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LEGO laurels

Out of the numerous entries in the Halton Hills Public Library's Lego contest, winners Alec Whittal, 9 (in front) showed off his elaborate fort, while Graydon Bateman, 6 displayed his powerboat. Their winning creations caught the judges' eye, as Whittal won the 7 and over class, and Bateman had top honours in the 6 and under category. The two dropped by the Georgetown Branch to pick up their prizes.
Photo by Ted Brown

RIDE blitz nabs more drivers

During the Holiday RIDE program Halton Regional Police Service stopped fewer vehicles in Halton Hills and Milton than they did the previous year and laid substantially more— 20 in total— impaired related charges.

During the recent RIDE (Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere) blitz 11,855 vehicles were stopped in Milton, Georgetown and Acton compared to last year when 14,000 vehicles stopped with only 13 impaired related charges laid.

Region-wide 28,108 vehicles were stopped and 67 im-

paired related charges were laid, compared to 29 last year with 24,644 vehicles checked.

Sgt. Brian Carr said police were "disappointed" with the number of impaired drivers.

"The numbers are up," said Carr. "We are concerned they continue to rise and people don't seem to be getting the message."

Carr said police intend to step up their efforts and devote more hours to the RIDE program continuing spot checks throughout the year.

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