

Surplus land sold

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Cautions they are only asking for a report at this time.
"I want to emphasize that this is simply a report coming back to the Board in an effort to best utilize vast assets of the Board to put children in school," Gardiner said.

Two years ago an accommodation report showed that the twinning of McKenzie-Smith Middle School and M.Z. Bennett resulted in surplus space according to Ministry of Education standards. That land fronts on Churchill Road and includes several soccer fields.



TAKING A BREAK: Ashley Paul, 7, and her brother Nicholas, 4, from Fergus enjoyed skating and an evening with their grandparents at Saturday's Winter Fair. - Angela Tyler photo

Rural mail problem persists

Two rural Acton business owners have added their names to a growing list of rural residents who are unhappy with their mail delivery.

While mail delivery has improved significantly for one Sixth Line resident whose complaints were detailed in The New Tanner recently, the story has generated more tales of spotty mail pick-up and delivery.

"We get mail - it's just for everybody else and it looks like somebody else is getting our mail," said Donna Waters who, with her husband, operates "A" Plus Mobile Wash at R.R. 2 Acton.

"All we have on our mail box at the end of our driveway is the company name, so maybe part of the problem is with us. I'm going to put my name on the box even though the mail should be delivered here without it," Waters said.

"We just got a company cheque that was delivered by mistake to a man down the street. It had our company name and our company name is on the mailbox, but we didn't get the cheque."

While mail delivery has

also improved in the past two weeks for Case Braamse, he said it has become a joke to stand at the rural mail box and exchange mail that was put in the wrong box.

"Since the Tanner editorial and story the mail delivery has improved and I hope it continues - looks like the squeaky wheel gets the grease after all," Braamse, who owns Crewson's Corners Landscaping, said recently.

"Before Canada Post rendered the rural mail routes we had great service and that's what we expect," Braamse said, adding that he rigged the pick-up mail box with an indicator that showed the rural mail carrier rarely delivered mail on Thursday and Friday until recently.

The Sixth Line resident who first raised the poor mail delivery issue reported that some of her mail has arrived stamped with a registration number, indicating that it had been traced - a sign she hoped showed that her concerns were being taken seriously.

High carbon dioxide

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Department, who said an acceptable level of CO2 is 1,000 parts per million.

"The (Health Department's) original assessment found that the ventilation rate wasn't very good and the indicator for that is carbon dioxide," Amalfa said in an interview on Monday, adding that testing showed the high levels came from students and staff exhaling.

Amalfa said a school board policy to open windows in the affected classrooms 2-3 cm. before school begins, at recess, lunch and after school is working.

"The tests that were done about a month ago all showed that the classrooms were be-

low 1,000 (parts per million)," he said.

MSB principal Nancy Johnston said a parent whose children are hyper-sensitive to the environment called the Health Department and asked for the air quality testing before Christmas and that the Board's health and safety staff are also involved.

"We are looking to them for guidance in terms of what we have to do to have perfect ventilation. We're really committed to a safe environment for our kids and for our teachers as well," Johnston said.

Classrooms in the McKenzie-Smith end of the school are not affected because that section of the school has a fresh air in-take

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Drive defensively

A recent event in a neighbouring community has pushed me to write about road safety.

By the complaints I receive on a daily basis, from people in the community, I can only believe there are many drivers out there who cause others great stress. Drivers who are overly aggressive, speeders, traffic signal jumpers, stop sign violators, drivers demanding their right of way, even drivers who take the lives of our children so lightly when they fail to pay heed to the warning lights on school buses.

These people of course, are very important, (to themselves) and have places to be and people to see, and you should not be in their way.

If you see this type of driving, do not lose your temper. Drive defensively and get out of the way. If they wish to pass, let them, even if it means pulling over to let them pass. If they cut you off, back off. Give them room. When at a traffic light or stop sign, be very sure the other traffic is stopping before you pull out, even if your light is green, or you have the right of way.

You will notice that very often the guy who races past you and gives you the finger for doing the speed limit is the same guy you pull up behind at the next traffic light. Or he is the guy the police are writing a ticket for a short distance up the road. Or he is the guy who has had an accident because he was going too fast.

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