

LETTER FROM IN FOCUS

There is a standing rule at every Lefebvre Family Thanksgiving Feast: no dead chick stories.

I don't quite know the story behind the rule – it dates back to my dad's childhood – but I think it has something to do with someone talking about a dead baby chicken at a family dinner. Today "no dead chick stories" means no one is allowed to tell any type of story that could possibly disgust, distract, depress or prevent anyone from enjoying their heaping plates of turkey, stuffing, cranberry sauce and veggies.

Now, if you have ever met anyone in my family you know that we all suffer from an affliction my mom not-so-lovingly calls "Lefebvre Voice." When we get excited – or, in the case of my dad and youngest brother, just speak normally – we get loud and rowdy. So when you take my immediate family and add in my aunts, uncles, cousins and grandma, there is no telling where (or how loudly) the conversation will go. Somebody will inevitably say something borderline unsavoury, which leads to someone else yelling, "No dead chick stories!" Lather, rinse, repeat until it seems like we spend more time talking about "dead chick stories" than anything else.

Whether you spend your holiday commenting on cadaverous critters or enjoying a civilized meal with your family, we at *In Focus* want to wish you a very Happy Thanksgiving. Take a few moments to sit back, relax and enjoy this issue, which includes photos from local fall fairs, Terry Fox Runs, art shows, fundraisers and much more.

Now it's your turn. What are your Thanksgiving traditions? Are you dressing up for Halloween? Do you have an event coming up? We want to hear from you!

Happy October!

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A&W Cruisin' for a Cause



A&W owner Ashley Monckton (right) and employee Jennifer Thomsen raise a glass of root beer to the fundraiser.



A few weeks after the fundraiser, Rob Hamilton and Al Lawr dropped by A&W to say thanks. On hand for the cheque presentation are (from left): A&W owner Bob Monckton, Hamilton, Lawr and A&W owner Ashley Monckton.

The community came out to support a good cause – and enjoy a tasty meal – at A&W's Cruisin' for a Cause fundraiser. Nation-wide, A&W donated \$1 from the sale of every Teen Burger on August 26 to the Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Society of Canada. The Georgetown location decided to do even more, donating all the proceeds from every Teen Burger sold that day to Al Lawr and Rob Hamilton, two local men with MS who recently travelled to India for an experimental procedure. Between the Teen Burgers sales and other contributions, Georgetown's A&W raised \$2,968 for Al and Rob. Thanks to everyone for making this year's Cruisin' for a Cause a great success!

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