

# OPINION

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## In praise of youth

There's an old Irish proverb that says: "Praise youth and it will prosper."

So often the accomplishments and good deeds young individuals perform are overlooked and under acknowledged. So quick we are to dismiss the young as frivolous.

The Ontario Junior Citizen of the Year Awards are here to ensure young people are recognized for their contributions. This recognition can help kids realize they are making a difference in their community, and by celebrating it we might inspire a lifetime commitment to community service.

As your local newspaper, we are proud to offer the 2007 Junior Citizen of the Year Award so we can recognize the outstanding contributions and achievements of young people in our community.

Any Ontario resident aged 6-17 is eligible to receive an Ontario Junior Citizen of the Year Award. Please help us by nominating an individual in one of four categories:

- A person involved in worthwhile community service.
- A special young person contributing to their community while living with a physical or psychological limitation.
- An individual who has performed an act of heroism in the past year.
- Good kids who show a commitment to make life better for others and do more than is normally expected of someone their age.

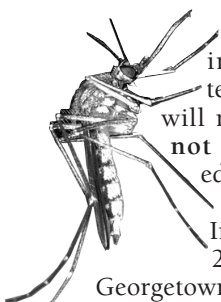
Co-ordinated by the Ontario Community Newspapers Association and supported by TD Canada Trust, this program recognizes all young people nominated for the award—each nominee will receive a certificate of recognition from their community newspaper.

Up to 12 of the nominees and one group will be chosen as the final recipients of the Award—a plaque citing their accomplishments, a Junior Citizen lapel pin, and a cash gift—which will be given during a ceremony held in the spring, 2008.

Nominations will be accepted until December 28, 2007. Forms and further information can be obtained at our office, online at [www.ocna.org](http://www.ocna.org), or by calling OCNA at 905-639-8720 ext. 228.

## Something bugging you?

Send us a letter!



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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Welcome Wagon rep sees change in attitude

Dear editor,

During the past five years, I have been met with open arms by thousands of new residents who have decided to make Georgetown their home.

As a Welcome Wagon representative for Community Welcome and Business/Professional Welcome, I have had the privilege to meet and greet some wonderful families and businesses to our quaint town.

Over the past few months I have come to realize that our town has changed.

In 2003, Georgetown was voted by Welcome Wagon as the Community of the Year. Then again, in 2005, we were voted Ontario Community of the Year.

### Acton residents thanked for campaign support

Dear editor,

To the residents of Acton and area I express sincere gratitude for your generosity in donating \$33,083.71 to the Canadian Cancer Society through our residential campaign this past April.

Special thanks are also extended to our wonderful volunteer canvassers who walked streets and drove roads to knock at your doors. Only with the combined efforts of canvassers and contributors could we have been so successful.

In response to a frequently-asked question, "How is the money spent?" I assure you, it is used first and foremost to provide local services—transportation of cancer patients to treatment centres, lodge costs for in-

However, it will be hard to live up to past standards with the influx of unprofessional and rude people moving into our town.

Have people lost their common courtesy and manners? It is unbelievable the treatment and lame excuses given when just a simple no thank you would suffice. Don't waste my time by not being at home for appointments or giving me the runaround. It is better to tell it to my face and then I'll go on my merry way and not waste my time and energy on people who do not appreciate the service.

I take pride in serving my community and all I ask in return is respect and common courtesy from the people

treatment patients, wigs and hats, information and education programs and a unit office in Guelph to respond to requests (only CCS maintains a local office). Any remaining monies are allotted to ongoing, approved research as we attempt to eliminate this dreaded disease from society.

During the past 10 years, tremendous strides have been made in the prevention, detection and treatment of cancer. Through our united efforts we shall make cancer history.

Carl Leybourne,  
Wellington County/Acton  
Unit President, CCS  
and Liz Bailey,  
Acton Branch

I cross paths with. The rotten apples have no place in our basket and I hope those people who I've offended or disturbed along the way, learn to polish their manners so that they can fit in with the rest of us friendly Georgetown folks.

PoLee Mark, Georgetown

### Reader loves this town

Dear editor,

I love Georgetown. My family is fairly new to town and I also have the good fortune to work for the Town.

Recently, I had the opportunity to listen to a resident who took the time to explain that there are dead trees and weeds, among other things, fouling our community. The resident asked me if I had noticed these things and I admitted that I hadn't.

Surprised, the resident asked if I lived in town and I confirmed that I did. The resident then asked me if I thought the town looked good and I commented that it was far better than where I grew up.

Where I grew up I have lost friends to heinous crimes, my sister was almost attacked in the bed where she slept (thankfully he failed) and a stray bullet went into the window of the sunroom where we hung out.

So, as I walk with my family and my children pick the flowers from the weeds and watch in wonder as the ants and bugs crawl through the bark of the dead trees all I can think about is how much I love Georgetown.

Brian Magee, Georgetown