

Lifesaver praised

An Acton man, probably alive today because a local teen followed his gut, wants to shake hands and say "thanks," and Acton High School Principal Darlene

White hopes to make it happen.

White revealed the story of the heroics of the unidentified male student at the school's Academic Excellence Award night on Friday.

In a letter she received earlier this month, a man White did not want to identify, wrote that he wanted to publicly commend the teen.

The man wrote that

he felt unwell while digging postholes on October 4, and without his cell phone, he made his way to his front yard where he noticed the boy watching him. The teen asked if he needed help, but the man insisted he would be all right and the teen continued down the street.

As his condition worsened, the man said he was relieved to see an ambulance, coming along the street. The victim, who suffered heart problems, said the teen had "ignored my bravado, and in all probability, saved my life, by calling 911." Less than 90 minutes later, the man had a

stent installed in his heart, and is on the mend.

White said the teen, a senior student, blushed when praised for his actions, and while embarrassed by the fuss, "he knows he did a good thing." White said she would set up a meeting between the man and the student.



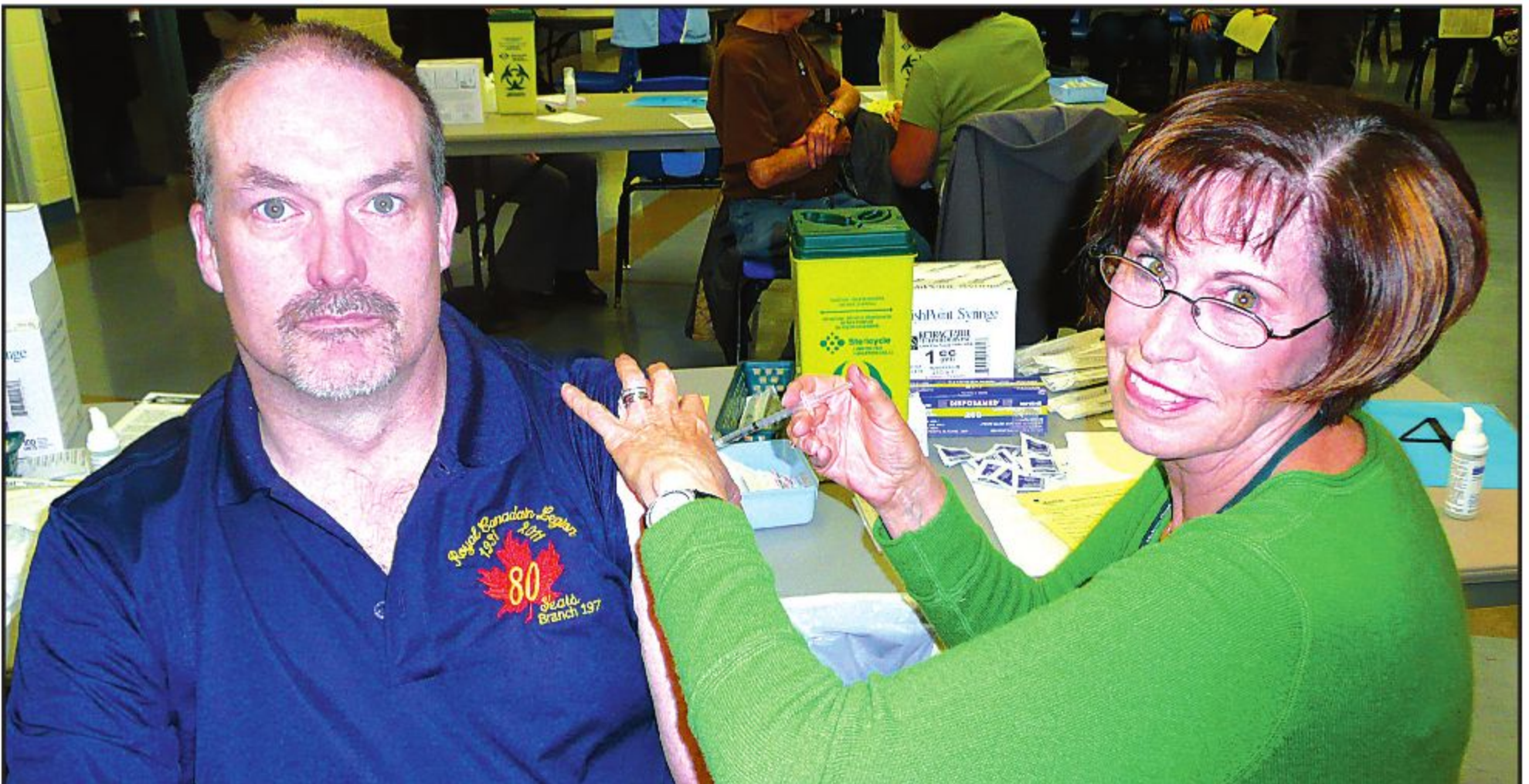
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FLU SHOT: More than 50 people were waiting for Halton Region to open its influenza immunization clinic at the Acton arena/community centre on Wednesday morning. Halton EMS paramedic Adrian Alder was brave as he received his flu shot from Halton RN Brenda Kriesel. — Frances Niblock photo

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