

Editorial

Picking up the pieces

Losing a job is something almost everyone experiences at one time in the lives or another. But contrary to the old axiom, misery **does not** love company.

For 137 employees at Curwood Packaging Ltd. in Georgetown, the new year began with the unwanted news that the company was closing down operations in March after 37 years on Armstrong Avenue.

The decision was made at the plant's Wisconsin head office some time ago but workers were only told Jan. 25. Since then they have tried to make the most of a bad situation.

What makes this closure hard to stomach is the fact many of those losing their jobs were longtime employees, some with more than 30 years service. Finding new employment for those at, or approaching, middle age will not be easy. However, according to union president Norm Beattie, the community has rallied around the Curwood employees. Local politicians, the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities and Federal Service Canada, among others, have offered what limited help they can. Mayor Rick Bonnette said the town would provide a room at the Mold-Masters SportsPlex to be used as a job adjustment Action Centre early in March.

In the meantime Curwood workers are showing a steely resolve that they will "move on". We wish them all well in the future and hope the community keeps them in mind for any potential employment opportunities.



Letters to the editor...

Illegally parked cars irk local driver

Dear editor,
Cars parked or stopped along the curbs/sidewalks at the Georgetown Market Place and

outside bank machines and grocery store entranceways drives me crazy.

On a recent Saturday evening (Jan. 21 5:55 p.m.), as I was attempting to drive out of the parking lot at A&P, I was stopped at the end of a laneway, where a vehicle was illegally parked along the no-parking zone near the doorway, reducing the driving lanes to one lane.

Another vehicle came along, and passed around this vehicle directly in front of me so that I couldn't turn right into the lane that was rightfully mine. In the meantime, the car parked directly to my right, backed up, possibly without looking, and backed into the front corner (passenger side) of my car.

By the time the accident had occurred, I saw someone loading groceries into the trunk of the illegally parked car; and she certainly didn't appear to me to be elderly or disabled in any way,

which might require a pick-up directly at the door.

In my opinion, this accident was caused by sheer laziness; that of someone who didn't want to drive an extra few feet to park her vehicle.

Yes, the person who backed into me was at fault, but due to the distractions of the vehicles parked and driving illegally, I feel that the vehicle in the no-parking zone was mostly to blame.

I believe the store owners/mall management and the Town of Halton Hills, have an obligation to enforce the no-parking zones along their entranceways and loading areas.

I'm not sure what the fine is, but I'm sure this would bring in hundreds of dollars on any given day in the Georgetown Market Place or at A&P alone.

Lynn Haines,
Georgetown

Project Wishbone a success

Dear editor,
Once again, Suzanne Bedard, together with the Halton Regional Police 12 Division Milton, 11 Division Georgetown and 10 Division Acton, played Santa Claus to the animals at the Upper Credit Humane Society (UCHS) through Project Wishbone.

Project Wishbone is a fund-raising initiative which began last Christmas to collect items needed for the animals after supplies were lost due to a flood in the shelter basement.

This year's Project Wishbone saw the pouring of community support unlike any other. Our shelter was inundated with donations of food, blankets, towels, toys, cat carriers, dog kennels, leashes, collars, nail clippers, water bottles, cleaning supplies and more! We also received many generous cash donations which will go towards the construction of a new kitten room this Spring!

Our animals receive a lot of love and attention from staff and volunteers alike. However, as we do not receive any government funding for our work, we greatly benefit from the generosity of our community for the day to day running of the shelter.

Thank you again to the Halton Regional Police who worked so hard on behalf of our animals!

The staff, volunteers and animals at UCHS

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