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At a truck safety blitz in the parking lot behind Mold-Masters SportsPlex, Ministry of Transport Transportation Enforcement Officer Erik Eustace inspects a broken spring on a dump truck, one of the many pulled

off the road for safety infractions. Halton Regional Police pulled numerous trucks in for safety inspections, and many were removed with tow trucks.

*Photo by Ted Brown*

## Truck blitz: Police pull 16 off the road

Halton Police pulled 16 vehicles off the road for safety issues during a vehicle spot check in Georgetown recently.

The spot check was conducted by police, the Regional Commercial Vehicle Unit and Ministry of Transportation after police received concerns from the public about overweight commercial and unfit passenger vehicles on area roadways.

During the spot check held June 17 police inspected 22 vehicles, taking 16 out of service. There were three sets of licence plates seized and returned to the MTO and in excess of 25 provincial offence charges laid.

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## Red Cross drivers' strike continues

The strike by more than 40 drivers at Red Cross Mississauga-Halton will continue after members of the Canadian Union of Public Employees voted last week to reject the employer's latest offer.

"The bargaining committee took the offer to the members even though it did not differ much from what was on the table when the strike began," said CUPE National Representative Helen Gibb-Gavel. "The members said no and went back to the picket line."

"This employer has failed to understand and recognize the resolve of their own workers who want to achieve significant improvements in their wages and working conditions in their first collective agreement,"

Gibb-Gavel said. "When people work for low wages, when they work split shifts that limit their opportunities to take second jobs, when they don't have access to washrooms or shelter from inclement weather and when they feel like someone is trying to intimidate them, they are going to stand their ground and fight for change."

CUPE is also trying to negotiate a first contract for passenger assistants, currently on layoff because of the strike by drivers who provide transportation to persons with disabilities, seniors and dialysis patients.

A provincial conciliator has been appointed to assist with those negotiations but no dates have been set.

## Wasn't that a party!

Great weather brought out the crowds to the annual Canada Day in the Glen and Acton Canada Day celebrations. Andrew Nowasad, 3, of Georgetown chows down on some good old cotton candy in Glen Williams. Turn to page 4 for more photos of the day.

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