

GRAPEVINE

OCNA CITIZEN



Double congrats to Acton's April Bridge, 14, whose leadership and academic skills at McKenzie Smith-Bennett School were recognized on two fronts recently. Bridge, a Grade 8 student, was named her school's Award of Excellence recipient, and she was selected as a Junior Citizen by the Ontario Community Newspaper Association.

Nominated for the newspaper award by her teacher, Bridge, a school jazz band member and Mustang volleyball team member, volunteers with several MSB programs. "I was really surprised and honoured when I heard about both awards," Bridge said on Sunday, adding "there are so many other students who deserve them."

FAIR WALL COMPETITION

Want to help celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Acton Fall Fair in an artistic way and win \$100? The Acton Agricultural Society is staging a commemorative wall art competition to mark the centennial and is inviting everyone to pick their design and medium and enter the contest.

All submissions – individual or group – must incorporate this year's theme – "From Rural Roots to New Branches." The piece must not be larger than 25" X 36" X 8", and be ready to hang. All entries become property of the Homecraft Division.

For details contact acton-fair@hotmail.com or call Judy at 519-953-2597.

WASTEWISE DONATION

A \$25,000 cheque from Wastewise means more recycling bins for Halton Hills parks. Mayor Rick Bonnette accepted the donation on Tuesday for the 90 bins. Currently there are no recycling bins in local parks, except for two in Prospect Park.

Phase one will see recycling bins placed in Georgetown parks, and Wastewise official Debbie Smart before the end of the year, five recycling bins will be placed at the Acton Sports Park near the arena, and nine in Prospect Park.

RESTORE EXTRACURRICULARS

Volunteers will be asked to help run extracurricular activities in Halton public elementary schools where the teacher's union instituted a ban on extracurricular activities in response to the province's Bill 115 which froze wages, cut benefits and reduced teacher bargaining rights. In a unanimous motion last Wednesday, trustees asked the director to develop and implement strategies to "secure supervision for extracurricular activities".

SOBEYS STRIKE

So far, the only apparent fallout in Acton from the strike by Sobeys warehouse workers in Milton is a shortage of an 18-pack of drinking water – a shortage one of the managers, who identified himself only as Craig, said wasn't due to the strike, but "just because we ran out."

Asked if Acton shoppers will face empty shelves because of the strike, Craig said, "we'll have to see what they short us," when delivery trucks arrive.

The 480 United Food and Commercial Workers in Milton walked off the job at midnight Monday after rejecting a nine-year, final offer.

TOP CHEF CANADA HOPEFUL



Acton native Ruth Eddolls, 30, plans to "kick some serious ---" as one of one of 16 chefs competing on the third season of the *Top Chef Canada* TV show.

Born in Bristol, England, Eddolls came to Canada with her parents and two brothers and settled Acton. She began cooking when she was 15, graduated from Acton High and the George Brown Culinary Management Program.

Eddolls is currently executive sous chef at Pusateri's in Toronto, and said she is "willing to risk everything" to compete on the show which has a top prize is \$100,000, along with a \$30,000 GE kitchen and \$25,000 quartz kitchen installation.

In her audition video for *Top Chef Canada*, Eddolls prepared a take on her mother's favourite foods – Yorkshire pudding, pan-seared tenderloin with quail eggs with a lemon Hollandaise sauce.

The season opener airs March 18 on Food Network Canada.



MILK MAN: Pasteurized milk was introduced to Acton in the mid-1930s by Johnston's Dairy who employed Acton's Bill Mainprize, and a trusty horse, as the delivery system. Johnston's was later sold to Watson's Dairy. – Submitted photo

LETTERS

AHHA to save Acton's hockey identity

To the Editor,

Acton Houseleague Hockey Association Inc. (AHHA) hosted the 43rd Annual Peeewe Tournament last weekend – another successful tournament with teams coming from as far as Sudbury and Ottawa. This is the longest running Peeewe tournament in Ontario and we look forward to having many more down the road.

Our houseleague is stronger than ever and we look forward to having Acton arena twinned in the near future to maximize the opportunity to

expand the league and welcome more kids in Halton Hills to have some fun and learn how to play hockey in their own town where they reside.

With the pending amalgamation of the Acton Tanners and the Georgetown Minor Hockey Association, the AHHA will continue to operate business as usual in Acton and provide recreational hockey to our town youth as well as surrounding communities.

The AHHA was provided the opportunity to join in

the amalgamation between the other two hockey associations, however the AHHA board voted overwhelmingly against this so that we can continue to provide an affordable in-town houseleague, and keep our town's identity when it comes to our national sport of hockey.

Thank you to all of our volunteers for running a great tournament and keeping the future of houseleague hockey in Acton stronger than it ever has been before.

Regards,
AHHA Inc. Executive

