

United Way gets \$10,000 in donations

Consumers Glass and Springridge Farm recently made a large contribution to the United Way of Milton's fundraising campaign.

Surpassing its goal, Consumers Glass on Steeles Avenue in Milton raised more than \$9,000 for the cause.

The money was collected through four bake sales and an ongoing used book sale, as well as a slow pitch baseball tournament which included all Consumers Glass plants.

Also, Jo-anne Broatch, Patrice Kentner, Adele Krossler, John Vanderheyden and Mim Baker helped raise money by canvassing employees.

Meanwhile, Laura Hughes of Springridge Farm donated \$1,000 — the proceeds raised from a strawberry festival the Bell School Line farm hosted earlier in the year.



Consumers Glass employees and Laura Hughes (front right) of Springridge Farm recently made welcome donations to the United Way of Milton's fundraising campaign. Springridge collected \$1,000 for the cause while Consumers Glass managed to raise more than \$9,000. Presenting the cheque from Consumers Glass are (from left): Carol Massey, Jill Webb, Bob Randall, Jim Galloway and Mim Baker.

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Kick the habit in '91

The Lung Association can help you quit smoking in the new year.

The organization is offering the Countdown smoking cessation program which is a unique five-week smoking withdrawal course.

Classes are being offered in Oakville starting January 8, and in Burlington on February 12.

Registration costs \$95 and is limited to the first 15 paid participants. For further information or to register, call 632-8499.

Skate into the new year

You can bring your family and friends to Bronte Creek Provincial Park's recreation complex for a New Year's Eve skating party.

The fun will include skating music and a bonfire. The rink will be open from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Equipment rental and snack food will also be available.

But no alcohol will be allowed within the park which is open from 8 a.m. to 1 a.m.

Safe winter driving tips

Most people have heard of the 3Rs of education (reading, writing and arithmetic) and the 3Rs of waste management (reduce, reuse and recycle).

And now Ontario's Ministry of Transportation is hoping motorists will observe the 3Cs of winter driving — courtesy, caution and common sense.

Unexpected changes in road and weather conditions can make things difficult for even the most expert of drivers.

A tough challenge is black ice, which motorists can often mistake, often with disastrous results, as a damp or wet portion of the highway.

Extremely slippery to drive on, black ice is transparent and forms from condensation or liquid moisture freezing on contact with a cold road surface.

It is caused when there is a quick change in air and ground temperatures, usually in the early morning hours in late fall and early spring.

In contrast, regular ice is reflective and lighter in color. It forms when accumulated snow melts from tire action and subsequently freezes on contact with the cold air.

If your car begins to skid or lose its grip on the road, try to maintain smooth, precise steering. Take your foot off the accelerator, gear down or shift to neutral and apply gradual pressure to the brakes. Steer in the direction of the skid.

Look in the direction you want your car to go. As the car responds, straighten out the front wheels. Don't jam on the brakes because it will send you into a spin. And as long as the brakes are locked, you have no control of your car.

Similarly, to stop on a slippery road, do not pump the brakes — put the car in neutral and apply gentle pressure slowly and steadily.

In general, as you take to the road this winter:

- Avoid abrupt acceleration, braking or lane changes that can result in losing control on slippery roads.
- Read the road by looking ahead as far as possible. Keep your distance — at least three to four car lengths behind the car in front of you.
- Turn on your headlights in bad weather conditions. Better yet, keep them on at all times to make your vehicle more visible to other motorists.
- Don't rush. Allow extra time to drive wherever you may be going. Listen to the weather forecasts. If the weather is bad, stay home.
- Slow down. Adjust your speed to suit road and weather conditions.

Don't forget to have an ice scraper and brush, shovel, booster cables, flares, chain or rope and a traction aid such as a bag of sand or kitty litter in your car.

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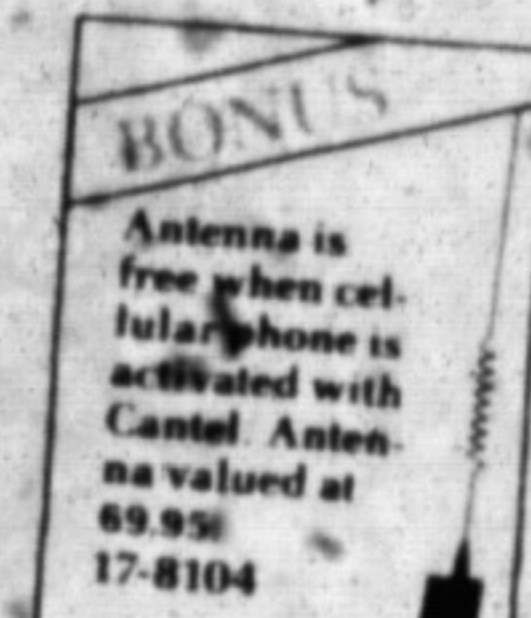
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