

Sign honouring trail enthusiast vandalized hours after unveiling

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The family of a late Georgetown man who was recognized by the Town Saturday with a sign renaming a local trail in his honour was shocked the following day to find the sign already vandalized.

The sign officially unveiled to family and friends of local trails advocate Chris Walker was only up a day before someone defaced it with magic marker and scratches.

Sarah Walker, Chris' daughter, said her mother Judith and grandmother Doris Kirkham went out to the newly renamed Chris Walker Trail Sunday morning to see the sign and could not believe that Walker's name had been crossed out with marker and the name "Ben's" scrawled in its place.

"We're disappointed and sad that somebody was so disrespectful," said Sarah. "I hope who did this is shamed into coming forward."

She said her family was so

pleased with the ceremony Saturday and the fact the Town had renamed the section of trail in the area just north of the Civic Centre for her father—a volunteer with the Bruce Trail for 30 years and long-devoted to improving local trails.

Chris, who died of cancer last September, spearheaded the connection to the Civic Centre and the surrounding neighbourhoods to the north to promote opportunities to hike and experience the natural environment.

"It (the sign ceremony Saturday) was wonderful. The Town really has gone out of its way to honour my dad's work," said Sarah.

"It is very discouraging that someone would show such disrespect to Town property, especially when it is commemorating the hard work and dedication of one of our local residents," said Mayor Rick Bonnette Monday.

Monday afternoon Warren Harris, the Town's Manager of Parks and Open Space, said Town

staff were able to remove the magic marker from the sign but scratches that were also done to the sign remain.

He said staff plan to contact the sign's manufacturer to see if there are any options to remove the scratches. The sign cost about \$800 and \$200 to install.

"We will not let the foolish acts of a few detract from the original purpose of the trail renaming," said Bonnette.

Sarah is pleased the Town was able to clean off the sign and hopes it won't be vandalized again.



Judith Walker, widow of Chris Walker, joined Mayor Rick Bonnette during a ceremony Saturday to unveil a sign commemorating the Chris Walker Trail. Walker, who died last year, built the bridge in the background and was a longtime trails advocate. By Sunday afternoon, however, the sign had been vandalized (inset). Photo by Calvin Dyke



Car flips on Arbor Glen Dr.

A 22-year-old Georgetown man is facing a careless driving charge after the 2002 Chevrolet Cavalier he was driving early Tuesday morning on Arbor Glen Dr. struck a parked Jeep Cherokee then flipped over. There were no serious injuries.

Photo by Michael Hellicar

Police/fire blotter

Driver faces impaired charge

A Georgetown man is facing charges of impaired driving and having over 80 mg of alcohol in 100 ml of blood after police pulled over a vehicle for speeding in the Mountainview Rd. and Barber Dr. area at about 12:50 a.m. Saturday.

Charged is Jose Santos, 38, of Mountainview Rd. S.

Approximately \$4,000 damage was caused to the passenger door of a Toyota truck parked at Georgetown Market Place Thursday afternoon when it was struck by another vehicle.

The driver left the scene.

The door of the scale house at CBM Aggregate on Fifth Line was kicked in during a break-in sometime between Friday and Monday. Nothing was taken.

Halton Hills firefighters were called to a home on Fifth Line at about 1:30 a.m. Sunday for an electrical fire in the basement.

Milton firefighters were already on scene as they are first responders in that area. The fire had been extinguished by a nearby water pipe that melted from the heat of the fire.

There was water damage to the basement.

Firefighters were called to Norval Convenience Store on Guelph St. at about 6:30 a.m. Monday for a vehicle fire.

Damage to the 2005 Ford Taurus is estimated at \$8,000 and the cause is a suspected electrical problem.

Halton Region opens two new depots for residents to drop off well water samples

Halton Region has opened two new depots for residents to pick up and drop off their well water sample bottles in Halton Hills—one each in Acton and Georgetown.

Another new location has also been opened in Campbellville.

The new locations in Halton Hills are Acton Library at 17 River St. and Georgetown Library at 9 Church St., both

from Tuesday through Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Those depots are in addition to existing depots at Market Place Plaza, 370 Queen St. Acton, Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Halton Region Office at 93 Main St., Georgetown Monday to Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The new Campbellville location is Brookville Veterinary Clinic, 11280 Guelph Line,

Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

"Bacteriological contamination in well water can be easily detected through lab tests," said Dr. Bob Nosal, Halton Region Medical Officer of Health. "No matter how long you've been drinking or using the water from your well, it is very important to ensure your well is maintained and that the

water is safe for drinking."

It is recommended that private well owners test their well water for bacteria at least three times per year. The testing is free of charge.

For more information on well water or to order free well water sample bottles, go to www.halton.ca/health or call 1-866-442-5866.



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Saturday, October 11, 2008
7:30 pm
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