

EDITORIAL

with Frances Niblock

Kids at risk

What is going to happen when the uniformed bylaw enforcement officer stops being a regular morning presence at McKenzie-Smith Bennett School? Even with him there, many parents still try to park or stop illegally on Acton Boulevard while they drop off or pick up their kids.

This increased enforcement followed recent incidents when three MSB students were hit by vehicles – two of them off of the school site. These prompted a safety blitz with education and enforcement. At press time, only six tickets had been issued – maybe writing 60 tickets would do the trick.

On Monday, a Halton police constable visited each classroom to stress the Stop, Look and Listen approach to safety, and to remind kids that not all motorists follow the rules of the road. While many of us remember the safety rules we learned as students from Elmer the Safety Elephant, kids today are reminded to use their super powers – their eyes and ears – to stay safe.

It's ironic that many of the parents whose illegal stopping and parking are causing safety problems, said they stop and park where they do because it is safer for their own kids. Parents – set a good example, obey the rules of the road and don't give parking bylaw enforcement staff a hard time for doing their job.



KNOX NOSH: There were great deals and good food thanks to Knox Presbyterian Church volunteers Jean Jeffries (left), Hennie Van Damn and Judy Cargill at the church's basement sale on Saturday. – Ted Tyler photo

Letters

Thanks to kind-hearted stranger

To the Editor,

I am writing this to thank a stranger. The other day I was at Acton town milk around 7:30 a.m. to purchase a few things before work.

When I walked into the store there was a lady who seemed to be distraught and confused. She started yelling at the man that was with her and truthfully she scared me. The lady standing behind them in line was watching them carefully and she went up to the lady that was screaming and introduced herself as Shirley, and started to talk to her. This lady Shirley kept calm and continued to talk to the lady and the

husband.

This lady, named Frances, responded to Shirley and was able to calm her down and walked her out the store. I saw her walking the lady to her house with her husband across the street. I must be honest when this first happened and she was out of control I was scared for myself and the employees of the store. After Shirley walked out from the house I went over to her and asked her why she did what she did. All she said was the lady was confused and just needed a reassuring voice to help her home. The husband had explained his wife just got out of the hospital and has some emotional

issues and I believe previously had a stroke.

I just want to say thank you to the stranger named Shirley who showed me in this world there are still people who care a great deal about others. I have tried to find her since but have not seen her again. All I know is her name is Shirley and she lives on Main Street somewhere. To this kind-hearted stranger, I thank you so much for caring for others and helping others. Thank you so much for keeping everything calm and peaceful.

Sincerely,
Abby Macdonald
Acton, ON

Stolen Angel needs returned

To the Editor,

During the Easter holiday a stone angel memorial for the late Abby DeBruyn was taken from

the site of the tragic accident on the 25th Side Road, between the 6th and 5th Line, which took her life just before Christmas.

Who ever took this, please return it to the site.

Cecilia Thorpe
Acton, ON

Looking Back

Ten Years Ago

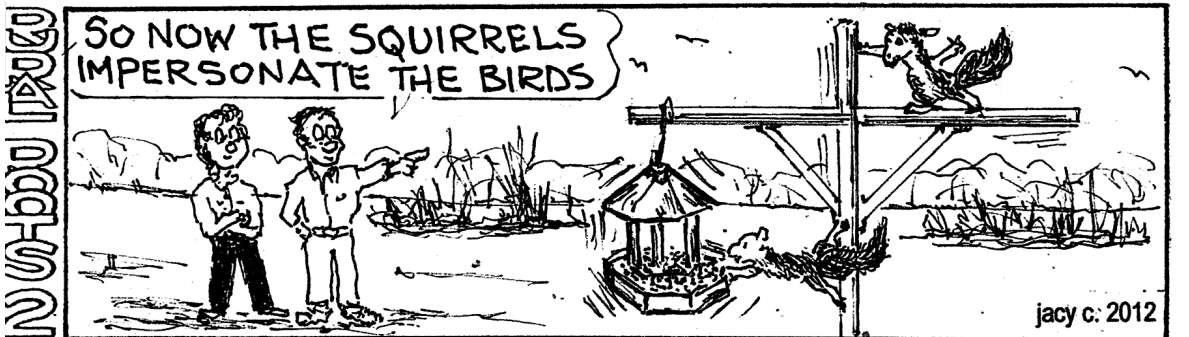
• OPP credit the quick reaction by Acton's Keith Gamble for preventing a more serious accident as he tried to avoid an out-of-control car that slid into his lane on an icy and snowy Highway 7.

• Strong team work and solid skills earned Acton's Josh Bowen and the Bronte Beach Volleyball Club Juvenile team a Gold medal at the provincial championships.

Five Years Ago

• Town Council voted to spend \$40,000 to hire a consultant to identify the cost of services and infrastructure to handle growth to 2031.

• Fifteen Robert Little School students received Halton Youth Awards for Environmental Excellence for a presentation they developed after cleaning up the creek at the school.



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