Couple worried about being hit by home runs

By: Harry Rudolfs

Craig and Wendy Hough are concerned about the frequency of baseballs landing in their backyard. The couple's house is at the end of Lake Street and backs on to Prospect Park—right behind one of the premier diamonds.

"You can count on getting a few a week,

sometimes one or two every night that the teams are playing," said Craig Hough. "We're worried if she's out in the garden at night time, that she's going to get hit in the head with one of these things."

"It's only the men that can get it this far, we've actually had one hit the house," added Wendy. "I want to know what will happen if one of those guys breaks a window. Whose insurance is going to pay for it?"

The Houghs have collected a near-full barrel of softballs and baseballs so far this year; several dozen at least. "That's only part of it," said Craig. "I've given a lot of them away."

Halton Hills manager of Parks and Open Spaces, Kevin Okimi recalled being contacted by the previous owner about baseballs landing in the back yard. "We looked into the cost of putting up fencing, but it wasn't feasible at the time," he said. "The problem is that some of these diamonds are built too close for comfort. The original diamonds were designed for softball and minor league use and we have a lot of adults using them."

"I've heard that the problem started with the introduction of aluminum bats," said Craig. "These are big men that are playing, and they take it very seriously."

"I don't want them putting up a net," added Wendy.



Craig Hough with just some of the softballs and baseballs that have been hit into his yard.

Suspicious fire and break in at GLT

By: Harry Rudolfs

A break in and suspicious fire at the Georgetown Little Theatre has sparked investigations by the Ontario Fire Marshall and the Halton Regional Police Service. Police and fire services were called to the theatre on Stewarttown Road in Georgetown after 10 p.m. on Wednesday, August 9.

The first responders who attended the scene were confronted with an active fire. The fire department was able to extinguish the fire which resulted in extensive damage to the theatre.

Det. Constable Rotsma, who attended the crime scene, said that the investigation is ongoing. Police were also able to obtain some video surveillance of the event. "We're not sure what the purpose (of the fire and break in) was, but we think it may have been related to a theft. We're not sure what was taken, but we're studying the video."

Rotsma said that a special investigative team has been assigned to the case because it involves both a break and enter and an arson. The occurrence of a "suspicious fire" in our area immediately raises eyebrows because of the spate of fires in the district. But, off hand, Rotsma doesn't think there is a connection. "I don't think it's related to those hay fires, but I can't say for certain.'







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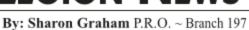


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The Gary Munday Memorial Fishing Derby is August 20 at 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Donations to the Acton Food Share would be appreciated. Everyone is welcome to attend. Bring the kids, help them catch a fish and win a prize. There are hotdogs and drinks for the kids. We also have lots of games. We hope to see you there.

Our third annual Show and Shine will be on August 27 from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Have you an older car? Bring it to the show. Come out and enjoy.

Please come out on Saturdays and enjoy our meat draw at 3:30 p.m.

Your Membership Chair reminds the membership that the Early Bird renewal process for 2018 membership will commence as of September 1 and run until November 30.

The 197 Acton Air Cadets will be hosting a recruiting night on August 28 at 7 p.m. in the Legion main hall. This program is for youths ages 12 to 18 years old. Drop by and learn to fly with the Acton Air Cadets.

There are newsletters at the bar for those who would like to know what is happening at the Branch. Check out our website, Facebook page or the blackboards behind the bar.

Upcoming Events: The Gary Munday Fishing Derby on August 20 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., the Car Show on August 27 from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., the Fall Fair Breakfast on September 13 from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m., and the District B Conference on September 30 and October 1—at our branch. The rooms are all booked, and there will be entertainment as well. We will keep you updated.