

Former Acton children are killed in 401 accident

Many prayers are being said in Acton for a former local family whose two children were killed in a car crash on Saturday on the 401 in Cambridge.

Thomas, 11, and Meredith Moon, 8, were killed when a transport truck loaded with steel rear-ended their family car as they travelled to Peterborough for a family Christmas party.

Sandra Moon's condition has been upgraded to serious from critical in the intensive care unit of Hamilton General Hospital where she is being taken off drugs that induced a coma following surgery for a head injury. Dad, Geoff Moon, 41, waits by her bedside with the heart-wrenching task of telling his wife their children are dead.

The Moons lived in Acton approximately six years ago until they transferred to Kitchener where Sandra worked as regional manager of a local insurance company.

Geoff Moon, a devoted stay-at-home father, was chair of the Acton Blood donor clinic and an active member in the Red Cross, a tradition he continued in Kitchener.

Funeral arrangements have not been announced.

Speed limits don't work

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traffic in the area, as a "very scary situation" said the threat of a doubled fine isn't slowing speeding motorists.

"If they start to fine people then the safety zones might work but the police are short-handed and they can't be here all the time and as long as the police aren't here, people will speed and I worry about the children crossing to St. Joseph's," Gibson said.

St. Joseph's principal Jim McGerragle said he doesn't know if the CSZ was improving traffic safety but supports the idea that increased fines would work as a deterrent.

Halton police Staff Sergeant Ron Welsh said the CSZs haven't been in existence long enough to assess their effectiveness, but will be a deterrent if the public is educated about them.

While enforcement is the key to slowing traffic, Welsh said no additional dollars were set aside to increase police time in the CSZ.

"I guess it's like any initiative where you have to monitor what's going on there on a constant basis is you're going to get the whole picture and I think that's probably the problem - our resources don't allow for that," Welsh said on Monday.

The effectiveness of CSZs will be assessed in this spring.



FATAL CRASH: Charlotte Hitchcock, 29, of Rockwood was killed in a collision at the foot of Silvercreek hill early Saturday morning. Her daughter Dana, 4, received only minor injuries in the crash. The driver of the northbound vehicle, Laurence Barrett, 32, of Acton, broke his foot. Barrett, a Metro cop, was on his way home after working a night shift. - Ted Tyler photo

Tragic accident Saturday takes life of young mom

A head-on collision Saturday morning on Trafalgar Road has claimed the life of a Rockwood woman and left her four-year-old daughter, Dana, with minor injuries.

Charlotte Hitchcock, 29, was southbound around 8 a.m. on Dec. 11 when her van collided at the foot of Silvercreek hill with a Jeep driven by a Metro cop returning from work.

Laurence Barrett, 32, of Acton, sustained a broken foot in the incident.

Highway 7 was closed

from 22 Sideroad to Silvercreek Road for about 7.5 hours while Port Credit OPP investigated the crash.

Mrs. Hitchcock was the wife of Dwayne Hitchcock and mother of Dylan, Dana and Dean.

She was also the daughter of Dan and Verley Hillier of Rockwood. She grew up in Acton, moving to Rockwood in 1991.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon from the Salvation Army Citadel in Acton with interment at

Fairview Cemetery.

A Hitchcock Children's Trust Fund has also been established and donations can be made through Acton's MacKinnon Funeral Home.

Kids set toy fire

Two Acton children, both under seven, are being counselled after setting fire to three or four plastic toys at their Mill Street West apartment building last Monday. A neighbour extinguished the fire, set under a backyard deck, and another tenant of the building told Acton firefighters the children had set fires in the past. Police were called and the children were referred to a community program.

What evidence?

An unknown person who broke in to use the bathroom did approximately \$150 damage to the door of a vacant apartment at 32 Mill Street between 9 and 11:30 a.m. last Wednesday.

"Maybe they just didn't flush," said Detective Sergeant Jackie Gordon when asked about the evidence. Police have a suspect.

Looking Back

A number of concerned citizens participated in a series of workshops in 1999 as part of the Street Smarts program to revitalize our downtown. At the completion of the program, a number of initiatives were formulated, the first being their "Clean-up Downtown" blitz in the spring, which involved members of the Street Smarts program, the Acton Air Cadets, Halton Hills Window Cleaning, The Town of Halton Hills and Tuitman's Garden Centre. Thanks to the participation of the Acton Horticultural Society, our street planters looked wonderful all summer. The TLC given to both the planters and hanging baskets by summer student employee Sandy Chapman, ensured that our town was bright and blooming all season! Our downtown events were all very successful in 1999, particularly the Leathertown Festival in August, which was the best attended yet! The four financial institutions in Acton agreed to renew their agreement to financially support the Village Constable office for another three years. This shows support for the police office's high visibility on our main street.

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