

# Special Evening

## Recognize firefighters for long service, greet graduates

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The John Elliot Theatre in Georgetown was the setting for the recognition of a number of Halton Hills firefighters Wednesday evening, Jan. 30. The annual ceremony included recognition of staff for their years of municipal service, retirees and recruit graduates.

Friends and families gathered to watch as dignitaries and recipients were led into the facility behind piper Nathan Trotter.

Fire Chief Brent Marshall was first recognized for 35 years of service having started with the municipality in 1972. Mayor Rick Bonnette and Chief Marshall then jointly presented expressions of appreciation to District Chief Gord Cash and Captain Pat Woods both celebrating 30 years of firefighting service each.

Firefighter Wade Emerson recently attended a Fire Marshals' Office



Brent Marshall

Investiture in Hamilton where he was presented his 25 year medal.

Master of Ceremonies David Ford said, "As well as receiving his 25 year municipal service award, Wade and his wife Julie also had the enjoyment of seeing their son William graduate with this latest class of recruits."

The mayor and fire chief also recognized Fire Communications Technician Laurel Otten for 20 years of service.

Chief of Fire Prevention and Public Education Harry Olivieri accompanied

Mayor Bonnette with the presentation of municipal service pins to an additional 14 employees having provided service ranging from 5 to 15 years.

District Chief Gord Cash and Mayor Bonnette paid recognition to one of four retirees who were able to attend the celebration. Firefighter Rick Derstroff has retired from the service after five years of part-time service to the community.

Chief of Operations John Martin, Mayor Bonnette and Captain Rob Quinton then marked the graduation of 14 new 2006-2007 recruit firefighters. Certificates and class pictures were presented before Class Valedictorian Donavon Gaudette summed up the recruit recognition with words of encouragement to the new firefighters.

The special evening closed with remarks and prayer by Fire Department Chaplain, Rev. Peter Barrow.

### Police/Fire Report

#### Locker Loss

A locker at Acton High School was broken into on February 4 between 12:45 noon and 3:20 p.m. Taken was a black Samsung cellular phone, a RCM MP3 player and a Dora the Explorer wallet containing cash and debit cards. Total value is \$350.

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Crews from District 1 (Acton) removed a victim from a vehicle rollover on Highway 7 and Sixth Line at 11:26 a.m. on Sunday, Feb. 3. The victim was trapped in the car and firefighters soon secured the scene and removed him.

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A report of a carbon monoxide alarm activation at 5 Country Lane Crescent brought Acton Firefighters to the scene at 11:57 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 1. After a complete inspection of the house using gas monitoring equipment, there were no concerns noted.

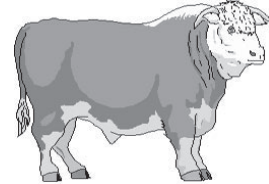
## Man arrested for B&Es

Halton Regional Police have made an arrest in connection with several break and enters which began in December 2007, in Georgetown.

Russell John White, 45, wanted on outstanding warrants in connection with six break and enters to retirement homes and apartments has been arrested as the result of an ongoing investigation involving several police deputies.

The accused was located in Toronto on January 21, 2008 and was arrested without incident. He has been charged with six counts of break and enter and six counts of breach of probation. He remains in custody.

### What's Your Beef?



Put it in a letter to the Editor!

Deadline is Tuesday at noon.

### Happy 16th Katelynne!!!



You've come a long way baby. Love Aunt Judy, Uncle Jeff and cousin Tyler

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## Catholic Board mourns loss of former director C. Byrnes

The death of Clifford G. Byrnes, the second director of education of the Halton Catholic District School Board on Friday, Feb. 1, created a "profound sense of loss and respect" among members of the present Catholic board.

Byrnes assumed the position of director of education at the Halton Catholic District School Board on August 1, 1971 two years after the four municipal separate school boards (Burlington, Oakville, Milton and Georgetown) in Halton amalgamated to form Halton Regional Roman Catholic

Separate School Board in 1969. Having served the Board for 23 years as its director, he retired on August 31, 1994.

"Cliff Byrnes was a respected leader and advocate of Catholic education not only in Halton but throughout Ontario. He served this Board faithfully and with an unmistakable commitment to social justice and to the teaching and values of the Catholic faith. The system is a reflection of his great leadership and his outstanding accomplishments," says a release from the Board.



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## The Undertaker's Ball

A Fun Variety Show and Dance For Everyone

Saturday, February 16, 8 PM at the Acton Legion

\$20 at the door or \$17 from The Cancer Society, Acton Hi' Drama, Off the Wall, Knights of Columbus or Acton Seniors' Rec. Centre