

Editorial

Take away the keys

The Ontario Provincial Police's annual Victoria Day weekend crackdown on bad and aggressive drivers resulted in more than 2,200 charges being laid.

While officers laid a variety of charges, a wide assortment of excuses for speeding were also given.

One chap, doing 220 km-h— more than double the posted highway limit— said he was "late for an appointment". Another driver, who just recently received his licence, admitted he was a bit on the sleepy side and was speeding— at a rate of 185 km-h— in an effort to get home before he dozed off.

Driving at these rates of speed is inexcusable and should be accompanied with heavy fines and lengthy licence suspensions— much stiffer penalties than are currently on the books.

While the overall number of charges laid indicates there are far too many poor drivers on our highways, individual cases confirm there are some drivers who have no business being on the road at all and that perhaps it's time our lawmakers look at ways of getting these people off the road— permanently.

Case in point: A 20-year-old man with seven convictions on file already (remember he's only 20 so he's only been driving for three years) was stopped while weaving in and out of traffic at the rate of 190 km-h. To date, he has had two accidents and had his licence suspended twice. His latest insurance bill was just under \$7,000.

Do we really want this ticking timebomb on the road? It's fairly obvious that hitting him in the pocketbook is having little effect on his driving habits, so why not take his wheels away permanently and lock him up.

Surely, our justice system can find a way to get a driver with seven convictions off the road, or do we have to wait until he kills someone as a result of his recklessness?

Ex-premier Harris given free Queen's Park office...



Letters to the editor...

Globe appreciates support of Kiwanis Club

Dear editor,

On behalf of the members of Georgetown Globe Productions, I would like to thank the Kiwanis

Club of Georgetown for their generous donation of \$10,000, the profits raised from Harvest Fest.

We appreciate the hard work of all their members organizing this wonderful event, that featured wine tasting, dinner, entertainment, dancing, and a live and silent auction. The event was a tremendous success that was enjoyed by all.

Globe is a non-profit organization that has been bringing musical theatre to Georgetown for more than 20 years. We are truly grateful for Kiwanis's efforts, as it will bring our membership closer to realizing our dream of having a permanent rehearsal, workshop and storage space.

Craig Marshall,
Georgetown Globe Productions

Guiders set a fine example for girls

Dear editor,

I would like to recognize a group of dedicated Guiders who take many hours from their busy work-week schedules to provide opportunities for the girls of this community.

They spend countless hours planning weekly meetings, attending district events, and other training and organize camps to help the girls develop the self-confidence and skills required to succeed in today's and tomorrow's world.

The talents, flexibility and capabilities of these people are endless

and they provide a wonderful role model that can influence academic and athletic achievement of girls. Their reward is the smile on the face of a child who has met another challenge and is now ready for the next one.

On behalf of the girls and Halton Division, I would like to thank the Guiders for their many hours of dedication. Halton Guiders, you are the best.

Carol Harper, Halton Division
Commissioner,
Girl Guides of Canada

Flag thieves are 'losers'

Dear editor,

To the flag thieves.

My wife and I are longtime residents of Acton. We are members of the Acton Legion and proud of what it represents. Both our fathers served in the Second World War.

We fly a Canadian flag for those who served and are now serving their country now. Also for the four soldiers killed in the line of duty on April 17 in Afghanistan.

So you can imagine our upset recently when we got up to find our flag pole pulled over and our flag stolen. Also, the flag across the road at our neighbours' was gone.

So, to the degenerate losers in life who took the flags, it's so sad to think that soldiers are fighting right now for the likes of you.

Steve and Jenny Trevail, Acton

Lionesses thank participants

Dear editor,

The Georgetown Lioness would like to thank everyone who participated in their shopping spree lottery. The winners are Lena Connors and Armin Bruer.

Christine Hope, Treasurer,
Georgetown Lioness

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