

October 31, 2017

Ontario Community Newspaper Association

Dear Judges,

I am submitting Beaver photographer Graham Paine's name and work for consideration as Photographer of the Year in the 2017 Ontario Community Newspapers Association Better Newspapers Competition.

Graham has worked for Metroland Media for the past 37 years. He shoots assignments for The Oakville Beaver, Burlington Post, Milton Champion and Inside Halton.

Graham began his career as a freelancer and has worked at several community papers. Graham's feature photography is very strong as he maintains a good balance between art and news value in the photos he submits.

He is a talented influence in the newsroom.

He is a positive, good-natured, caring person who is friendly and personable. This is not lost on many of his subjects.

As a direct result, Graham stands out at events and with people in the community, who consider him a friend and trust him to represent them accurately.

Graham has been won this award four times.

It's a pleasure to recommend this hard-working photojournalist at The Milton Champion, for consideration as Photographer of the Year.

Sincerely yours,

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Arsonist torched Trinity Baptist Church

'ISIS' spray-painted on outer rear wall of house of worship

by John Bkila
Burlington Post Staff

Wednesday's fire at Trinity Baptist Church was the work of an arsonist, according to Ontario's Office of the Fire Marshal.

Despite the fact 'ISIS' had been spray-painted on an outer wall of the church, Halton police aren't saying whether they are treating it as a hate crime.

When Trinity Baptist Church Pastor Carl Muller arrived on scene at 2 a.m. Wednesday to find the place of worship engulfed in flames, he was "awestruck."

But Muller wasn't talking about the fire itself, which engulfed the 1890s church located on 4372 Appleby Line, just south of No. 2 Sideroad.

"I was awestruck by the bravery of these firefighters," he told the Post. "I've never seen something like that before. I'm very thankful for the work they do."

While the church's roof was gutted, its charred frame is all that remains, firefighters managed to keep the blaze from spreading to the church's adjacent newer building, which opened in 2004 and is where weekly services are held.

"There's some water and smoke damage, but we're told it's still in good shape. So, we're very thankful to the fire department," said Muller.

see Fire on p. 3



Ontario's Office of the Fire Marshal has confirmed Wednesday's early-morning blaze that gutted the original 4372 Appleby Line home of Trinity Baptist Church was arson. The building had been the former Zimmerman Methodist Church built in the early 1890s. According to Trinity Baptist Church's website its congregation purchased the property from the United Church in 1975. | photo by Graham Paine - Burlington Post (Follow on Twitter @halton_photog)

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Dr. Frank Hayden Huskies' Maddie Bowles leaps high in the air as her teammates join in the celebration after the Huskies rallied for a 21-25, 25-21, 15-13 victory over Oakville's Iroquois Ridge in the Halton high school junior girls' Tier 1 volleyball final at Sheridan College. Coverage of all of the Halton senior volleyball championship games starts on page 33, while a story on the Huskies' junior victory is available on the Post website at bit.ly/2ITr9rp. | photo by Graham Paine - Burlington Post (Follow on Twitter @halton_photog)

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ment scenery landscape. Above, groom Megan Morris dishes out a bucket of oats to a group of 11 Arabian horses who are featured in the Liberty Stars performance of the show. For more information on the upcoming shows, visit cavalia.com | photo by Graham Paine - Burlington Post (Follow on Twitter @halton_photog)



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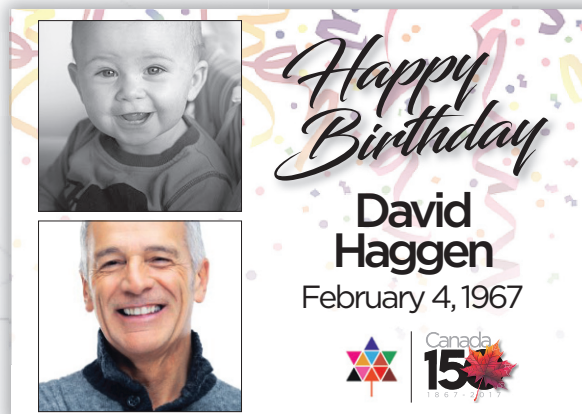
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Halton police speak with one of five victims of a Monday night pharmacy robbery at Trafalgar Road and White Oaks Boulevard. The victims were given EMS-supplied blankets as their shirts were removed due to noxious spray, akin to pepper spray, that was used during the robbery. Two men stole cash and narcotics while a woman drove a small white get-away car. | **Graham Paine/Metroland**

Cyclist stable after being pinned

by **Kevin Nagel**
Oakville Beaver Staff

Citizens came to the rescue Saturday, May 27 when a 60-year-old female cyclist collided with and got pinned under a vehicle near Cudmore Road.

The woman was later confirmed to have suffered non-life threatening, non-life altering injuries after she was taken to Hamilton General Hospital for treatment.

The cyclist was wearing a helmet at the time of the collision, and according to Halton Regional Police, while the helmet was severely damaged it protected the rider's head and significantly reduced the risk of head injury to the cyclist.

see **Helmet** on p.4

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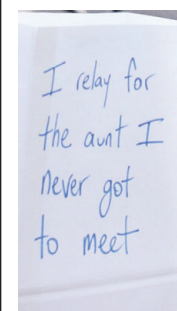
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Halton police officer charged

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Five injured in pharmacy robbery

by **Graham Paine**
Oakville Beaver Staff

Five people were injured Monday (May 29) night in an Oakville pharmacy robbery where the culprits used a noxious spray similar to pepper spray.

Halton police Duty Insp. Kevin Maher said three of the victims were taken

to hospital with non-life threatening injuries following the heist at the Guardian drug store, located at Trafalgar Road and White Oaks Boulevard.

At 8 p.m., two males armed with handguns entered the 1235 Trafalgar Rd. pharmacy demanding cash. Several customers inside the pharmacy were also sprayed with a noxious substance.

After stealing an undetermined amount of money and narcotics, the culprits fled to a waiting car operated by a female driver.

Several witnesses were treated by paramedics at the scene and some were taken to hospital for treatment and evaluation.

see **Spray** on p.18

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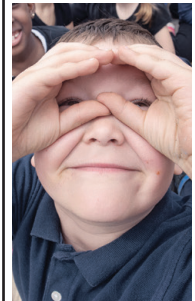
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About 100 Beavers, Cubs and Scouts from the Burlington/Dundas area planted close to 400 trees last Saturday on the grounds of the Halton Waste Management Site on Regional Road 25 in Milton. Above, from left, Emilia Courtney, 7 1/2, literally puts all of her weight into her shovel as Carleigh Niles, 10, holds one of the trees the two 1st Kilbride Scouts were about to plant. For additional photos from the day see page 40. | photo by Graham Paine - Burlington Post (Follow on Twitter @halton_photog)

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