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FRIDAY...

The Upper Credit Humane Society says Baby needs a new home. Check out Friday's You and Your Pet page for more details on this mastiff up for adoption.



Acton High School Grade 12 student Angela Henderson displays her 2006 Canadian Skills Competition silver medal and her provincial gold medal after she returned from representing Ontario at the two-day, 12-hour event in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Henderson competed in the CADD (Computer Assisted Design and Drafting) Architectural category, designing a family residence, complete with all the building details over the two days. More than 550 students competed in more than 40 different skilled trades, technology and employability contests. To date, AHS students have earned six national medals in the 12-year history of the Canadian Skills Competition, and have represented Canada three times at the U.S. Skills competitions, finishing 7th, 9th and 15th in North America.

Photo by Ted Brown

Provincial cash boosts local roadwork

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Staff Writer

A funding announcement Friday by the Ontario government means both Acton and Georgetown residents will finally see long-awaited improvements to two roads.

The Town of Halton Hills is the recipient of \$765,000 from the Ontario government's Connecting Link program, which contributes to improvements to local roads that also serve as provincial highways.

The money will be used to finish the Guelph St. and Mountainview Rd. intersection, said

Director of Engineering and Public Works Rick Henry on Monday. The Ontario government will fund 90 per cent of the improvements, and the town, 10 per cent.

"I'm as pleased as punch that that intersection is going to be finished. I've had many comments on it. People are wondering why it's taken so long," said Ward 4 Councillor Bob Inglis, who had brought the issue to council several times in the past year.

In 2004 the Town was able to complete the underground electrical requirements for intersection with funding from the Connecting Link program, but did not receive any money in 2005 to

complete the job. The 2006 allocation means that, subject to council approval, the Town can retain a consultant for contract administration and go out to tender for construction to begin in late summer, said Henry.

"I do believe informally that it is one of the busiest intersections in town and I think that it is important that it be brought up to snuff as soon as possible," added Inglis.

Funding for this intersection now means that the Engineering Department can move forward its timeline on improvements to Main St. South in Acton, from the southerly urban limit to Knox Street.

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