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Letters to the Editor

Erin firefighters, Caledon ambulance were great

Dear Editor:

We would like to commend the Erin Fire Department First Response Team for their very quick response to a medical call last Tuesday evening. These men are volunteers who giving freely of their services and personal time. They are knowledgeable, professional and perform a great service to our community.

It seemed like no time till an ambulance arrived from Caledon station and the level of their expertise was excellent.

We don't have a negative thing to say about our experience. Thank you to everyone involved – we really appreciate your dedicated service to our community.

Ray and Lynda Hall, Erin

PM talks restraint, then heads for game in Boston

Dear Editor:

I find it a hoot that Mr. Harper takes a trip to Boston and then has enough nerve to state that he paid the fare for him and his daughter. Does that mean that he paid the landing fee at the airport since this was not an official trip?

Does it mean that he paid the \$10,000 an hour cost of operating a military Challenger Jet? Who paid for the 10 security people and their overtime plus the Air crew and standby crew?

He has time to go to a hockey game at our expense the same week he talks of budget restraint.

By the way, figure out the \$4 billion in cuts; it is over four years which means that 25% of the federal programs will be gutted, by the Pork Master Tony Clement. The Throne Speech and

budget discussion have been cut off since he has to get out of town by June 23.

The Senate page Brigitte DePape was correct – what we need is an Arab Spring. I won't live to see it, but the seed has been planted. How is it democratic that a party that receives over one million less votes and 60% vote against it, is allowed to claim it has a mandate?

As for those rosy economic forecasts – read the paper and see where the world economy is headed – into a second recession and a deep depression.

The 1930's will look like good times in comparison and if anyone wants to read up, the only event that ended the Depression of the 1930's was World War II. The 21st Century is the new Dark Age.

Jim Trautman, Town of Erin

We hope our fox crossing sign will protect fox kits

Dear Editor:

We have seen foxes and their young on our property for a few years now. This year, there were three kits and, sadly, one got hit on the road.

Now, we have a fox crossing sign thanks to Jamie at Gairdner Real Estate.

This year the foxes can be seen on our walkway, on the lawn, in our lane, or scurrying to hide under a tree or in the bushes. The kits are really cute and it's been fun trying to capture them on camera.

We know that the family is hunting as we've seen the remains very close to the house. I wish they'd stick to dining on mice and nuisance rodents, but I can't tell them what to eat! Today,



the remains of a bird and a gosling were on the front lawn. The fox seem to come and go, so I will enjoy the kits while they're here and hope that the fox continue to return and feast on rodents and entertain me!

*Jackie Fyke & Frank Farrugia
 – on Hwy 124, near 3rd Line*

New Community Living building a welcome addition

The Advocate is delighted to welcome a new neighbour to the north. It was great to see so many familiar, smiling faces gathered at the new sign erected last week on the adjacent property.

We have known some of the participants in the Community Living Guelph Wellington (CLGW) program for years, as they are also, or have been, participants in the Special Friends Club.

Others we met during a visit to the former Erin Hydro building where CLGW has been operating.

We had occasion to visit again Monday, and what is most striking is how cheerful the CLGW participants are, and how supportive of each other.

Some that we had not met before, introduced themselves in a friendly, confident manner.

We have met Colin (in the picture on the front) several times before. He has a keen mind in an uncooperative body, and it was a real pleasure to see him throw back his head and laugh in response to a little gentle teasing from a friend in the program.

The Hydro building has been a good location for the program, but it is clear more space is needed. A permanent, larger building designed specifically for its purpose will allow many more to take part in this excellent program.

It will also provide more opportunities, for work and play, for those already taking part.

We trust it will also make life easier for the professional staff who operate the program on a daily basis.

In addition, it will provide another community room for groups in town wanting to meet in a comfortable space.

It requires courage to take on a million dollar fundraising campaign, even in the best of causes. We wish Fundraising Chair Marvin McDougall and the many local friends and business people supporting the campaign, the best of luck in the endeavour.

We look forward to seeing this attractive-looking, useful facility go up here at the north end of Erin village.



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