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SOME GAVE ALL: Rhona Thornhill carries a wreath to the Cenotaph on Sunday. She and other members of the Acton Legion, as well as many civilians, participated in the Remembrance Day parade and wreath-laying organized by Branch 197 to remember the brave men and women who fought for peace. (Mike Albano photo)

## Proud grads return to Acton High

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK

It was a night of reminiscing and looking ahead at the Acton High School annual commencement exercises Friday evening.

Ninety-five graduating students received their diplomas as proud parents and friends looked on and cheered proudly.

The A.H.S. graduating class valedictorian was Heather Willmott, who was chosen by her fellow students to speak for the Class of '92.

In a phone interview Thursday from the University of Calgary, Heather said she planned to talk about family, friends and teachers in her address. Here is an excerpt from her speech.

"I remember the days when it seemed hard to imagine passing that Grade 9 math exam, let alone passing enough exams to graduate here tonight. Nevertheless, we all made it and we should be very proud of our accomplishments.

"During the past few years we've all said that we couldn't wait until graduation, but as June quickly approached these words took on quite a different tone. We all believed that a tear shed on this day would be tears of happiness. However we all now realize that these tears can be those of sadness, hope and even fear.

"The mixed emotions we experience are understandable considering the significance of this day. We are leaving a place where we have established ourselves to go to places where we are perhaps only known as a number.

"Whatever emotions we, as individuals, are experiencing today, we must remember there are three groups of people who have helped us to achieve our goals, and who undoubtedly will help us achieve our future goals. Our teachers, parents and friends."

Willmott praised Acton High for  
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## Food Drive a success in Acton, Rockwood

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK

No one will go hungry in Acton this winter thanks to the wildly successful Scout and Guide food drive on Saturday.

Residents of Acton, Rockwood and Eden Mills donated more than 12,000 pounds of food to stock the shelves at Acton's FoodShare food bank.

Drive organizer Ron Birrell said Sunday that the second annual food drive went better than dreamed of.

"It was fantastic. It was a super-emotional time for everybody. Last

year we collected about 5,500 pounds, and this year with the help of Rockwood, Eden Mills and Everton we collected 12,400 pounds and there's still more coming in," Birrell said Sunday night.

"There was a real outpouring of caring and it was very special.

"I want to thank everyone who donated food, all of the Scouts and Guides and other groups that donated their time and the local businesses that supported us including the Tanner, Independent, Halton

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