

Police nab two in Erin Twp.

Wellington OPP officers responded to a reported theft of a tree on a farm property on the Second Line of Erin Twp on Thursday, Feb 12 about 6:20pm.

Officers found that a man had removed a locked gate to enter a farm property and cut down a large maple tree. He had been seen removing the cut wood. Police arrested the man and when he was being released from the Rockwood OPP station, he called a friend to pick him up. The friend came to the Rockwood OPP office at about 9pm driving a 1996 Ford. Officers noted that he had been drinking. Administered a Roadside Screening Device test, he failed.

A 49-year-old Erin Twp man has been charged with Break & Enter a Place and Theft under the Criminal Code of Canada. Also charged is the friend, a 47-year-old Erin Twp man who is charged with Over 80mgs, Drive Motor Vehicle – No Permit under the Highway Traffic Act and Drive Motor Vehicle, No Insurance under the Compulsory Automobile Insurance Act.

Both men are scheduled to appear in Guelph court on March 23 to answer to the charges.



SLOTS WINNER: Visiting Erin Midgets pull the lever on the third-period winner to cash out with a first-round sudden-death final game victory in OMHA playoff action against the Acton BB Midget Tanners last Tuesday. - Charles Tysoe photo

POLICE BEAT

Happy valentine
A Brampton man is facing charges of impaired and over 80mg after being stopped on February 14 at 8:25 pm at Lakeview Ave, and Guelph Street.

Hockey should be fun

To the Editor,

I am very sad to hear that some kids who are involved with the Acton House League Hockey are not happy with their team's structure. I believe that kids are a product of their environment - if they get positive reinforcement and are shown how to have fun, they will come away with a happy experience.

My son plays on Nova Training in Pee wee and has only won a few games this season. His coach, Bucky, makes it a fun experience for him every game. No matter the outcome of the game, Bucky points out the positives rather than harp on the negatives.

Kids have enough on their plates these days with school work, peer pressure, gaining social acceptance, etc. Let's not add the expectations of winning and instead pro-

Letters

mote good sportsmanship.

The AHHA is continuously short of volunteers from conveners, to coaches, to trainers and so on. I personally coach two teams and know of other coaches and trainers who are also doing double and sometimes triple duty.

I would like to challenge parents to get involved with their child's team: find out how the system works, volunteer to help out, make suggestions, ask questions. At the very least, attend the AHHA Annual General Meeting (typically held in June and advertised in The Tanner). Every parent of a registered AHHA player is entitled to attend; at last year's meeting, only three parents showed up.

Scott Thomson

Unlucky lovers...

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the witch's manipulation, she turns the knife on Anselmina, warning her to leave her alone.

Instead of reading, Quarington told his tale of woe through song. A guitarist and vocalist with Porkbelly Futures, the multi-talented author sang "red-eye soul." He described the first song as the accompaniment to his latest novel, "The Ravine." The song spun a tale of "Mr. Hollywood," whereas the novel tells the story of Phil, "a writer who squanders his talents on TV, drinks too much, screws around and ruins his marriage."

Rooke, in his inimitable style, read a few of his brilliantly hilarious and unique short stories, which cannot be done justice here. They include a woman at airport security, with her baggage full of idiot ex-lovers, a man getting in touch with his feminine side, which takes

off to Florida, and a woman explaining to her husband how she ended up in another man's striped pyjamas. His most recent published works include The Beautiful Wife and Hitting the Charts: Selected Stories.

The second half of the evening featured a "poetry slam," where contestants told their "tales of woe." There were far more entries then there was time, so a lottery determined the six poets that competed. Three judges were randomly chosen from the audience. Their unlucky-in-love stories ranged from hilarious, to dark, to weird and twisted. The winner, with a perfect score of 30, was Ben Lancaster with his very funny "Perfect Poem #20957", forever being perfected in a permanent state of revision.

The 2009 Eden Mills Writers' Festival takes place September 18 to 20, rain or shine.

kids' corner

What's the Difference?

There are five things different between Picture A and Picture B. Can you find them all?



ANSWERS: 1. Hair is darker 2. Earring has two hearts 3. PSHH are missing 4. Shirt is white 5. Mouth is different

THIS DAY IN...



HISTORY

- 1836: SANTA ANNA, A MEXICAN GENERAL, BEGAN THE SIEGE OF THE ALAMO IN TEXAS.
- 1896: POPULAR CHOCOLATE CANDY THE TOOTSIE ROLL WAS INTRODUCED BY CREATOR LEO HIRSHFIELD.
- 1997: SCOTTISH SCIENTISTS CONDUCTED AND ANNOUNCED THE FIRST SUCCESSFUL CLONING OF A SHEEP. HER NAME WAS DOLLY.

New Word

ARTERIES

tubes that bring blood from the heart to parts of the body

SCIENCE FACT:

WHO HELPED INVENT THE ARTIFICIAL HEART?

ANSWER: WILLEM J. KOLFF OF THE NETHERLANDS

How they SAY that in...

ENGLISH: Heart
SPANISH: Corazón
ITALIAN: Cuore
FRENCH: Coeur
GERMAN: Inneres

Did you know?

BECAUSE CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASES ARE THE NO. 1 KILLER OF AMERICANS, EVERY FEBRUARY SINCE 1963 WE CELEBRATE AMERICAN HEART MONTH. THE PURPOSE IS TO RAISE AWARENESS OF HEART DISEASE.

american heart month

GET THE PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: STETHOSCOPE