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FRIDAY...

A Georgetown family were recently filmed for the W Network show, *Save Us From Our House*, in which families with challenges are given a new lease on life to help deal with their personal hurdles.

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Wild about Harry

Michael Zuraw (above) conjured up some nasty potions Friday while Ashley McEachern, 7, checked out what was cooking in the magic pot as young and old alike visited downtown Georgetown (transformed into Diagon Alley) in anticipation of the midnight release of the final Harry Potter novel at The Freckled Lion bookstore.

Photos by Yves Desjardins



Firefighter recruit saves choking baby

LISA TALLYN Staff Writer

When off-duty recruit firefighter Scott Smith of Georgetown saw newborn Lilly May Simpkin, who was blue and not breathing, he knew exactly what to do.

Lilly's mom had rushed over to her neighbour Smith's apartment at about 11:30 p.m. last Tuesday evening frantically knocking on his door hoping he could help her baby who had stopped breathing after choking.

Smith, a part-time Halton Hills firefighter nine months into his recruit training, told her to call 911 then raced to her apartment.

Putting his recent CPR training to use, Smith scooped up the one-day-old baby, checked her airway, then held her facing downwards and performed two series of blows to her back.

Smith said Lilly let out a little cry after the first session of blows. She released some mucus, but she wasn't yet clear of the obstruction.

After the second set of back blows the obstruction of mucus cleared, and to everyone's relief, Lilly began to cry and breathe on her own.

When paramedics arrived her colour and breathing were normal, but they took her to hospital to be checked.

The doctor said her vital signs were normal and she was sent home. She's been doing great since.

Lilly's parents couldn't be more thankful to Smith for what he did.

"We're both just very grateful that he was across the hall," said Lilly's mom, who declined to be identified.

"It was amazing how the training kicked in," said Smith, who joked they didn't use "real babies" in the training sessions.

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Firefighter recruit Scott Smith with Lilly.

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