

# Halton Place banquet hall badly damaged in blaze

Halton Hills firefighters were called out Friday afternoon for a fire in a banquet hall at Halton Place, where just two weeks earlier a Milton BMX racer died while he was building a new track.

conditions firefighters performed extremely well getting the fire under control very quickly," said Chief of Fire Prevention and Public Education Harry Olivieri.

When crews arrived at the 15 Sideroad property they found heavy fire and smoke coming from the west section of the building and into the attic.

"While access to the fire was very difficult, firefighters were persistent in their efforts to get the seat of the fire and all extensions."

Approximately 26 firefighters worked for about an hour to bring the blaze under control, and several remained there until late in the afternoon extinguishing hot spots and investigating the cause.

The fire, which destroyed about one-third of the building, resulted in more than \$100,000 damage.

"Despite the heavy rain and stifling heat outside, coupled with the fire and smoke

Olivieri said the cause of the fire is still being investigated but they have determined it was electrical, and started in the storage room.

No one was injured in the blaze.

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George "Arthur" Wheatley, the Acton man who went missing from his home July 19, has been found.

and five Honeywell programmable thermostats. The padlock on the trailer was cut to gain entry.

Halton Police, who were asking for help from the public in locating the man, report Wheatley, 71, turned up at his daughter's Stouffville home Saturday in good health.

Seven gas caps were taken from vehicles (four on Gilmer Crt, two on Bradley Dr. and one on McClure Crt.) sometime overnight Saturday and Sunday.

Halton Police report approximately \$4,000 worth of tools and other items were taken from a construction trailer on Brigden Gate sometime between Saturday and Wednesday.

The caps were found on the bottom of Dick Licata pool on Mill St. Saturday.

Among the items stolen were a pipe cutter

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