

EDITORIAL

with Frances Niblock

Join the Challenge

As the mercury climbs and air conditioners are cranked up to try to beat the heat, it's a perfect time to think about, and act on, energy conservation measures.

It is relatively easy to reduce the amount of power you use – simple things like turning off unnecessary lights, unplugging TVs and DVDs to reduce the phantom load, and turning down, or off, air conditioners can result in substantial energy savings.

Again this year, the Town, in partnership with Halton Hills Hydro, the Chamber of Commerce and Practically Green Solutions, is making it easier to conserve by championing the Power Pledge Community Challenge. Last year, Halton Hills placed 10th of 83 participating Ontario municipalities in energy conservation.

This year, the Town is competing in two categories – the highest percentage drop in electricity use on August 11, and the highest per capita participation in the Power Pledge drive. Between now and August 11 – the Community Challenge Day – residents are asked to lower their energy use, avoid energy costs and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Simple, yet effective.

To take part in the Power Pledge Challenge, register at www.powerpledge.ca

Looking Back



Ten Years Ago

• Acton residents won a huge battle with the Halton District School Board, as trustees bowed to intense lobbying from Acton citizens and politicians and voted not to sell three acres of land at McKenzie-Smith Bennett School that had declared surplus.

• Flooded basements, pooled waster and soggy roads will be a thing of the past with Town Council's approval of a contract for phase one reconstruction of Crescent/Poplar and Fairview streets.

• Two special Olympians from Acton earned multiple medals at the Ontario Special Olympics. Emily Boycott swam away with three Gold and two Silver medals in the pool, and Gordon Smith and his teammates

bowed to a Silver medal in the five-pin competition.

Five Years Ago

• Local New Democrats chose Halton North MPP Noel Duignan as their candidate for the Federal riding of Wellington-Halton Hills.

• Local Canadian Blood donor clinic officials hope that a new system requiring donors to make an appointment will not cost them any more donors. The mandatory appointment system is designed to reduce waiting times and better predict blood inventories.

• Acton High School track and field team members brought home a clutch of medals from a Golden Horseshoe Athletic Conference (GHAC) met in Burlington, capturing five first place GHAC finishes and six Halton first places.



A KIDS LIFE: Robert Little School presented their annual spring concert titled "A Kids Life" last week. The story this year chronicled a day without cellphones, computers and other electronics as grandma and grandpa guided them to other activities which included song, dance, crafts and ghost stories. The concert moved along well and concluded to great applause from appreciative parents and family members. - Ken Baker photo

Angela still lost

Lately, I haven't been much of a television viewer. I've seem to have lost my want to watch and when I actually do get around to it, there really isn't much I need to watch. That is with the exception of one show...Lost.

Here are the basics of the show for those of you who have not enjoyed it. An airplane crashes on an island that nobody seems to be able to find. The survivors all have a link and while on the island they battle everything from a smoke monster to a polar bear. There are several groups of people on the island including the survivors, the tailies (the people from the tail end of the airplane that when it broke in two lived on another part of the island), the others, the Dharma initiatives and we haven't even got into all the dead people that keep re-appearing.

During their stay they travel back in time 30 years. They travel forward in time and appear to leave the island. There is some sort of magnetic force on the island that the protector of the island, Jacob, wants to keep his brother from, who happens to be the smoke monster and he wants to leave the island, which if that happens, the world will end because the smoke monster, in theory, is everything evil.

For six years I have faithfully



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watched this show. It is the type of show you can't start watching part way through an episode let alone a season. In a way, I am sort of a Lost junkie. That's the way it is with this show. You're either Lost or you aren't.

The Dude just can't get his head around the show. More times than I can count while I am entranced in my weekly watch he'll blurt out "this show is so stupid..." and there have been times when he's used a few more colourful descriptive words however, I still sit there glued to every minute of it.

This show, as I said, is not one you can just jump into. The writers for this show were amazing. They cross referenced literature and science and many different teachings and hide items, which they called Easter eggs, throughout the episodes and seasons. A few times the writers were featured on different specials talking about characters and their Easter eggs and I was captivated with the inter-twinings.

Yet, as in life, all good things

must come to an end. This season was Lost's last season. The Dude took great pleasure in telling me of the new show that was spinning off from this one. He told me it was called Found. He thought he was being funny.

This past Sunday was the last Lost. During six years I've tried to figure out the mysteries like the polar bear on a tropical island and went faithfully on a website dedicated to the mysteries and the possible theories of the island and its inhabitants. I even had the event marked on the calendar and told the Dude that Sunday night from 7 to 11:30 p.m. I was not to be disturbed and he was on baby duty.

I sat for four-and-a-half hours waiting for the end, and hopefully for some closures to questions that have haunted viewers since day one. When it was over, the Dude looked at me and asked, "So, was it what you thought... was it good?" I just looked at him. "I don't know, I told him. "What do you mean you don't know," he asked. "I don't know...I got to figure it out." Two days later after watching the last Lost, I feel like I'm lost because I still don't understand a whole bunch of things especially the ending, and I'm starting to wonder what happened to the last six years of intrigue.



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