

*Letters to the editor... letters to the editor... letters to the editor...*

## Health care staff thanked

Dear editor,  
I would like to publicly thank all the wonderful emergency service personnel and healthcare workers in our community. We are truly blessed to live in this community.

On the morning February 24, our family was faced with the unexpected illness of our loving husband, father and grandfather, Dennis Cartwright. The emergency personnel who responded to the house were outstanding in their professionalism and compassion. Even though the first ambulance went off the driveway into the snow, they quickly left their vehicle carrying their equipment to the house. They cared for Dad as the fire department and another ambulance were on the way.

Once my father reached William Osler Health Centre, Georgetown Hospital Campus, their excellent staff took over. Thank you to Dr. Chu, Dr. Zeni, the nurses in the emergency department and the respiratory therapist. My father was offered all the advantages or modern medicine and was quickly transferred to Trillium Health Centre in

Mississauga. When it was discovered that Dennis had minimal chance for survival, he was compassionately transferred back to Georgetown hospital. During his stay at Georgetown hospital until his death March 2, the care he received was second to none. The nursing staff showed a professionalism and compassion that was overwhelming. Dennis was truly allowed to die with dignity, surrounded by his family.

The reputation of a hospital is not built with bricks and mortar; it is built with the actions of its staff. Georgetown hospital has an excellent reputation for professionalism, caring and compassion.

Thank you to the excellent nursing staff, professional cleaning staff, the receptionists and the hospital security guards. Everyone showed us a kindness and compassion we will never forget. Thank you also to Dad's family physician Dr. Phipps, for all his support.

Georgetown truly is a wonderful place to live.

**Jane Cartwright, on behalf of the Cartwright family, Georgetown**

## Hurry up with seniors' housing

Dear editor,  
*(This letter was originally sent to Halton Hills council members. A copy was made available for publication.)*

For many months now we have been waiting for news about the proposed development for seniors on the lands near the local hospital, owned by the Bennett Health Care Centre Board. Finally, there is word in the local paper that the board made a recent presentation to the Halton Hills Town Council.

We, like many other residents of Georgetown and area, would hope that our town council will

## Raffle nets \$4,200

Dear editor,  
The Halton Hills Chapter held its fourth annual raffle in the Georgetown Market Place the weekend of May 1.

I would like to thank the community for their enthusiastic participation again this year. I would also like to thank Andrew at Peel Graphics, John at JV Clothing, Dorri at Downtown Georgetown Spa and Vikki Crane. But most of all I would like to thank the volunteers with special mention to my parents. My dad continues to build and donate his quality Muskoka chairs. The raffle raised \$4,242.50 for cure research. The four year total is approaching \$20,000!

I would also like to apologize to those in the community who felt we may have been a little too aggressive in our approach. My respect for the community is immense and I am sincerely sorry.

**Wayne MacDonald,  
Spinal Cord Society  
Halton Hills**

go out of their way to make whatever concessions necessary to promote and speed up the process of this seniors' housing development.

We are constantly being told that we (seniors) will soon make up the majority of our population. Most of us have "paid our dues" over our lifetime, and when it comes time to "downsize" there is little available in our own local area. Many areas of our country are taking advantage of this fact, and affordable seniors' developments and housing are being built in many areas. Unfortunately, not in Georgetown, and local people are retiring and having to move away.

We would urge you to please consider whatever fast tracking is required to get this development started as quickly as possible. It is set in a perfect location and its presence can only be an asset to our town. We are so fortunate that we have a base of dedicated volunteers working on our behalf to make this a realization. Please work with them for the good of everyone in our municipality. In this day and age, most common sense seems to have gone by the board, and we have to stick to the stringent rules laid out for better or worse. Well, for once, if the rules need a little bending or modification, let's be realistic and use old-fashioned common sense.

This project has been a dream on paper for too long now. With your help and consideration, we look forward to seeing physical start on it in the very near future.

**Jack and Dawn Livingstone,  
Georgetown**

## Comments on teens 'hurtful'

Dear editor,  
Re: April 23 letter, Teens have lost respect for nature (a response to the March 24 article, Enough is enough).

I often enjoy sitting and reading the local newspaper on Friday evenings after my dinner, not this week however. I was shocked to read the woman's comments on the v a n - d a l -



**Our readers write**

ism and littering of the landscape. Not to say that I do not sympathize with the situation, as I enjoy walking my girlfriend's dog and, needless to say, I wouldn't want to take him somewhere that was litter-ridden. I was greatly disappointed to read her complete generalization of teenagers and found the comments to be sad and hurtful.

I also would like to remind her that there are thousands of young people all over the country and world are trying to preserve the environment. The same environment that past generations, preoccupied with a worldview made up of secular, comfort and survival tactics, exploited.

Finally I would like to say that generalizations and discriminations alike, all stem from fear and with fear in our hearts we will never prosper. I will leave you with a quote from one of my favourite poets:

*"The greatest human beings have not been born yet, they are waiting for the past to die"*—Saul Williams

**Jeff Myers, 20  
Georgetown**

## Theft of Leaf flag a crime, not a prank

Dear editor,  
I feel compelled to ask your readers about respect, the respect about other people's property. Recently we had a Toronto Maple Leafs flag stolen from the front of our house along with the pole it was attached to.

This flag was a gift to myself and I displayed it proudly as a Toronto Maple Leafs fan on the front of our house. Some time Friday or early Saturday it, along with the pole it was on, disappeared. This was very upsetting to us to find that someone was brazen enough to trespass onto our property and steal something that was not his or hers.

To the person or persons who did this, you may think this was just a prank but, in reality, you are committing a crime. When you take something that is not yours it is called stealing and you are a thief. How proud your parents must be to know that they have raised a thief.

It doesn't matter that you took a flag worth only \$30, it's still called stealing and you are still a thief. Not only did you steal the flag but also you stole the pole it was on. Now we cannot display our Canadian flag that we also display with pride—pride that you obviously don't have!

**Bruce Kentner, Georgetown**

## Fuel Genie has its backers

Dear editor,  
Re: Response to Dan Zabukovec's letter, Reader skeptical of gas device (April 21).

My first response was don't knock it 'till you've tried it. Our customers, who are our priority, felt perhaps he needed more proof. Mr. Zabukovec needed to know that this was not our first exposure to the media. We have been featured on *Guys Garage* with Johnny B, Mojo Radio AM 640—twice. We met with him and installed the unit in his Ford Ranger. He turned it over to his experts, Tony Forte and he tested it with a group of students who achieved a 14 per cent increase.

We were also featured on *The Neighborhood Mechanic* with Dr. Honda—Dave Redger Jazz 91 FM—same test. His introduction on air was, "today we are featuring the Fuel Genie. We tested it, and guess what, the sucker works!"

*The Owen Sound Sun Times*, and *The Markdale Standard* contacted us based on customer performance. The results of Steve Johnson of U-Wanna-Taxi in Owen Sound stated he is saving \$245 per week on his fleet of seven taxis. The Fuel Genie has done a Dyno-Meter performance test at Acton Auto-Tech that stated they achieved a 28.1 per cent increase in horsepower. To confirm these results, another one was done in Burlington on a high-powered BMW Roadster. Again, an 11% increase.

This entire evidence was presented to Ted Brown prior to his testing of our unit. Mr. Brown's article has attracted a lot of attention for us, and we are appreciative of that, however, we stand firm on our device. We receive letters daily from satisfied customers stating mileage increase, cleaner emissions and overall better performance. We stand behind our product and offer our customers a no-hassle return policy. I guess my original thought again, is don't knock it 'till you try it!

**Donna Leuenberger,  
The Fuel Genie**

## World Vision offers thanks for famine help

Dear editor,  
On behalf of World Vision Canada, I want to thank the participants, organizers and volunteers for their valuable contribution to World Vision's 33rd annual 30 Hour Famine.

The World Vision 30 Hour Famine is a national event that provides youth with a unique way to put their desires for a better world into action. The money raised this year will support youth-focused programs that will improve education, nutrition and health-care, and help those affected by conflict.

For those of you who have already submitted your donations—thank you. For others who are still collecting money and planning Famine activities, we encourage you in your efforts. We are well on our way to reaching the \$4.7 million goal. Imagine the impact this will have—and it is because of the generosity creativity and dedication of Canadian teens!

**Dave Toycén, president,  
World Vision Canada**