

# Police plan security changes to avoid fair riot

Halton Regional Police plan several changes in security for the Georgetown Fall Fair following last year's rampage by hundreds of people who threw beer bottles and rocks at officers and vehicles, spat on them and shouted "kill the cops".

Police have been working closely with "stake holders" over the past year to ensure there is no repetition of the riot at this

year's Fall Fair this weekend.

They will have a command post located at the main entrance to the fair to assist with security, lost people, and property. Double fencing around the property will allow volunteers and police to easily identify trespassers. Signage at the entrance points will notify visitors that staff will be inspecting backpacks and other bags for

alcohol, weapons and other undesirable items. Unsealed beverages will not be allowed in the park.

Police are asking residents who live near the park to leave their outside lights on from dusk to dawn to assist with visibility.

"Please park in your garages or lock all vehicles in your driveway, and keep valuables out of sight. Store loose items from

your lawn, such as lawn ornaments and furniture. Do not allow anyone to cut through your property, and contact police if you witness any suspicious or criminal behaviour," a spokesman for Halton Police urged.

Police are also reminding parents that it is their responsibility to know where their

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## What's Inside



Blaine Boyce-Walker, 6 was one of thousands of children who returned to school Tuesday. Three Acton schools have new principals. See story on page Page 3.



The series *The Villages of Halton Hills* looks at Stewartown's history this week. See Page 14.



Giant Tiger and Dollar Daze are both celebrating their first anniversary at the Mill and Main plaza. See Page 9 for the specials.



Bethel Christian Reformed Church has completed renovations to meet the needs of a growing community. See page 20.

# Acton teacher returns to remote NWT primary school for third year

## Spectacular crash on Tenth Line

A spectacular single vehicle collision on River Drive and Tenth Line in Georgetown on Friday, September 3 at 9 p.m. required an air ambulance to take the 27-year-old driver of a GMC pick-up to hospital.

Halton Police said the pick-up truck was lying on its roof in a farmer's field on the east side of the Tenth line when officers arrived. The lone male occupant of the vehicle was trapped inside the vehicle for nearly an hour. Halton Hills Firefighters, Ambulance crews and police freed him from the wreckage.

Investigation by Halton police revealed the truck was travelling southwest on River Drive near the Tenth Line when it failed to negotiate a curve and started to slide into oncoming lanes of traffic. It continued across the road, striking several roadside signs before entering the field and finally flying onto its roof.

The driver was taken out of the region by Air Ambulance, to hospital suffering several rib fractures and internal injuries. Damage to the vehicle was estimated at \$25,000. No charges have been laid but the investigation continues.



**NATIVE CRAFTS:** Lois Robillard holds a painting of the scene she looked at through her front window daily. She also has mukluks and a knife case from hides hand-tanned by Tulita residents. — Maggie Petrushevsky photo

## Tulita former Hudson's Bay post

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In a time when mandatory retirement is being questioned an Acton area teacher looked forward with enthusiasm to returning to her classroom — in Tulita, Northwest Territories and the Aug. 22 start of a new school year.

With 40 years of teaching experience under her belt, Lois Robillard returned for her third year in the Tulita Public School operated by the Northwest Territories Public School system. One principal, 12 teachers, three teachers' aides and one support person look after 170 students in Kindergarten to Gr. 12. This year she has 22 fifth graders.

"They're my favourite age," she says. "Old enough to be eager to learn but they still haven't lost their innocence."

Much as she loves the community's warmth and openness, Robillard admits life in Tulita took some getting used to.

Tulita, the Dene Indian word for "where the rivers meet" sits at the junction of the McKenzie and Bear rivers and is a fly-in community of about 550 people. There are no paved roads and even the airfield only has a gravel runway.

Only in winter do they have good roads - when they can use the ice road.

The community has existed since the 1800s when it was a Hudson's Bay post called Fort Norman. Its population is Dene, Metis, a few Inuit and non-aboriginal whites doing government jobs, Robillard says.

Sister Celeste is in charge of St. Teresa's Catholic Church and the town's pre-school. Robillard is the Sunday School teacher. A priest does visit the region's five communities every six weeks but with the shortage of priests, Sister Celeste is the church's on-site representative and has been there for 27 years, Robillard says.

Tulita is part of the Sahtu region along with Fort Franklin, Norman Wells, Fort Goodhope, Coleville

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