

## Neighbours' help in safe return of cat was incredible and much appreciated

DEAR EDITOR:

I'm writing to share a good news story with you about some incredibly caring people in Hawthorne Village.

My cat went missing on April 18, and since he's an indoor cat and 15 years old I was panicked when I couldn't locate him.

Family, friends and I searched high and low for him for two days, but to no avail. I then created posters and hung them up around the neighbourhood. To my surprise, I received a couple of calls from people in the community saying that they thought they had seen my cat. However, I was still unable to locate him.

One neighbour named Jennifer called to alert me that she believed Ebony was around her house, and then followed up with me later in the day to see if I'd found him. She was sad to hear we hadn't been reunited.

I continued searching every day for him, hoping that he would respond to my whistles and calls, or maybe even find his own way home. After our 13-year friendship, I was devastated to think that this could be how things would end.

After 12 days of waiting, wondering and increased sadness, I received a phone call on my cell phone from a lady named Katherine, who was sure my cat was at her door.

She was feeding him tuna to keep him close to the house, but due to her allergies she couldn't touch him or allow him into her home. And since I was out of town, I was frantic yet stuck.

Katherine then contacted a neighbour named Rhonda, who has a cat of her own and agreed to take Ebony into her home until I could get back to town to pick him up.

I was thrilled to arrive at

Rhonda's home and see my old friend curled up on Rhonda's bed, happy to be inside where he was warm and cozy for the first time in almost two weeks.

I thanked Rhonda and her family immensely, as I was — and still am — so appreciative of their caring and generosity. Rhonda and her family were modest about the support they provided, as if it wasn't a big deal for them at all.

However, to me it was an incredible act of kindness, and just goes to show you how selfless people can really be.

I'd like to extend my thanks to all of the callers who contacted me about Ebony, and to send an extra special thank-you to Katherine, Rhonda and her family for ensuring Ebony's safe return to me.

JOANNE JOHNSON  
BAVERSTOCK CRESCENT

## School's support for cancer fundraiser was overwhelming and heartwarming

DEAR EDITOR:

This is a letter of thanks to Milton and the Holy Rosary Catholic Elementary School community.

I began working at Holy Rosary two years ago as a grade 8 teacher, and have come to understand the generosity and kindness of this wonderful town. Most recently, during the month of April — in response to Cancer Awareness Month — we held a fundraising drive to help support the Canadian Cancer Society.

To encourage donations, I decided to let the class that raised the most money cut my hair — hair I'd been growing for two years to donate to Angel Hair for Kids in Mississauga.

Believing the month of April to be an ideal time to do this — and finally reaching the requisite 10 inches in length — I had hoped to raise a few hundred dollars, setting what I thought was a realistic goal of \$700. To my amazement, the students, staff, and parents stepped up beyond my wildest expectations.

What amazed me most was the number of students who brought in their own money — eight and nine year olds literally breaking their piggy banks for this wonderful cause, students canvassing their neighbourhoods, and more, resulting in everyone fundraising to the tune of more than

\$3,000.

I'm simply blown away. And to top it off, in conjunction with Earth Day, after the hair-cutting ceremonies, the students and staff put on their gloves and grabbed their garbage bags and cleaned up the property surrounding the school, understanding that we can't have healthy bodies without having a healthy Earth.

So to the people of Holy Rosary and Milton, I express my sincere gratitude. I'm proud to be a part of this community and to be a teacher of your children. I'm humbled by your kindness and generosity, and this will not be forgotten by me or my family. You have once again shown a willingness to set a wonderful example for so many others.

So Miltonians, no wonder your streets are jammed and you're seeing unprecedented growth, which may be causing a few headaches — I just had to get that in — but people want to be a part of this generous, kind community. And I don't blame them.

Thank you to the students, thank you to the parents and thank you, Milton.

JOHN DINNER  
HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## Residents up in arms regarding problems caused by town dump

'Time Capsules' are gems of information extracted from past issues of *The Champion* and other publications in order to provide a window into Milton's past. Explanatory comment is sometimes provided to place the situation in context.

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Several complaints have been made to *The Champion* this week about the town dump on the side of the road and hill near the old cemetery (Bronte St.). Rags and paper fly across the road when the wind blows from the north-east, frightening horses so that their drivers find it hard to make them pass the spot. On account of the steep hill and crooked, unfenced track, the place is an awkward and dangerous one for a runaway. A farmer says that some time ago he counted nine rolls of putrid bacon there. In short, the dump is a public nuisance for which the corporation may be put on its defence. The town authorities should make arrangements for a cleaning up, a big bonfire below the hill and for strict supervision in the future.

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Until lately the people of Hornby neighbourhood were well satisfied with the accommodation given them by the C.P.R. The Guelph special stopped there at about 9 a.m. and carried practically all passengers and express parcels for Toronto. Under the new arrangement this train starts from Goderich, reaches Milton at 10:02 a.m. and does not stop at Hornby either going east in the morning or returning west in the evening. Hornby passengers for the east can get no train until shortly after 11 a.m. and returning have to leave Toronto at 4:15 p.m. No express parcels go by any other trains. A prominent Hornby man was in Milton yesterday to look into the terms of the bond given by the Credit Valley Railway Co. to the County of Halton in consideration of the bonus of \$75,000 given by the county to the company. The C.P.R. having absorbed the C.V.R. must, it is claimed, carry out the conditions of the bond, and if these provide for more accommodation at Hornby than is given, the county council will

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be asked to take action.

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Workmen are busy erecting a building for a large fruit evaporator plant on the east side of Martin Street, opposite Mill Street, for Messrs. Town & Case, of Rose, N.Y. The building will be iron clad, 54x36 ft. with a 12x24 lean-to. Messrs. Town & Case are big operators in fruit drying. They have between 30 and 40 evaporators in the United States and the one here will make their seventh in Canada. Their plant will be of the most modern kind, all run by hand power, which they prefer. They expect to employ about 20 hands here, men, women and girls. The drying is done by hot air from a coke furnace with very little danger from fire. The evaporator will afford a market at fair prices for all the second class apples or culls grown in this neighborhood.


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Messrs. Hollinrake & Son have sold out their extensive business in Milton to Messrs. R. B. Galbraith and A.B. McDougall, who will continue it under Galbraith & McDougall. Mr. Hollinrake, senior, was Milton's senior merchant. He first opened his doors here on Sept. 13, 1860, forty seven years ago tomorrow, succeeding Messrs. Hill & Bowes in their building, which at that time stood back a little from the street. After it became his property Mr. Hollinrake enlarged it to its present dimensions. He has occupied it ever since and has been one of Milton's most prominent and respected citizens.


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Chas. Brown of Drumquin shipped 6,000 pounds of honey from Milton last Saturday to G.A. Deadman, Brussels, Ont.

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