

OPINION

Loss to be felt

Milton has lost a valued member of the community with James Snow's passing. The former Ontario cabinet minister's contributions to Halton go far beyond the 18 years he spent in government as an MPP.

He was also a farmer, entrepreneur, and perhaps most importantly, a strong community supporter.

James and his wife, Barbara, helped countless causes over the years and even made history with Milton District Hospital's largest ever personal donation — \$500,000 to the hospital's CT Scanner Campaign. But the couple went even further than that when they donated their farm, worth \$2.5 million, to the Salvation Army.

As so many Miltonians know, that farm had been

the venue for numerous functions both political and charitable over the years.

"I was born and raised in this community and I see the needs the community has and I like in some way to help out in meeting those needs," Mr. Snow said in a 2007 interview with the *Champion*.

Known for his fairness and honesty, Mr. Snow earned people's respect. One example of that respect was clear in the re-naming of Fourth Line to James Snow Parkway. It's fitting that this road is one of the town's busiest and most important routes of travel.

Let's reflect on all of Mr. Snow's contributions every time we use this road. There's enough to remember for a lifetime of trips.



ReadersWrite

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Please pitch in during United Way's 2008 fundraising drive

DEAR EDITOR:

Having attended the recent kick-off of the United Way of Milton's annual campaign, I'm writing as a volunteer for one of the many organizations supported by the United Way to remind Milton residents about the value of making a donation.

As a new resident of Milton, and a supporter of the United Way, I urge others who have recently moved to this community to consider how local agencies support their neighbourhoods.

The United Way of Milton funds more than 20 organizations, providing critical services to seniors, young people, persons with disabilities and citizens in crisis.

These services improve the quality of life for residents, as well as contribute to Milton's livability.

As Milton continues to grow, the pressures on its social infrastructure will increase. Giving to the United Way is an effective way to let your town know that having strong, sustainable community services matter.

Milton residents should know that if they participate in a United Way workplace campaign outside of Milton, they can still direct their donation to programs and services in the community where they live. It's as simple as checking a box on your donation form.

Best of luck to the United Way of Milton on its 2008 campaign.

**CHRIS MCLEAN, PRESIDENT
(BOARD OF DIRECTORS)
HALTON FAMILY SERVICES**

Criticism of Green Shift plan was unwarranted

DEAR EDITOR:

In a recent letter, Jon J. Komow criticized the Liberal's Green Shift plan as an old pollution control credits scheme.

In my opinion, his arguments are misleading. The plan is a broadly-based tax on emitters of carbon dioxide — the main greenhouse gas responsible for climate change. There's no way for companies to buy their way out of it through credits.

While smog is a serious air quality issue, it isn't the focus of the plan, although it will be lessened as a by-product of lower emissions.

The plan doesn't call for bureaucracy to generate wealth, but rather it will allow

businesses to choose the best methods to reduce emissions through market forces.

As a result, this green technology would allow us to compete in a growing international low carbon marketplace.

Furthermore, many economists advocate a revenue-neutral carbon tax as a necessary step to lowering global emissions, and it's being successfully adopted by many countries.

Most importantly though, it will help us reduce the serious impacts of climate change and ensure a greener and richer Canada for future generations.

**RICHARD SCHERTZER
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Thanks to everyone who made charity barbecue a success

DEAR EDITOR:

Mission accomplished!

The second annual back-to-school charity barbecue, hosted by the Health Centre of Milton on September 6, received a self-diagnosed A+.

This day was a success only because of Miltonians, plain and simple. Whether it was the business owners, volunteers or the individuals who enjoyed the event, all contributed to its success.

And the success was two-fold. By the end of the day we collected more than \$2,000, and once again raised some much-needed awareness for the Rick Jeffrey Kids Foundation.

Last year, the exposure helped the foundation's objective of educating the community about the need for local children to be able to participate in organized sports without having financial barriers. As a result, the foundation sponsored a record number of kids in sports, and we hope that this coming year there will be that many more.

If there's anyone who wishes to get more information about the day or the foundation, they can go to our website, www.healthcentreofmilton.ca, or call my office at (905) 878-8131.

All in all, everyone enjoyed a day in the sun, with demonstrations, games, face painting, food and fun.

Milton continues to astound me as it shows its generosity, and I extend my heartfelt thanks.

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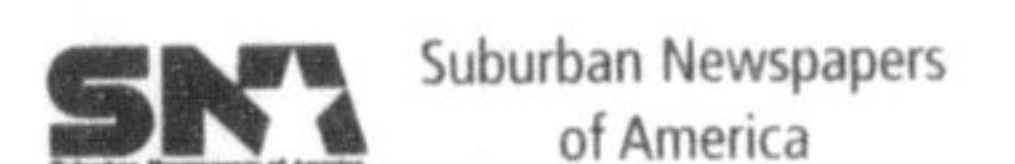
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