

OUR READERS WRITE

THE CANADIAN CHAMPION

Vandals destroyed more than property, says reader

Dear Editor:

We are writing this letter to personally thank the people who walked up our driveway around the van parked there and smashed the pumpkin that our 10-year-old daughter worked so hard to cut out.

She chose not to 'trick or treat' this year, but still wanted to take part in the festivities. She helped her father decorate the garage and the front of our house. When it was time to carve the pumpkin she carefully followed the pattern. It didn't look like the work of a 10-year-old, but I assure you, she did it on her own. When she came out the next morning and saw that the pumpkin was gone (tell-tale bits were still around), despite the efforts of a father trying desperately to preserve her innocence she was brave and just shook her head and said, "teenagers."

After she was settled in the van I looked back and saw the glint of a tear in the corner of her eye. Needless to say, it broke my heart.

So to those responsible for such a deed, let me assure you I'm not angry with you, however, I feel sorry for you because somewhere a long time ago, someone smashed your pumpkin.

Aileen Bell
Milton

Parents need to get on the ball and watch their teens

Dear Editor:

Can we parents, get a grip on the few teenagers in Milton who cause us grief? Can we as parents monitor the teenagers' activities better?

I have really had it with these kids who are disrespectful and malicious. They broke my nine and five-year-old boys' hearts when on Thursday, Oct. 22

sometime between 9 and 9:30 p.m., two guys came on our property and smashed pumpkins and a bird house we had tucked in our front porch. (Just one example of many such incidents.)

We know they attend a local high school and are approximately 15 years old.

I have spent two hours trying to write this letter and have decided it somehow feels like the biggest waste of time ever. What could we possibly say that would make an impact on these kids or better yet, an impression on the parents of teenagers who let them wander the streets without purpose?

My kids are not in high school yet. Being a good parent is hard. But it is worth the effort to start teaching them young about basic respect. Let's not be blind and dumb if our kids are out every night late without a good reason.

Talk to your teenagers. Reward those who will identify the troublemakers.

We will now be installing security cameras in our area. We will catch them the next time they crash and trash our little park or personal property. We will take action.

Thanks go to the teenagers who are setting a good example. Thanks go to those teenagers who are willing to speak out against the 'losers'. Don't let the few 'losers' intimidate you. Tell your parents, tell a teacher. Let's make Milton an example of zero tolerance.

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