

Gas scare at funeral home

By Frances Niblock

Someone could have been killed when they pulled a natural gas pipe off the wall to get up on the roof at Blue Springs Funeral Home early Monday morning, according to funeral director Ian Pasmore.

Kids use the natural gas pipe to boost themselves up onto the flat chapel roof, but early Sunday morning they pulled the pipe from its fitting, leaving natural gas spewing into the air.

"When I came home I could smell it, and if someone had been smoking with the gas blowing, or if the furnace – it's an air conditioner as well – if it had been sucking in air to cool the funeral home, it would have pumped it full of gas fumes and any spark would have levelled the place," Pasmore

said, adding he doesn't know why kids like to get up on his roof, but he had seen their footprints on several occasions.

In the past, Pasmore has put purple-coloured grease on the pole to prevent kids from shinnying up to get to the roof, but he forgot to this year, although there was just enough of the grease to leave traces.

"If some kid has gone home and the mother wonders where the purple grease on their hands and clothes came from – it's because they were climbing up my gas pipe," Pasmore said on Tuesday, adding a prank could have been deadly.

"They really could have caused a big problem here," he said, adding Union Gas came and capped the service until repairs can be made.

Paint gun stolen on Ransom

A silver EGO paint-ball gun worth \$1,500 was stolen from an unlocked apartment on Ransom Street between 4 and 7 p.m. on Tuesday in what police are calling a suspicious incident.

Police report the homeowner said she left her front door unlocked while she and her teenage son ran some errands and while they were out, someone stole the paint ball gun that was left in

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plain view on the 17-year-old victim's bed.

Other valuables were not touched.

Light broken

An Elizabeth drive resident reported a front lawn light fixture was broken off

a pole in front of his house overnight August 4/5. Damage is \$30.

Holmesway fire

Acton firefighters extinguished a small fire in the ditch in front of a residence on Holmesway Place at 2:08 a.m. on Holiday Monday.

A passer-by noticed the fire, possibly caused by a discarded cigarette butt.

Short circuit

An electrical short circuit may have caused a fire in the engine compartment in a 1998 Dodge Caravan parked behind 18 Mill St. South at 1:53 p.m. on Holiday Monday.

The family had just returned from holiday and parked the van when the fire broke out. It was quickly doused by Acton firefighters.

O negative blood in demand at blood clinic

Canadian Blood Services urges residents of Acton to help boost the blood supply by keeping their appointment to donate, or if they have ever thought about donating blood, to do it now, during the challenging summer season.

The next clinic is on Thursday, August 16 at the Acton Legion Hall, 15 Wright Avenue from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Patients will routinely depend on the generosity of donors, for transfusion support with their surgeries and treatments.

One blood group will always remain high in demand – O negative. The reason for this is that until a patient's blood grouping is determined, hospitals must use the only compatible red blood cells – type O Negative. (Type O negative is also used in neonatal and trauma situations).

Canadian Blood Services needs to maintain a substantial O negative supply for immediate surgeries, especially during the summer months when traumas on our roadways and waterways traditionally rise.

As part of this summer's efforts to boost donations, Canadian Blood Services has launched its campaign "Save Lives, Make Memories". Donors are eligible to win a Kodak EasyShare X530 Digital Camera at all clinics across the country and are encouraged to share their donation stories online at www.blood.ca/memories

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Psychic helps in cat search

Heartsick cat owners are using psychics, posters and newspaper ads as they search for their beloved pets missing in recent weeks in the Acton and Georgetown areas.

Daytona, Bagheera and Bentley are all missing from their Halton Hills homes, but their owners don't think their cats have been stolen, although Halton police have investigated reports of stolen pets in the past.

A psychic told Acton's Darren Williams who is searching for Daytona, a two-year-old female brown and coffee-coloured Calico, that "seems there is a child holding this cat back and not letting it go."

Williams, who moved to the Danville Drive-Hill Street area three weeks ago, said Daytona is an indoor/out-door cat who suddenly disappeared on July 23, but he's confident she's safe, based on the comments from the psychic who works with his girlfriend.

"She thinks the parents (of the child) don't realize that somebody owns the cat – that it's not a stray and it's just a matter of time before they see a poster of an ad," Williams

said on Friday, adding the psychic is right about 70 per cent of the time.

Williams is offering a reward for Daytona's safe return, as are the owners of an expensive Maine Coon Cat (Bagheera) and a Scottish Fold Cat (Bentley), both missing in Georgetown South.

Although there were several reported sightings of Bagheera in Georgetown last week, Bagheera's owner, Louis Archambault does not discount the four or five reported sightings of his cat near

the olde Hide House, by the railway tracks, on July 30.

"Maybe someone picked him up and dropped him off. The Acton reports were pretty accurate, right down to the red collar and gold tags. We won't stop looking," he said, adding Bagheera always slept outside at night.

Rewards are offered for information that leads to the return of all three cats.

Both Daytona and Bagheera are microchipped so any veterinarian can identify them and contact their owners.

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for
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ODD/EVEN WATER RESTRICTIONS IN PLACE

Halton Region has implemented a mandatory odd/even water restriction on outdoor water use. Odd-numbered municipal (or street) addresses can water on odd numbered calendar days and even-numbered municipal addresses can water on even numbered calendar days. Watering is permitted only between the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

This restriction includes the watering of lawns, flower/vegetable gardens, trees and shrubs. Vehicle washing is also included in the odd/even restrictions.

Please refer to Halton's website (www.halton.ca) for specific details on exemptions/restrictions or contact Halton Region at 1-866-4HALTON.

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