

Purely Pastels

Artist Ursula Reese shows the poster announcing the opening of the Purely Pastels exhibit at the Cultural Centre until August 1. The show features work by members of the Pastel Artists of Ontario. This group works strictly with pastels, and holds workshops as well as shows throughout the year.

Photo by SYLVIA GALBRAITH

Police Services Board looking to expand

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Halton's Regional Police Services Board chairman hopes to add board members from Oakville before it hires a new police chief to replace retiring James Harding.

At a police services board meeting, the current five-member board received an Order-in-Council from the province approving two additional members. Currently none of the five board members are from Oakville.

"It's my desire to see the newest provincial appointee from Oakville," said board chairman and regional council representative from Burlington, Barry Quinn.

The chairman also said, "We want a full board by at least September so the full board will be going ahead with hiring a new chief."

Chief James Harding, who suffered a heart attack late last year, has decided to retire, and Quinn said the board wants to move ahead with the hiring process as of the

fall.

Quinn said it will take several weeks for Halton Region to appoint one of its council members to sit on the police commission.

The chairman said a provincial appointment to the commission may not arrive for three to four months.

Currently the board operates with five commissioners.

They include Quinn, regional council representative from Burlington; Halton Hills Mayor Russ Miller, also a council representative; along with Milton provincial appointee Wendy Roberts; Halton Hills appointee Lucy Quaglia; and, Burlington provincial appointee Paul Lafleur.

Under the Police Services Act, Halton Region was recognized as a large municipality with a population of over 360,000, continuing to expand, and entitled to have a seven-member police commission.

Solicitor General David Christopherson approved the Order-in-Council increasing the Halton board size on May 12.

Severe damage

A Rockwood resident driving a 1990 Ford hit a tree after trying to miss an animal. The woman was driving on Town Line, on Wednesday at 10:15 p.m. when she swerved to miss the animal. She lost control, went into the ditch and hit a tree, police said. The car was severely damaged, but there were no injuries.

House break-in

A house on Eighth Line, south of 15 Sideroad, was broken into Tuesday, July 6 during the morning. Someone kicked in the side door to get inside the house, police said. Once inside, the culprits entered a desk, ransacked dressers in a bedroom and removed some jewelry. A television and VCR were taken from the entertainment centre and four liquor bottles were taken, police said. They are continuing their investigation into the incident.

Speakers stolen

The driver's window of a 1992 Hyundai was broken and two speakers worth \$200 were removed in the wee hours of Wednesday morning, police said. The car was parked on Webster Way in Georgetown.

Police Blotter

Boat stolen

A 15-foot 1978 Bonita boat, its trailer and motor were taken from a driveway on Sixth Line, by 32 Sideroad, police said. The boat was covered with tarps and went missing between July 10 and 13. Total value of the orange boat and equipment is about \$3,000, police said.

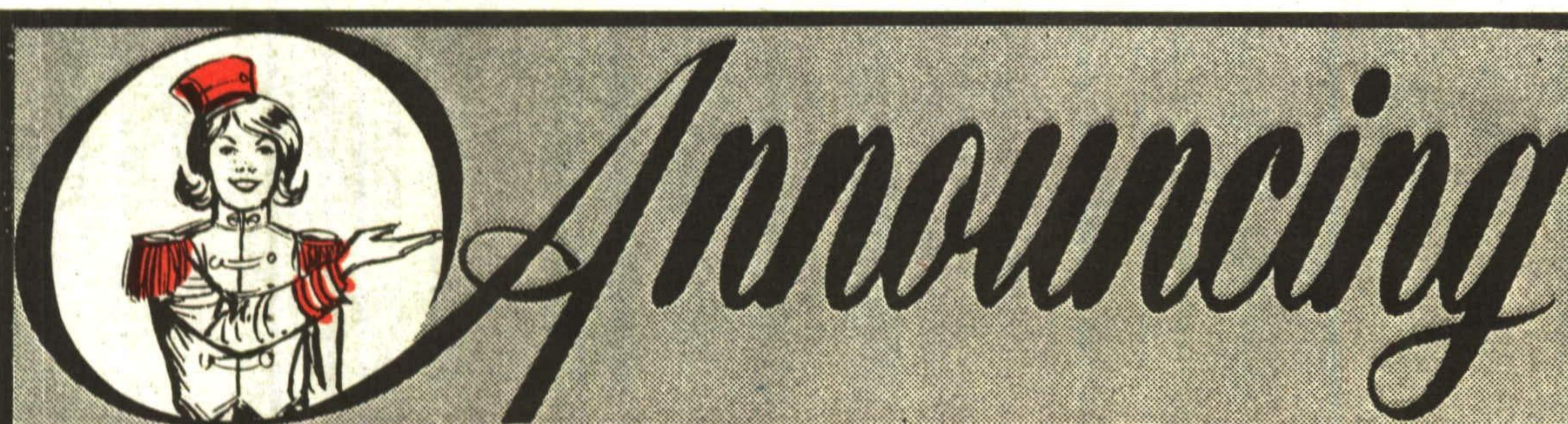
Woman injured

An Acton woman was taken to Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital after her car struck a deer on Friday at 11:30 p.m.

The woman was driving a 1985 Honda Accord north on Hwy. 25 near 25 Sideroad when the deer ran out into the road, Milton OPP said.

The woman, 23, turned left to avoid the deer and her car rolled into the ditch. The Halton Hills Fire Department was called to extricate her, but weren't needed.

The woman was kept at the hospital for observation and released on Saturday.



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