



Blaze causes \$150,000 damage

A fire in a storage/office building on Sixth Line south of 15 Sideroad Saturday afternoon resulted in about \$150,000 damage. Halton Hills firefighters were called to the blaze at about 3 p.m. They managed to contain the fire to the attic portion of the steel-clad building so two trucks and a tractor could be removed from the blaze. There were no injuries in the fire. The cause has not yet been determined.

Photo by Greg Coman

Public's input sought on delivery of mental health services

The Mississauga Halton Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) is asking area residents for their input on ways to improve delivery of its mental health and addiction services.

Along with hosting a community meeting tonight (Wednesday) from 7-9 p.m. in the meeting room at Acorn Place (100 Acorn Avenue in Mississauga) the Mississauga LHIN and is also asking residents to complete a brief on-line survey.

Completion of the survey is voluntary and information from individual surveys will be kept

confidential and anonymous.

General recommendations will be developed from the survey results to support the design of a better system of service delivery for mental health and addictions for people living in the Mississauga, Halton and south Etobicoke areas.

The survey can be completed online at www.mississaugahaltonlhin.on.ca and click on the link for Mental Health and Addictions Survey.

For more information call 905-337-7131 or e-mail mississaugahalton@lhins.on.ca.

Residents urged to clear their walkways

Posties are tired of tumbling this winter

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"Be nice, clear your ice," is the message Georgetown Canada Post letter carrier Robert Fauvelle and David Sloan, superintendent of the Georgetown Post office, want to get out to area residents.

On Dec. 13 Fauvelle was delivering mail on Stevens Cr. when he slid down the icy front steps of a house.

He bloodied his thumb, pulled his groin muscle and hurt his back.

Fortunately, his injuries weren't so serious that he had to take time off work but both he and Sloan say this snowy, icy winter has resulted in many slips and falls for area letter carriers.

Sloan estimates since winter began local letter carriers have fallen about six times a week while out delivering mail and so far this winter there have been about 30 reported falls by Georgetown letter carriers.

"It's been one of the tougher ones (winters)," said Fauvelle, adding when the weather is particularly bad outside it's not unusual for a letter carrier to slip or fall three to four times a day.

"If it's an ice storm—freezing rain—out of 25 letter carriers 18 would slip or fall," said Sloan.

One main problem the carriers face is the fact that many residents don't use their front doors because they enter their home through their garage or side door.

So, the front entry is often forgotten about, covered in snow and ice, and letter carriers have to climb hazardous steps to deliver the mail.

Sloan said they ask people to ensure their walkways, driveways, steps—anywhere the letter carriers have to walk—are clear of snow and ice. Salt, or another ice melting product should be applied to all icy areas.

Particularly hazardous for the letter carriers are patches of ice that are covered by a

light dusting of snow because they can't see the ice.

To deter against the hazards of icy walkways the carriers wear cleats, and this winter they have been wearing them nearly every day.

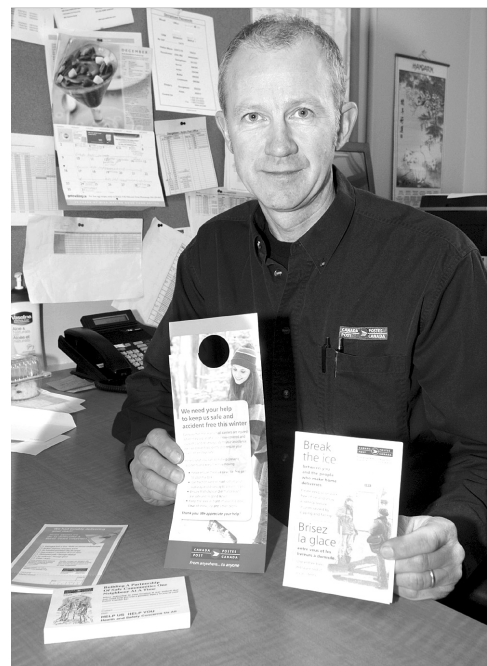
Trying to avoid falls also takes a toll on letter carriers who walk on average 12-15 km per day lugging a 20 to 35 lb. satchel of mail.

According to Canada Post, slips and falls cause the majority of serious injuries to postal workers. Last year there were more than 1,600 such accidents nationally.

To curb the number of injuries letter carriers suffer due to slips and falls, Canada Post has developed a "post it" style note they can place on the doors of customers who have icy walkways.

The notices remind homeowners of their obligation to maintain a safe environment for workers entering their property.

In extreme cases, mail delivery can be suspended until the situation has been corrected.



Canada Post Office supervisor David Sloan displays some of the notices postal carriers leave to inform residents of the hazards around their homes.

Photo by Ted Brown

Police blotter

Guelph man facing charge in theft of ring from Peoples

Halton Police have charged a man in connection with the theft of a \$10,000 diamond ring from Peoples Jewellers in Georgetown Market Place Nov. 20.

The man fled from the store with the one-carat princess cut diamond engagement ring after the clerk handed it to him to look at.

Police later released a video surveillance photo of the man to the media.

Police said, while they did receive calls from the public it was not those calls, but police investigation, that led to the identification of the suspect.

Charged with theft over \$5,000 is James Arthur Bradbury, 27, of Delaware Ave., Guelph.

A \$40,000 green 2005 Chrysler Pacifica was stolen from the driveway of a Trafalgar Rd. home sometime late Saturday or early Sunday.

The vehicle's licence plate is AXVM 518.

Police are investigating a break and enter sometime Saturday or Sunday into Sevaire Filters on Armstrong Ave.

The culprit(s) got in through an

unlocked front door.

The offices were ransacked, but nothing was taken.

A \$10,000, green 2001 GMC Silverado pickup truck was taken from North Halton Golf and Country Club sometime late Friday or early Saturday.

The vehicle's plate is 128 4KL.

A Georgetown woman was charged with impaired driving and having over 80 mg of alcohol in 100 ml of blood after police stopped a vehicle that had been driving erratically in the Mountainview Rd. and Argyll Rd. area at about 8:45 p.m. Friday.

Charged is Mary Anka Jurcic, 51, of Metcalfe Ct.

Police believe someone was attempting to take or gain access to the back of three automatic teller machines at the Royal Bank on Guelph St. over the weekend.

A woman who was banking there Sunday evening reported to police at about 7 p.m. that the machines had been tampered with. Police are investigating.



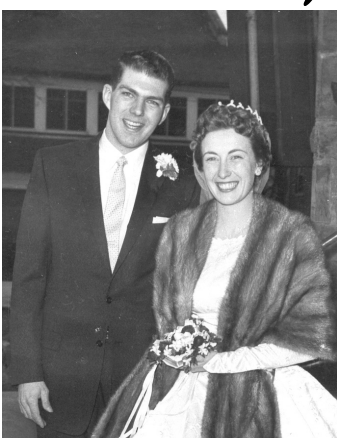
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