

## Finding the perfect gift is easy at A Country Mile

Looking for a great gift idea, or a unique accessory for the home? Look no further than downtown Milton.

Nestled in a cosy two floor shop, A Country Mile carries a wide variety of furniture and giftware with an upscale country flair.

"There's candles and accessories, country decorating accents, lamps and prints and shelves," owner, Glenn English said.

Though the welcoming faces of the English family - Glenn, Kimberly, baby Brooke and dog Bailey - stay the same, the store's inventory is constantly changing.

"Even if a person comes in once a week," Mr. English said, "there's always something new to see."

The store carries many handmade items from Canada and the United States. Currently A Country Mile is celebrating the arrival of a new furniture line, Rowe, based out of Virginia.

Customer happiness is important to the English family and they're willing to go the

extra mile by accommodating requests for specialized or customized items as well as employing friendly, helpful & knowledgeable staff.

A Country Mile provides a great selection of gifts for every holiday and season - especially Christmas.

"We have something for everybody's price range, especially gift shopping," Mr. English said.

With Ms English's merchandising background the store is always neat, tidy and sporting beautifully designed floor and window displays.

Mr. English said A Country Mile has become known as a "destination shop" where people can come and spend an hour just walking around and browsing.

The store is open seven days a week and all holidays except Christmas & New Year Day.

**A Country Mile is located at 265 Main St. (Carriage Square complex) 905-878-1070**

## Harry knows his transmissions and has experience to prove it

Having been in the business for 33 years, Harry Manovich knows transmissions.

The owner of Milton Transmission at 85 Steeles Avenue East (Units 3, 4 and 5) began learning his trade as a teenager when he lent a hand at his dad Steve's transmission shop in Hamilton.

Mr. Manovich opened his own shop on Main Street in Milton in 1976, later expanding to his current location. He offers a full range of repairs to power transmissions, automatic transmissions, standards, clutches, transfer cases, drive shafts, differentials, wheel bearings, gaskets and axles.

"I try to offer a fair price for a quality job. We

try to do the best that we can for the customer," he says.

Having previously worked in the surrounding area, namely Hamilton, Brantford, Niagara Falls, Burlington and Oakville, he knows he made the right decision in relocating to Milton. He lives in the community as well.

"Back in 1976, we were the only transmission repair shop in town. I definitely love Milton, especially the people," Mr. Manovich said. "It's more low key and friendly than anywhere else I've ever worked."

Milton Transmission employs six people including licensed technicians and Mr. Manovich's wife Cindy, who does the books.

## Bell World services all your communication needs

The communications industry is constantly growing and Bell World is prepared to keep consumers up to date on the latest happenings.

Owner, Robin Petersen said the store aims to provide "the latest technology, the latest products with friendly staff."

The store offers wireless communication, telephone services for the home, Sympatico Internet service (both high speed and regular), ExpressVu satellite systems and paging. The store also has a drop box whereby customers can make payments on their account.

Bell World is able to satisfy the needs of small businesses, corporate accounts and personal requirements. The staff are able to assess each customer's individual needs and suit them accordingly.

"Qualifying the customer is the most important aspect, so you're not overselling or underselling the customer," Ms Petersen said. "Staff

listen to the customer's personal or business needs."

Choosing the correct wireless plan can seem impossible with so many options, but the staff can suggest the ideal plan based on the purpose of the cell phone, the type of travelling the customer does and the estimated amount of usage. Pay as you go plans are available for emergency use.

The spacious store has several models on display to assist customer's in their decision making process. The store carries top of the line merchandise including product lines by Motorola, Samsung and Qualcomm.

Ms Petersen said she is very grateful for the support Bell World has received from the Milton community.

**Bell World is located at 377 Main St. E. 905-878-1113**

## Almost time for Milton's annual Farmers' Market

It's almost time for Milton's Farmers' Market. Saturday mornings from May 19th to October 27th, don't seem to be the same without a visit to the Farmers' Market.

According to a 1997 study released by the University of Guelph, Milton's Farmers' Market is one of the best in Southern Ontario.

Run by the Milton Chamber of the Commerce, the market runs from 7 a.m. to noon along Main Street.

The stretch of street between Martin and James Streets is closed to allow pedestrians to look at the vendors who are selling their wares.

Farmers come from as far away as Niagara to sell their goods, or produce.

"Some of (the vendors) have been with us for the full 29 years," said Sandy Martin, executive director of the Chamber of Commerce.

The market, which won the Milton's Choice Award for Best Farmers' Market, offers a number of items including fresh fruits and vegetables, organically-grown produce, fish, eggs, meat, breads, sweets and other baked goods, fresh flowers, preserves, cheese and more.

The chamber also runs its Scholarship Café, run by students, which funds over \$2000 in local scholarships.

The café sells bacon on a bun, coffee and juice, with money raised donated to Milton High Schools and Junior Achievement.

In addition to a place to go to purchase farm-fresh items, it is also a place to greet your neighbours and visit with friends.

"It's as much as a social event as a place to shop," she said.

**For details, call the Chamber at 878-0581.**

## Budget Rent-A-Car caters to your vehicle needs

No time to arrange for pickup of a rental vehicle - no problem. Budget Rent-A-Car makes getting where you need to be easy.

The largest fleet car company in Toronto set up shop in Milton five years ago. Since then they have raced to the top for rental services.

"It has grown leaps and bounds," said Barb Kirby, city manager. She estimated the fleet has grown almost 200 per cent since its humble beginnings.

Whatever preference the client has, Budget Rent-A-Car can accommodate it. All makes and models are carried, from the Neon to the Lincoln and anything in between.

Ms Kirby explained even if Milton does not have a particular car on the lot, as a fleet car company, vehicles can be transferred from one of 35 GTA locations.

There's no surprises at Budget, vehicle condition is always immaculate. All vehicles are

2001 models and are replaced every six months.

Special occasions call for special cars and Budget's line of classic cars includes Ferrari's and BMW's, to meet your every desire.

As part of exceptional customer service, Budget Rent-A-Car provides pick up and delivery services.

"We try to give as much convenience to the customer as possible," Ms Kirby said.

Paperwork is kept very minimal and can be brought directly to the customer. Once set up in the system, each preceding visit is faster.

The Milton location is run by four local Miltonians who are very happy to be recognized by their home town. They look forward to continuing to offer the best vehicle renting services they can.

**Budget Rent-A-Car is located at 295 Main St. E. 905-876-1796**

## Zellers has everything you need at reasonable prices

Zellers provides more bang for the buck.

The Canadian department store, owned by the Hudson's Bay Company, helps Miltonians make their money stretch further.

"We give true value for the dollar," said Scott Weir, store manager.

The store provides one-stop-shopping for all of the customers' needs.

"We have a little mix of everything," he said.

People can find everything they need at Zellers including bed and bath, small appliances, electronics, fashions, food and much more.

The store carries national brands such as the Martha Stewart collection of towels and bedding as well as their private labels including Cherokee. They also carry Truly, a brand that has everything from cleaning supplies to paper prod-

ucts and candy, all at a reasonable price.

While a variety of products at reasonable prices will draw people to the store, the friendly staff will keep people coming back.

"Someone is always around. We're not perfect by any means, but we are trying to get perfect."

Mr. Weir said the store underwent several changes in the last few years including opening it up so it is brighter, neater and it easier to find things, he said.

Zellers, which won the Milton's Choice Award for Best Department Store, also offers ClubZ. Every time people purchase something they collect points that can be turned in for merchandise at the store.

**Zellers is located in the Milton Mall. For details call 878-8178.**

## Good food, good times awaits you at The Dickens

It's not hard to see why the Dickens has such a loyal following.

The pub, which has been inviting friends over for the last 20 years, has thousands of loyal customers who come in for a drink, good food and a chance to meet friends and family for an afternoon of socializing, said owner/manager Roger Mason.

Tucked away off Main Street, the British pub offers patrons a unique atmosphere, perfect for any occasion.

Staff at the Dickens are friendly and knowledgeable and take pride in their jobs.

"Some of the (staff) have been with me for over 10 years," Mr. Mason said. "They are really conscientious of what they do. They take pride in being here. They treat it like their own."

The Dickens has a full range of menu items including traditional pub fare such as fish and chips and steak and kidney pie. They also have stir fries, roast beef, soups, salads and more. There is a selection of desserts as well.

The pub also offers a variety of specials including Thursday Rib nights. All the food is prepared on the premises and is made to order.

The Dickens, which won the Milton's Choice Award for Favourite Pub, Favourite Nachos and Favourite Wings, is fully licensed and has 13 beers on tap including both domestic and imported beers.

"We offer good food, good times and friendly service," Mr. Mason said. "Some people call this their second home."

**The Dickens is located at 189 Mill St. 905-878-6680**