

Letters to the editor...Letters to the editor...Letters to the editor...

Community came together for Remembrance Day

Dear editor,
I had the pleasure and honour of attending the Remembrance Day service at Holy Cross Church (Nov. 10).

What a feeling to see our community brought together to hear and remember the reason for Remembrance Day, through words, prayer and song. There was a vast range in ages, culture and church affiliation in attendance all together for one single purpose to remember and give thanks.

As a parent of one of the young members I felt pride to see the children of our community raising their voices to reflect on our past and bring hope for the future.

At a time when we wonder what will come in the uncertain future, we need to, as a community, remain strong to deal with what will come.

I feel that if we learn anything from Nov. 11, and from Sept. 11., it must be that our freedom is something we must not lightly take for granted. It is a gift that has been given to us from generations past and it is ours to remember and protect.

As Dale Wood, the Georgetown Choral Society and the Children's Chorus led us in *O Canada* and *Let There Be Peace On Earth*, you could feel the

pride we feel in our country, our community and in our history.

Thank you to all who helped make this a beautiful community event.

Our freedom can be protect-

School service impressed reader

Dear editor,

I know I am not alone in expressing my gratitude to Mrs. Williams and Mr. Toderick for directing an incredibly thoughtful Remembrance Day assembly at Glen Williams Public School Nov. 11.

The 45-minute assembly included several choir pieces, full class poem recitals, a book reading and a theatrical performance. The one-minute of silence was followed by an unbelievably touching presentation by Miss Nowack's Grade 1 class of *It's a Wonderful World*.

I know everyone in attendance walked away feeling positively moved by the assembly. I am grateful that so much time and energy was put into teaching our children the significance of Remembrance Day.

Darlene Sutherland, Glen Williams

Service would have made dad proud

Dear editor,

I was very fortunate to be in attendance at the Remembrance Day assembly at Centennial Middle School Monday, Nov. 11.

The choir, concert band and readings were exceptional. I know it is very difficult for children today to relate to the horrors of war. These students were not only very attentive but very mature and respectful throughout the ceremony.

Centennial is an outstanding school with remarkable students. I was very proud of them and I know that my father, who fought in the Second World War, would have appreciated their respect and been extremely proud of them also.

Jim Hall, Georgetown

Society shouldn't tolerate smokers

Dear editor,

Thank you for your recent editorial supporting quicker enactment of laws to end smoking in public places and the workplace. As always, it seems that most politicians just don't get what the real issue is. Of course the tobacco lobby is strong and well financed, but they are lacking in decent values.

The bottom line is simple. Pose a simple question to the business owners who are lobbying to retain smoking in their establishments: How many deaths and shortened lives is your profit worth to you? I guess to some, there is an acceptable dollar value that can be placed on life and health. This exposes those who promote money over health for what they really are.

Even what the tobacco promoters say is probably not true. There is one non-smoking bar/restaurant in town now and I tried unsuccessfully to get in on a Friday night. I would have had to wait 40 minutes for a seat! Ending smoking doesn't seem to have hurt the Tim Horton's donut chain. You can't walk or drive to one without having to wait in line for service. People go out because they want to go out. Smokers will find ways to cope as they have everywhere else that laws restricting their freedom to pollute the air have been enacted.

Yes, I do have friends who are smokers. I feel sorry for their addiction and hope they stop. At least the ones I respect don't smoke in their or other's homes.

Recently I was at a stoplight behind a smoker who took the last cigarette from a case and tossed the case into the street. (I've never met a smoker who respected the environment enough to carry a portable container for his or her own butts!) I hopped out, picked it up and tossed it back into the car it came from! The world may be a smoker's ashtray, but it is not mine.

How can smokers mindlessly toss their butts everywhere on the ground?

If you get the feeling that I'm mad, you're right. I feel sorry, as I said, for smokers as I would for any other addict of a terrible, harmful drug, however I see no reason for society to tolerate their filthy habit in public.

Phil Lewin, Glen Williams

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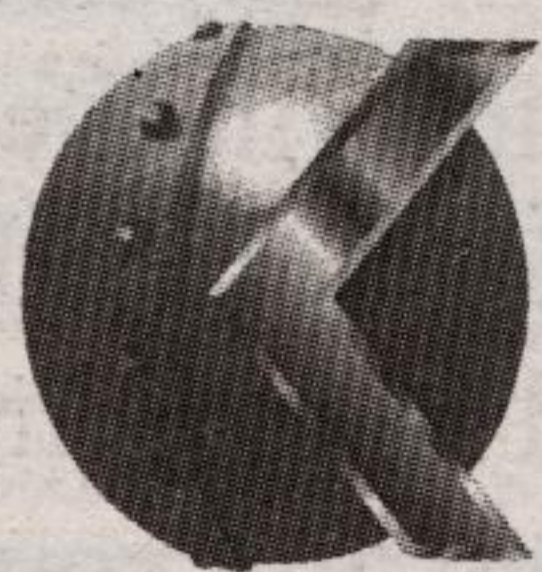
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Leslie Adams - P.O.W.E.R.'s delegate to the United Nations Conference

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SPECIAL PRESENTATION BY HARRISON SCHOOL DELEGATES TO THE INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S CONFERENCE ON THE ENVIRONMENT.

Ian McIlravey, Jessica Phillips, Mary Watson and Sandra Runalls-Lichty (teacher)

WHEN: THURSDAY, NOV. 21, 2002 - 7 PM - 9 PM

WHERE: Upstairs at Mold-Masters Sportsplex across from LOBLAWS at the traffic lights 221 Guelph Street (Highway #7) and Alcott Drive) Georgetown

DON'T MISS DISPLAYS AND SILENT AUCTION AT 7 PM Meeting begins at 7:30 PM

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