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## NEWS AT A GLANCE

### Check nabs 28

Halton Regional Police found 28 seat belt infractions after stopping 4,346 vehicles Oct. 5 as part of the Canada-wide Operation Impact seatbelt campaign.

The campaign, which runs from Oct. 5 to Oct. 18 involves more than 230 police services across the country.

During the Halton spotcheck, officers conducted 17 roadside breath tests, issued five 12-hour licence suspensions and laid one impaired driving charge.

### Fire calls

Halton Hills Fire Department was called to a Rexway Dr. home, Wednesday evening about 8 p.m. for a kitchen fire. When firefighters arrived the fire was out, but they ventilated the house. The cause of the blaze was unattended pot of grease on the stove. There was no damage.

Firefighters also responded to a car fire on the Sixth Line between 20 and 22 Sideroad Wednesday at about 11:15 p.m. The car was abandoned on the side of the road. Damage is set at about \$5,000.

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### Food for thought

Elaine Crawford of Crawford's Pine Valley Farms in Norval will have her work cut out for her Thanksgiving morning as she will fire up her ovens at 4 a.m. to bake a batch of pumpkin pies for the annual Thanksgiving rush. Crawford's features all sorts of goodies for the Thanksgiving feast.

Photo by Ted Brown

## Boy, 11, injured after being hit by car

An 11-year-old Georgetown boy was seriously injured when he was struck by a car on Mountainview Rd. S. at Summit Lane at about 12:30 p.m. Saturday.

Mull Gate resident Joel Larocque received a fractured skull and went into a coma as a result of the accident. He was taken to Georgetown Hospital then transferred to the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto.

Police said Thursday Larocque had come out of the coma, and a hospital spokesperson reported he was in fair condition.

Police say the boy ran out in front of a car driven southbound on Mountainview by a Georgetown woman. An investigation by the public safety unit of Halton Regional Police revealed the accident wasn't the driver's fault and no charges will be laid.

## Skateboarders to get a home?

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Thanks to a seemingly unlikely partner, it looks as though local skateboarders will finally find a new home.

All summer Halton Regional Police have had to ask skateboarders to leave various sites around town. Now the police are helping the skateboarders in their quest to have a permanent facility built. Constable Ken Bennett became involved after sensing the skateboarders' frustration.

"I was getting frustrated always having to move them," he said. "I told them if they wanted to get serious, to give me a call."

Const. Bennett hosted a meeting at the end of September. He expected about 30 people but instead got 150. Although he believes the skateboarders unfairly have a bad reputation, he said it is up to them to change that image.

"They're a good bunch of kids," he said. "What I tried to impress upon them is that they need to develop a code of conduct among themselves to try to improve their image within the community."

Skateboarder David Royce said the police's help has been valuable.

"We do need the support of the community," said the Georgetown District High School Grade 10 student.

At a town meeting Monday, surveys were handed out to more than 200 people to get input on the type of facility and programs they would like to be offered. The town is currently forming a committee to look into sites for the skateboarders. It will first look at short-term solutions then begin looking at the possibility of a permanent facility.

"On a short-term basis it could be in Memorial Arena during the off season or somewhere else depending on what the committee comes up with," said Stacey Green, the town's recreation supervisor.

Long-term possibilities include an indoor facility or an outdoor cement pad. The facility may also require user fees or memberships to help offset the costs, an idea that met little resistance.



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