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Junior Citizens

Nominations are now being accepted for the 1998 Ontario Junior Citizen of the Year Awards program, sponsored by The Independent & Free Press and the Ontario Community Newspapers Association (OCNA). This is the 18th year that the program has honored outstanding young people between the ages of six and 18 from communities across Ontario.

This program isn't a competition. There are no winners or losers because all nominees—hundreds each year—are recognized with a certificate for the contributions they have made to their communities. Up to 12 of the nominees are then chosen to receive the award, presented by Ontario's Lieutenant Governor during a special ceremony held in Toronto.

Nominees for this award may be involved in community service; have performed acts of heroism; be making contributions while living with limitations; or be 'good kids' who show a commitment to make life better for others.

We know there are outstanding young people in our community. Help us celebrate their achievements. This year's theme for the awards program is 'Rising To The Challenge'—let us rise to the challenge by nominating someone for this prestigious award.

Nominations will be accepted until October 31. Forms and further information about the program can be obtained from this newspaper, or by calling the OCNA at (905) 639-8720.



Hospital offers wonderful care

Dear editor,

October 2 was a significant anniversary for me—it has been one year since I spent an unexpected three weeks in Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital.

My appendix decided it had enough of me, and along with a second surgery and a few extra complications, our Georgetown hospital became my home for a few weeks.

I should have written this note a year ago, but I want to express my sincere thanks to Dr. Anand, Dr. Chu and all the nurses who took such wonderful care of me.

Even a year later, I still am so grateful for their complete attention and genuine concern for my health, and I know that I wouldn't have wanted to be in any other hospital.

There is no doubt in my mind that the decision to keep our community hospital open was a good one!

Sherrill Lynn,
Georgetown

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Letter of the day

Fox run supporters thanked

Dear editor,

On September 20, the 18th annual Terry Fox Run was held at the Acton High School track, where participants, volunteers and supporters joined together to continue their commitment and dedication to Terry's dream of finding a cure for cancer. With perfect weather, total pledges and donations for the day exceeded \$24,000.

We would like to extend sincere thanks and appreciation to the following:

- Acton High School for the use of their facilities.
- Mike Mattocks representing Acton's Citizens of the Year, newly crowned Miss Acton Tanya Tonkovich along with first runner-up Steph McKay and second runner-up Kelly Soutiere, and Mayor Marilyn Sergeantson for cutting the ribbon to officially open the day.
- To all the businesses and individuals who were kind enough to donate supplies for the food booth, which raised over \$400 for our cause.
- To Acton Pharmacy, Ross Ballantine and Leathertown Feed for displaying signs, and to all residents who showed support with lawn signs.
- To all businesses who provided space for pledge sheets and posters, to all banks for processing pledge forms, to Eagle Ottawa Canada for office supplies and postage, and to Speyside Welding for the use of their motor home.
- To all volunteers who helped throughout the day, to all who sponsored participants or donated directly to the run and to all participants who collected pledges and participated in the run.

Again, thanks to everyone for your efforts in our ongoing battle against cancer. We are also thankful for the memory of Terry Fox, and the example he set for us all, that people should follow their dreams, and that together we can make a difference.

The Acton Terry Fox Run Committee,
George McPhail, Nan Hurst, Wally Ella, Marlene Bogart,
Jennifer Murr, Janice Morrow, Jon Hurst

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