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Court Feb. 26 to answer to the charge.

SPEEDER OF THE WEEK

A 31-year-old Kitchener woman driving on Wellington Rd. 7 in Elora has been awarded the Speeder of the Week title. Constable Henry Heidinga saw the woman's 2004 Toyota Corolla travelling at a high rate of speed on Wednesday, Jan. 7 at 2:20p.m. The vehicle recorded a speed of 108km/h in a posted 50km/h zone.

SAFETY BLITZ

The OPP's Traffic Management Unit took 22 of the 49 vehicles checked "out of service" due to safety concerns in a two-day commercial motor vehicle safety blitz last week in Centre Wellington. The focus of the blitz was on vehicle emissions and vehicle safety.

Forty-nine vehicles were checked and 48 charges issued for various offences such as insecure load, improper brakes, unsafe vehicles, etc. with 22 taken off the road.

Feds dropped ball on passports - Turner

Thousands of Canadians stand to lose millions of dollars in holiday travel deposits because they won't receive passports in time for winter travel, Halton MP Garth Turner warned.

"If you've not yet paid for a winter vacation, and don't have a valid passport, then forget it," Turner says. "The federal government appears to have dropped the ball regarding a new US-imposed passport requirement about to be enacted, and Canadian families are clearly paying the price."

New American security-inspired regulations require anyone entering or passing through that country by air on or after January 23 must have a passport. That means thousands of Canadian families who have never before applied for one are now facing a process so lengthy it is impossible for new applications to be cleared this winter.

"My MP's office has been swamped by people desperate to be approved," Turner says, "and who will be losing up to \$6,000 each in lost travel deposits

because their passports simply will not arrive. I am sure every MP is facing a similar situation, and are just as frustrated as I am at our inability to help. The government should have seen this issue coming and been far more ready to cope."

Passport applications normally take 20 business days to be processed, but untold numbers of them are currently sitting unopened at the government's passport facility in Gatineau, Que. Turner's office has been told by officials that application envelopes which arrived at the end of November are just this week (January 18-19) being opened. In addition, the normal 20-day processing period has been extended to at least 30 days, meaning passports applied for in November will not

be available until almost the end of February.

Turner suggests families desperate to quicken the process do the following:

- visit the Passports Canada website at www.ppt.gc.ca for complete details on how to download an application, find the location of the nearest passport office, and how to apply for "urgent" or "express" processing.

- if you sent in your application via registered mail or courier, call the general inquiry 1-800-567-6868 to find out what has happened with your application. If it has not been processed, you may ask to have it forwarded to your nearest passport office for you to apply in person. This will take approximately 5 to 8 days.



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Battalion edges Novice Tanners

The Inside Edge Pro Sports Novice BB Tanners played host to the league leading Brampton Battalion on Saturday, Jan. 13 in what proved to be one of the season's best games.

After having being battered by the Battalion 8-0 earlier in the week, the young Tanners stood tall, providing spectators with a game that would not soon be forgotten. This was evident as Joey Reid, Ian Early and Michael Gibbons, although smaller in stature than their adversaries, showed the crowd that they possessed the heart and drive of pros as they forechecked and challenged any green sweater that stood in their way.

Adam Coltson, Brendin Geim, Neil Mowat, Jason Goodfellow, Shannon Oulton and Brendan Shannon wowed the crowds using their talents, proving there is not a defensive line that cannot be breached. This was evident by the look of worry on the Brampton bench accompanied by the Battalion breakdown on the ice and scramble when pressured by these Tanners.

The stay-at-home defensive work of Spencer Evans

and Noah Weir ensured that any green sweater in Tanner territory was effectively shut down, while still providing the necessary back checking required to start up a new offensive drive. Rushing defencemen Brad Corpe, Liam O'Connell and Tyler Schouten not only assisted in securing the home zone but when given the opportunity, they could carve their way into enemy territory, and deliver their own shots at the Battalion net.

The final line of security for the Tanners was Patrick Conlin who stood his ground, amazing the home crowd with a spectacular assortment of glove and stick work.

Unfortunately, late in the third period, the Battalion managed to fire off a screened shot which unbelievably managed to find its way into the Acton blue putting up a visitors notch on the scoreboard. The young Tanners however did not lose their determination, continuing until the final buzzer in an attempt to even up the score but held off at the Battalion goal line.

Final score: Brampton 1 - Acton 0.



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