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MARCH BREAK FUN: Georgetown Market Place was the venue for magic and illusions when magician Rick Rossini stopped by on March 15. Lots of families watched Rossini make a young girl float and a rabbit appear out of thin air. Left, local children enjoyed watching Rossini's magic hat that kept falling off of 8-year-old Brody Wright's head (inset). The shows continue today and tomorrow at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Photos by Kathryn Boyle

Police issue warning for deadly new drug

While it has yet to make its presence felt in the region, Halton Police are issuing a warning about a deadly drug known as W 18, which is making the rounds in western Canada.

Officers say reports from other jurisdictions indicate drug dealers are marketing the highly-addictive painkiller and synthetic opioid as Fentanyl or fake OxyCotin.

In reality, police say, W 18 is far more dangerous.

They noted, taken incorrectly,

a single dose of Fentanyl can be deadly, but W 18 being 100 times more potent increases the chance of a person overdosing and dying as a result exponentially.

The Halton Police Integrated Drugs, Guns and Gangs Unit (IDG-GU) has been and will continue to monitor this trend closely, but say they have yet to come across W 18 in the region.

The highly-addictive painkiller Fentanyl has made an appearance in Halton, however.

In 2015, two men were arrested and charged with possession of Fentanyl after police responded to reports of an unresponsive man lying on the ground.

Police are reminding residents when narcotics are misused, they can be extremely dangerous, even deadly.

Residents are asked to be cautious about what they are ingesting and for what reasons.

Officers are also drawing the public's attention to the "Patch-

4Patch" program in which legitimate Fentanyl patients return their used patches to pharmacies to prevent them from falling into the wrong hands.

Anyone with information on the possible emergence of W 18, un-prescribed use of Fentanyl or any other crime is asked to contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477), online at www.haltoncrimestoppers.com or by texting "Tip201" with the message to 274637 (crimes).



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