

Georgetown man charged with murder

A 35-year-old Georgetown man was set to appear in a Milton court Monday, charged in connection with the murder of his common-law wife — the second murder of the year in Halton Region.

Keith Bettridge, of Georgetown, was arrested at about 8 a.m. Saturday at a cottage on Dewy's Island in Fenlon Township by members

of the Belleville OPP Tactical Unit. The man was then turned over to Halton Regional Police.

The body of Kimberly Thompson, 30, was found in a house on the Eighth Line about one kilometre north of Steeles Ave., Georgetown at about 4 p.m. Friday. An autopsy Saturday confirmed that Thompson died as a

result of a shotgun blast to the face.

Police are continuing their investigation but according to Sergeant Doug McMilan of the Major Crime Unit, the couple may have "had an argument earlier in the day." Thompson — who moved to Georgetown earlier this month — lived with Bettridge and another man at the Eighth

Line house. She is the first person to be murdered in Halton Hills in at least 10 years.

According to police, the woman's body was found by the second man who lived at the residence who then reported the discovery to officers at 11 Division in Georgetown.

Police throughout southern Ontario began a massive

manhunt for Bettridge on Friday after Thompson's body was discovered. The suspect was described as "very violent" and was believed to be armed with a semi-automatic shotgun.

Halton Regional Police are continuing their investigation into the murder of Burlington teenager Kristen French who was killed in April.

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Environment Minister Ruth Grier, right, accepts a Hulk Hogan lunch box as a gift from Wastewise project manager Diane van de Valk. The gift was presented Saturday during awards ceremonies for volunteers and other supporters of the Halton Hills resource centre. Grier was guest speaker at the ceremonies.

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Wastewise thanks local supporters

By DIANNE CORNISH

The Town of Halton Hills and Halton Region were among recipients of certificates of recognition presented Saturday during the inaugural awards celebration at Wastewise in Georgetown.

A total of 40 certificates, representing the support of individuals, corporate sponsors, professionals and local governments to the waste reduction and recycling centre, were presented.

Diane van de Valk, the project manager, told the crowd of onlookers that the Town earned its certificate by "being the first to see the value of the project."

The Town helps out by collecting blue box materials at Wastewise at no cost.

The Region gained its award for providing a sign for the front of the Armstrong Avenue building and 90-gallon containers for blue box materials collected at Wastewise.

Other awards were presented for a variety of reasons including donations of time, money and equipment for the Wastewise warehouse operation.

Among the major contributors to the success of the resource centre, which opened last April, is Georgetown Terminal Warehouse.

"They have helped us tremendously by making themselves available to deliver skids and pick up equipment that we need," van de Valk said during an interview Monday.

Asked to name one of the recipients in the professional category who has been particularly suppor-

tive, the project manager said Warren Smith, a lawyer with the Georgetown firm of Arnold and Banbury, has been a big help in providing free legal services to Wastewise.

However, van de Valk said she couldn't single out any individual volunteer for praise because they all deserve commendation.

"They're all just great. Without them, we wouldn't be operating the centre," she added. "It's really heartwarming to know that all of these people think enough of our project to give us the support that we need."

Environment Minister Ruth Grier attended the awards ceremonies and lauded Wastewise for being "one of the constructive reforms in the community" in helping to accomplish waste reduction. She said the awards represent "a celebration of the hard work and commitment of supporters of Wastewise."

Grier presented van de Valk with a \$22,000 cheque from the Ministry of the Environment. The money, a 3 R's demonstration grant, will be used for the resource centre's capital and operations expenses.

The awards were presented by Mayor Russ Miller, who told the audience: "If we don't work together, we're going to buy ourselves in landfill."

He praised Wastewise for helping to reduce waste, closing his speech by describing the centre as "a big project that needs the support of a lot of volunteers."

Grier gets angry reception

by Dianne Cornish

An angry mob of about 150 anti-dump protesters rocked Environment Minister Ruth Grier's car Saturday when she arrived at Georgetown's Wastewise Resource Centre.

The Minister was in town to attend awards presentations by the Armstrong Ave. recycling organization.

The demonstrators, carrying placards and shouting out their protests, represented four anti-dump groups from York Region, one from Peel and the Halton-based group Protect Our Water And Environment Resources

(POWER). The latter group has been active in protesting plans to establish a dumpsite in the Acton Quarry.

The protesters pressed against the window of Grier's car when she arrived alone at the Wastewise warehouse. They barred her entrance for about 10 minutes and surround her as she walked into the plant.

Media reports which said the Minister was shoved and sent sprawling by the crowd were denied by two protesters. Joanne Wolfson, chairperson of a group called King RORES (Respect Our Rural Environments) said.

"Nobody fell. We were irate, but we did not touch her (Grier)," Wolfson said.

"There was some jostling between placard-carriers and Wastewise people with the Minister, but to our recollection, she wasn't even touched," Jim Cassell, chairperson of the newly-formed DARE (Don't Assault Rural Environments) of Peel, said.

The bulk of the protesters were from York and Peel Regions, where a total of 40 potential dumpsites were named in a recent list compiled for the Ontario government. An additional 17

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