

Police/fire blotter Forklift at Dairy damaged by fire

Halton Hills firefighters were called to Neilson's Dairy on Guelph St. last Tuesday afternoon after an electric forklift at the receiving door had shorted out and started on fire.

Firefighters quickly extinguished the fire with a portable extinguisher and used ventilation fans to clear smoke from the building. Damage is estimated at \$5,000.

Police are investigating the theft of a

Toshiba laptop valued at \$2,000 from Pet Valu on Queen St., Acton sometime Sunday afternoon.

A \$400 stereo and two dolls were stolen from Robert Little School sometime late Saturday or early Sunday during a break and enter. The gym door was found unlocked and the two dolls, made of cloth, were ripped apart and strewn across the school's front lawn.

Use fireworks safely—fire department

With Victoria Day celebrations coming up this weekend and the growing popularity of fireworks, Halton Hills Fire Protection and Prevention Services reminds everyone that improper use of fireworks can result in serious injuries.

A spokesperson for the department said "fireworks must be handled with care and respect," and recommends area residents take several precautions:

1. Read all instructions on the fireworks before using.
2. Do not store fireworks in direct sunlight. Store in a cool, dry location.
3. Do not allow children to handle fireworks of any kind. Maintain adult supervision at all times when children are

present.

4. People should never light fireworks in their hand, or hold them in their hand.
5. Light fireworks carefully. Always light the fuse at its tip.
6. Keep water nearby. Dispose of used fireworks (including debris) in a pail of water.
7. Never try to relight fireworks that did not discharge.
8. Do not fire in windy conditions.
9. Make sure the site is clear of debris and dead vegetation.

The spokesperson recommends that anyone who is going to use fireworks contact the Town of Halton Hills for any additional information or requirements. Permits may be required.

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