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# Consideration and patience are new found friends

## Comment

by Michelle Minnoch

I find that the older I get, the more patient and considerate I become. Although that sounds like a good thing, it can also infringe onto other people that are not so much like I am.

Case #1 - I was at the IGA in Stroud last week and when I was through, I followed a woman out the door, who was struggling with a finicky wheel on her cart. I watched the fit woman, probably in her late 30s, unload the grocery bags into her Honda. Which was parked in a wheel chair spot.

Here's the thing: when I see cars parked in wheel chair spots, I actually look to see if there is identification on the vehicle, stating it is allowed to park in those spots. Walking past this woman, who was obviously fit and able bodied, I noticed there was absolutely no identification in her vehicle stating she was supposed to be parking in the closer spots. Then I saw something that just drives me nuts: after unloading her groceries, she left the cart against the outside wall of the store. The cart return itself was less than a metre away.

Again, although I may be working on my consideration, others may not be. But it's the little things, like parking where you are

designated to, and returning carts to their proper place, only makes life easier for the next one who comes along.

I walked up to the lady and simply asked her why she was parking in a wheel chair spot, as not only did she look fit, her abs made me jealous.

She told me she was just running in for a few things (which required a cart, mind you) and wouldn't be in the spot too long. I mentioned that there are people in the area that may need the spot and she actually thanked me for pointing it out to her.

Since we were leaving the scene on a cordial note, I let the cart beef lie.

Case #2 - Driving to Franky's for lunch on Sunday, I had two cars behind me on Harbour Road in Lefroy. I slowed down because charging across the road was a deer - a doe. I pulled over, as did the two cars directly behind me, because

coming out after her was a fawn. The baby, looking frightened, just stood at the side of the road for a few seconds, and I thought to wait a few seconds, as I was not sure if she would just skitter across the road. Well, the person in the car two vehicles back didn't see the point in waiting and sped past the deer.

Yes, the deer was visible. No, she wasn't moving much. But common sense would tell you to just wait a second or two: animals can't speak, so they react. That is what we are dealing with. Just wait - if the baby wants to be with her mama and makes what looks like a good judgement call by crossing the road, it could be fatal if the impatient driver doesn't wait it out.

I had a few more examples, but I didn't want to turn this forum into my soap box. Just remember that consideration and patience go a long way. Whether it's for the person who needs to use the wheelchair parking or for an animal who is just going along their merry day, patience is a friend and consideration it's buddy.

Let them into your life - you'll be much better off.

So will the person who actually needs to park close to the door.

# Applaud lake improvements, wondering about costs

Dear editor,

I was greatly relieved to read that the proposed Big Point Resort will improve the quality of Lake Simcoe rather than be a detriment. According to Rick Newlove, corporate services manager for Simcoe County, it is all the phosphorus from the "detergent, shampoo and toothpaste" that is what ails our beloved lake. We should not fault the Big Bay locals for their obsession with cleanliness and their desire to possess pearly whites that are the envy of the land for Mr. Rumm of Geranium Corp. is riding to the rescue. Apparently,

he "will assist as many as 1600 homeowners to connect to municipal services." leaving me to naively assume that this means Geranium will pick up the tab for these services. Mr. Newlove also claims "septic systems are not sustainable in the long term" ignoring the fact they can last indefinitely if properly maintained. Given that the Big Bay Point Resort is planning to build 1600 units itself that would seem to work out to zero net improvement to Lake Simcoe.

In any case, Jim McLean of Geranium points out that the resort has met all municipal, county and

provincial requirements. Interestingly, Premier McGinty's recent comments about the proposed Lake Simcoe Protection Act seem to suggest that the Act will be designed to prevent such huge developments as this, with as many as 6400 residents and 1000 boats in a marina for the yachts of the wealthy. The Act, however, will not apply retroactively to Big Bay Point Resort implying that the barn door will be closed after the horse is gone.

We are also being assured by the local "powers- that- be" that all is under control and the resort will be

scarcely noticeable. I hear no mention of the costs of infrastructure for such things as roads or the applications that will inevitably follow for shopping centres and other urban services. Even Geranium Corp has got into the act with a soothing flurry of newspaper and television ads that make no mention of the sheer magnitude of this development, though without prior knowledge you would think they were advertising for little more than a wilderness camp for boys.

Mark W. Fisher  
Barrie ON

## Meet your police this Saturday

This Saturday, from 10 am, members of the South Simcoe Police will be at Sobeys in Alcona. There will be displays, classic cars, and more on hand.

Come on out and meet some of the men and women who serve and protect you.

## 35th Anniversary of PHS

Come and join us for the 35th Anniversary of the Painswick Horticultural Society on Thursday August 16th at 6 pm.

We will be starting from the St. Paul's Anglican Church in St. Paul's on a visit to our society's five beautification sites ending at Knock School at 7:30 pm for refreshments and other surprises. Many of our former presidents will be there as well as specially invited guests. Don't miss this once in a lifetime occasion. All of you are welcome including any former members of our group.

For more information, please contact John at 436-5292.

## Correction

Summer services at the Churchill United Church will be held at 9:30 am

## Essa Police news

### Aluminum boat stolen

Essa Twp. Nottawasaga OPP are investigating the theft of a boat from the 30th Sideroad of Essa between July 20th and 29th.

A 13 foot aluminum boat, with a noticeable dent on the port side, was removed from the driveway of the residence.

### Domestic assault - Barrie man arrested

Alliston - On Tuesday, July 31, OPP were called to Alliston to investigate an incident of assault. Investigation revealed that the now accused man,

unable to accept a dissolved relationship with his former partner, 25, has been over the past seven months harassing the female.

July 31, the male approached the victim on the street in Angus assaulting her by grabbing her by the face. The woman fled the scene in a vehicle only to be followed by the accused. The accused followed driving in an overbearing, aggressive and dangerous manner, following the victim into Alliston, a distance of 40 km. Arrested and charged with assault, criminal harassment and dangerous

driving, is Nyrton Pierre-Antoine, 37 of Barrie. He was held in custody pending a bail hearing in Barrie on August 1.

### High milers

Essa Twp. - August 1st, at 11:09 p.m., an officer from the Nottawasaga OPP stopped a high miler on County Rd. 10 near 5 Sideroad. The driver was operating a Mercedes northbound on Cty. Rd. 10 at 129 kph in an 80 kph zone.

Upon conviction, Jason Klausen of Orangeville, 27, could face a hefty fine and accumulation of demerit points.

## Looking for contest winners

Dear editor,

This is a bit of an unorthodox 'Letter to the Editor' but it is very important to us and we hope that you'll print it.

We're looking for anyone whose child won a "Grand Prize" in the "Life's Precious Moments Baby Photo Contest" in 1989. Fifteen University Scholarships were awarded across Canada and our daughter was one of the lucky winners in Ontario. It is 18 years later and she will be entering University in the fall. We'd really like to how your children our faring.

We had no information on any of the other winning entries so we are writing to every newspaper across this country in hopes that we may connect with the other fourteen winners. Our goal is to find every winner. If your child is one of them please contact us at valerie\_luttrell@yahoo.com

Thank-you  
Valerie Luttrell  
Newmarket, Ontario

His explanation was "I own a catering business and I'm late for a client. It's an open road and I figured I could make up some time."

The same morning at 11:41, an Officer stopped another high miler on County Rd. 10 northbound near 5 Sideroad. He was also doing 129 kph.

The driver explained: "I'm on my way to a job in Collingwood and I didn't realize how fast I was going." Upon conviction Christopher Morgis, 41 of

King, could also face a hefty fine and demerit points.

### Damage to vehicle - window broken

Essa Twp. - Nottawasaga OPP are investigating an incident of mischief in Angus to a motor vehicle.

Between midnight July 28 and 8:30 a.m. the following day, person(s) unknown smashed a front windshield of a parked vehicle on Lucy Lane. The owner discovered the damage in the morning.