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NEWS AT A GLANCE

Man sentenced

■ A Holstein man, who pleaded guilty Monday to a charge of dangerous driving causing death in connection with an accident that claimed the life of a Georgetown youth last August, was sentenced to two years less a day in jail. He was also prohibited from driving for three years.

Tom Kerr, 29, pleaded guilty in relation to the accident that killed Ken Thomson, 16. The Guelph court heard Kerr was northbound on Hwy. 6 north of Arthur when his pickup struck a car driver by Ken's dad, Donald.

Are you on the list?

■ Anyone who isn't on the voters list for the upcoming federal election should visit Ecole Sacre Coeur on Miller Dr. in Georgetown May 20 between 4 and 9 p.m. to have their name added to the list.

Electors may also be registered at the advance polls, May 23, 24 and 26 at St. John's United Church and Centennial Public School, noon to 8 p.m. Identification is required. Revisions to the list can be made until May 27. For more information call (905) 693-0105.

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During Saturday's mock train-bus crash, members of the Halton Hills Ambulance Service assessed and treated the injured and the Halton Hills Fire Department assisted in carrying the injured from the bus and train to the makeshift area designated to assess and treat injuries. The most seriously injured were immediately transported to Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital where doctors and nurses took over to stabilize patients.

Photo by Herb Garbutt

Mock disaster called a success

The blood, broken bones and screams of the "accident victims" were artfully fake, but the test was very real for participants in Saturday's mock school bus-GO train accident in Georgetown.

Could emergency services staff successfully triage, treat and transport 50 victims if it had been a genuine accident?

By all accounts, the answer

is yes as organizers of the joint emergency patient care exercise, dubbed "Exercise Victoria", identified only minor areas that need work to be better prepared for the real thing.

"I was more than happy to have people make mistakes, because that's why we had this exercise," explained Greg Sage, Educational Services director of the Halton Hills Ambulance

Service following the exercise.

"I think that this exercise showed that the policies are in place to deal with a multi-patient accident, but we need to practise and apply those policies more," Sage explained.

Monitored by a team of observers, participants from nine agencies including the Fire Department, Ambulance Service, Georgetown and

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