



The remains of a barn on 17 Sideroad, west of Winston Churchill Blvd., were still smoldering Monday morning following a fire Halton Hills firefighters believe was deliberately set Saturday night. Photo by Ted Brown

Blaze levels barn on 17 Sideroad

Halton Police are investigating the cause of a fire that gutted a barn on 17 Sideroad west of Winston Churchill Blvd. Saturday night.

Halton Hills firefighters believe the fire was intentionally set as a trailer adjacent to the barn, used by Halton Hills Model Flying Club, had been broken into.

Firefighters were called to the fire that a fire department spokesperson said lit up the sky just before 9 p.m. Fire crews could see the barn was fully involved as they left the station.

"Before the first caller finished dialing 911 the barn was lost," said Captain Pat Woods of the Halton Hills Fire Protection and Prevention Services.

The barn, which was abandoned contained hay, lumber and some old farm implements. No damage estimate was available.

Firefighters were at the fire all night dousing the majority of the flames, however the old hay in the foundation continued to smoke well into Sunday afternoon.

Woods said the remnants of the barn will continue to smolder and it'll take several days before the fire is completely extinguished.

Rec centre opening delayed

The official opening of the Gellert Community Centre has been put on hold for one week.

The new recreation centre in Georgetown South will now officially open Monday, May 17 as town staff required an extra week to "put the finishing touches" on the multi-million dollar centre.

All public tours scheduled for next week have been postponed. New dates will be announced next week.

Residents are encouraged to sign up for a number of programs offered for all ages at the centre.

For more information on these programs and others being offered at Gellert, see pages 23-26 of the Town of Halton Hills Community Activity and Service Guide or visit the town Web site at www.haltonhills.ca for schedules and registration forms. For more information, call the program hotline at 905-873-2601, ext. 2275.

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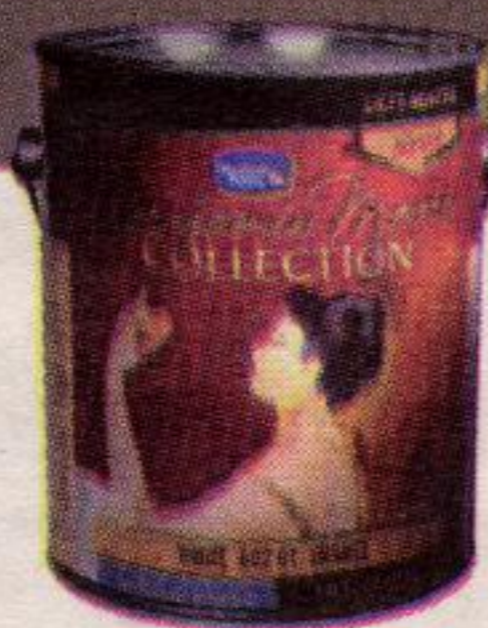
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