



COMMENT

Sometimes angels sit behind the wheel, too

Heroism is momentous at any pace. But rev it up to highway speeds and something wondrous takes place.

A Campbellville woman was able to return to her family unscathed last week after two drivers noticed she had passed out at the wheel while traveling westbound on Hwy. 401 in her Lumina mini-van.

By scooting ahead and beside her, the pair effectively maneuvered their vehicles to bring the Lumina to a safe stop on the shoulder of the road.

To do this, the men willingly drove both themselves and their vehicles into harm's way. They appear to have done it without hesitation, or regret.

Milton's Michael McConnell is one hero in the high-speed tale. The second man, whose vehicle didn't appear to incur any damage, is the anonymous samaritan of the story.

The heartfelt thanks of the driver and her family go out to both men. So should the thanks of us all. With talk of driver frustration and road rage still mounting, it's important to remember that sometimes angels sit behind the wheel, too.

TO SERVE AND PROTECT



TO SWERVE AND NEGLECT (THE SAFETY OF OTHERS)



OUR READERS WRITE

Let's preserve Milton's history for our kids

Dear Editor:

Re: Protection of Milton's heritage needed.

I'm writing in response to P. Casteel's 'suggestion' that the Mill Pond be filled in and turned into a new cultural centre such as an opera house or convention centre.

I'm horrified at the very thought of destroying something so unique and cultural to Milton as the Mill Pond. After all, we used to be known as Martin's Mill and Mill-town. It's bad enough that the original mill that the Martin family operated no longer stands in our town.

But, to take away the pond too would be to take away any reminders of what Milton was like in its glory days -- the pond being both a necessary tool for the mill as well as a popular recreational spot, popular even today.

If we follow your logic why not tear down all of Milton's remaining historical buildings?

Milton's past is something we should all feel proud of. Destroying significant landmarks leaves nothing for our children to look at except photo books.

**Diane Robnik
Milton**

Town landscaping has been deteriorating

(The following letter was addressed to Jennifer Reynolds, director of community services for the Town of Milton, and a copy was filed with *The Champion*.)

Dear Editor:

My husband and I are life-long residents of Milton, and homeowners for the past 24 years. We're concerned about the poor state of green space in town. The quality of landscaping has deteriorated each year -- this year being the worst ever.

Please do not blame the wet weather. Crew leaders for the private landscapers have managed to stay ahead of the job for their commercial and industrial clients. The landscaping along the walking path near our home (adjacent to the hospital) is done in such haste. There are areas where the grass is scalped to the dirt and others where it's two feet tall. And this is considered finished until the next time (one or two weeks).

When the new developers start

their projects in Milton, they will be complete with the newest design in retaining walls, bicycle paths and parks. The Town will be expected to continue to keep this area pristine for the new residents. Is it possible to improve the care of the existing areas of town, before the job grows by leaps and bounds? The walking paths near my home are poorly lit, overgrown with trees and littered with broken glass and used items no one wishes to view. How will the works department keep up when the town doubles in size?

One suggestion we have is to use a small portion of the "casino

fund" and hire two or three more summer students, along with appropriate equipment (lawnmowers, whipper snipers and small tractors). Although town council has debated long and hard as to where the money should go, I would like to think an allocation of \$20,000 to \$30,000 to benefit the overall appearance of the town could not be disputed.

I look forward to hearing from you, with your response to my questions, concerns and suggestions.

**Jean and Joe Gregoris
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