



**MONEY FOR MOZAMBIQUE:** Georgetown District Christian school student, Acton's Derek Rauwerda, shown with Grade 8 teacher Cindy Woudstra (left) and principal Treena Sybersma, was one of the student council reps who helped students raise money for World Vision aid to Mozambique. The students - with a "willingness of heart" - raised \$992 which will be used to buy survival and farming kits for the one million people left homeless by severe flooding last month.

### Aggressive drivers nicked

Halton Regional Police laid 148 charges in the second week of their Aggressive Driving campaign. When they arrived at Highway 7 and Lakeview Avenue on Friday, they only nabbed 15 drivers.

Oakville topped their list with 56, while Georgetown, with 43, wasn't far behind. Milton had 28 charges laid while only six offenders were found during their Burlington stop on Monday.

# Quarry blasts within the limits

By FRANCES NIBLOCK  
The New Tanner

Noise and vibration levels from blasting at Blue Circle's limestone quarry south of Acton are well under provincial limits - some of the strictest in North America - but for rural Acton resident Mike Pickett, a blast is like a freight train.

"You can hear it rippling across the ground. You can hear it coming before you feel it and you feel just like before a tornado - and a second and-a-half later you hear a pop," Pickett said as results from a seven-week blast monitoring program were released at a meeting last Wednesday at Limehouse Memorial Hall.

Four area properties were monitored and results show all of the 22 blasts from last December 7 to January 26 were well under the provincial limit for construction blasting for both ground vibration and air blast effect.

Sixteen blasts were recorded at a Mary Brooks's Fourth Line property, five registered under the limit at the Pickett property on Highway 25 south of Acton and none registered on monitors on

Kingham Road and 22 Side Road near Town Line.

Acton's Steve Grasby blamed quarry blasting for "major" structural damage to walls in some Kingham Road townhouses, three kilometres away, but the results rule out the quarry consultants hired by Blue circle report.

At the residents' request, Blue Circle and its consultant will look at data from the blast monitoring to see if changing the direction of the rock face being blasted would have less impact.

"We want to minimize the impact of blasting for as many people as possible," said Blue Circle director of operations John Moroz who also offered to resume phoning concerned residents to inform of the blast schedule.

"We're going to try and continue to work with the two families involved and we'll try and see what we can do there," Blue Circle lands manager Moreen Miller said after the meeting.

Fourth Line resident Mary Brooks is convinced the

quarry blasting cracked her patio window and walls, but her biggest concern is a fine dust from the quarry stockpiles and trucks that coats everything on her property.

Miller said dust levels would drop this week because a water truck that sprays down the Fourth Line entrance and exit has been paired.

There were 250 blast days at Blue Circle last year in phase two, south of Regional Road 43.

## Yellow ribbons mark trees not all destined for axe

Those yellow ribbons seen on trees along the Guelph Line around Haltonville do not necessarily mark trees slated for removal, a Milton councillor says.

Cindy Lunau says while they may originally have been scheduled to face the axe, plans for the reconstruction of the Guelph Line between SideRoads 10 and 15 have

changed and a number of the marked trees will not be touched.

A Milton citizens' group raised various concerns including the loss of so many trees during public meetings on the project and the Region has come up with innovative solutions to solve most of those concerns, Lunau says.

The project, slated for a final airing and decision at the Region's Planning and Public Works committee earlier this week, will see Hutcheons Hill lowered, some retaining wall added in Haltonville to create a village atmosphere, road contours improved and shoulders widened between Sideroads 10 and 15, and stoplights installed at Guelph Line and 15 Sideroad.

Citizens were greatly concerned with the safety of the road through the area, Lunau

says, but the use of retaining walls, improving sight lines and installing stop lights are all aimed at easing those concerns.

Her hope now is that the project will be completed in one year rather than broken into two parts.

She feels getting the disruption over and done with as quickly as possible will be best both for area residents and for motorists using the Guelph Line.

"We (Milton councillors) hear the Ministry of Transport is also looking at some work on the intersection at (Highway) 401 and Guelph Line this year," she says. "If we're going to have it all messed up with delays and detours let's get it all over at once if we can rather than holding back on part of it and having to go through it all over again a second year."

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**Bicycles**

The season for bicycling is just beginning. Here are some tips and things to think about before getting on that bike and heading out on the road. Each year we have a high incidence of bicycle thefts, most of the stolen bikes were not locked when taken. Also the bicycle owner did not have a serial number, and sometimes did not know the make and model. Take time right now and write down your bicycle's serial number and other identification description make and model!

Several bicycles are recovered each year and turned over to Halton Regional Police Service, they belong to someone but have not been identified. Eventually they will be sold at auction.

Remember, bicycle helmets are mandatory for persons up to 18 years of age and further Section 104(2.2) of the Highway Traffic Act states the parent or guardian of a person under 16 years who permits the child to ride a bicycle without a helmet is subject to a charge under this section.

Bicycles are not allowed on the sidewalk when being ridden, bicycles must be travelling on the right side of the road the same as a motor vehicle, and must stop for stop signs and red lights and are subject to the same fines as the driver of a motor vehicle.

**Parents please take the time to talk to your children about safe cycling and if you ride set a good example.**

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## LETTERS

### Anniversary aids Foodshare

Dear Editor,

We at the Acton Foodshare would like to let you and the community know of the kindness and generosity shown by local residents Betty and Cal McIntyre.

As many are aware, Betty and Cal recently celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, and instead of gifts they asked if friends would bring an item for the Foodshare.

This generosity amounted to over 800 pounds of food, and \$112 to purchase food.

It is because of the compassion of people like Betty and Cal that we can fill the shelves and serve those less fortunate in our community.

Thank you Betty and Cal and we wish you many more happy, healthy years together.

The Acton Foodshare

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