

# OUR READERS WRITE

THE CANADIAN CHAMPION

## Special fishing derby a success

Dear Editor:

Thanks to Tim Horton Donuts of Milton and many volunteers, the Fishing Derby for Special Persons at the Burn's Conservation Area was a great success.

The fourth annual derby that recently took place had more than 100 registered participants who had a great day of fishing. More than 300 fish for the event were provided by Tim Horton Donuts of Milton. Other sponsors for the event included: Butler Metal Products; Canadian Tire, Milton; "D.U. Duck" and Ducks Unlimited, Milton Chapter; The Halton Outdoors Shop, Milton; Golden Touch Taxidermy, Brantford; Fishermen's Friend Taxidermist, Mississauga; Milton Gillwellian Boy Scouts, Milton Fire Department; St. John Ambulance, Milton; Spring Valley Trout Farms, Petersburg and the Town of Milton.

"The Halton Region Conservation Authority would like to thank the Four Seasons Anglers and Hunters, and the Milton Optimists for their assistance in co-hosting the fourth annual Burn's Fishing Derby for Special Persons," said Brad Roelofson, derby organizer. "Without the help of the volunteers from these two organizations and their financial assistance, the event would not have taken place."

Halton Region Conservation Authority,  
Britannia Road West, Milton

## New flag needed

The following letter was written to Mayor Gord Krantz and a copy filed with The Champion for publication.

Dear Mayor Krantz:

This is to inform you that the flag at the Mill Pond is in terrible shape.

## C'mon, give cyclists a break

Dear Editor:

Ward 3 Councillors Marion Howard and Gerry Brooks want renegade cyclists removed from the roads in their rural community.

Local and out-of-town cyclists who work all week, have only the weekends for recreation, and with all the emphasis put on physical fitness and participation, cycling is an inexpensive and healthy way for people to use their valuable leisure time.

Triathlons and bicycle clubs are becoming very popular, adding ever-increasing numbers of participants, which in turn generates business and revenue for the village of Campbellville and the town of Milton.

During the recent Kelso Triathlon, the bicycle route was well-marked and policed on entry and exit from Guelph Line.

Ward 3 roads are well suited to cyclists' activities

It doesn't show good respect to our country or to visitors going down that street. One of the red ends is ripped and tattered. It should be replaced.

Emily Willoughby,  
Martin Street School, Grade 3

## Deborah's Home fund keeps building

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the board for "Deborah's Home", I would like to say thank you to the many people who have contributed in any way to our three most recent fundraising events.

First, the tree and compost sale was a huge success. We would like to say a special thank you to Jim Scott of Scott's Composting Farm Inc., for the Colorado blue spruce trees which he donated for sale. This raised \$6,000 for "Deborah's Home". Thanks also to Larry Nigh, Scott Sider and Mark Myronyk for the digging of the trees. Thank you

to the staff of Milton Mall for letting us sell the trees and the compost at the Mall in April. Also, thanks to the many people of Milton and surrounding area for their support by purchasing the trees and compost.

Our second event, The Garage Sale, was also a success; realizing \$860 for "Deborah's Home". We wish to express our gratitude to the Milton community at large for their support with many wonderful donations and for coming out on Saturday morning to shop. A special thank you to Lawrence, Nigh and Associates for storing the items, the use of the office and the extra help connected with both the tree sale and the garage sale.

I'd like to take this opportunity to say thanks to the Fundraising Team for "Deborah's Home" and to the wonderful volunteers who have been helping at our special events. Your efforts are greatly appreciated. Also, a special thank you to *The Canadian Champion* for their continuing support of "Deborah's Home".

and not far from major centres such as Hamilton and Toronto so it is only logical that cyclists would come here to practice and enjoy their leisure time.

When Ms Howard brings up the "problem" at her next community-police liaison group meeting, is she prepared to advise how this elite "crackdown on offending cyclists" will be implemented; — at the expense of the taxpayers of Milton?

Come on Ward 3 Councillors, get on to the important issues of this community, like proper repair of the crumbling sidewalks and curbs in Campbellville which are a disgrace.

Mr. Brooks, if you want to see something "unsafe" watch emergency vehicles on a rescue try to weave through the chaotic mess of traffic jams and double-parked vehicles on weekends in this village.

Mr. V Rosiello,  
Campbellville

The third event I'd like to mention is the donation of Canadian Tire money. We thank the many donors so far and are anticipating many more as this is an ongoing event.

Pearl Elrich,  
Chairperson fundraising,  
Deborah's Home

## Don't turn best friend into a hot dog

Dear Editor:

Warm weather is here and with it comes potentially dangerous situations for your pet. One such hazard involves leaving pets in confined areas (such as a vehicle) during this weather.

The most important factor in providing pet care is common sense. Imagine how uncomfortable you would feel in a hot, unventilated room or car, or tethered in the sun with no shade or water.

If you discover an animal that is inside of a vehicle, and that seems to be in need of care, contact the On-

tario SPCA, the nearest humane society or the police as soon as possible.

Humans, have the physical ability to regulate body temperature by sweating. Dogs do not sweat but rather diffuse heat by panting, in which water is evaporated from the tongue. This method of cooling the body is less efficient. A dog's normal body temperature is 39° Celsius. A canine can withstand a body temperature of 42° Celsius for only a short time before suffering irreparable brain damage or even death.

Some dogs are more vulnerable to heat stroke or heat exhaustion than others. For example, short-nosed breeds, such as boxers, pekingese and bulldogs, cannot endure a heated environment as well as other breeds. Also dogs that are overweight or not physically fit are a higher risk of heat stroke.

During warm weather, a dog should be kept in a cool, well ventilated place.

Do not leave the animal in the direct sunlight. Realize a shady area can quickly turn into a sunny one. Ensure your pet always has access to plenty of fresh water, kept in a spillproof container.

Susan Swanek  
Information Coordinator  
Ontario S.P.C.A.



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