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News

Digest

Centre damaged

Graffiti was sprayed on the walls at the Georgetown Seniors Centre sometime over the weekend, Feb. 9 to 11, police said. It will cost about \$400 to clean up the damage.

Day appointed

Councillor John Day has appointed to the the Georgetown Central BIA - Board of Management. Councillor Anne Curie resigned from the position and the appointment of Day was ratified by council.

Councillor Moya Johnson and Currie were council's appointed representatives on the board. Councillor Johnson will continue to serve.

Eight charges

Eight charges were laid Tuesday against store and gas bar clerks and operators in Halton Hills for selling tobacco to someone under 19 years old.

A joint investigation between the Ministry of Health enforcement unit and the street crimes unit of Halton Regional Police took place between 7 p.m. and midnight. They went to 14 or 15 locations in Georgetown and Acton with a police agent to find out if local tobacco outlets were complying with the law, said Det. Sgt. Ron Welsh.

The Tobacco Control Act makes it against the law to sell tobacco to someone under 19 years old or even to someone who looks like them may be under 19 years old. The individuals and companies charged could face fines of up to \$2,000 and will appear in court on March 11.

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Georgetown's two new Canadian citizens were delighted to receive their Canadian citizenship at Georgetown's Civic Centre Tuesday. From left are RCMP Const. Lorne Lecker, Georgetown resident Rosamund Edwards, Judge Kamal Akbarali, Mayor Marilyn Serjeantson and Georgetown resident Peter Cann. In all, 36 people from 14 countries took the oath and received certificates of citizenship at the ceremony.

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Ceremony at Civic Centre

Local residents among new Canadian citizens

By JANET BAINE
Staff writer

Georgetown's two new Canadian citizens have, between them, lived in Canada for over 70 years, mostly in Halton Hills.

Both Peter Cann and Rosamund Anne Edwards are originally from England and are both married to Canadians and have Canadian children.

"It was time (to become a citizen). It's something I never really got around to before," Cann said. He said the ceremony in his own community made it more special to become a citizen of this country. He isn't sure if he will be able to keep his British citizenship or not.

Edwards, a mother of eight, said she came to Canada as a young child 48 years ago.

"I'm excited and happy and proud. In my heart I've always felt like a Canadian, but you're more aware of it when you go through the ceremony," she said.

They were among the 36 people from 14 countries to take the oath of Canadian citizenship and receive certificates at the Halton Hills Civic Centre Tuesday. This is the second time a citizenship court has been held in this community. Both were organized by the North Halton Cultural Awareness Council.

"This pledge is the most solemn you will ever be called upon to make," Citizenship Judge Kamal Akbarali told the new citizens during the ceremony. He said he is presiding over 10 ceremonies this week, because it is National Heritage Week. Feb. 15 is also the 31st anniversary of the Canadian flag, he said.

There was no shortage of dignitaries at

the event: all levels of the police services were represented, many local councillors, Halton Hills mayor Marilyn Serjeantson and Milton mayor Gordon Krantz, representatives from the provincial and federal government and internationally known wrestler Tiger Jeet Singh, a Milton resident were among the many special guests.

"I can understand the range of feeling that you are going through, as I did in January, 1992," said Elizabeth Carmichael, the chair of the North Halton Cultural Awareness Council.

Carmichael urged the new Canadians never to forget their country of origin, but to become involved in the community and "give back a little of what you have received."

The new citizens were all ages and live in all parts of Halton and Peel.

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