

Town to put poppies on wartime housing

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Poppies will soon adorn street signs in the wartime housing area of Acton as the Town honours its veterans and fallen soldiers year round – not just on Remembrance Day. The Town will install signs with the sym-

bolic poppies on Mason and McDonald Boulevards in Acton, and in other appropriate areas in Halton Hills. The signs will be like those on Normandy Boulevard in Georgetown, apparently paid for by the Legion, to commemorate veterans. Acton Councillor Rick Bonnette received a 60-name petition requesting the special

signs in Acton following this year's Remembrance Day ceremonies. "It is a nice gesture of respect – a permanent way we can think about our veterans and those who died fighting for our freedom," Bonnette said on Tuesday, following general committee's decision to install the special

signs, not just in Acton as requested, but in all wartime housing areas. The Mason and McDonald Boulevard neighbourhood was originally called Warren Grove, but was quickly dubbed the wartime housing area as veterans returned to Acton to marry and settle down. Each sign costs \$100.

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Devon Lambert of Acton received a 1999 Champion Supreme award for her solo drumming at a ceremony in St. Catharines recently. See Page 3.



Lots of hockey action this week at the new arena and in tournaments. See Pages 13 and 15 for results.

Woman critical after hit by car on Mill

An Acton woman was hit by a car on Mill Street East Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 1, about 3:40 p.m. and is in critical condition at Sunnybrook Hospital. Edna Graham of Mason Boulevard was crossing the road on Mill Street East near the Salvation Army church when she was struck by an oncoming car, driven by an Acton woman. Mrs. Graham was treated at the scene and later taken to the Georgetown hospital. When the extent of injuries were assessed Mrs. Graham was rushed to Sunnybrook Hospital in critical condition. No further details were available at press time.

Acton parent angry over MSB tests

Suspend students for smoking pot

A "handful" of McKenzie-Smith Bennett students who came to school "high" last Wednesday have been handed lengthy suspensions by McKenzie-Smith Bennett principal Nancy Johnston. "We were certainly aware that some kids came to school under the influence of drugs, and we did get to the bottom of it. We did consequence all the kids and we did have the police involvement with it," Johnston said on Monday. Police seized a small amount of marijuana and two youths were questioned and released unconditionally. Police wouldn't confirm the drugs belonged to one of the youth's parents.

Stupid pranks

Police handed over five 13-year-old MSB students to their principal for discipline on Friday after they were caught throwing debris at passing cars on Wallace Street and McDonald Boulevard. A woman flagged down a cruiser after leaves and sticks



NIAROBİ BOUND: The Kauffeldt family of Acton, Kirk, Shelley, Devon and Kaitlyn (centre) begin a new part of the lives later this month when they leave for Kenya, where they will live for the next four years as Kirk works at the Pan Africa College in Nairobi. – Submitted photo

Acton to Africa for local family

Shelly Kauffeldt drew surprised stares this past summer when she bought 97 pairs of underwear and personal supplies - shampoo and toothpaste and such - enough to last four years. But, when moving to a country where a bottle of ketchup costs \$8 U.S., stockpiling necessities was the only option. The Kauffeldt family of

Acton, Shelley and Kirk and children Devon, 8, and Kaitlyn, 7, leave for a four-year stay in Nairobi, Kenya, on December 29, and final preparations for the move are underway. Kirk Kauffeldt, who moved to Africa with his missionary parents as a boy of five, has accepted the position of dean of admissions with the Pan

Africa Christian College in Nairobi. Shelley hopes to teach English at the College and substitute teach at her children's new school, once the family is settled. "We are extremely excited about going and about the opportunities. We're also very busy with all of the details - we just shipped a 40-foot container with our furni-

ture and personal goods, along with printed materials, school and Sunday School supplies and clothes and toys for an orphanage." During a visit to Nairobi in October the Kauffeldts videotaped their children's new school and teachers and checked out the city of three million people which includes

Questions why results below Prov. average

The recent release of school-by-school results of provincial testing sent one Acton parent running for her calculator and she sure didn't like what she found. "It surprised me, it shocked me and it scared me," said Lois Matton, parent of three students in the public system. Matton found 71 per cent of the Grade 6 students at McKenzie-Smith Bennett school had results below the acceptable grade level following testing last spring. When reading, writing and math scores are averaged together, just 29 per cent of MSB students are learning at grade level, compared to 52 per cent of students board-wide and 49 per cent across the province.

Achievement in each subject area is broken down into four levels. Students at level one are not meeting Ministry of Education standards, level two is satisfactory or approaching the accepted learning level, level three is good or at the accepted level - the bottom line for Matton - and level four is excellent or exceeding expectations. Matton's calculations show 37 per cent of Grade 6 students at MSB are above the accepted level in reading, compared with 56 per cent board-wide and 50 per cent province-wide. The writing results at MSB are worse with just 25 per cent of students scoring at or above the ac

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