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Finally, eight days later A New Year's baby



# Vexed by the polar vortex

Halton Hills Crossing Guard Cherrie Atwell is among the several people who have no choice but endure the bitter cold as part of her job. Atwell has been safely crossing students across Maple Avenue at Holy Cross School for the past three years. Top photo: After Sunday

night's heavy snow storm, Town of Halton Hills works crew brought out the snow blower to clear the deep accumulation built up on the sidewalks.

Photos by Ted Brown

# Ice storm impacted— and still impacting— local businesses

By LISATALLYN Staff Writer

The power outage from the recent ice storm not only left many area residents in the cold and dark— some for days— it also had an impact on local businesses.

Bill Bonnett of McMaster's Meats and Deli on Main St., Georgetown said "it was a scramble to try and save Christmas" for hundreds of his customers who had ordered turkeys, pork roasts, lamb, and prime rib.

He had brought the items

in for them for Christmas, but before many picked them up the power went out Dec. 22 and Bonnett had to hustle to save all the Christmas product from spoiling.

So he rented a big refrigeration truck and staff hauled all of the items onto the truck.

With the power still out, they kept the store open, retrieving the meat from the truck for customers and when it came back on in the shop on Dec. 23 they brought it all back in.

Bonnett froze the orders for customers who didn't have

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