



SQUADRON SALUTE: Warrant Officer Christopher Passmore salutes LCOL Peter McCulloch during the march past as the 197 Typhoon Squadron, Royal Canadian Air Cadets held their 16th annual inspection at the Acton arena on Sunday. - Frances Niblock photo

Cadets, BIA join forces

Armed with brooms, pails, rakes and a lot of community spirit, members of the Acton BIA (Business Improvement Area), the 197 Typhoon Squadron of the Royal Canadian Air Cadets and Acton High School students will join forces against litter next Saturday to cleanup the downtown core of Acton.

Last year's cleanup/spruce up was a great success and again this year the BIA is taking advantage of the Cadet's national "Cadets Caring for Canada" - a mandatory com-

munity involvement work program, with the motto "Keep the Seas, Trees and Breezes alive."

"We're going to have a four or five hour blitz on June 10, and we'll be sweeping and weeding and washing windows and cleaning out the Church Street parking lot," BIA spokesperson Janis Fread said.

As well, crews will be painting the flower boxes on Main Street South and touching up and of the benches in the downtown.

Cadet sponsoring committee chair, Louise MacKenzie, said last year they had 17 Cadets along with some of their parents and leaders.

"Hopefully we'll have enough Cadets to make up four or five teams to work on the parking lot, another team to wash windows, paint and sweep," MacKenzie said.

Anyone who wants to help with the cleanup should meet at the Church Street parking lot 8 a.m., wearing old clothes and work gloves.

POLICE BEAT

Limehouse fire

A 13-year-old boy has been charged in connection with a playground equipment fire at Limehouse School April 12. The boy, who is not a student at the school, was arrested last Wednesday and charged with mischief under \$5,000. A plastic slide at the school had been set on fire. Police expected to make another arrest in the case last night (Wednesday).

Wallet stolen

A visitor to a Church Street West house had her wallet stolen overnight last Wednesday. The victim told police the wallet, containing \$4 cash back cards and identification was taken while she was out of the house. The investigation continues.

Caught in the act

A seven-year-old Acton boy will have to work off the cost of replacing a window he broke at Knox Presbyterian Church. A witness saw the boy kick and smash a window on the north side of the church on Friday at 7:30 p.m.

The witness called police who took the boy home to his parents who made arrangements with the church for the boy to work off his debt.

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To our Community:

Further to a recent article published in the Globe and Mail, the Board of Directors of William Osler Health Centre would like to ensure our community members and patients are fully aware of the MRI services offered at William Osler Health Centre.

Access to William Osler Health Centre's two MRI scanners is governed by Ministry of Health regulations and our policy is clear. William Osler Health Centre does not and will not accept payment for services that are insured services under the Ontario Health Insurance Act.

The Ontario Health Insurance Act permits a hospital to accept payment for uninsured services such as MRI scans requested by third party payers which may include Workplace Safety Insurance Board and insurance companies.

We have asked an independent auditing firm to review the referral process from third parties to ensure that no payment has been received for medically necessary MRI scans that are insured services. We will continue to take steps to ensure that residents of Ontario do not pay for medically necessary insured MRI scans.

William Osler Health Centre's Brampton Campus has been designated by the Ministry of Health as a Regional Centre for MRI services. We began operating our first scanner in 1998. Last year we acquired a more advanced MRI scanner.

Any revenues generated by the hospital from various sources, including parking fees, cafeteria, and permitted charges for uninsured services are reinvested back into improving access to patient care and patient care services. The second MRI because of its design can scan people who otherwise cannot be scanned on conventional MRI equipment. Over 200 patients have already benefited from this special technology.

The government has approved 28 MRI units in the province and by the end of next year anticipate having 37 MRI units. This will help to increase patient access to MRI services in Ontario.

If any community members or patients have any concerns regarding the article published in the Globe and Mail, please contact our Community Contact Line at 905 451-1710, ext. 2505.

Donna Northeast
Chair of the Board

Tickets available for benefit

By FRANCES NIBLOCK
The New Tanner

Through the marvel of modern technology, friends and family attending a benefit dance next Friday for Acton's Susan Lindsay will be able to send her instantaneous messages and greetings via a satellite hookup from the Legion to her hospital room in Bethesda, Maryland.

More than anything, Susan wanted to be home for the benefit to help defray her family's enormous expenses dealing with her illness, but she continues to fight a rare brain infection - a complication of a rare genetic disorder - in the American research hospital, so the satellite link will have to do.

"We're hooking up a digital camera with a computer hookup to the Web and people will be able to record messages on the camera and then up can send them by satellite," Susan's uncle, Don Lindsay said, as he detailed plans for the benefit, June 9th at the Acton Legion.

While Susan's medical expenses are covered by the U.S. government in the research hospital, the financial toll on her family - parents Jim and Mary Ann and husband Mark Verspagen - has been enormous as they try to stay at her bedside.

The idea for the benefit evolved as people repeatedly asked the family what they could do to help. Local businesses have donated items for a silent auction, three major prizes were donated for a raffle and Lindsay said people are being very generous.

Dance tickets are \$20 and are available, along with raffle tickets, at Home Hardware or by calling 853-2057.

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