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Foodbank trashed by vandals

By ELIZABETH GALVIN
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The foodbank at Mountainview Baptist Church in Georgetown finds itself short about 700 pounds of food after unknown culprits broke into the building last Thursday night and vandalized the entire basement of the church.

Several items were stolen, including a VCR, a microphone, an amplifier, a phone, and 200 cans of food, police reported. As well, the thieves took fire extinguishers to the basement of the church, destroying half of the clothes that were to be used in the Dec. 8 clothing drive, carpeting in the church nursery, books, and many children's toys. Perishable food items were also destroyed by the vandals.

Clean-up crews started on Friday morning and worked hard over the weekend in time to open the foodbank today (Wednesday). "The devil can't put the Lord down that far," said Laura Elliston, a church member who spearheaded the clean-up.

Police and church officials suspect the culprits remained in

the church after the foodbank and choir practice wrapped up about 10:30 Thursday evening.

Church employees entered the building at 9:15 the next morning to find the mess.

Investigation revealed that about 200 cans of fruit, vegetables

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GO service to improve

All-day two-way Georgetown-Toronto GO service may be established much sooner than originally expected, said Halton North MPP Noel Duignan, Tuesday.

According to Mr. Duignan, the province's Ministry of Transportation has decided to "fast track" its studies on whether a two-way GO Train service should be established for Georgetown, Milton and Richmond Hill, said Mr. Duignan.

"Where demand exists nothing more than all-day service will do," is the ministry's new policy guideline, he said. The province and GO officials were originally thinking of implementing all-day service in Georgetown around 1996 but it will happen much sooner if there is a need, said Mr. Duignan.

Mr. Duignan couldn't say, however, when the need studies would be completed, although he thought Georgetown could now support an all-day service.

If the all-day two-way service is established it won't extend beyond Georgetown to Acton, he said.



Santa Claus made his annual trek to Georgetown last Saturday to take part in the Georgetown Lions Club-sponsored Santa Claus Parade. The jolly old man in the red suit brightened-up what otherwise was a cold, raw day for parade onlookers. Pictured above, Colin Lukas with mother Cindy, was especially pleased to have Santa wave to him. More pictures on Page 15B. (Herald photo by Lisa Boonstoppel-Pot)

Santa visits Georgetown

The 59th Annual Georgetown Lion's Club Santa Claus Parade has come and gone but not before some of the participants were recognized for their efforts during the big event Saturday.

Best Overall Float Award went to the Georgetown Fall Fair, said parade chairman Mark Rush. The float consisted of fruits and vegetables, including a 350 pound pumpkin grown in Nova Scotia. All of the fruits and vegetables were from the Royal Winter Fair Exhibition in Toronto. A chicken and rabbit also were included in

the float. Discount Car Rental won the Best Theme Float Award for its giant stocking and accompanying Christmas message: "Our Christmas carol sings: pull up your socks and save our environment for the children."

Other award winners included Cambridge Cadets Dutch Boy Cadets for Best Band; the Georgetown Lion's Color Party for Best Marching Group; and Georgetown Optimist Club for Best Service Club Float.

The Georgetown Fire Flies received an honorable mention for their float comprised of Batman and the Ninja Turtles, said Mr. Rush.

Mr. Rush said there were over 40 floats in the parade, a similar number to last year. The number who came out to watch the parade was down a little from last year, due to the cold and windy day, he said.

Next year's parade will mark the 60th anniversary and the service club is hoping to do something very special in recognition of the landmark, said Mr. Rush. Nothing has been decided for certain, he added.

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A people place

Halton Hills Civic Centre, located just off Maple Avenue in Georgetown, is meant to be a people centre. The facility and grounds are not only for the people, but in a real sense, by the people. Saturday, Mayor Russ Miller, attended the Civic Centre to be with some of the people who have helped make the centre 'a part of the community.' Pictured above, left to right, Mayor Miller, Jerry Inglis, Ken Galbraith, Joe Rice and Town of Halton Hills Recreation and Parks Director, Tom Sheperd. Mr. Rice was representing his family, which donated the stone for

the sun dial and 'Old School' bell cairn on the Civic Centre property; Mr. Galbraith donated the stone which sits atop the Civic Centre recently-buried time capsule and Jerry Inglis provided (free of charge) the stone masonry work for the special additions to the Civic Centre facility. According to Mayor Miller, the 'Old School Bell Cairn', pictured above, came from Waterloo School on 4th Line and was the only remaining school bell in the environs of Halton Hills. (Herald photo by Colin Gibson)



Christmas stories to be published

Attention Halton Hills writers in residence - of all ages. The Halton Hills Herald will be providing you the opportunity to get your Christmas stories in print.

During the Christmas season, the Halton Hills Herald will be running those Christmas or Santa Claus-related stories in several issues.

Only original material will be accepted and the stories can be either fiction or non-fiction.

The Halton Hills Herald will be accepted stories for publication up to Dec. 12.

If you want your special story printed, send the manuscript, printed (preferably typed) and double-spaced to Herald Christmas Stories, attention Managing Editor Colin Gibson, 45 Guelph Street, Georgetown, Ontario L7G 3Z6.