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Bus rider blues

The first school bus ride can be a bit of an ordeal for young schoolgoers, so, to take the fear out of the experience, the Halton School Bus Safety Committee held an orientation day Saturday. (Left) Erik Rasmussen, 4, from Georgetown, showed a little trepidation getting on the bus at Georgetown District High School while Sara Caputo, 4, (below) settled in quickly to enjoy the view. The committee, which also held an orientation day at Acton High School, had school bus safety officers and bus drivers talk to the children about proper behaviour on the bus, crossing the street and a variety of other safety topics. Drivers are reminded to be extra attentive around school buses which will be out in full force Tuesday when the new school years begins.

Photos by Trish Wilkinson



Despite having only 120 hours of flying time Local man finishes second in amateur pilot competition

As Alex Wood headed to Saskatoon for the finals of the competition to find Canada's top amateur pilot, he went with the confidence of knowing he had won the provincial event. But that changed when he got there. "After meeting the other guys I was wondering if I would rank," the 23-year-old Georgetown man said. "A lot of them had 1,000 hours of flying time. I have 120." But Wood overcame his relative inexperience to

finish as the runner-up in the Webster Memorial Trophy competition. "It was a pleasant surprise," he said. "A friend of mine from school won last year so I was interested in seeing how I compared and I wanted to challenge myself." Competitors conduct two flight test with Transport Canada examiners as well as a written exam. They are judged on their pre-flight inspections, ability to maneuver the airplane skillfully as

well as their ability in take offs, landings and emergency situations. Competitors are on stand-by throughout the three days of the competition and can be asked to fly at any time. Wood, a third-year student in Seneca College's School of Aviation and Flight Technology, said school prepared him well for the competition. But Wood did say there was a brief adjustment period

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