

Young stars among us

Every community has young stars, and while they may not quite have celebrity status, they deserve to be in the spotlight for all they have accomplished.

Who are they?

They are our future leaders — Ontario's youth.

These individuals are working hard to make their community a better place by volunteering for various organizations, making donations, saving lives and maintaining top grade averages.

They are everywhere — in your homes, at school, on the field and at church.

If you know someone who deserves a large pat on the back, nominate them today for the Ontario Junior Citizen Awards.

Our newspaper strongly supports this program in Milton because we support the growth of our community.

We look forward to providing recognition for such outstanding young people who continue to be fine examples of leaders in our community.

The awards program is co-ordinated by the Ontario Community Newspapers Association (OCNA), of which we are a member, and sponsored by TD Bank Group and the Insurance Bureau of Canada.

Any Ontario resident age 6-17 (must be at least six but no older than 17 by Nov. 30, 2015) is eligible to be chosen as a final recipient of this award.

Please help us honour them by nominating a local individual in one of five areas:

- A person involved in worthwhile community service
- A special young person contributing to their community while living with a physical or psychological limitation
- An individual who has performed an act of heroism in the past year
- Excellence in achievement, such as in the arts or athletics
- Good kids who show a commitment to make life better for others and do more than is normally expected of someone their age

Up to 12 nominees will be chosen as the final recipients of the provincial award and will be invited to a special ceremony held in the spring of 2016 in Toronto.

Nominate a deserving Burlington young person today and we will personally present them with a certificate of recognition and showcase their contributions in this newspaper. Help us pay tribute to our leaders of today and tomorrow.

Nomination deadline for the 2015 Ontario Junior Citizen Awards is Monday, Nov. 30. Nomination forms are available at www.ocna.org/juniorcitizen or by calling OCNA at 905-639-8720, ext. 4438.



Around Town

E.C. Drury School for the Deaf student Carlo Gutierrez shaves off his long, curly locks during the school's fundraising event in support of the Terry Fox Foundation. Seven staff members of the 83-student school also did their part by taking pies to the face at the recent event, which raised \$2,296.02 for the Foundation. *Supplied photo*

The Champion invites readers to share their Around Town photos. Send yours to editor@milton-canadianchampion.com. Be sure to include a description of the photo, including the location where it was taken, and the name of the photographer.

My View

It's starting to look a lot like Christmas

With Christmas only weeks away, homeowners are beginning to decorate their homes for the holidays. Chez O'Hara, the installation of the Christmas tree and outdoor decorations usually takes place the first weekend in December, when



Catherine O'Hara
Acting Editor

I spend an entire day stringing lights, hanging ornaments and singing along to my favourite holiday tunes.

While some homeowners, like Paul and Barb Singleton of Campbellville and Milton's Willow Avenue residents David and Donna Geall, go all out when it comes to decorating their home's exterior, I like to

keep things simple for fear of running up my hydro bill.

Still, I appreciate the efforts others put into brightening their neighbourhoods and look forward to this time of year, when I can get behind the wheel of my vehicle and enjoy a leisurely evening drive to check out spectacular festive sights — and sounds.

If you're like me, you'll surely delight in the *Champion's* latest initiative: the Milton Christmas Light Tour.

We're encouraging you, our readers, to submit the addresses of homes that really sparkle. You can do so by filling out the web form posted on the *Champion's* website, www.insidehalton.com, by December 14. We'll take those addresses, map them and provide you with directions so you can enjoy the community's best-dressed homes.

For more information, please see page 21.

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