

The way we were



1913 coal depot

This photo, taken nearly a century ago in December 1913, shows John McDonald's Coal depot across from the rail yard in Georgetown.

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From our readers

WE DAY

Student volunteer and Christ the King Secondary School student Harnoor Gill (right) was among thousands of young people to attend the fourth annual We Day Waterloo celebrations Wednesday at the Kitchener Memorial Auditorium. We Day was launched by Free the Children founders, Craig and Marc Kielburger to promote youth activism. Students were selected by their schools to attend and were treated to free performances from artists including Down with Webster, Shawn Desman, the Kenyan



Boys Choir, Nelly Furtado and more. Ctk students have raised awareness for international educational programs and helped to collect food for local food banks. Here Gill, who spoke about volunteerism and philanthropy, poses with speaker Spencer West.

Submitted photo

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Be generous this year

The holiday season is fast approaching. December is a period of short days, cold nights, and cloudy skies.

For most, Christmas is a time of joy with friends and loved ones. For some though, it is a reminder of what they don't have, of how hard life can be. This is a time of year that I ask that you remember to donate to organizations that serve our community, such as Food Banks, Salvation Army kettles, and Sharing Trees, to name a few.

What's often lost in the statistics is the number of children who are in need as their families struggle to make ends meet. Many of those needing assistance are working people like you.

As the holidays approach, be in good cheer and help others to be in equally happy spirits.

Three new family doctors have chosen to set up family practices in Halton Hills this year.

The Town established the Physician Recruitment Program in 2009 to alleviate the shortage of family physicians by providing a one-time grant of \$5,000 and a \$10,000 interest-free loan to help them get established. Joining the local medical community this year are Drs. Lindsay Downey, Fairoze Poonah and Dina Nahab.

In addition the Town has been a generous supporter of the Georgetown Hospital in raising funds for the hospital expansion. Having local medical services in the community contributes significantly to the quality of life to everyone who lives here.



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Typhoon Haiyan is the strongest typhoon to hit the Philippines in 2013. The storm has caused widespread damage, including landslides and flooding. Canadians wishing to help individuals affected by this storm are encouraged to make a financial donation online at <http://www.redcross.ca/donate/donate-online/donate-to-the-typhoon-haiyan-fund>, at their local Red Cross office or by calling 1-800-418-1111.

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Thank you to everyone who took the time to attend the Remembrance Day services.

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Great weather led to large crowds for the Santa Claus Parades in both Acton and Georgetown. Kudos to the Georgetown Lions Club, Acton's Bill and Diane Spielvogel and the Acton Firefighters Association.

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If you're visiting the Civic Centre, be sure to visit the Mayor's art wall, currently showcasing local artist Linda Pogue.

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Congratulations to the Halton Hills Christian School on the recent opening of their new expansion. It looks fantastic!

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