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Let's hear about those extraordinary youths

We've all heard stories about troublesome youths — that's no eye-opener. However, it's important to remember that this community — like every other one across Ontario — has its fair share of extraordinary young people, those who through a variety of initiatives are committed to making Milton a better place to live.

With that in mind, we're proud to once again support the Ontario Junior Citizen of the Year Awards, co-ordinated by the Ontario Community Newspaper Association (OCNA) and sponsored by the Tembec Paper Group. In conjunction with newspapers across the province, we're looking to recognize the efforts and accomplishments of outstanding youngsters, to showcase them and encourage others to follow their good example.

Please help by nominating a young person aged 6 to 18 years who's involved in community service, has performed acts of heroism, is contributing to the community while living with limitations or is a good kid who shows commitment to making life better for others.

The deadline for nominations is November 30, which should provide plenty of time to adequately illustrate just why a local boy or girl is worthy of distinction. Nomination forms and further information can be obtained by calling the OCNA at (905) 639-8720 or by going to the community newspaper association's Web site at www.OCNA.org.



Our Readers Write

Pumpkin stolen off front porch; four-year-old girl hurt by theft

Dear Editor:

I've lived in Milton for two years now and love the community.

My family spends a lot of time visiting the farms and enjoys the scenic outings offered in this town.

Over Thanksgiving weekend we spent a day at Springridge Farm looking for the perfect pumpkin. My daughter, who just turned four, found the one she liked the best, and we also bought some festive hay and corn.

At home, we decorated our front porch

with our purchases, including our large pumpkin for Halloween.

That night, someone came along and stole the pumpkin off of our front porch.

It's not about the \$10 we spent on the pumpkin. It's about the value of the day.

I spend most of my weekends working and rarely have family time.

It was difficult to explain the tradition of Thanksgiving when my daughter was upset to find her pumpkin missing.

Melanie Allen
Sprucedale Lane

Criticism of Wal-Mart's recent arrival to Milton extremely difficult to understand

Dear Editor:

I'm writing in response to Peter Haight's letter to the editor regarding his pessimism toward Wal-Mart opening in Milton.

I've lived in Milton for more than 20 years and many times was forced to shop outside our community for goods that were unavailable in town — especially for casual clothing for men.

I never once regarded it as a betrayal, or as not supporting my community. How could it be a betrayal when these goods weren't available in town.

I've spoken to many people in

town regarding the expansion of local shopping opportunities, and have heard very few negative replies.

Peter Haight's speculation that some stores could go bankrupt with Wal-Mart opening is, in my opinion, ludicrous, since its only real competition in town in Zellers.

Up until now, Zellers has been the only mass merchandising store in town. Competition is one the wonderful advantages we enjoy — and often take for granted — in a democratic society.

Some people view Zellers as a community store because it's been

here for many years, but it's still a chain store. Does it really matter if the head office is in Toronto or in the United States?

Not to me, when goods that until this point were unavailable unless one left the community to shop.

Local job creation, alternative shopping options and an expansion of goods all sounds like good business and added convenience to an ever-growing town.

Let's hope Milton's infrastructure continues to expand with its population.

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