

Police beat

Careless driving

A Quebec man was charged with careless driving after hitting the back of a Georgetown man's car Friday at 6:40 p.m. The cars collided on Guelph Street at Rexway Drive. Damage to the Georgetown man's car was \$1,000, and the Quebec man's car received \$3,000 damage.

Minor injuries

A Glen Williams man received minor injuries after trying to avoid a collision with an unknown vehicle. Both cars were westbound on Guelph Street at Ryan Road Friday at 7:35 a.m. The Glen Williams man braked, skipped into the curb lane to avoid a collision, hit the curb and rolled his car over, police said. Damage to his 1976 Ford was \$4,000. The 27-year-old Glen Williams man was treated and released from Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital.

\$5,000 damage

After hitting the rear of a car on Mountainview Road South, an Acton man was charged with careless driving the morning of Nov. 26. The man was southbound on Mountainview Road at 50 kilometres per hour when he hit the rear of a car turning east onto Sinclair Avenue, police said. Damage to both cars totalled \$5,000.

Girl hit

An 11-year-old Georgetown girl received minor injuries after being hit by a careless driver Nov. 25 at 8:06 a.m., police said. Tonya Steffle of 6 Lynden Circle was treated and released from Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital. She was crossing Sumach Trail between the sidewalks when hit by a car turning north on John Street, police said. After being hit she was dragged about five metres, police said. There was no damage to the vehicle of the driver, a Georgetown woman.

Impaired driver

A 19-year-old Acton man was charged with impaired driving Saturday at 1:40 a.m. when he drove through a stop sign. The intersection was at Agnes Street and Main Street. He will appear in court Jan. 5.

Driver charged

For disobeying a traffic sign and hitting another vehicle, an Erin man was charged by police Nov. 24 at Guelph Street and Alcott Drive. Herbert Bell of 6 Sims Gate in Georgetown received minor injuries in the collision. He was driving the other vehicle and was treated and released from Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital. Mr. Bell's car was hit when he entered Guelph Street from Alcott Drive. The Erin man who hit him was eastbound on Guelph Street at 40 kilometres per hour, police said.

Car stomp

A 14-year-old boy caused \$50 damage to a car parked on Acton Boulevard by running over it. He was caught by police for the incident which happened Nov. 24 at 3:45 a.m.

Deer detour

A Rockwood woman flipped her car after a deer crossed the road in her path Nov. 26 at 7:40 a.m. She was southbound on the First Line when she encountered the deer. She touched her brakes, the vehicle slid sideways on ice and flipped over, police said.

Obscene shouts

For shouting obscenities at the Mountainview Road and Maple Avenue intersection, a 35-year-old Georgetown man was charged with causing a disturbance. He was charged Friday at 2 p.m. and appeared in court for a bail hearing Monday.

Asked to leave

Police charged a 24-year-old Rockwood man with causing a disturbance Friday at 9:30 p.m. He was asked to leave the Hollywood Tavern in Norval and was removed. The man, who had been drinking, was swearing and yelling outside the tavern, police said. He will appear in court Jan. 12.

Speaker heist

A man in the midst of moving had two stereo speakers worth \$200 stolen from his car parked at Park Avenue in Georgetown. They were taken between 7 and 9 p.m. Friday.

Hub caps stolen

A car parked at Maple Avenue and Mountainview Road had the hub caps removed Friday. The value of the hub caps is \$75.

Tractor fire

A man hauling wood on a trailer on the Fifth Line north of Highway 7 had his tractor catch fire Nov. 27 at 7:50 p.m. A mechanical or electrical fire was responsible and caused \$3,000 damage. The tractor was a 1986 model.

Car park lease

A lease agreement with Christian's Hair Styles Limited is to be signed by the town for parking in downtown Georgetown.

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Having a ball



This Friday is the Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital Auxiliary Christmas Ball. The 28th annual ball is semi-formal and begins with a reception at 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Getting into the spirit of Christmas here are members of the Auxiliary (left to right) Brenda Beaumont, president;

Betty Gordon, co-ordinator of volunteers and Vi Haines, fundraising chairman. For advance tickets call 877-4593 or 877-8212. Some tickets will be available at the door of Holy Cross Auditorium on Maple Avenue in Georgetown the night of the ball. (Herald photo)

Kinette toy drive helps the needy

By SANDY CAMPBELL
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Don't let the fact you don't have any children at home stop you from giving toys for Christmas.

Once again the Georgetown Kinettes are collecting toys for the needy children in Halton Hills. Almost 100 children received toys through the Kinettes last year, said Joanne Stiles, chairman of the toy drive. Kinettes won't know how many children they will be helping this year until just before Christmas, when a social service agency gives them their Christmas list.

Regardless, the drive is on. The deadline this year is Dec. 19. New toys and practically new toys can be dropped off at Johnson and Associates Ltd Realtor at 247 Guelph St., weekdays from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; the Halton Hills Herald at 45 Guelph St., weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and the Georgetown Post Office, weekdays 8 a.m. - 5:45 p.m. Toys can also be dropped off any time at the home of Joanne Stiles at 25 Heather

Crt. Call 877-0722 to make certain someone is home.

It is best not to wrap the toys, so they can be sorted and given to the appropriate child more easily, Ms. Stiles said. The Kinettes prefer new toys because they don't do repairs, she said.

Gifts of money to be used to buy toys are also accepted. The Kinettes are able to buy toys from Zellers at reduced prices, Ms. Stiles said. Cheques can be made out to the Good Neighbor Service and delivered to Sienna Van Hoekelen at 20 Cleaveland Dr. in Georgetown.

People often give toys for very young children. A shortage of toys for older children is often a problem, Ms. Stiles said. The Kinettes accept toys for babies to those in their late teens.

Georgetown District High School is very helpful in supplying money for older children. The money they give is for children the high school age, which is usually where the need is after toy collecting is almost complete, Ms. Stiles said.

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What kind of parent are you?

Parents attending a talk on raising children, had their confidence boosted last week by child care consultant Valerie Cunningham.

The talk, to the Holy Cross PTA, started by Mrs. Cunningham saying that regular parents often know as much as the experts. She proved this through a trivia game played by the group of about 35 parents at Holy Cross Separate School Thursday evening.

The parents scored very high on the oral test about children and adolescents. An example of a question posed is, "is a 7-year-old who is sitting in a chair staring into space 1) lazy 2) creative 3) retarded or 4) being punished. Creative was the popular response and the correct one.

The lesson Mrs. Cunningham was teaching to parents was they should trust their instincts. She also stressed that parents with their own needs met, better meet the needs of their children.

The focus of Mrs. Cunningham's talk was around the word care and the acronym CARE. CARE stands for communication, attention, restrictions and example.

There are three kinds of parents, she said. There are the authoritarian, the laissez-faire and the democratic parents.

Laissez-faire parents don't expect much from their children and exert little control over them, Mrs. Cunningham said.

slip into the other roles, she said. The closest to the ideal parent, as described by Mrs. Cunningham, is the democratic parent.

But two parents who share the same style of raising their children have a good chance of being good parents, Mrs. Cunningham said. Two authoritarian or laissez-faire children can have great success.

Valerie Cunningham became an independent child care consultant in 1985 after 16 years working as a registered nurse. As a nurse she specialized in paediatrics. She is currently studying psychology at Wilfrid Laurier University.

From Jan. 19 to Feb. 23, Mrs. Cunningham will be co-teaching a course for the Halton Board of Education. The course for parents is called: Do You Know What Your Children Know About Sex?...and other ticklish topics. Mrs. Cunningham can be reached at 877-6398.

Val Cunningham



Democratic parents set limits for their children and use discipline. "They respect children as individuals," Mrs. Cunningham said. Most parents aim to be democratic, but it is often easier to

— NOTICE —

Salvation Army in co-operation with St. Vincent de Paul, Lakeside Chapter I.O.D.E. and Acton Rotary Club and Rockwood Lionettes will supply Christmas hampers to families in need. Applications are available from Nov. 19 to Dec. 6 at the Salvation Army Thrift Store, 120 Mill St. East Acton, and 82 Mill St. Georgetown and Acton Social Services, 19 Willow St. North

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