

Police/Fire Report

Stolen Car

Between July 30 and August 1, a 1992 Nissan Z24 was stolen from a Crescent Street residence. The vehicle, valued at \$6,000, was later recovered in Brampton on August 2.

Barn Fire

Firefighters along with tankers, responded to a barn fire at 9272 Fourth Line just north of 5 Sideroad. A small, unattended bonfire beside the barn, which is in stages of being dismantled, is being blamed for the fire. The remainder of the barn, which was empty of contents, was destroyed. No dollar value has been placed on the structure as it was being demolished. Milton Fire also responded to the scene, but was quickly released after determining the circumstances of the blaze.

Fire crews returned on Friday, July 30 with a report of smoke coming from the re-

mains of the barn fire. After putting another load of water on the debris, demolition crews on site indicated they would be there for the day and would monitor the site for any further problems.

Car Crash

On Wed., July 28, fire crews responded to a motor vehicle collision between a pickup truck and a car at the intersection of Coles Court and Highway 7, Acton. Occupants were already out of the vehicles upon arrival, but staff assisted EMS with one of the patients. After disabling the vehicles and checking for any further hazards, staff returned to the station.

No Permit

A small fire was left to extinguish itself at a property on 202 Main Street North in Acton, Sunday, August 1. The occupant was advised to renew their Permit before conducting any future burns.

ServiceOntario?

Residents of Acton can now make use of the new Service Ontario centre in Georgetown. The centre at Unit 10, 324 Guelph Street, Georgetown replaces the old licencing office on Main Street and by the late fall will include routine health card services.

Residents may want to keep this in mind as it appears the McGuinty government is considering adding a "premium" to the cost when using electronic services (such as kiosks) to complete the same tasks. This may result in the total fee charged being higher than if the same service is delivered "over the counter."

A bit of a head scratcher as it would seem electronic service would remove the need for costly staff.

Services available online at www.ServiceOntario.ca include: change of address, plate sticker renewal, driver and vehicle abstract, per-

sonalized licence plate and used vehicle information packages.

As of Saturday, July 31, a press release from the Ministry of Government

Services states that, due to the discovery of misuse, drivers address change service, online has been disabled. The Ministry asks that Ontarians use

the service counter at the nearest Service Ontario office or a conveniently located kiosk. The New Tanner has not received any updates since.

Letters

Regardless of who spends the money...

Dear Editor

The last line of the July 29th Editorial reads: -or taxpayers will have to foot the bill and only the lawyers and developers' planners will get rich.

The thrust of the article was that local municipalities can ill afford to pay for fights at the OMB to limit what developers can do while planning to conform with the "Places to grow" legislation. Municipalities all over Ontario are being asked to support a proposal that the Ontario Government pick up

the tab for costs incurred by municipalities for such fights. Somehow the writer has concluded that if the Province agrees to pay such costs, taxpayers are off the hook!!!

It is an unfortunate fact of life that regardless who spends the money, be it Federal, Provincial or Municipal, there is only one source for those funds. Guess who that is.

Over the past few years, Queens Park has socked it to the residents of Ontario with a health tax, E-health blunders, exorbitant exit fees for incompetent lead-

ers at Hydro and OLG, the G8 and G20 fiascos and more recently, the HST.

We are a passive lot in Ontario and lacking "Recall" legislation to get rid of underperformers or rules similar to those in BC where the HST can be challenged legally, it seems to me we are gradually being driven closer to the poor house every week. Who would have thought 20, 30 or 40 years ago Ontario would be a "Have not" Province today?

Sincerely,
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Rebecca's Run a great success SMA declared most promising for a cure

To the editor,

Thank you once again for your support of the 2010 Esso Rebecca Run for Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA). It was a record breaking success. Under hot and sunny conditions, we had over 700 participants and once again, the race sold out before race day.

Over \$165,000 was raised to support treatment programs and fund research directed towards finding a cure for Spinal Muscular Atrophy.

More than 70 volunteers gave their time, energy and enthusiasm to make it all happen and we had over 270 participants participate on a team. Overall, it was a day full of milestones.

Since the inception of the race in 2002, and paired with the Angel Gala for SMA, we have raised just under \$1,700,000. Reaching this milestone would not have been possible without the continued support and unwavering commitment of runners, walkers, donors, media, family and

friends to bring us closer to eradicating SMA.

Many aspects of treatment and cure research have been moving forward at an exponential pace and we know that the next 3-5 years are crucial with human trials, drug trials and stem cell research. Of 600 diseases yet to be cured, the NIH (National Institute of Health) has declared SMA the most promising. The research phases

are expensive and it is more important now than ever before to continue with our fundraising efforts.

For each families living with SMA, the ESSO Rebecca Run has become a cornerstone for support, inspiration and belief that a cure is on the way. The day truly belongs to them - and YOU helped make that happen.

We thank you again for your support to date and

will continue to ask for your help as we begin to plan for the 2011 event, our 10th anniversary.

The next Angel Gala will be held Saturday November 13th at Glencairn Golf Club. For tickets please email Theresa van Fraassen at vanfraassen@cogeco.ca

Respectfully,
Louise Smith,
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