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WEDNESDAY...

The annual Warriors Day parade will be held in downtown Georgetown tomorrow at 1 p.m. For photo coverage see Wednesday's edition.

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Nature lovers

The Brooks brothers, Tucker, 6, (left) and Lucas, 9, were among a group of kids learning about the environment at the Willow Park Ecological Centre in Norval Wednesday, as part of the summer camps held in the park. The kids would go on scavenger hunts, and look for the many different influences of animals and humans on the environment.

Photo by Ted Brown

Police-related accidents on the rise in '08

DAVID LEA
Special to The IFP

While part of the job of the Halton Police is to watch how others are driving, a recently-released report is reminding officers to keep their own eyes on the road.

The 2008 Police Vehicle Collision Summary Report, which was presented to the Halton Regional Police Services Board last Friday, found that in the first six months of 2008 there was a total of 66 police vehicle collisions, 44 of which were deemed preventable.

The reasons for the preventable collisions are listed as follows: in three incidents officers were following too close, six times officers were driving too fast for conditions, in 26 incidents officers failed to make sure the way was clear before they moved their vehicle, in one incident an officer failed to obey a sign, in another an officer made an improper turn, in two incidents officers failed to yield the right of way and in one report the officer backed up improperly.

Four other accidents fell into the miscellaneous category.

Halton Regional Police Chief Gary Crowell, who authored the report, noted that this year's collision total is higher than average with 50 police accidents taking place during the same period of 2007, 37 in 2006 and 52 in 2005.

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Police locate \$1-million in stolen goods

Halton Police officers and members of the OPP Provincial Organized Crime Enforcement Team stand outside a Todd Road warehouse Wednesday. Officers charged two men—one from Georgetown and the other from Brampton—after nearly \$1 million in stolen property was found. **See story page 3.**

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