

EDITORIAL

Be nice. It's Christmas

As we rumble into the final week of shopping before Christmas we think its a good time for some reminders.

The person behind the counter is just that -- a person.

Many of the clerks taking your money and packing your bags during this last hectic week of the Christmas blitz are students working part-time to pick up a few extra dollars.

They are under pressure for their entire shift trying as hard as they can to get people through check out lines as quickly as possible.

Sometimes mistakes are made and sometimes they may be unsure just how to correct the mistake.

To anxious shoppers, rushing to grab those last minute gifts, running out of time and money, that clerk becomes the biggest imbecile in the world.

We have all been in a store where a clerk is doing their best to help a customer and the customer snaps. It is embarrassing for everyone, especially the clerk. Unfortunately the shopper often does not realize the scene they are causing.

So during this hectic time, please, give the poor clerk a break and bear with her or him.

And if you see someone taking a strip off a haggard looking clerk in a store, try to point out to that person that the clerk is doing the best job they can.

Another Christmas reminder -- that really can not be emphasized enough -- please don't drink and drive.

With this being the last week before Christmas the number of parties and get-togethers increases drastically and the good cheer usually flows freely at these events.

While people often avoid drinking and driving because of the fear of RIDE programs we hope they also take a minute to think about the destruction drinking drivers can cause.

Every year, newspapers run stories or photos about some tragedy involving a drunk driver. We do not want to be one of those newspapers.

So during this last week of the Christmas rush please be nice. Santa's watching.

More Christmas bandits

To the Editor:

Re: "Thieves steal Christmas spirit" Halton Hills This Week, Weekend edition, Saturday Dec. 12, 1992.

I know exactly how this family feels. I am a single mom of two children and our Christmas decorations were stolen too -- lights garland and a large wreath.

I was so upset and still am. I can get over pumpkins being smashed at Halloween, but, Christmas decorations...please!

Talk about Christmas spirit. My children keep asking "when are we going to put up lights, Mom?"

Well, I did and someone stole them. I just can't afford to replace

them now and my children can't understand that.

So, we sat down and colored a great big sign that says: "Someone took our Christmas decorations and we want them back!"

It's the only satisfaction I will get that everyone, maybe even the thief, will see it every time they drive by.

I also hope they have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, too!

Selena Vottero
Erin

Ed Note: A photo of the Vottero's sign ran in Halton Hills This Week on Wednesday.

Letters Welcomed

Halton Hills This Week welcomes your letters. Letters must be signed and include your full name and address. Names will be withheld on request.

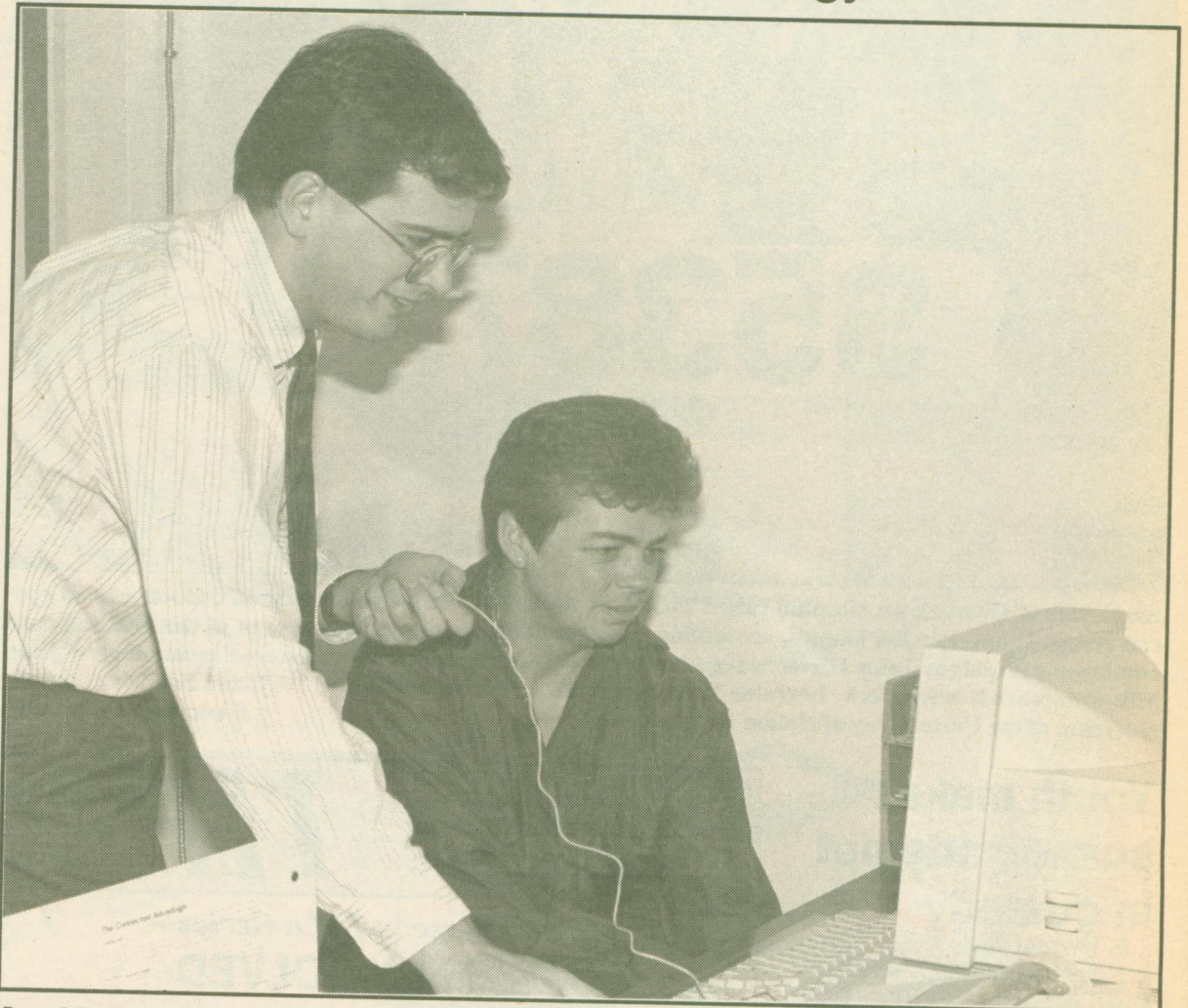
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We have the technology



Joan Mannall, administrative assistant at Halton Hills This Week, gets a helping hand with learning about the newspaper's newest computer and software from computer consultant Steve Wood of Canadian Computer Outlet.

Seniors for the Future

By Florence Wilkinson

I was watching Halton Senior TV the other night and was pleased with some of the information which was given on it.

There was a lot of good information, but I was especially intrigued with the advice given by the young woman telling about insurance, and she gave it several times.

Her advice was to read what was not covered by the policy before you read what was covered.

She reminded us that we often read the first part, are reasonably pleased with what is there, get tired of reading and forget to read the rest of the policy. Then, when the time of need comes, the need is often of the kind which the policy does not cover.

I belong to Halton Seniors TV, and our group, when planning for our monthly programs, tries to cover things which will be helpful or interesting.

We hope that that program about insurance coverage and money matters for "snowbirds" was of interest and useful.

You may have noticed that the station is now carrying our program every week instead of two weeks a month, so it would be a good thing if we were able to prepare two programs a month instead of one.

To be able to do this, we need more people who are interested in attending meetings, bringing ideas, and helping carry out some of the work involved in getting the program on the air.

There is much more time involved than some might think. For our director, who has to adjust his time to the time that the station will give us for editing, it has become more like a job than a hobby. We could not possibly prepare two programs a month without more bodies interested in spending time in the actual preparation for air, as well as interviewing and news collecting.

We meet the first Tuesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. in ASSIC, Acton, and the third Tuesday of the month at the Halton Hills Trafalgar Road meeting room at 9:30 a.m. Anyone 55 years or over is welcome as a member of any group

that is connected with New Horizons, as ours is.

As a seniors group, we are hoping to have some kind of space in a seniors centre when it becomes a reality, and when that happens we should be able to diversify even more with programming.

If you appreciate our program you could let cable 4 know. I'm sure the station would be glad to know that its efforts at local programming are appreciated.

Recently, for reasons beyond our control, our program has not been aired as we expected, but we are doing all that we are able to do to correct any future error of that kind, and hope you will bear with us.

There are many kinds of seniors programs available throughout Halton Hills, and you are invited to become part of whatever is your interest.

Some you must join at a certain time. Ours you may join at any time. Just show up at a meeting. If you prefer a personal contact first, our contact is Gerry Tuffin at 873-8933.

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