

GRAPEVINE

APPLEYARD'S A-TEAM

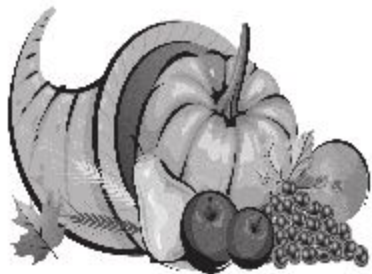
The Absolutely Acton Speakers Series launches its third season at the Acton Town Hall Centre on October 6 with an afternoon of jazz with *Peter Appleyard's A-Team*.

The late Appleyard's band-mates will mark this summer's passing of the jazz legend with an afternoon of music, photos and videos of past performances. For tickets call 519-853-5302 or info@actontownhall.com

THANKSGIVING GIVING

The cans of meat and vegetables, packages of pasta and granola bars donated to date at the Active Choice – Rehabilitation Centre will help feed the hungry in Acton this Thanksgiving.

The food drive is going "pretty well" according to staff at the 19 Mill St. East facility who will accept donations until Thanksgiving.



SURVEY SAYS...

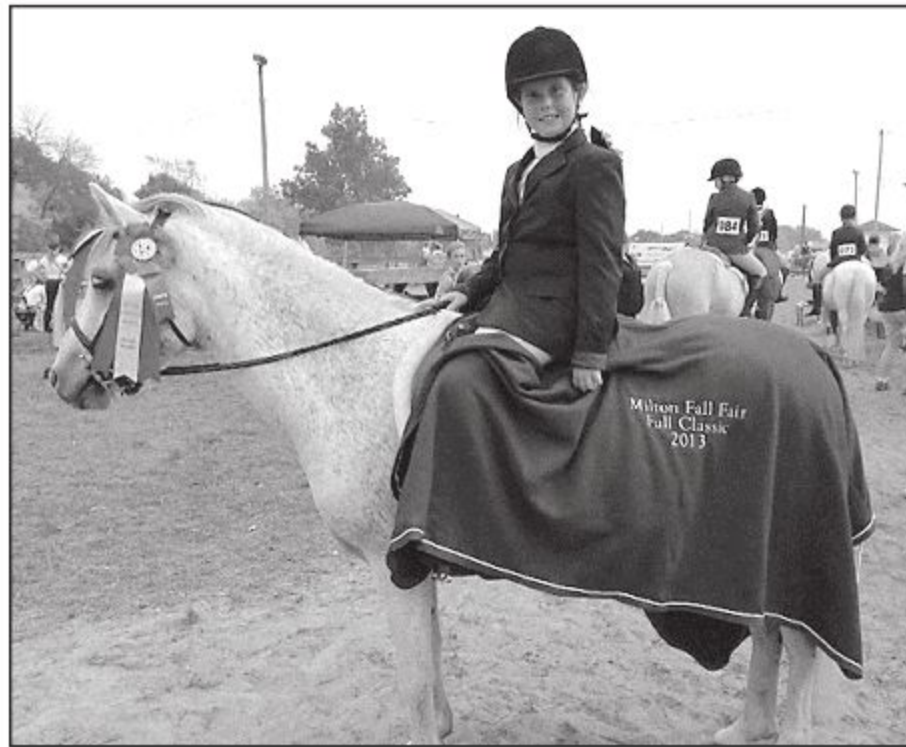
Want to let the Town know if it is delivering the services you want, expect and require? During October, Town staff will solicit comments and feedback from residents to gauge the level of satisfaction with service received by Town staff.

Customer feedback forms are available at the front counter of each Town facility and the survey is available on the Town website at www.surveymonkey.com/s/HH-CustomerServiceWeek

LIBRARY LURES

Need some help with technology? Staff at the Acton library can help on Saturdays until the end of the month at a Technology Made Simple program. From Kobos to iPads, to Playbooks, staff offer hands-on assistance from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Laptops will be available.

Knit Night – aka the "Stitch-and-itch" club – resumes at the Acton library branch on October 17, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The Thursday evening sessions promise "friends, books and all things knitting" for new knitters and seasoned experts. For details visit www.hhpl.on.ca or call 519-853-0301.



PONY PROUD: Abigail Cordingley of Acton won Champion in the two-foot Hunter Classic horse show this past weekend at the Milton Fall Fair. Cordingley rode Polar Express owned by Vanbrook Equestrian of Milton. – Submitted photo

LETTERS

Nurture Mother Nature

Dear Editor,

I agree 100 per cent with John Shadbolt that humans are destroying Mother Nature. I have noticed the loss of butterflies, bees, crickets, etc. Our maple trees this year are all covered with fungus and will not

have brilliant colours. The tall beautiful corn across the road is probably genetically engineered, also the soybeans. There are so many allergies now as a result of too many antibiotics in our animals. Mr. Shadbolt wondered if others have had the

same experience and here we are well aware of it. We must never give up hope for Mother Nature's sake.

Sincerely yours,
Mabel E. Barkman
A former Acton Rural Resident
Eden Mills, ON

Parade theme contradiction

To the Editor,

I have been a resident of Acton for 16 years. I am writing to inquire about the theme that has been chosen for this year's Acton Santa Claus Parade.

It has recently come to my attention that the theme is to be "Mardi Gras". I would also like

to say that this chosen theme is inappropriate, as Santa Claus Parade is in celebration of Christmas, which is to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. Mardi Gras, by definition is about celebrating sin before you repent on Ash Wednesday, which has no place in a Santa Claus

Parade. What message are we giving to our children and how can Churches and Schools take part in such a parade of contradictions?

Thank-you in advance,
James Paton
Acton, ON

Annual Chili Fest invitation

Dear Community Members,

I am excited to invite you to our annual Chili Fest events that will be taking place – 1 in the Town of Erin and the other in Rockwood (details of each below). Our goal is to raise over \$1,000 from these events with proceeds donated to the United Way of Guelph Wellington Dufferin as part of their annual fundraising campaign.

At each event, you will be able to enjoy a bowl of chili, homemade and served, by members of our Board of Directors, a bun and drink for **only \$5.00!** **Plus** - you will have a chance to vote on your favourite chili to help us determine which chili wins "best of the fest" honours this year!

We have been fortunate to receive funding from the United Way for our programs including the food bank and information

and referral services; however, with needs increasing within so many of the programs and services funded by the United Way, it's more important than ever that we help the United Way to reach, and exceed, their fundraising goal of 3.4 million dollars so that there is the ability for United Way to continue to fund the over 80 local programs.

Ken Dardano, United Way executive director, is excited about this year's campaign. "It's a hard reality, but we continue to see increasing demands for all of the programs we fund," commented Mr. Dardano. "Every dollar donated makes a difference, helping people through the 80 plus local programs United Way funds. Requests for the 2013 funding year are well above last cycle's numbers, indicating the increased need for support from the community

and United Way."

Rockwood Chili Fest –
Thursday, October 10, 2013
Time: 11am – 2pm
Place: Royal Bank – Rockwood
Address: 118 Main St. Rockwood – N0B 2K0

Erin Chili Fest –
Friday, October 11, 2013
Time: 11am – 2pm
Place: Royal Bank Erin
Address: 152 Main St. Erin – N0B 1T0

On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff, volunteers and the clients that we serve, we hope you will attend this event, enjoy a bowl of chili with us and help determine which Board Member will capture the award for "best of the fest".

See you at Chili Fest 2013!
Erika Westcott
Manager, Community Services and Volunteers



FEATHERED FESTIVITIES: There was webbed and wedded bliss recently as the Rockwood geese celebrated the nuptials of a goose and gander, much to the delight of area residents and passing motorists. – Marie Shadbolt photo