

# Acton churches feed Grand Valley's homeless



Acton District High School students just returning from a day of cleanup in Grand Valley take time to be photographed with their teacher and the bus driver Keith Black. Seen here are (front row, left to right) Andrea MacCallum and Vicki Hill, (back row) Keith Black and Andrea Bogovic.

Allen Edwards, Sharon Preston and Rick Arbour never thought they would see so much clothing bound for Grand Valley.

Allen Edwards' Age Mechanical garage at 55 Sinclair has served as one drop off site for clothing since June 3.

Last Friday the garage was filling up with clothing donated by local schools. Stewarttown Senior Public School, Joseph Gibbons Public School, Georgetown District High School, Centennial Public School, George Kennedy Public School, Howard Wrigglesworth Public School and Glen Williams Public School collected clothing all last week.

Sharon Preston phoned the schools to get the drive underway. She and her neighbor Rick Arbour have collected clothes to be stored at Allen Edwards' garage since June 3.

Rick Arbour has driven eight pick-up loads to Grand Valley, and he is expecting more. "It's phenomenal! I only expected one truck load," said Rick Arbour. Grand Valley residents now have enough clothing, said Allen Edwards. A large clothing sale to raise money for the town may be planned for some as yet undetermined site in Toronto, says Mr. Edwards.

## Trucks load aid to victims

By SANDY CAMPBELL Herald Staff

"We had enough food for 300 people, but only about 150 showed up," said Alice Bridge, a representative from Trinity United Church.

Ladies representing six churches in Acton travelled to Grand Valley last Wednesday to share their home cooking with residents and workers.

"The people are pretty much looked after. I was amazed at the arena piled with clothes," said Alice Bridge.

Of future trips to Grand Valley Alice Bridge said, "soon we won't be doing it. The main work is done." The ladies were needed on Wednesday, but don't plan to make any more trips.

They fed those who lost their homes and those who were clearing rubbish from lawns and fields. Casseroles, salads and fruit were served by 30 Acton volunteers from the following churches:

St. Joseph's Church, Knox Presbyterian, St. Alban's Anglican Church, Trinity United Church, Evangel Tabernacle Pentecostal Assembly and Acton Baptist Church.

Rev. Dan Metheson of Trinity United Church suggested the project for his church originally, said Alice Bridge. However, it was apparent that other churches of Acton were needed and it became a community effort.

## Acton high gets involved with clean-up

By SANDY CAMPBELL Herald Staff

Acton District High School students learned first hand last Wednesday about the damage a tornado can do. A busload of 48 students travelled to Grand Valley to help clean up the debris left in the wake of the May 31 storm.

The trip was planned after a call from the high school was made to the Grand Valley Community Centre asking if volunteers were needed. Indeed they were.

"The students filled 125 bags of garbage with debris, little stuff, scattered on the lawns of the town," said Keith Black, the only teacher and the bus driver on the trip.

Laura Levi, a Grade 12 student said, "We cleaned up rubble around the houses. It was quite a mess. Everything and anything was picked up, shingles, paper, cans," said Keith Black.

"The students were organized in teams of six or seven under captains. Everyone brought a lunch and beverage. We were self-sufficient," said Mr. Black.

Students from Grade nine through to Grade 13 volunteered. This being so close to exams made it a difficult choice.

Clean up crews from schools in Orangeville, Fergus and Guelph also helped. "The effort was well organized and directed. The town looks a lot better than when I was here a week ago," said Mr. Black.

Acton high school students plan to return to Grand Valley at the end of June if there is a need, even if it is in the middle of exams.

## IN YOUR OPINION

# Why is your dad special?



CHAD MOREY, 5, likes his dad for his strength. "Cause, uh, he can lift a whole table up. He's strong," Chad said. "And, cause he's smart."



DAVID FORBES, 10, said his dad was special. "He's always doing stuff for us. If we want to go somewhere, he'll take us there," David said. "I don't know, he's just special."



NANCY DUBEAU, 14, said her dad was fun to be with. "He's caring and understanding, and there when you need him," Nancy said.



"He's kind to me. He takes me places, like to my friends or to restaurants," CHRISTIAN ROBERTS, 11, said. "My dad's special because he loves me and helps me with things," she added.



"Everything. He's nice," SUSIE PUCZ, 13, said. "He does lots of things around the house, and he's just loveable." Susie said her dad was funny too, telling lots of jokes.

## Stake your claim at Indian Village

## F.W.I.C. conference

By WINIFRED SMITH Herald Correspondent  
BALLINAFAD - Several members of the F.W.I.C. boarded a bus for London, Ontario this week to attend the F.W.I.C. conference which is in progress there.

The convention will have delegates there from all parts of Canada.

More than 150 trees in the forest surrounding Crawford Lake have proud new parents; they've been "adopted" by contributors to the Halton Region Conservation Foundation's

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