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Digest

All Candidates Night

Want answers? Get them October 12 at the Georgetown University Women's Club's All Candidates Night, 7:30 p.m. at the Halton Hills Cultural Centre, Church St., Georgetown. Refreshments to follow. For information call 877-5806.

Turner to debate

Halton-Peel MP Garth Turner will speak for the Conservative Party in CBC's nationally-televised Town Hall meeting to be broadcast on Prime Time news, this coming Monday, October 12, at 9 p.m. The third in four such election issue broadcasts, this Town Hall will debate issues which are relevant to today's young voters, before a studio audience made up of decided and undecided young people. Five political parties will be represented in the debate. The Town Hall meeting, hosted by anchorman Peter Mansbridge

Parade winners

The Acton Fall Fair honors outstanding entrants for participating in the Fall Fair Parade. This year over 50 entries made it an outstanding kick off to the fair on Saturday. Co-op Nursery walked off with top prize for their efforts. Second place honors went to Star Thru Squares' square dancers float. Third prize for fielding almost 30 costumed characters goes to Suit you Self Costumes.

False alarms Sunday

Halton Hills Fire Department responded to two alarms last Sunday. Both turned out to be false. The first was at 3:49 a.m. at Terra Glen Animal Clinic on 10th Line. The second was at 8:42 p.m. at 17 Elizabeth Dr. in Acton.

Special section

Watch for the special Fall Car Care section inside today's newspaper. The eight page pull-out section is full of ways to prepare your vehicle for the winter that awaits.

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An apple a day...

The damp days of fall have arrived and with them the apples have ripened. Hundreds of students have been touring local orchards like Michael Harrower, 5 and Chelsea Giamettio, 4, who recently visited Carl

Laidlaw's apple orchard near Norval. The little ones learned about picking apples and apple byproducts, as well as picking themselves a few red delicious apples.

TED BROWN Independent/Free Press

Busy time for local food banks

Although Love in Christ food bank is not running a Thanksgiving food drive, thanks to the goodwill of local residents, food donations have been pouring in over the past week.

Laura Ellison, coordinator of the Georgetown food bank, said several area residents have been dropping food donations for the foodbank at the Halton Hills fire station in Georgetown, the post office, Home Hardware, and other locations.

As of Thursday Ellison said they had received almost 700 pounds of food.

For the past five years Georgetown chiropractor Gabor Madarasz has undertaken a Thanksgiving food drive of his own.

"The week before Thanksgiving we ask the patients to pay for their visits with a food donation," said Madarasz. "They have been great."

Madarasz has set a goal of 1,000 pounds of food, to be turned over to Love in Christ.

Joan Waldie of Acton Foodshare said they have not organized a specific food drive in Acton, but she is optimistic they will be able to gather some desperately needed food and money donations on National Food Day, Sunday Oct. 17.

Waldie has sent letters to churches in town requesting their members bring food and money donations for the food bank to church that day.

Along with a shortage in donations, Waldie said they are desperately searching for a new home for the food bank, which must vacate its present location in the Beardmore tannery building by Dec. 31.

New exchange for Georgetown

Georgetown has a new telephone exchange — 702.

That makes a total of three for Georgetown, the others are 873 and 877.

Lisa Ellsmere, communications manager for Bell Canada, said the new exchange was recently introduced because all combinations of numbers in the other exchanges have almost been completely used.

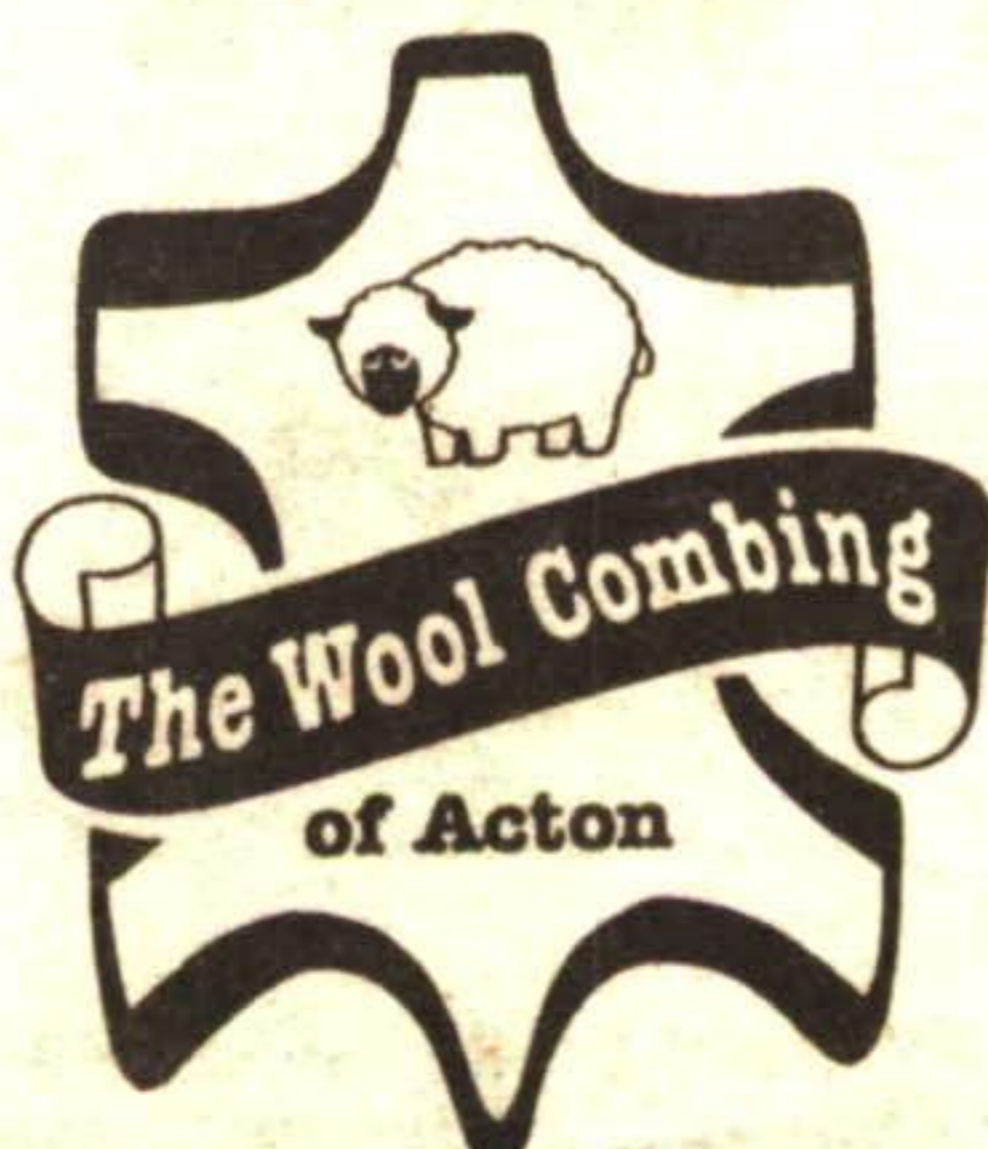
Ellsmere said the number shortage in the two familiar exchanges is due to growth in the community and increasing use of cellular phones and fax machines.

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