

Area business owner getting dumped on

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A Georgetown business owner is sick and tired of getting dumped on – literally.

Keith Kindness of Country Craft is tired of having people fill the garbage dumpster he shares with people's household garbage.

"It costs us \$100 each a month, so it's \$50 each time it has to be dumped.

"When I come in and find it piled high with household garbage, I either have to empty it out myself or go home – if I don't have access to my dumpster, I can't do my work," Kindness said, referring to his sawdust collection bin which he empties into the dumpster.

"I've tried putting pad locks on the bin, but then people just pile the stuff on top."

Once, after locking the bin, he returned to find that someone had discarded two mattresses on top of the bin.

On a number of occasions, Kindness and his partner have donned rubber gloves and torn open garbage bags in search of identifying papers



WASTE: Bundles of fliers sit piled beside the trash dumpster rented by Keith Kindness and his partner. They have both found other people's trash in the dumpster, which ends up costing them money. (Jamie Harrison photo)

with the names of the culprits.

"When I phone them up to ask them not to use our bin they always deny it, saying, 'It's not me.' Well, who is it then?"

The final straw came last week when he phoned *The Gemini* to tell us that bundles of Sears fliers and Penny Saver newspapers had been left in his dumpster.

At the time, he estimated that there were 30 to 40 bundles of Penny Saver newspapers and 10 to 15 bundles of Sears fliers in his dumpster.

"There were some I didn't even take out because they were covered in oil.

"When I phoned the Penny Saver, they just said they'd get somebody out here by the afternoon to pick them up. I had to pull the bundles out

just to make room for my garbage," Kindness said.

"I guess their driver just didn't want to deliver them anymore, so he dumped them.

"People don't seem to realize that if they use a dumpster, it ends up costing the business money, which means the price of the merchandise is going to go up. It ends up costing everyone money in the end."

Correction

In last week's story on Optimist Youth Appreciation Award winners, The Gemini misidentified one of the winners. Davina Taylor was the Senior Optimist winner from Georgetown District High School.

The Gemini regrets and apologizes for the error.

NEWS SHORTS

Impaired driver charged

Halton Regional Police laid charges, early Saturday morning against a 25-year-old Burlington man, on a charge of driving while impaired.

Constables on patrol noticed the car after the driver ran two stop signs, a red light and crossed the centre line several times at about 1 am.

Police stopped the car and report that the driver displayed signs of intoxication. He then failed a breath test and was subsequently charged.

Death threat uttered

Halton Regional Police have laid charges against a 20-year-old Mississauga man following an incident on Fifth Side Road.

Police report that the man and his 21-year-old girlfriend became involved in an argument, Nov. 21. At some point the man is alleged to have threatened to kill her. He left the residence and returned to his Mississauga home where he was arrested by Peel Regional Police.

Suspect sought by police

Police are searching for a suspect in an assault occurring in an area tavern, Nov. 24.

Police report that a 24-year-old patron of the Main Street, North tavern was involved in a verbal altercation when he was struck.

The resulting injury, a facial laceration, required several stitches to close.

The suspect is male, white, 5'8", 130 lbs. There was no approximate age given for the suspect.

An investigation into the matter is continuing.

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