

Gaggle of amusing geese stolen from front yard

To the editor,

Every now and again you hear of something happening that quite simply defies explanation. Such a thing happened on Sunday night, September 3. An entire gaggle of geese was stolen!

Our neighbours, the Beermans, have provided entertainment for everyone passing their home on Hwy. 7, south of Rockwood, for several years. Every summer they have put out their flock of plastic geese in unusual and amusing set-ups. They have had them playing different games and even having the geese celebrating Canada Day.

Articles have been written in all the local papers about those geese. Every day we see people stopping by the side of the road to take pictures and leave cards and letters in the Beerman's mail box, thanking them for this bit of humour.

We can assure you, the Beermans

have appreciated every card, every note, every letter and article written. On occasion, the Beermans have considered not putting the geese out because of the amount of time, effort and expense involved, but then one of those cards would show up with such heartfelt thanks they were compelled to do it.

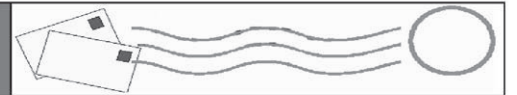
Today the Beermans are not feeling too happy! They are experiencing that horrible feeling of violation that comes with someone entering your property and stealing your belongings.

We hope the Beermans can get over the senseless act and perhaps even start a new flock of geese. They do not deserve to be feeling the way they do today.

To whomever stole the geese... I hope it was worth it to you, as you have spoiled so many enjoyable moments for adults and children who pass by just to see what game or activity the geese were up to.

Ron and Jean Yule,
RR 2 Rockwood.

Letters



Quarry decision tests mettle

To the Editor,

Rumour has it that the provincial Cabinet will make a decision very soon on whether to protect the Niagara Escarpment wildlife corridor or cave in to the aggregate industry and give Dufferin Aggregates Quarry at Milton a new license.

Since the purpose of the Niagara Escarpment Planning and Development Act (NEPDA) is "a continuous natural environment," it is infuriating for land owners within the Niagara Escarpment Planning area and protectors of the Escarpment alike, that Dufferin Aggregates may be allowed to break the rules and mine across the corridor. Big companies somehow are able to avoid the very purpose of the Act while ordinary folk must jump through hoops for any small development.

In the Joint Board decision to allow mining across the wildlife corridor, much was made of the 44 conditions. However, at a meeting in Puslinch, Stuart Thatcher, a

representative from the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) told the audience that MNR are not able to enforce many of the conditions on licences. This makes those conditions a smoke screen to make citizens "think" the environment is being protected.

Recycled aggregate could provide almost five times more aggregate per year than would be extracted annually from the Milton quarry expansion, showing that this new license is not even needed. This approach would support the aggregate recycling recommendation made by the Environmental Commissioner in his 2003 report.

With the quarry in the middle of the Liberal's much touted Greenbelt, Cabinet's decision will tell us whether the government is serious about a Greenbelt and protection of the Niagara Escarpment.

Sincerely,
Jennifer O'Neill.

Hurst touts Fox Run to Council



A single dream. A world of hope.

Acton residents are invited to help fight cancer by participating in the 26th annual Terry Fox Run at the Acton High school track on September 17.

Acton Fox Run official, Councillor Jon Hurst, said the global efforts to raise money for cancer research is reflected in this year's run motto - A Single Dream

- A World of Hope.

"During the last 25 years, over \$400-million in research dollars has been raised in Terry's name and has contributed to the incredible progress in cancer care..." Hurst told Town Council on Tuesday, as he urged everyone to take part in the Acton or Georgetown runs.

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