

There is hope

It's spring. The tulips and daffodils are not far behind— along with the new promise of the season.

As we welcome with open arms, particularly this year, the first flowers, they are a harbinger of warmer temperatures and gentler winds, but also of hope.

Daffodils are the symbol of hope for the Canadian Cancer Society— hope that cancer will be beaten. The Acton branch will be selling daffodils at Sobey's April 5 from 5-9 p.m. and April 6 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Money raised goes to vital research projects, raising awareness and community support.

Yesterday (Monday) also marked the start of the April fundraising campaign for Cancer Assistance Services-Halton Hills— CASHh. This community-based group offers support, hope and much-needed practical assistance to local cancer patients such as providing transportation to hospitals for treatments, wigs, palliative care, etc. all free of charge.

Many in the community are battling with the disease. Many others have also felt losses to it.

We all have our own reasons for buying a daffodil or supporting CASHh.

As is said, cancer touches everyone in some way. There isn't anyone who hasn't been touched by the wretched illness or lost a loved one, friend, colleague or acquaintance to it.

We have all shed a tear thanks to cancer.

It is time we all get back on our feet, take a deep breath, summon our resolve and give cancer a resounding kick in the butt to send it packing.

Cancer can be beaten— with your support.

WEB POLL RESULTS

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In its latest budget, the federal govt. has earmarked billions of dollars to improve municipal infrastructure in Canada. What should those dollars be spent on in Halton Hills?

- Improving roads (56%)
- Building Phase 2 of the Gellert Centre (28%)
- Introducing town-wide public transit (16%)

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Letters to the editor

Kindness found close to home

Dear editor,

On Feb. 8 my son and I drove to Sunnybrook Hospital for treatment I required.

We were stuck on Bayview Avenue for two hours and as we approached the top of the hill before the hospital we saw that the hold-up was due to cars spinning out on the hill due to the snow.

A young fella dressed very smartly, and my son, got out of their cars and pushed several cars. To my amazement, not one other person got out of their car to help push. I jumped out of the car, looked down the hill and began waving my cane to get others to assist in moving these cars.

Not ONE person got out to help! There was at least 100 cars behind us and no one was going anywhere while these cars were stuck. I was absolutely stunned that no one

would help. It was quite sad really.

We eventually got to Sunnybrook two hours late and then made the journey home again in two hours. What a lovely surprise when I got home and saw that my neighbours had completely cleared my driveway and a fella down the street had also plowed all the sidewalk up our street.

Thank you Nick and Dan for being great neighbours and to the fella on Delrex Blvd. who cleared the sidewalk, it helped me a great deal and reminded me why I like living here.

Thank you to all the people in Georgetown who have been so kind to us.

*Zena and Charlie McGhee,
Georgetown*

Raider goalies wrongly blamed

Dear editor,
 Several editions ago your sports section featured an article about

the Georgetown Junior A Raiders losing a playoff series to St. Mike's.

The headline on the article quoted the coach as blaming the goaltending for the loss. He should be ashamed for making this statement and you should not have made this a headline.

The goaltending was one of the things that got them to the playoffs and there are at least 16 other players on the team. Why did they not score more goals or prevent them? Think of the damage to these young men's psyche and how it could affect them. Hockey is a team sport win or lose.

As a grandfather of a longtime minor hockey goalie I have seen how losing can make them feel. Shame on you both.

Doug Giffin, Georgetown

(Editor's note: The headline on the story in question read 'Raiders left to wonder: What happened?' and did not mention the team's goaltenders.)