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## FRIDAY...

A Georgetown company has announced plans for a 40,000 sq. ft. expansion—a project that will be handled by another local firm. See details in Friday's edition.

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## Couple escape injury after plane flips

An Acton couple escaped injury when the single engine plane they were in crashed into a nearby field shortly after take-off at a private airstrip on the Sixth Line of Erin Township Monday afternoon. Wellington OPP report the Murphy Rebel plane, piloted by Donald McLeod, 57, of RR 3 Acton, was attempting to take off shortly after 1 p.m. when a gust of wind caused it to turn. While in the air, the

plane dipped, and the wheel caught, flipping the plane onto its roof in a nearby field. McLeod and the plane's passenger, his wife Linda, were shaken but unhurt. Damage to the plane was extensive. Transport Canada was contacted and consider the incident closed.

Photo by Sandra Traversy

# Defibrillator, quick action save golfer

**LISA TALLYN**  
Staff Writer

A Georgetown man learned the benefits of Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and Automated External Defibrillators (AED) first-hand recently when he went into cardiac arrest while golfing at a Hornby golf course.

Alistair McEwan, 65, collapsed while finishing the 13th hole at Hornby Glen Golf Course on Friday July 25, a press release issued by Halton Region yesterday (Tuesday) stated.

Fortunately for McEwan, Dr. Dan Honsinger, a McMaster Medical School resident, currently working in the Emergency Room at Credit Valley Hospital, was standing on the 13th tee and witnessed the collapse. He and his playing partner, Kyle Stumpf, a volunteer firefighter from Holland Landing, ran up to the green and immediately initiated CPR.

Kelly Henderson of Georgetown was working on the beverage cart only a few metres away

when MacEwan suffered the cardiac arrest.

Henderson said the three other golfers MacEwan was playing with called her over.

"They were waving and screaming. They told me to call 911," said Henderson, who promptly placed the emergency call and also called the pro shop to have the AED brought out to the 13th hole. She estimated it was there in about three minutes.

Honsinger delivered two shocks with the AED. Halton Region Emergency Services arrived shortly after the second shock.

When the paramedics took over care, MacEwan's vital signs had returned, meaning he had a pulse and was breathing on his own. By the time they arrived at Milton District Hospital



**ALISTAIR MacEWAN**

MacEwan was conscious, alert and had strong vital signs.

MacEwan was released from Milton District Hospital on Tuesday, July 29, and was transferred to Hamilton General Hospital where he remains.

Brian Thomas, past president of the Rotary Club of Georgetown, of which MacEwan has been a member for several years, said he visited him in hospital last week and, "he's doing very well."

He added MacEwan is expected to remain in hospital several more days.

Dr. Bob Nosal, Halton's medical officer of health said the "Chain of Survival was well executed in this situation."

"There was early recognition, early 911, early CPR, early defibrillation, and early advanced care facilitated by golf course staff guiding our paramedic crew to the patient's location. When all of the pieces come together like this, we have the best opportunity to achieve a good patient outcome," said Nosal.

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