

Community citizens

Community has been defined as “a group of people living in the same place or having a particular characteristic in common; a feeling of fellowship with others, as a result of sharing common attitudes, interests, and goals.

A picture of the Halton Hills should be beside this definition in the dictionary, because day in and day out, the citizens of this town embody the word “community.”

Take the Georgetown neighbours of Rob and Sharon Jesus— they took on the job of organizing a fundraising dance for the local family dealing with a medical crisis. The Valentine’s Fundraiser Dance featuring The Wheat Kings (a Tragically Hip cover band) will be held on Friday, Feb. 13, 8 p.m. at Nashville North. This local business stepped up to the plate, donating their venue and paying for the band.

Another example is CAShh (Cancer Assistance Services of Halton Hills), a vital non-profit organization that is celebrating 15 years of serving more than 2,500 people, who too have had to deal with a cancer diagnosis. In 2014, 59 drivers volunteered their time and made 1,901 trips to and from doctors and hospital appointments, contributed 7,913 hours and travelled 199,653 kms to help CAShh clients. Over 280 canvassers and coordinators volunteered their time to knock on doors during the April “Give Where You Live” residential campaign and helped raise over \$111,000. Well done, community.

Just this past weekend, volunteers in Acton worked together to host the BIA-sponsored Acton Winter Carnival to provide fun and laughter for children and adults alike in the middle of an unrelenting winter.

The Georgetown Lions Club is looking for that person, couple or organization to honour as Georgetown’s Citizen of the Year. The award can be given to an individual, couple, group or organization that has served our community as an outstanding volunteer, in sports, culture, health or social services.

To nominate an outstanding volunteer, send a letter or if you prefer use a Lions application form and return it to Lions Club Citizen of the Year, P.O. Box 73, Georgetown, L7G 4T1 or email dpenrice1@gmail.com by February 20.

This is your chance to truly recognize someone in our community that makes a difference in the lives of many in our town.

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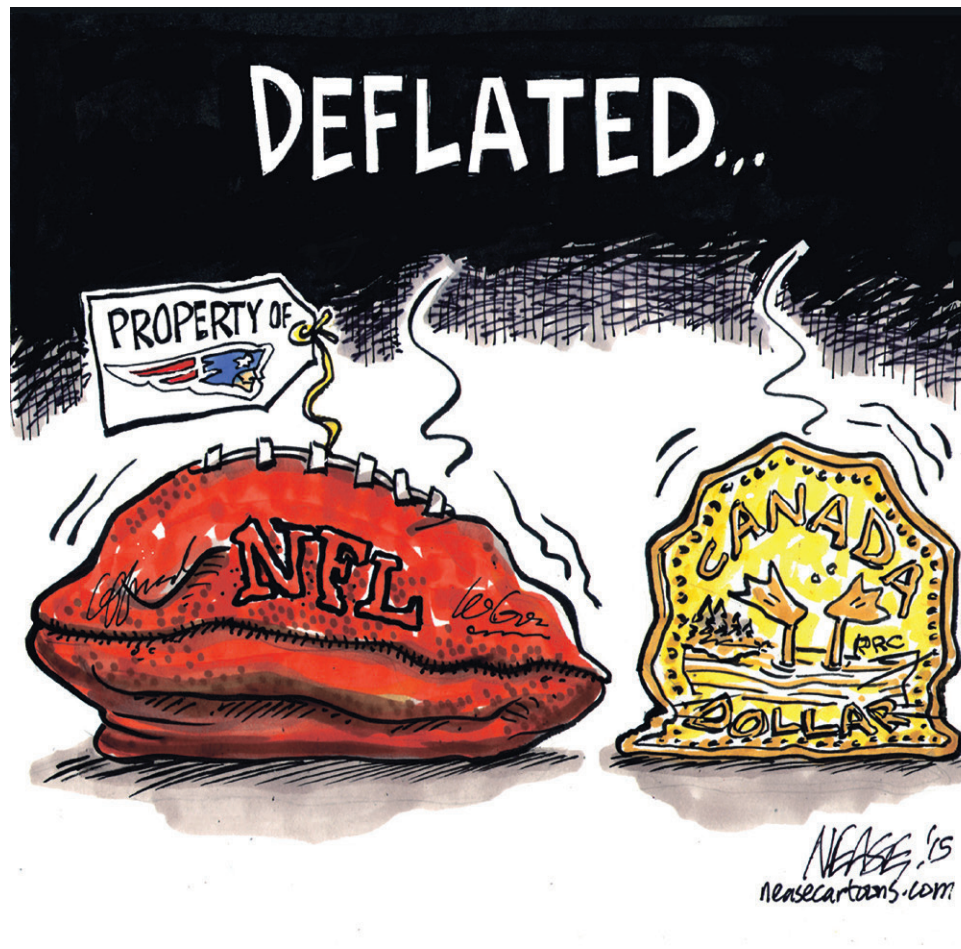
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Will the low Canadian dollar affect your winter travel plans?

- No (50%)
- Yes (50%)

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Letters to the editor

Knox Concert aids local artists

We would like to thank all who made our 4th Annual Artist Benefit Concert a success. We gratefully acknowledge the brilliant performers and artists who gave freely of their time. We thank everyone who attended this event and helped in our yearly effort to assist local talent. We also thank Sobey's, Giant Tiger and No Frills for providing food and funds for the refreshments, and The Acton Tanner and The Georgetown Independent & Free Press for the great publicity.

This year the featured performer was Dr. George Elliott, winner of the 2014 Ralph Ursel Award for volunteerism, presented by the Cultural Centre, Town of Halton Hills. Dr. Elliott is also the esteemed leader of the Acton Citizens' Band, music director of Trinity United Church and a member of the Acton Heritage Society.

The winners of the art competition are, Kendall Meth (6-9 age group); Elly Sweezie for drawing and Cora Bailey for writing (10-13). They each received a Giant Tiger gift card.

The free-will offering from the concert will be used to help local artists to further their education or skills. This is a way that we are able to help! We encourage your readers in

the Acton area who have a passion for any of the arts to apply for financial help from the Artist Assistance Fund. An application form is available from Knox Presbyterian Church, 44 Main St. N. Acton, 519-853-2360. Completed applications must be returned to the church by April 30, 2015.

Many thanks,
Knox Presbyterian Church
Acton

Family grateful for Realtor's help

Last summer my family and I moved from Georgetown to B.C. My parents, who were also my neighbours, also made the move a few months later. All the while my dad was fighting cancer, a move he wanted to make for my mom, a last gift to her to leave her with family when he could no longer go on.

Unfortunately, their house took longer to sell than anticipated and they decided to move before it sold. A decision that turned out to be the right one as my dad declined every day and passed away less than three months after leaving Georgetown.

Thankfully, after interviewing several local agents, we had decided to trust Ray Chesher

from HeyRay.ca and his team to sell our homes. A decision we would not regret. Ray turned out to be the complete package: a professional, upbeat, trustworthy, down-to-earth, get-the-job-done kind of guy but luckily for us also a man with compassion and integrity. While we were so far away, dealing with our own life issues, Ray and his team picked up the ball. They looked over the unsold home and after some time got it sold.

But the story does not end there and Ray continued to be loyal. Several problems occurred before closing and had to be dealt with. In fact, even after closing, Ray and his team continued to take care of us on an issue involving a repair. We really felt like we were in good hands. We would like to thank Ray (and his team) for always having our back. My dad would have been proud!

The Stamm'ler Family

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