

Organizers pleased with results

Drive nets 20 tonnes for local food banks

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Generous donations of nearly 20 tonnes of food — up five tonnes from last year — were collected during last weekend's food drive.

"It was unbelievable. People were ready for us so the children could go up to the house and come back without waiting. The donations were extremely generous," said Gerry Rivers, coordinator of the Acton drive, which

collected seven tonnes of food.

Elaine Hannah coordinated the drive for Limehouse and Bob Bairstow for Georgetown. Bairstow was impressed by the efforts of the numerous volunteers and said there were 100 adults working in Georgetown.

Each of the more than 300 volunteering children in Georgetown received a McDonald's or Pizza Hut meal voucher.

Volunteering children and adults in Acton and Limehouse

were given a lunch of hot dogs, doughnuts, juice and coffee.

Rivers said the group in Acton began working at 9 a.m. and by 1 p.m. everything was done and everyone had gone home. More than 100 adults and children worked in Acton, while about 400 worked in Georgetown.

This is the fifth year the local Scouts, Guides and Calvinist Cadets have collected food to help stock the shelves of Acton Food Share and Love in Christ food bank. Support from

local companies in both communities was excellent, both Bairstow and Rivers said.

While they tried to ensure that all the houses in their communities were canvassed during the drive, inevitably there might have been some houses missed.

Any food not collected last Saturday can be dropped off at collection bins in most of the supermarkets or the food banks can arrange to have someone come by to pick up your donation.

Police

Blotter

Man to hospital

A 1989 Ford pickup truck, driven by a Georgetown man, went out of control at 1:40 a.m. Monday, hit some mail boxes and then struck a tree, police said. The man was taken to Georgetown Hospital to be treated. Police charged him with careless driving.

Stolen Jeep

A 1996 Jeep stolen from St. Catharines was found Monday abandoned on 10th Line after it had struck a utility pole, police said.

Possession of weapons

A 33-year-old Acton man was charged with possession of weapons while prohibited Monday. The man was a passenger in a vehicle which was stopped on Hwy. 25 by 22 Sideroad. Two crossbows were found in the vehicle, police said.

House break-in

A rural residence on 15 Sideroad was broken into sometime between Friday and Sunday, police said. A basement window had been removed and \$5,000 in household items had been taken.

Tools stolen

About \$2,800-worth of tools were found missing Sunday night at Leathertown Lumber, police said. The store owner was called to the store by the security company and found the front glass entrance had been smashed from a cement block thrown through it. About 10 items were taken.

Fire destroys farmhouse

Fire ravaged an old farmhouse at 15824 Ten Sideroad Wednesday.

Police and firefighters arrived on the scene at 10:39 a.m. to find the house engulfed in fire, with flames coming through the roof and windows. The Halton Hills Fire Department said the fire likely originated at a space heater in a bedroom.

The house was worth an estimated \$50,000 and was rented out. Det. Don Cousens said the house was not in very good condition and is owned by a developer.

The tenant was at work at the time and lost an estimated \$1,500 in belongings, fire officials said. The last of the 13 firefighters left the scene at 4:20 p.m.

The fire is not considered to be suspicious and the Fire Marshal's Office is not being called in to investigate.

Chimney fire

Firefighters from both Halton Hills and Milton responded to a chimney fire last Sunday (November 5) at 12:06 a.m. at a house on Fourth Line, Nassagaweya. The fire got into the walls of the house. Ten firefighters were on the scene for two hours.

Smoke smell

Hills firefighters were called to Park Ave. in Georgetown on Monday at 7:50 p.m. because of the smell of smoke in the area. They arrived to find that two chemical extinguishers had been emptied by kids behind a residence, but there was no fire.

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