

HGTV Canada show co-hosted by Miltonian hits the airwaves

The new HGTV show *Save My Reno*, co-hosted by a Milton woman, is now on air.

Sabrina Smelko, a freelancer specializing in art directing, illustrating, designing and writing, co-hosts the show alongside *Home to Win* builder Sebastian Clovis.

The pair helps cash-strapped home-

owners transform their space into spectacular reveals with savings to spare.

Personalities

Clovis is a savvy contractor described as having contagious energy, while Smelko is the resourceful DIY designer who tosses out overpriced reno quotes and makes dreams come true.

Born and raised in Milton, Smelko attended Bishop Reding Secondary School. After college she began freelancing and made an appearance as a guest judge on an episode of W Network's *Game of Homes*.

Save My Reno airs on HGTV Wednesdays at 10 p.m. To learn more go to <http://hgtv.ca/shows/save-my-reno>.



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Campbellville church hosts spring scrap metal, electronics drive

Springtime is synonymous with emptying out the garage and house of clutter and congestion. St. David's Presbyterian Church in Campbellville has a solution for all those extra items.

The 132 Main St. North church will hold a waste drive from 4 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, May 3 and from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 6. Event organizers said the church's last drive, held just after Christmas, raised more than \$2,000. They're hoping this spring event is equally

successful.

Volunteers from the community will welcome items. These include anything computer-related — monitors, hard drives, laptops, printers, printer cartridges, cellphones and tablets. Be sure to wipe your data from devices and SIM cards before dropping them off at this Ontario Electronics Stewardship-approved event.

St. David's Presbyterian Church is also accepting scrap metal items, including copper, brass, tin, alumi-

num, steel and iron, as well as large and small appliances, outdoor furniture, lawn equipment and household items. If it has a motor, batteries, plugs in, has a cord or cable on it, the item will be recycled along with the cords, cables and wires. The church can also arrange for unwanted vehicles, tractors and trailers to be taken away for free. Clothing/textiles will also be picked up or accepted. These will be donated to the Ontario Federation for Cerebral Palsy.

Bottles will be accepted, along with newspapers/magazines.

Also, the church will accept batteries (vehicle batteries included), eyeglasses, (frames are used by those in third world countries) and even pennies that can no longer be used for legal tender.

Any broken gold and silver, such as jewelry, rings, earrings, or odd cuff links will be accepted.

The church has gotten into recycling to help keep items out of landfills and reduce the need to mine

for materials, making for a safer environment for all.

The funds collected from the drive will go toward the ongoing building fund for St. David's, a historical building constructed in 1891.

Organizers will not accept propane tanks, tires or fluorescent light tubes.

To arrange a pick up, call (905) 878-5179 or email ccolling@cogeco.ca.

For a full list of accepted items, go to the St. David's Facebook page or www.stdavidscampbellville.ca.

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WHAT DO YOU SEE?

Faith inspires the soul to go beyond what the eyes can see. Let's chew on that though for a little while...

At a time of great economic challenge within a small town, a guest speaker was invited to come and address members of the Chamber of Commerce. A major manufacturing plant had shut down. Jobs had been lost. People were discouraged. Many had lost hope.

After introducing himself, the guest speaker brought out a large piece of white paper, put it on an easel and proceeded to draw a big, black dot in the middle of it with a thick magic marker. When he was done, he pointed at the paper and queried his audience, "What do you see?"

One person replied, "I see a black dot."

The engaging speaker said with a smile, "Fine. What else do you see?"

Others chimed in, "We see a black dot."

When the intriguing speaker asked, "Can anyone see anything other than the black dot?" not one member of his captive audience raised a hand.

"How easy is it to overlook some the most important things?" the motivational speaker asked as he reflected upon the teaching moment. "We completely missed seeing the sheet of paper!"

He then went on to explain, "In our lives, we are often distracted by small, dot-like failures. They keep us from seeing the blessings, the successes and the joys that are far more important than the disappointments that try to monopolize our energy and attention. I encourage each one of us to focus on the big picture of what is right with our current situation rather than the small, negative view of what is wrong."

Are you so preoccupied today with the black dot that is before you, that you've lost sight of what can be? Step back and see the bigger picture! Let faith inspire you.

To learn more, visit a local place of worship this week. Meeting times and locations are published in the attached directory to help you.

Submitted by Rev. Dan Rogge,
Pastor of Milton's New Life Church