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No sympathy for vandals

Vandalism is a bane on Halton Hills just as it in so many other communities, not only throughout Ontario, but across Canada.

Wanton, mindless destruction of both public and private property is pure and simple - a financial burden neither the community, nor individuals should have to bear.

In a similar vein, those individuals charged and convicted of vandalism should be punished to the limit the law provides.

A tip of the hat to two community-minded residents who turned in to police, three young offenders who trashed a laundromat in a destructive spree.

Halton Hills has a program in place to reward residents who report individuals witnessed engaging in acts of vandalism to police and it really is a pity more residents don't get involved to correct this blight on our community.

Similarly, Halton police operate the Crimestoppers program in Halton Hills which rewards people who report witnessing crimes, if a conviction is registered against the accused.

Caring for the well-being of your community is what is involved here and by turning in an obviously uncaring resident (or non-resident for that matter) witnessed in the act of committing a crime, the community, as a whole, ultimately benefits.

It also sends the message out to other low-lives who might be contemplating committing a crime that the eyes of the community are on him or her.



People's Forum

Fair support is appreciated

To the Editor:

I would like to express my thanks to all the friends and families who attended the Georgetown Fair. It's nice to see the community support the hard work and effort of our volunteer Agricultural Society in such poor economic times. As a local businessman, I know how tough it is this year.

Noxious fumes

To The Editor:

Saturday, September 7, I had occasion to visit friends who live in the Park area of Georgetown. Upon arrival at their home in the late afternoon I could not help but notice a highly noxious odor in combination with a thick, greyish-black haze in the air.

The haze and the odor permeated several blocks. I wondered if there was a fire or chemical spill or some kind of environmental "accident".

Research into the source of this problem led me to discover that this disturbance to the fresh fall air was coming from the Park itself. To my great amazement, I learned that a Burning Rubber Contest was being held as an event at the Fall Fair.

This involved cars being mounted on blocks to keep them stationary while their owners used exacting skill to press the accelerators so that the tires would spin fast enough to leave rubber behind. Friends who attended the Fair told me that the stands were filled with gleeful and cheering fans.

With the worldwide concern in recent times, which is constantly highlighted by the media, governments and citizens' groups, I cannot believe that Georgetown residents would choose such a mindless, inconsiderate and potentially harmful form of entertainment. Can we not treat our Town and our neighbors better than this?

A. Mair
Georgetown

If not for the support of, if I may name a few members of the Georgetown Fair: Bill MacGillivray - for a great line-up of entertainment, Glenda Benton and Joan Lindsay - who organized our entertainment schedule and printing of posters and notices, Janet Armstrong - for the fair passes being distributed to local groups entertaining at the fair. Dave Lennon - for the sale of exhibit space and grounds layout assisted by Bruce McClure, Bob Higgins and Glen Clark. As well, Dave handled the scheduling of all the gate duties. Jeff Nurse - Cattle Show on Saturday and Heavy Horse Show on Sunday. Ralph and Alan Cunningham - Heavy Horse Pull on Friday and ATV Pull Saturday afternoon. Not only did these men and women run and organize shows, but worked on the grounds all weekend helping others get set-up, build stages, move bleachers - if there was a job, they all pitched in and helped. Long, hot days wear you down and the day is not over until the last ride stops and the music dies down. The Fair members were still there cleaning for the next day.

Also, I'd like to thank the Georgetown Lions Club for their support this year - as always they did a super job - thank-you! The Georgetown Cadets for parking cars and assisting in other labour duties - thank-you! Often, no matter how well you plan, things go wrong. Due to such nice weather, North Halton Trailers were only able to supply us with one trailer and we needed four. But, Dave and John Manes of Halton Peel Steamatic donated the use of his personal 28' air-conditioned motor home which worked nicely for Carroll Baker's dressing room and office space for other events. Thanks, again.

Also, we were short of sound and Dan Wagstaff of Troopers D.J. Entertainment Services kept us rocking with dance music at the dance stage and up on all the events which were happening.

Once again, my sincere thanks to all who came to the Fair and special thanks to the volunteer workers who made it happen.

Sincerely,
Brian Butler, President
Georgetown Agricultural Society.

Terry Fox committee extends its thanks

Dear Sir:

We wish to thank the citizens of Georgetown for once again supporting the annual Terry Fox Run, held on Sunday, Sept. 15th at the Georgetown Fairgrounds. A total of \$3,500 was raised by about 75 participants and from the sale of T-shirts, buttons and a flag.

The committee extends a special vote of thanks to Barb Reiger for her work on the day of the run and to Elaine Chatten for her visits to schools promoting the run. To Young's Drug Store for their excellent window display, Staff Insp. Richard Kivell of 11 Division, Halton Regional Police for flying the Terry Fox flag and the many local businesses who displayed

posters, pledge sheets or put notices on their outside display boards.

Once again the Lorne Scots allowed us to use the Armouries as our base and we wish to thank RSM Sherriff for his assistance despite the busy schedule of a Royal visit. Lastly the Halton Hills Unit of the Saint John Ambulance who sent two members to take care of any first aid emergencies, luckily limited to two Wasp stings.

Across Ontario a total of 3 1/2 million dollars was pledged at a variety of events.

Sincerely,
Martin Deeley, Derek Green
and Cynthia Green.

Community Forum

Are unions too powerful?



Shirley Archdekin, Milton: "Yes they are. I just don't believe in unions. If things keep going as they have been, we're not going to have any services running at all."



Jeanne Chandler, Georgetown: "I believe in unions but as has been seen recently, at times they go too far."



Tunny Blencove, Georgetown: "Yes, they are too powerful. I have empathy for the unions but they have become too demanding for these economic times."



Gabe Ferron, Georgetown: "Yes, they are. This is not the right time, economically, to be demanding so much. They (unions) should wait until the economy improves a little."