



CRAFTY CREATION!

Acton's Peter Dubeau shows off his hand carved creation of Noah's Ark at Churchill Community Church's recent craft, bake and garage sale. (Eve Martin photo)

The night the lights went out

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK
The Acton Tanner

Thousands of Acton and area residents huddled around candles and searched for flashlight batteries on Saturday night when high winds caused a "fairly major" power blackout.

Just before 7 pm an insulator on Ontario Hydro's main feeder line from Fergus to Acton broke, allowing the 44,000 volt lines to

touch and short-circuit.

Halton Hills Hydro operations manager Kurt Durski said 3,000 Acton hydro customers were affected for approximately two hours and there were also pockets of other hydro outages because of high winds.

"We had a breaker blow at the Fifth Line sub-station when the swirling winds slapped the lines together," Durski reported in an

interview on Monday.

Durski said there were few complaints from homeowners, suddenly left with no lights, in some cases no heat and no television, VCR or microwaves. There were no reports of any problems caused by the blackout.

Approximately 350 Rockwood Hydro customers, south of the Eramosa River, also lost power for two hours.

Durski would not comment on what effect the blackout might have on the birth rate in this area in nine months time.

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NEWS SHORTS

Break-in at Robert Little school

Computer and electronic equipment were stolen from Robert Little public school after a break-in last Friday.

The school's alarm was activated at 3 am. Police found three rooms with windows broken and a number of footprints outside the building. Cupboard doors were also opened or torn off the hinges inside one room in the school.

The cost to replace the equipment and repair the damages is not known.

Vehicle damages lawn

The front lawn of a house on Division Street was damaged after a vehicle was driven over it. The incident took place overnight last Wednesday.

The vehicle left tire tracks and wheel ruts on the lawn, causing \$300 damage.

Impaired charge for speeder

A man stopped for speeding was also charged with impaired driving Saturday at 2:30 am. The man was driving his 1990 Toyota on Highway 7 near the fifth line when a police officer pulled him over for speeding.

Noticing signs of impairment, the officer took the driver for a breathalyzer test. The driver was charged with impaired driving after the test showed he had more than 80 mg of alcohol per 100 ml of blood.

Pick-up truck damaged

A door lock was damaged on a 1985 Ford pick-up truck parked in front of a house on Maria Street.

Police say both the door and lock were damaged sometime between Nov. 1-12, with the vandal causing \$300 damage to the vehicle.

Hydro lines down

Acton volunteer fire fighters were called Sunday night just before midnight after some Hydro lines were reported to be down.

Fire fighters stayed at the scene on Highway 7 between the fourth and fifth line until Halton Hills Hydro workers arrived to repair them.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"We'd give any new volunteers all the background information they needed, plus the tools to get started. Otherwise, it just won't happen."

— Olev Richling, Leathertown Festival organizer, Page 1

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