



USE CAUTION: Winter can make for pretty rural scenery, but when driving be extra careful of pedestrians needing to use the roads too. - Les Schmidt photo

Suspected arsonist charged in relationship to an additional fire

By: Harry Rudolfs

A Guelph-Ermosa man already charged with six counts of arson in Wellington County faces a new arson charge. 28-year-old Justin Nicholas Johnathon Beal of Guelph-Ermosa Township has been booked by Wellington OPP with a suspicious fire that occurred on Fife Road on December 5, 2016.

Wellington OPP and the Ontario Fire Marshall

have been investigating a string of suspicious fires that occurred on rural properties and abandoned buildings in southern Wellington County between October 2016 and June 2017. Several suspicious fires were also set in Halton Hills and Erin Township during that time. These incidents remain under investigation.

Beal was released on bail in Guelph on October 30, and the new

charge has been added to the list that he already faces. "The case on these suspicious fires is not closed," according to Constable Joshua Cunningham, media relations officer for the Wellington OPP. Cunningham added that a big part of the investigation has been led by tips from the public, and he encouraged anyone with any information on these incidents to contact authorities.

HILLSVIEW REPORT

By: Julie Conroy

With all the excitement about the Junior Hockey games and the upcoming Olympics, I am sure the lovely Team Canada hockey sweater will be a popular item to win. It is the prize for our February fundraising draw. What person would not love to own it?

When I was at the Centre last Tuesday, I saw the ladies leaving the horticulture class with beautiful miniature flower arrangements. It was a reminder that things will improve on such a bitterly cold day. If you weren't able to attend this workshop, it is repeated on January 16.

18 people attended the Lunch and Learn on January 2. The next one will be on Tuesday, February 6, and the lunch will be assorted wraps, soup and dessert. The speaker will be talking about the

Halton Police Services.

Now we are over the festivities associated with Christmas and the New Year, we are looking forward to enjoying Chinese food and dancing on Monday, January 15.

The monthly Men's Breakfast is on Tuesday, January 30. The speaker this month will be a representative from Dufferin Aggregate. It should be a very interesting meeting. Men, if you are interested, please sign up.

Paula Alves won the birthday pedicure compliments Georgetown Uptown Spa.

Florence asked me to mention that there is still room if you would like to go on the Valentine Mystery Trip on February 14. For more information, check out the travel clip boards, or contact Florence at the Georgetown Centre.

Roberta Thompson

told me Thursday afternoon's bid euchre had a great start to the New Year with six mooners. Shirley Hunter had the first mooner followed by two others and Roberta Thompson, Cheryl Savage and Frances Hogenbirk each had one.

Lunch on Friday, January 19 will be salad, chicken fingers, and noodles plus of course dessert followed by Bingo at 1:15 p.m.

There was no winner this week for the 50/50 draw, so next Friday it should be around \$480. If you haven't paid your 2018 membership, your name will be removed from the drum this week.

The monthly evening Bingo is on Saturday, January 20 at 7 p.m.

The Centre would like to extend their sympathy to Paula Alves and her family on the recent passing of her mother.

LEGION NEWS



By: David Maloney P.R.O. ~ Branch 197

President Graham, on behalf of the executive and members of

Branch 197, offers deepest condolences to the MacPhail family for the loss of our comrade and fellow executive member, George. George has served the Legion this past year on the executive, but has been a great help volunteering at our Canada Day celebrations and car shows for many years. He will be greatly missed at the Branch.

President Graham, on behalf of executive and members, offers condolences to Tony and Sharron Rouse for the loss of Tony's mother.

There will be a Legion Tribute tonight—Jan. 11—for George McPhail, at the McKinnon Funeral Home commencing at 7 p.m. The Branch will host a celebration of life ceremony on Saturday, January 9 in the Main Hall.

At the January 1 Levee, three members' names were drawn to have their memberships prepaid for 2019. They are: John Arnold, D. K. Ford, and

Wayne Young. Congratulations, guys.

Last Saturday, we sent several teams to the Zone Cribbage tournament, but only one team managed to get through to the next round. Well done Frank Single, Ivan Kilby, Wally Eilla, and Bren Irwin.

When we got back to the Branch, we were embarrassed to hear that the ladies' darts team made up of Peggy Harris, Sue Poulson, Anne Horne and Joan Maloney had just returned from the Bramalea Branch having bagged first place in their tournament.

There is a Euchre tournament at the Branch this Saturday afternoon, Jan 13.

Check the notices behind the bar for upcoming events.

Ladies Auxiliary Notes:

Another year has come to an end. Happy New Year to all our comrades.

We have had a very busy last couple of months in the kitchen. A big thank you to the ladies who gave up their

personal time to help out.

A reminder that our LA Appreciation Dinner is on February 10. Cocktails will be served at 6:30 p.m. and dinner 7 p.m.

Our next booking is the Hockey Heritage Dinner on March 5. It's a large banquet, so we are going to need everyone's help.

The LA is about promoting the work of the Ladies Auxiliary by volunteering a couple hours of your time. If you are able to help in any way for any upcoming banquets i.e.: cooking, serving, set up, etc., please contact Kim Young or myself. Let's not leave it to the same group of ladies all the time.

Come out to our meetings to find out what is going on through the months. There are still a few ladies who haven't come out to pay their dues. Please do so as soon as you can.

A shout out to our shut-ins. We are thinking about you. Get well soon.

Celine Clarke
President Ladies Auxiliary



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