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DECEMBER: Members of Curves joined forces to raise toys for the Salvation Army Tog Drive in December.

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 - Seventy local families have a much merrier Christmas thanks to the Acton Christmas Hamper program that delivered hampers, full of holiday treats toys, warm hats and mitts, to needy families.
 - Mayor Rick Bonnette establishes a new committee to help attract family practitioners to Acton, which has an acute need for more family doctors.
 - The average house price in Acton hits \$243,773
 - After almost 32 years in business, Nick and Eli Kekic sell The Station Hotel, which the new owners plan to rename and turn into an English pub.

Rural Milton man injured in snow blowing mishap

Halton police are warning users of power snow removal equipment to follow basic safety rules following an accident at a rural Nassagaweya (Milton) home where a man was severely injured while removing snow from his driveway.

Police said the man was using a farm tractor with a rear-mounted, two-stage snow blower in snow which was water logged and heavy at about 12:55 p.m. on Thursday, December 23 when the shear pin of the drive assembly broke as it is designed to do when equipment can't handle the load.

Police believe the victim dismounted from the tractor with the engine and power take-off still engaged and the blower still in operation. When he reached into the blower his right hand became entangled in the machine inflicting severe trauma to his right hand and arm.

The victim was able to pull his arm free and walked about eight metres before collapsing. He was seen lying in the driveway by a passerby who called 9-1-1.

Paramedics arrived and treated the man before removing him to Guelph General Hospital where it was determined further treatment was required. He was taken to London Health Service in London, Ont. for advanced treatment.

Halton Police remind op-

erators of all power equipment, regardless of size or capability, to follow basic safety rules including:

1) the manufacturers rules regarding the safe handling and operation of the

equipment being used.

2) when performing maintenance on equipment ensure that the engine is shut off, or in the case of an electrical device the power source is removed.

A DANGEROUS MIX

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