

Editorial

Out of the mouths...

On Wednesday in this spot, we invited the community to let us know about "good kids" who could be honoured with a Junior Citizen of the Year nomination—a yearly award handed out by the Ontario Community Newspaper Association.

Today, on the front page we tell you about two such kids.

Chelsea Phipps, 12, and her sister Madison, 10, said they were so disgusted after recently reading about the theft of a Royal Canadian Legion poppy donation box from the Legionnaires' stand in the Georgetown Market Place, that they decided to try and collect donations to make up for the lost cash.

"I was just really upset because I knew all they (veterans) had done for our country," said Chelsea.

So, armed with a sense of what's right, she and her sister designed a poster emblazoned with "Year of the Veteran" and "Lest We Forget" and canvassed their neighbourhood, collecting \$77 which they turned over this week to the Georgetown Legion branch.

Chuck Tutty, veteran service officer at the Georgetown Legion, said the girls' actions show that kids today are aware of the sacrifices veterans made so many years ago. That's a credit to our schools who teach the importance of Remembrance Day.

While we can't print in a family newspaper our disgust for the perpetrators of this theft, we are simply thrilled—as all residents should be—at the actions of these two youngsters.



Letters to the editor...

Placement of hydro poles puzzles reader

Dear editor,

On my way to work recently, I've observed Halton Hills Hydro installing some poles along 5 Sideroad.

I am at a loss as to the place-

ment of these poles and cannot figure out the thought process.

The poles have been installed in the centre of the ditch. And although I would assume that a certain protocol is being followed, I am puzzled that someone cannot see any problems with this.

First off, these poles will now be sitting in water, and although they've been treated to resist rot, they will need to be replaced sooner than if they were high and dry. Also, I would imagine that some of that waterproofing will leach out over time and be carried away in the run-off.

Secondly, speaking of run-off, this recently cleaned out ditch will obviously now be susceptible to damming from debris and ice. The water level is already higher behind the pole. In the spring this stretch of road has a lot of run-off from the surrounding fields and anything that blocks the ditch always results in water over the road.

Also, every fall, the ditches are cleaned out using a machine that drives along and re-shapes the ditch with a rotating cutter. Now, it will obviously require more time and effort (and money) to work around these poles.

And thirdly, these roads, due to the open terrain, are prone to snow drifts in the winter.

It is quite common to see a car in the ditch after it has plowed through one of these drifts. But now, what usually amounts to a little inconvenience and a \$60 tow, could easily result in a serious and costly accident, and even injury or death.

These are massive poles that don't have any give, and the shape of the ditch will take you right to them.

Perhaps I'm missing something here, but I doubt it very much.

Tony Montana,
Georgetown

What exactly was pro-choice defender offended by?

Dear editor,

In response to the Nov. 18 letter by Amanda Reed (Pro-choice advocate offended by pro-life demonstration), I have to congratulate her on her compassion for Jeffrey Baldwin, who she describes as being extremely abused by his caregivers.

This has to be one of the most serious crimes of our society. However, she goes on to imply that he should have been put to death before he was born. I don't see how this solves the problem of abusive caregivers.

She also says that she will be demonstrating next year when the pro-life people are having a public demonstration, so she can assert women's rights to kill their unborn children.

She also states that she calls things as she sees them. This is good. She should see what happens to those undefended babies when the abortionists have a go at them—all in the name of "women's rights".

I'm not too sure whether she was offended by the pro-lifers choosing to defend the unborn, or the threat to their choice to murder unborn children.

Terry McElhone,
Caledon

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