

EDITORIAL

My favourite harbinger of Spring is when legions of pickup trucks are pulled to the edges of the sideroads and lines to carry away the bags of detritus plucked from ditch and hedgerow. It's a pleasant way to see old neighbours and meet new ones and brings to all of us a sense of community. So why can't I feel any goodwill towards the jerks that drop their trash in our rural front yards, after all it is they who have brought us together. Take a look at the picture below. That is what I picked up from the front of just my property on Saturday. If Martin ever made littering a capital offence he could probably get my vote and most of my neighbours' too.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

Re: Nassagaweya Rural Watch

First of all I want to thank all of you who turned out to help with the Roadside Cleanup. You truly made a huge difference and the area looks much better for your efforts in the better cold of yesterday.

Sadly I have to report that sometime last Saturday night, some young vandals created a lot of damage to Saint Johns Church on Ten Side Road and Guelph Line.

They knocked over one tombstone and attempted to knock over 4 others, they wound toilet paper all over the bushes, snapped the heads off the tulips and damaged the Church sign. At the moment there are no suspects. If anyone saw anything at the church either late on the 30th or early on the 1st please call the Halton police @ 905 878 5511.

Our sympathies go out to the Saint John Members who only yesterday were out cleaning up the roads.

Jean Woods
Nassagaweya



Pictured here is the pile of garbage collected from the road in front of just one farm in Nassagaweya on Saturday's clean up.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor

On Saturday I joined a number of other volunteers in the Halton area for the local Roadside Cleanup.

In the couple of hours I spent working along part of Sixth Line I began to wonder about the people who drop the litter. Who are they? Why do they do it? I had a dozen questions I would have liked to put to a litterout, but I don't know any. Or do I? Could it be a neighbour? A business colleague? A friend? I'd like to think not, but somebody does it.

My mind was working overtime as I filled my black garbage bag. Have these people always been untidy, even from childhood? Didn't their parents teach them to take their garbage home with them? Do they live in untidy houses? Do they feel guilty when they drive past trash that they know they have left? Or do they just not see it? You can see I was getting carried away by now.

What do litter droppers think as they toss their garbage out their vehicle window? Do they, perhaps, consider that their one little bit of trash won't matter? Or do they not think about it at all? Why are they not able to take their coffee cup/cigarette butt/candy wrapper to their destination and dispose of it properly? It all leaves me totally bewildered.

Who are these mystery people and do they have the answers to my questions? It would be fascinating to know.

One thing I do know is that the work carried out over the weekend was definitely worthwhile. You only had to see the huge piles of garbage bags that were collected to know that it had to have made a big difference to the appearance of our roadsides and our community.

Finally, a plea for those who do drop litter, please think before doing so in future.

Yours truly,
Bemused of Campbellville
(Diane Emson)

Dear Mr Baker

I read with interest your article in the April 22nd edition entitled "Local Politicians Seek Conservative Nomination". You mention that Garth Turner represented Halton Peel for five years up to 1993 when he left politics. That interpretation is not quite correct - he was defeated by me.

Sincerely
Julian Reed (M.P. Ret.)

Dear Editor,

Re: CFUW - Milton and District 32nd Annual Book Sale

On behalf of the members of the Canadian Federation of University Women - Milton and District, we would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to all the wonderful citizens of Milton and the surrounding area who so generously supported the 32nd Annual Book Sale held April 8 & 9 at the Milton Mall. The volume of donated books, CDs, audiotapes and audiobooks as well as videos was unprecedented. We must also express our gratitude to the Milton Mall Management and staff, the staff of the Milton Public Library as well as the following supporters: Zellers, Loblaws, A & P, Foodport, La Rose Delicatessen, The Subway restaurant on Main Street, El Greeko in the Milton Mall Food Court, Dorland-Haight Galleries, The Canadian Champion, The Halton Compass and Cogeco Cable TV.

Thanks to their support, the efforts of our members and the amazing students from our local high schools who logged in well over 100 hours towards their Volunteer Community Service, we were able to raise close to \$12,000. The majority of the profits are used for 7 scholarships to college and university bound Milton high school graduates including The School for the Hearing Impaired's Adult Continuing Education Program. In addition this year, the club is offering one scholarship to a mature woman (age 25+) who is applying for undergraduate study. Applications for high school graduates are available in the Milton high schools and applications for the mature woman are available at the Milton Library and Harris Stationary. The deadline for applications is May 15 except for the mature woman award, which is June 30. Funds are also made available to support other educational endeavours at the local and national levels.

Once again this year, we were also able to make a significant contribution of books to the libraries at the Vanier Institute for Women and the Maplehurst Detention Centre as well as the recently opened Hartmann Community Centre on Main Street. The remaining unsold books were donated to Wastewise in Georgetown, a non-profit organization that raises funds to support local environmental issues.

As a national non-profit organization, the club is committed to the pursuit of knowledge, the promotion of education, improvement in the status of women and human rights and active participation in public affairs in a spirit of cooperation and friendship. We are only able to fulfill our mandate through the generosity of all our volunteers and supporters. Thanks again.

Sincerely,
Lorraine Gibson, Kathy Sellers, Brenda Trickey, Patty Wilcox
Coordinators, 2005 Book Sale

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DESTROY NOXIOUS WEEDS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all persons in possession of land, in accordance with The Weed Control Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter W.5, Sections 3, 13, 14, 16 and 23 that, unless weed seeds and noxious weeds growing on their lands within the Town of Milton are destroyed by the date of June 15th, 2005 and throughout the season, the Town of Milton may enter upon the said lands and have the weeds destroyed, charging the costs against the land in taxes as set out in The Weed Control Act.

The co-operation of all property owners is earnestly solicited. Complaints and inquiries may be made by telephone, to the number listed below. Please note that dandelions, burdock and goldenrod are not considered noxious weeds within the Town of Milton under The Weed Control Act; therefore, complaints concerning these weeds or any anonymous complaints cannot be accepted.

For the information of all property owners, the following are designated as noxious weeds in the Town of Milton:

Bull Thistle	Nodding Thistle	Canada Thistle	Poison Hemlock
Colt's Foot	Poison Ivy	Common Barberry	Proso Millet, Black-seeded
Cypress Spurge	Ragweed	Dodder	Russian Thistle
European Buckthorn	Scotch Thistle	Goat's Beard	Sow Thistle
Johnson Grass	Tuberous Vetching	Knapweed	Velvetleaf
Leafy Spurge	Wild Carrot	Milkweed	Yellow Rocket

Complaints and inquiries should be directed to:
MR. DOUG McPHAIL, Weed Inspector
(905) 877-1819

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Troy McHarg, Town Clerk

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