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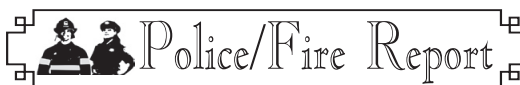
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Nine people injured in five vehicle crash

Accident help

Blowing and drifting snow may have played a role in a five-vehicle accident that injured a number of people on Regional Rd. 25 between 15 Side Road and St. Helena Road at 3:45 on Saturday afternoon.

Initial reports said as many as nine people were injured, but at press time, Halton police were unable to confirm the number of people injured, except to say three people were taken to Georgetown Hospital and an undisclosed



number went to Milton Hospital.

Police said that although a call went out for an air ambulance to transport the more severely injured people from the scene, it was not able to respond because of the bad weather. Police said one 84-year-old woman was seriously hurt.

Regional Rd. 25 was closed for several

hours during the cleanup and investigation.

Abandoned car?

Halton police are investigating an apparent abandoned vehicle reported in the area of 32 Side Road and Eramosa Town Line at 8:42 p.m., on Saturday.

The call came into Acton firefighters as an accident, but when they arrived on scene, they found the car was vacant and looked like it had been there for some time.

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Hydro switch south of Hwy. 7

Corridor switches from east to west

By Frances Niblock

Submitting an Environmental Assessment (EA) to the Ministry of Environment for the proposed Bruce to Milton transmission project is a "milestone" for Hydro One in its efforts to ensure it can meet Ontario's future electricity needs.

Hydro One wants to twin its existing 180-kilometre transmission line on a widened corridor connecting the Bruce power facility near Kincardine to its switching station in Milton. The EA details how Hydro One will twin the 500-kv line, having the least impact on the people, communities and landscape along the proposed route which goes through Halton Hills.

Due to changes made to the original plan after consulting local officials and landowners, Hydro One now proposes to expand the corridor and run the new line down the west side of the existing corridor, in Halton Hills, instead of the east side as originally planned.

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Acton hockey teams win tournaments in Fergus and Delhi. See pages 16 & 17.



Wendy Kriever was the hostess at Acton Seniors' Christmas lunch.

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Young mother wins BIA's \$1,000. See Page 3



MOUSTACHE MONTH: Men on the staff at McKenzie Smith Bennett public school grew moustaches in November to raise awareness about men's health issues, particularly prostate cancer. Several events where students donated money resulted in \$400 for the Prostate Cancer Research Foundation Of Canada. Staff included: Front (l to r) Robb Swybrovis, Mark Dipple, Topher Baker, Mat Jones, Dan Albrecht. Middle: Nathan Parker, Tony Robinson, Derek Mitchell. In back are: Christian Mollenthel, Brett McClure, Todd McNaught and Russ Lane. - Submitted photo

School classes down to 23 or fewer

Ontario's primary students are getting more individual attention from their teachers now that all Junior Kindergarten to Grade 3 classes have 23 or fewer students. Over 90.3 per cent of primary classes have 20 or fewer students, according to the Halton School Boards.

In 2008-09 in Halton schools:

- 90 per cent of primary classes have 20 or fewer students;
 - 100 per cent of primary classes have 23 or fewer students;
- In 2008-09 at Halton Catholic District School Board:
- 90.3 per cent of primary classes have 20 or fewer students;
 - 100 per cent of primary classes have 23 or fewer students;

This has required 5,100 additional teachers in primary classes across Ontario, significantly reducing their size.

Parents can check primary class sizes at their local school by using the government's Class Size Tracker. The tracker also shows how class sizes have changed since 2003.

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