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Taking the plunge

Grade 7 students at P.L. Robertson School recently took part in the Swim to Survive+ program at the Milton Sports Centre. On hand for the course was Chelsey Gotell, who went from nearly drowning as a four-year-old at a water park to becoming a Paralympic swimming medalist. The program teaches youth the essentials needed to survive an unexpected fall into deep water. Students are taught to roll, tread and swim with their clothes on under a variety of simulated real-life situations. The course is geared for seventh graders because that's the age many kids begin going out regularly without parental supervision. Here, Gotell and P.L. Robertson students show a lot of enthusiasm as they take the plunge into the pool.
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House trailers destroyed in fire

Three mobile homes were destroyed by fire in rural Milton late Saturday afternoon. Burlington firefighters were first to arrive at Coral Park Seasonal Campground on Mc-Niven Road, where they found three house trailers fully engulfed in flames after a portable propane tank exploded. Firefighters pumped water from a nearby pond, as fire hydrants weren't available — and a perimeter was set up to keep residents at a safe distance. The Milton Fire Department arrived to help out and eventually assumed responsibility of the scene. The fire took approximately three hours to extinguish. No one was injured. A fourth trailer sustained minor heat damage. The suspected cause of the blaze, according to the Burlington Fire Department, is a kerosene heater being placed too close to a propane tank. The other two trailers were unoccupied. There were no injuries and the gutted trailers have a combined value of roughly \$100,000.

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Tree trimming amendment proposed after storm damage

By Michael Gregory
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Milton Hydro plans to bring an amendment to its tree trimming standards before council in the future as a result of heavy damage sustained in rural Milton during the ice storm. Representatives from the utility presented a draft of the proposal to around 50 people at an emergency preparedness meeting in Campbellville last week.

The changes would involve modifying clearance standards near hydro lines, meaning that some trees could be removed in the future. Milton Hydro Director of Engineering Bruno Pereira said he's heard opinions from local residents who want a problematic tree cut down, to others who feel the complete opposite. "What we've encountered in the past is that some people are reluctant to trim, or they


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