

EDITORIAL

with Frances Learment

The fight continues

Live well. Be aware. Make early detection and screening priorities – words to live by, literally, from the Canadian Cancer Society which wraps up its annual April Cancer Month campaign for funds on Tuesday.

While news is good in the fight against the scourge – for the first time ever more people live following a cancer diagnosis than die, and over 60 per cent of Canadians diagnosed with cancer will survive at least five years after their diagnosis, up from 25 per cent in the 1940s.

But, it is an expensive fight.

In 2011–2012, the Canadian Cancer Society funded more than \$46-million in leading-edge research supporting close to 300 projects across the country. If a canvasser has not come to your door asking for a donation, call Cathy at the Acton Branch of the Canadian Cancer Society, 519-853-1424, or Cancer Assistance Services of Halton Hills, 905-702-8886.

Thumbs Up

• The Town's decision to expand its animal control services to include injured wildlife and stray cats – and provide up to \$100 per call – following a recent disturbing incident involving an Acton woman's attempts to get someone, including the Town's contracted Canine Control officials, to deal with an injured racoon threatening their neighbourhood.

• To the resilience of Acton's Angela Cummings, a 38-year-old marathon runner who completed the recent Boston Marathon – her third – and then watched the tragedy unfold on a hotel lobby television. She called for prayers for "strength, comfort and resolution" and not to live in fear.

PAST PAGES



TEN YEARS AGO

• A Transportation Safety Board report found lax safety rules, obscured warning lights and bright sunshine contributed to the deaths of three Acton teens in a car/train crash at the Fourth Line level rail crossing in September 2000.

• A new video store, clothing store, pizza chain, beauty salon and woman's fitness centre all signed on as tenants in phase two of the Acton East Sobeys plaza.

FIVE YEARS AGO

• Acton volunteer Dorothy Rognvaldson, 90, was honoured by the Halton Association of Volunteer Administrators for her tireless work with the North Halton Red Cross transportation program.

• A proposal to develop a public waking trail around Fairy lake will be discussed by the Town's trails advisory committee at the suggestion of Acton resident Peter Runton who wants public landowners to allow hikers to cross their shoreline land.



COLD WORK: Members of the local Scout/Guide movement celebrated Earth Week by helping plant more than 4,000 trees from native species on Saturday at the Acton Dufferin Quarry. The earth day arbourists included, from left: Kate Lyons-Davies of Guelph, Becca McNabb of Rockwood and Chorale Hutchinson of Cambridge. – Ted Tyler photo

Be Prepared



By **Angela Tyler**

I didn't fill this space last week because I was still suffering the aftermath of the previous week's ice storm. Who would have thought we'd have an ice storm in the middle of April, and enough snow squalls to have white outs the next. After the first blow from Mother Nature our internet disappeared and so did our entire home computer system.

It was odd being without the internet or a computer for a week. I suppose we were fortunate to have been able to "piggy back" from cellular onto tablet for necessary use for work and emails however, the tablet we were using wasn't enough for anything major. It is difficult for me to conceptualize that it was only about a decade ago that I hooked up to the internet. Utilizing the "piggy back" system was tedious. I compared it to typing on a manual typewriter with a dial-up internet connection. However, the computer was the least of our worries and thankfully our worries only lasted 15 hours or so.

When we embraced country life, I was given very specific, firm and quick instructions to one very important item for a girl who had always lived in town. If the hydro is off, don't flush the toilet and don't turn on a tap. Rural living means you're on a well with a water pump that is electrically run, and if you don't have hydro and flush, the prime is lost. I don't

really know all what that means or how it is fixed. What I do know is I did it once, and the Dude was kind of grumbly having to fix it and I learned by my mistake. Ha ha.

Pre-kids, the hydro going off wasn't a big deal either in town or here. I just dealt with it. In town it didn't really matter too much as basically we were only without lights or television. Now, here, with kids it is truly a different thing, and it was our first real big experience without hydro because everything was affected from heat, to food, to lights to running water. Until then because we had only had short blurps here and there without hydro I never really thought much about having a real power loss. Now I've started rethinking what we need and what we need to do if this happens again for whatever reason.

First and most important as I am the grocery-getter, I need to remember to always have an extra case of water or two on hand. With the storm happening on the Friday, the day I usually do our major grocery venture, our supplies were dwindling, including the water. Next, as our hydro didn't come back on until long

into the night, I soon realized the flashlights I had, needed the only two batteries I had in the house and we didn't have any for the big one, which was almost dead. We had plenty of non-cooking food, and in retrospect I'm sure I could have fired up the barbecue once I chipped away the layer of ice, however, I wasn't even sure if we had any propane.

Thankfully by mid-afternoon, the kids and I were able to venture into town. A stop at my folks for a shower, a jaunt to one of the stores for water and a few things, a visit to the local fast food establishment for a special treat dinner and some time at my in-laws filled in our day until our power was restored. Now I need to become prepared for emergencies more than having a full box of bandaids.

I also want to say how pleased I was with Halton Hills Hydro. I did call them a couple times to find out what they could tell me about our service. When our service was restored, I even called them to thank them. The lady on the customer service desk was in shock at that call. She said they didn't usually get those calls.

If you're looking for list to get yourself ready for an emergency you can find it on the Red Cross website at this link <http://www.redcross.ca/article.asp?id=33847&tid=001>



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