

# COMMENT

## Heart of community here on these pages

"Canada's community newspapers are the heart and soul of villages, towns and cities from coast to coast to coast. As a key source of local news, information, advertising and other necessary details of daily life in city neighbourhoods and rural routes alike, they are vital in connecting Canadians to their roots and to each other."

So said Canadian Heritage Minister Sheila Copps in a recent speech to the 83rd annual conference of the Canadian Community Newspapers Association.

We decided to use Copps' words as a springboard to thank our readers and clients for their continued support and to encourage you to keep writing in your views and calling in story ideas.

We will, of course, continue to annoy some of you on occasion, but that goes with the territory. Some may suggest we represent only one side of an issue and yes, our editorial stances do, but we offer balanced coverage, and if we do indeed incite you to put pen to paper or fingers to keyboard, it means we're doing our job.

With your support, we will continue to strive to be the number one communication tool in the community, for the community, and to be the community's voice of record.



## OUR READERS WRITE

### Dangling cable wires unacceptable: reader

Dear Editor:

I'm concerned about a practice that has been much more common over the previous year that has created an eyesore in our town.

Whether it be laziness on the part of the cable company installers or rampant cable piracy in our neighbourhoods, wires dangling across our streets for six months or more is unacceptable.

I live on Marcellus Avenue and every street within a few blocks of me has at least one or two wires hanging in his fashion.

The wires have loosened and now dangle lower and lower toward the street.

The length of time that these dangling cables have been in our neighbourhoods is unacceptable.

I'm hoping someone with the Town could speak with Cogeco about this issue and prod them into taking action.

Cogeco has been unable to give me much information about plans for our neighbourhood, but did provide the following mailing address: Attention Technical Department, Cogeco, PO Box 5076 Station Main, Burlington, Ont. L7R 4S6.

Peter Near  
Milton

### M. Krey owes truckers apology for derogatory comments made in letter about strip joint: reader

(The following letter was addressed to Mayor Gord Krantz and a copy was filed with The Champion.)

Dear Editor:

This letter is in response to the letter under the column 'Our Readers Write' published June 28 and written by M. Krey of RRI, Campbellville.

I'd strongly suggest that you take the time and write an apology to the truckers that you seem to think fit in

the category of the other groups that you mentioned in your letter.

I will try and be as polite as I can when I believe your pen went into motion before your brain was engaged.

I know a lot of the people that you call truckers, some of whom have families and some who are very good friends.

They also represent one of the largest contributors to the economy of this great province and certainly

represent in my opinion, the salt of the earth.

Your thoughts that a local strip joint would be trash are yours, but please take time and present your case to the proper people before you make accusations about who you may think will be in attendance.

And certainly don't let me catch you there.

Cliffe Bill  
Commercial Street

### Area Kinsmen, Kinette clubs looking for lost alumni

Dear Editor:

The Kinsmen and Kinette Clubs of Canada is seeking to find lost alumni and information on clubs that have, for various reasons, closed their doors.

Your readers can be a great source of information to us in this search.

We're looking for the names, addresses and any other pertinent information your readers can supply about relatives, friends, neighbours or co-workers who have been previously associated with a Kinsmen,

Kinette, K-40 or K-ette Club.

Whether they belonged to a club last year or 50 years ago, we would like to find them.

To respond, please contact Rene Porritt, at the club headquarters, 1-800-742-5546, ext. 213, or e-mail to rporritt@kinclubs.ca.

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