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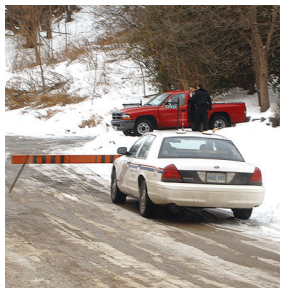
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FRIDAY...

The Georgetown Bread Basket is facing a shortage—and not in food. Find out more in Friday's *Independent & Free Press*.

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What a bunch of wieners!

Acton Caballero Ken "The Klaw" Kavanaugh controls the ball as Acton Sabre Scott "Heinzie" McDonough looks on during the 25th annual Wiener Cup road hockey match played on Boxing Day at Acton High School. The Sabres defeated the Caballeros in two games to take home the coveted Cup. The Sabres, who had not won the championship trophy since 2002, won by scores of 5-3 and 5-0. The three-hour contest was played under blue skies and goalie Dave "Quinner" Quinn blanked the Caballeros to register only the third shutout in Wiener Cup history. Ironically, Quinn was a longtime Caballero netminder before being acquired by the Sabres before the 2007 classic in a controversial transaction. Diane and Bill Spielvogel, Acton Citizens of the Year, were on hand to drop the ceremonial first ball. The tradition began in 1982 when a bunch of friends found a road hockey game was a good way to spend Boxing Day and work off the Christmas turkey.

Photo by Yves Desjardins

Town to consider police anti-graffiti plan

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A private resident's plan to clean up graffiti in Halton Hills has been put on hold until Town council hears about a new plan being set up by Halton Regional Police Service (HRPS).

At the January 7 meeting, Halton Police Acting Superintendent Bill Ford will present HRPS's proposal on an enhanced graffiti program to Halton Hills council. His presentation

was deferred from the December council meeting.

In the fall, Acton resident Michael Jander received approval to start a graffiti eradication program, that would be funded by corporate sponsors (about \$51,000) and use the efforts of volunteers to wipe away the evidence of graffiti in the town.

The Town had agreed to try Jander's program for one year, if it got the full co-operation and collaboration of the Halton Regional

Police. It did not.

The Town proposes to give the police program a try for a year, and if it's not successful, then revisit Jander's plan.

In the meantime, the Town's Public Works department will continue with its graffiti removal program from municipal facilities, and the Town's Enforcement branch will use property standards bylaws and orders to get graffiti removed from privately-owned buildings.

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