

ACTON FREE PRESS

GDHS launches Building Memories
Page 12



Sale of Raiders falls apart
Page 21



50 cents (+GST) Vol. 129 No. 5 Wednesday, April 19, 2006 48 Pages Circulation 21,220

INSIDE



Spelling bee offers a luxury ride

Page 23



Annual CFUW book sale set for Saturday

Page 29

Editorial	6
Ted Chudleigh	7
Sports	21-22
Calendar	30-31
Classifieds	32-34

FRIDAY...

Local students fared well at the Bay Area Science & Engineering Fair at Mohawk College with four of the students qualifying for the national competition. See Friday's edition for a full report.



Crucifixion re-enacted

The seventh annual re-enactment of Christ's walk to Calvary was held Good Friday in downtown Georgetown. The procession was organized by Maple Avenue Baptist Church and Georgetown Alliance Church and drew hundreds of spectators. Jesus Christ, portrayed by Jack Harlow, is "beaten" by soldiers during the march.

Photo by Sabrina Byrnes

Pal sentenced to 18 months in off-roading death of friend

LISA TALLYN
Staff Writer

A Georgetown man received an 18-month conditional sentence Tuesday for his role in the off-roading tragedy last August that claimed the life of his friend Adam Holton.

Nickolas McLaughlin did not receive any jail time, but instead will serve the 18 months in the community— six months of which he will be under house arrest, able to leave his home only to go to work and for appointments with his court-appointed supervisor or for treatment programs.

McLaughlin was driving his dad's truck and "doing donuts" with three friends in a field on Eighth Line early Monday, August 22 when the truck rolled over crushing and killing 19-year-old Holton of Georgetown. McLaughlin was also handed a five-year driving prohibition and 150 hours of community service work.



ADAM HOLTON

McLaughlin, 19 at the time of the accident, fought back tears throughout the short trial before Justice J.D. Takach in Burlington Provincial Court. He was sentenced after pleading guilty to lesser charges of dangerous driving causing death and dangerous driving causing bodily harm in connection with the incident. Charges of criminal negligence causing death and criminal negligence causing bodily harm were withdrawn at the request of assistant Crown attorney Andrew Goodman.

Following the sentencing, Holton's father Gord MacDonald said they were "happy with the sentence," and Holton's brother and sister-in-law Michael and Connie Holton said they were "satisfied" with the sentence.

In the statement of facts read at the trial by Goodman he said prior to the early morning accident, McLaughlin and his friends— Amanda De'Ath, Jordyn Steffan, and Holton— had all been drinking.

McLaughlin and De'Ath, Holton's girlfriend, were in the cab of the truck, and Holton and Steffan were riding in the pickup's box. At approximately 2:40 a.m., Goodman said, McLaughlin made a sharp turn, and the truck started to roll.

He said Holton threw Steffan clear of the truck in the opposite direction it was rolling, but the vehicle landed on him, pinning him to the ground. He died shortly afterward.

See FRIEND, pg. 3

GEORGETOWN KIA
314 Guelph St, Georgetown On
905-877-7818
WE SERVICE ALL MAKES AND MODELS

ACHILLES MAZDA
Address: 357 Queen St., ACTON
Local: 519-853-0200
Toll Free: 1-866-620-3248
Parts Hotline: 519-853-5613
E-mail: info@achillesmazda.ca
Serving Halton Hills with pride since 1973

Lynn & John Drewry
Salespersons
"Exceeding Your Expectations"
www.lynnandjohn.ca
RE/MAX SPECIALISTS
905-873-0440
1-800-264-3434