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News

Digest

Major accident

Two people were taken to Georgetown Hospital after an accident on Hwy. 7 at Trafalgar Rd. Wednesday at 7 p.m. A 1987 Dodge driven by an Acton woman was heading east on Hwy. 7 when it stopped at Trafalgar Rd. to turn left and struck an oncoming 1989 Dodge driven by a Georgetown man. The 1987 Dodge spun out of control and struck a third car, a 1990 Chevrolet which was on Trafalgar Rd., stopped at a stop sign. Both drivers of the Dodges were treated and released from hospital. An Acton woman has been charged with making an unsafe turn.

Chudleigh appointed

Halton North MPP Ted Chudleigh was recently named to the provincial Finance and Economic Affairs Committee and the Resources Development Committee at Queen's Park.



TED CHUDLEIGH

"I am very pleased and honored to have been chosen to serve on these committees," Chudleigh said.

"The finance assignment is one that I look forward to as I assist the government in delivering a prosperous future for all Ontarians."

Chudleigh said his position on the resource committee will allow him to apply his years of experience in the agriculture and food industries.

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100 reasons to smile



A century separates Mabel Newman with her great-great grandson Devon Woodward. Newman, born October 25, 1895, celebrated her 100th birthday with five generations of family and friends last Sunday at the Acton Legion. Little Devon, born in 1995, is just a few months old.

Photo by HERB GARBUTT

Mabel Newman marks century

By STEVE LeBLANC

Special to The Independent/Free Press

She's not sure just what her secret is, but it's seen her through more than a century now.

Mabel Newman celebrated her 100th birthday with family and friends at the Acton Legion October 29. Five generations were in attendance including great, great grandson Devon Woodward who born in 1995, is 100 years younger than his great great grandmother.

As well on Wednesday, October 25 Mrs. Newman celebrated in the chronic care wing at Milton District Hospital, where she has been residing since October 1991.

That party was hosted by the Milton District Hospital Auxiliary, and Mrs. Newman even did a little singing and dancing with members of the Milton Seniors Orchestra who were on hand for their monthly performance.

"I was so surprised, I had no idea they were doing anything like this," said Mrs. Newman.

Born Mabel Irene Dennison in Erindale, she has lived in the area her entire life. Her ancestors hailed from England.

She and her late husband Norman worked side by side on a fruit farm in Streetsville for many years before moving to Speyside in 1974. The couple enjoyed over 70 years of marriage before Norman passed away.

Her family now includes both great grandchildren and even great, great grandchildren.

Her old home in Streetsville still stands, she recalled, with a big oak tree and a tree house in the front yard. She says she has seen a lot over the years, realizing the number of changes are too vast to mention.

"I don't know if I have a secret to a long life. I've been lucky enough to know everything that's going on around me. God has blessed me," she said.

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