

Damage deposits for homes in Honeyfield 'years away'

By Maggie Petrushevsky

Honeyfield homeowners wondering why their builder has not returned their damage deposits are jumping the gun, says the developer's spokesperson.

It will probably take another two to three years before their \$500 deposits are refunded says Monmar service coordinator Sherry Creighton.

The damage deposit is completely separate from the mud deposit which the town refunded to Monmar some months ago and to which homeowners felt they were entitled.

The town's mud deposit works like an insurance policy. If the builder doesn't meet the individual lot grading specifications provided by the town, the town either

withholds the deposit until the builder fixes the problem, or uses the deposit to pay for having the problem fixed. Once lots have been inspected and approved, the builder's mud deposit is refunded. And that was the refund which Halton Hills gave Monmar in December.

However, Monmar included a \$500 damage deposit in the closing costs for each

home it sold in the Honeyfield development.

"That's our leverage to maintain access to properties (after they appear finished) in case we need to go in to repair some damage done by the homeowner or his contractor," Creighton explains.

For example, if a property owner had a

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New Fair building on target

Students are back to school next Tuesday and concerned advertisers have messages on Pages 8 and 9 for parents.



Boys' Under 16 soccer finals were played in Acton Sunday. See results on Page 16.



The New Tanner office will be closed Monday so staff can enjoy the Labour Day Holiday.

The Bouclair court case has been switched to a new date. Page 19.



BUZZING FOR BEN: Noah MacDonald, 10, centre back, and his brothers, left to right, Jesse, 9, twins Elijah and Jonah, 3, and Aaron, 7, will all be climbing into the chair to have their locks clipped Saturday to raise funds to find a cure for muscular dystrophy a disease which their cousin Ben has.- Submitted photo.

Hair raising event this Saturday

Ten-year-old Noah MacDonald knows his six-year-old cousin Ben is losing out in his battle to be like other boys so he's asking for pledges and donations to support the Buzz for Ben haircut he'll receive this Saturday, Sept. 2 at the M&M Charity BBQ in the Mac's

Milk parking lot. The funds will go to research towards a cure for muscular dystrophy.

Noah's also going to get help from brothers Jessie, 9, Aaron, 7, and three-year-old twins Elijah and Jonah who will also be baring their scalps to a

hairdresser's clippers. He's also inviting others to have their locks buzzed for \$10 a head.

The MacDonald family will be in a tent at the charity barbecue from 10a.m. to 4p.m. to receive pledges or accept donations.

Over \$350,000 raised by committee

By Janis Fread

The Acton Agricultural Society has reached the first phase of their building fundraising commitment – raising just over \$350,000.

The project for a new building for the AAS is rolling along on schedule with the completion of the tendering process this week and the best bid awarded to a contractor, one of 14 submitted. The winning bid came in almost right on target to the budgeted amount.

Council, at their meeting on Sept 5, will determine if all the required targets have been met by the AAS in order to give the go-ahead to proceed to the next phase.

Under the co-chairmanship of Norm Elliott, Jim Pink and Brent Marshall, the fundraising committee is continuing to meet weekly to plan and aggressively seek the financial support needed to fuel the project. Daunting as this task may be, it's been made easier by the tremendous support from the community and local businesses.

The most recent con-

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