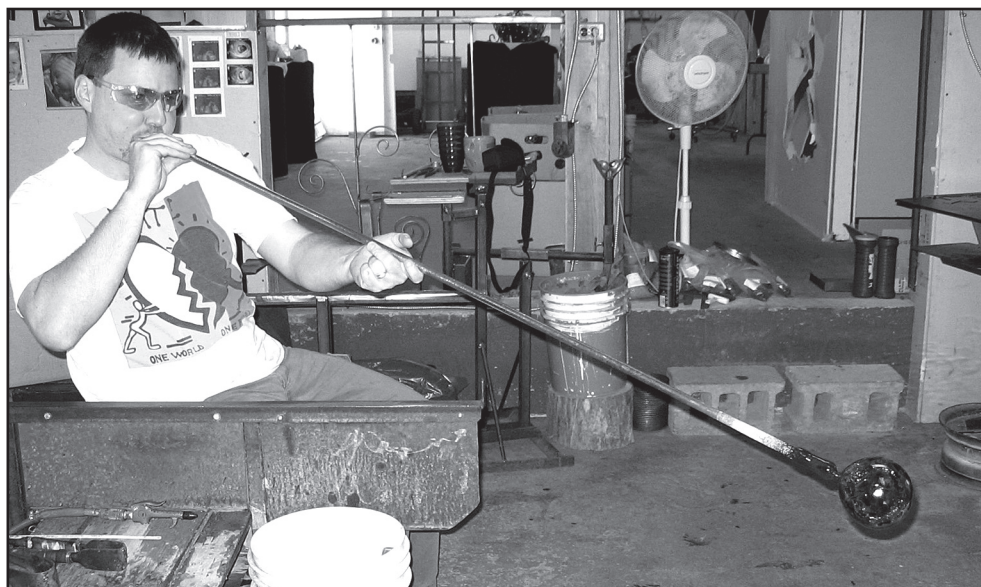
It's here – the winter Bag Sale at the EWAG Thrift Shop! Come into our shop and stuff 1 bag for \$6 or 2 bags for \$10. We have lots of great winter wear for your whole family – sweaters, boots, coats, hats and more. Come in soon for best selection and help us clear off the racks!

Great Deals to Be Had at 106 Church Street – While you are in stuffing your bag of clothing, don't forget that we also offer a nice selection of paperback novels and children's books.

Tai Chi – The winter session of Tai Chi has begun and we would love to have more participants! The session runs for 10 weeks at St. John's Anglican Parish Hall on the Main Street of Rockwood. The cost is \$60 for the 10 week session and is a great way to stay in shape. If trying something new is one of your New Year's resolutions, don't hesitate, call Mary Ellen today. 519-833-0087.

On Monday, January 22 a woman and her young daughter purchased a black pair of snow pants and a red snow jacket from the EWAG Thrift Shop in Rockwood. As it turns out these two items actually belonged to another woman and her daughter who were in the shop at the same time. The young lady had taken her items off to try some other things on. If you purchased these items on this day, please call Sue at 519-856-2113. The young lady really needs her snow pants and jacket back. Thank you for your cooperation.

Location and Hours – The EWAG Community Support Services office and thrift shop is located at 106 Church Street and is open Monday – Thursday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. The Thrift Shop is also open Fridays and Saturdays from noon until 4 p.m. Call for more information at 519-856-2113. Please note that the office is not open on Fridays



GLASS BLOWING GALLERY: Derek Zander, of Prometheus Gallery behind 118 Main St. S., is a self-taught glass blower. His creations include nature inspired ornaments and candle holders, which he sells wholesale and at his gallery. *Rebecca Ring Photo*

Blowing glass in Rockwood

By Rebecca Ring

Rockwood is home to the Prometheus Gallery, where glass blower Derek Zander creates unique ornaments and candle holders. His work ranges from simple, colourful glass balls to intricate designs inspired by nature and the cosmos with scenes of forests, oceans, mountains, and galaxies.

Zander comes by his craft honestly. He managed Kitras Art Glass in Fergus for 11 years, which is owned by his uncle and aunt. Although he was not a glass blower at the time, he decided to open his own business and hire one. After watching the process for so many years, he decided to try it himself. He picked it up very quickly and discovered he had a real knack for the art.

He begins by melting clear glass pellets in a gas-fired furnace heated to 1200°C. He then takes a long hollow wand, or blowpipe, and gathers liquid glass, which he likens to taking honey out of a jar. He rolls it in coloured glass pellets, or frit, and then places it in another part of the furnace, called the glory hole, until the colours melt into the molten glass. He places the molten glass in a wooden bowl to shape it, and then gently "jacks" it using a

tong-like tool so it will come off the pipe after blowing. He says, "This is the tricky part. It takes a lot of practice to use the jacks without squishing the glass."

He then places one end of the blowpipe in his mouth and blows, and the shape begins to take form. He manipulates the glass with tools between each blow to create designs in the structure and colour. When he is finished, he removes the ornament from the pipe and places it in an annealer, which is heated to 500°C. It slowly cools the glass to room temperature. This takes the stress out of the glass and prevents it from breaking.

He describes his style as a combination of North American artistic and Eastern European production. His products are "artistic but the cost is kept down." He says the artistic style usually involves blowing the glass until it cools without using a shaping bowl, whereas he blows it out to a certain point, then finishes by blowing it out into a bowl. This keeps a uniform shape and size, and is faster, which he says is conducive for wholesales.

He says he has done well by making ornaments and manages to keep costs relatively low. Coloured glass is more costly than clear, with

pinks and golds costing the most. He adds, "True red is the most expensive and is very hard to find." He creates simple designs in very little time, which helps to keep costs low. Intricate designs take more time and skill, which is incorporated into the price.

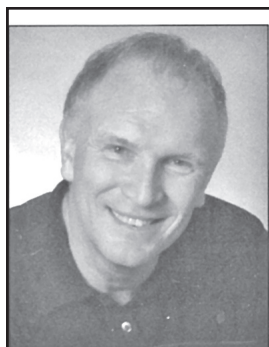
These designs include forest scenes, where he creates "webs" inside the ball to depict tree trunks and manipulates the colours on the surface to create leaves and blossoms. His themes are "Enchanting Forests, Landscapes, Infinite Universe, Bouquets of Flowers and the Elements (earth, wind, fire, and water)."

He currently sells his creations wholesale, in seven provinces and 13 States, to galleries and gift shops, such as Green Earth. He also sells pieces direct from his gallery. He plans to open the gallery on Saturdays for demonstrations, enlisting the help of students from Sheridan College's glass blowing program. His goal is to sell his art in at least one store in every province and state.

Prometheus, the gallery's namesake, was a figure in Greek Mythology who made people from clay in the image of gods. The goddess Athena breathed life into them. Prometheus felt sorry for his creations as they shivered in the cold, so he stole fire from the hearth of the gods in a stalk of a fennel plant and brought it to the mortals.

As the inventor of crafts and the introducer of fire, he is seen as the patron of civilization, bringing knowledge and enlightenment to humanity.

Staying true to the namesake, Zander creates with fire and uses his art to create awareness about our environment. He is planning a program where a tree will be planted for so many *Enchanting Forests* ornaments sold. On the card attached to these ornaments, he quotes Dr. Thomas Fuller: "He that plants trees loves others beside himself."



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Editorial made no mention of COPD

To the editor,

I am writing you because of your editorial regarding 'Help for smokers.'

I read your article with interest regarding 'Weedless Wednesday' Jan. 24 as I have in previous years. So what you might say, was the difference this year to prior years? In a simple answer, C.O.P.D., not even a mention.

I have read so many times lists of statistics, over and over again. The numbers rarely get better. It is my contention that if more people were 'More Aware' of COPD, then maybe that would be a very convincing deterrent to smoking.

Whether or not you are aware, there is now a website called "COPD Canada" that was just opened to coincide with World COPD Day November 15, 2006. <http://www.copdcanada.ca/>.

There is also out there an organization called COPD international which is as the name suggests, an international body. <http://www.copd-international.com/COPD/forum.htm>.

I used to smoke. Fifty-nine years I smoked, I quit 8 months ago for good. Of course the cigarettes have taken their toll so I have COPD.

I could go on and write

you an article full of info, but a read of the links will say more than I ever could. After all COPD is very real, but it's also an umbrella term, for Emphysema, Asthma, Bronchitis, cancer. COPD can also affect the heart by causing a lack of oxygen in the blood and creating the situation like I have, Pulmonary Hypertension making the heart work harder to make up the shortfall.

It would please many to see COPD mentioned more when talking of Lung disease and related topics etc etc. The world needs to know.

Sincerely,
Eric Valentine