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Driver, 24, killed after car strikes tree

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A 24-year-old rural Halton Hills woman was killed when she lost control of her vehicle on Sixth Line early Saturday morning and struck a tree.

Halton Police, who were called to the single-vehicle crash about a km south of Hwy. 7 at approximately 6:25 a.m., said the woman died at the scene.

Police did not release the victim's name, but *The Independent & Free Press* has learned she was Sarah McDonald.



SARAH MCDONALD

McDonald was travelling northbound on Sixth Line north of 22 Sideroad when for unknown reasons she swerved

to the left, lost control of the vehicle, then hit a tree. Halton Regional Police Det. Const. Chris Heffernan of the Collision Reconstruction Unit said the tree was about six metres off the road.

Karen Wood, McDonald's older sister, said she was heading home at the time of the crash and it's believed she may have swerved to avoid hitting an animal.

"That's one possibility, it's a very rural area," said Heffernan.

Heffernan said they have not heard from any witnesses to the crash, and that a woman walking her dog came



Halton Regional Police reconstruction and identification officers spent Saturday morning investigating a single-car crash on Sixth Line that claimed the life of a 24-year-old Georgetown woman. The crash occurred around 6:30 a.m. Saturday with the road remaining closed for most of the morning between 22 Sideroad and Hwy. 7.
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across the accident scene and called police. The accident may have occurred up to half an hour before police were called, Heffernan said.

"We don't believe alcohol was a contributing factor," said Heffernan.

McDonald attended Erin High School and just graduated from the business administration program at Sheridan College. Wood said her sister wanted to be an accountant and was to start studying for her degree at the

University of Guelph this fall.

She worked part-time at the Terra Cotta Inn.

Wood said her sister loved animals.

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