



**ANOTHER SUCCESS:** Achilles Pelitis Sr. (centre left) and his son Achilles Jr. (centre right) were awarded the Mazda Dealer of Distinction award last Thursday. Representing Mazda Canada were A.L. (Tony) Harold (outside left) and Doug Brown (outside right). – Ted Tyler photo



**SPRING FLING:** At the top of Acton, Churchill Church held a sale on Saturday with a bit of everything from garden plants, to baked goods and lots of treasures. Kate Kerr, left, and Suzanne Ricketts were selling lots of craft goods for all seasons. – Angela Tyler photo

## Achilles Mazda chalks up one more award

Achilles Mazda has been awarded a Dealer of Distinction each year since 1993. Prior to that the awards was known as the Circle of Excellence, which they held from 1984.

Achilles Pelitis Jr. said the award is based on business practices, service, sales and customer satisfaction. The Acton dealership is one of only 30 Mazda dealers in all

of Canada, 12 of which are in Ontario, awarded this. The consistent level of customer satisfaction has helped the Pelitis family increase their sales by 20% each year, over the last two years.

Achilles Jr., who has had a licence to sell cars since he was 16 years old, works in the family business with his father, Achilles Sr. and his mother Litza.

## VOX POP

Readers leave phone messages with us giving their opinion of news they have read in The New Tanner. This one's from Pat Galton of Acton:

Mr. Galton suggests that the \$40,000 that was going to be used for a bridge commemorating the Royal Jubilee be put to some useful purpose such as financing 'Off the Wall' youth centre. It could include a plaque of commemoration of the Jubilee.

Regarding yard waste pick-up using paper bags instead of plastic which will

cost residents much more, Mr. Galton suggests the Region eliminate bags altogether like progressive communities such as Guelph, who have large vacuums on trucks which suck up leaves piled at the side of the road. They could then go to the compost heaps.

With the technology that's available now, Mr. Galton also suggests that the idea of incinerating garbage should be resurrected. "It's almost pollution free," he maintains and could be used to generate power.

### Almost 65% of vehicles fail OPP safety test

Wellington OPP conducted a joint venture with the Ministry of Transportation on a one-day vehicle inspection on Thursday, May 9 in Elora.

Centre Wellington COP Committee as part of their 2002 Road Safety Challenge organized the Remove-A-Wreck Day event, in an effort to make Wellington County a safer place to drive.

Officers identified 39 vehicles that did not appear to be mechanically safe to be operated on the roadways in Wellington County. The drivers were then issued with a report-in notice to attend the inspection station.

Of the 34 vehicles inspected, 22 were found to be unsafe and had their plates removed.

Five vehicles failed to show up for inspection and the owners will be charged accordingly. Two drivers were charged for having improper braking systems due to major defects. Three drivers were issued notices to have minor defects checked.

Only one vehicle had a 100% pass rate.

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