

# Firefighters sub in ball contest

Due to employee holidays, 820 CHAM Radio had to cancel a baseball exhibition against Rockwood Eramosa Minor Ball coaches on Saturday, but Colin Langridge is not disappointed. The third-year ball president was saddened by a sparse crowd of between 25 and 30, but he did admit the event fell during a prime time vacation period. "I phoned them (CHAM) last Wednesday and they said they were sorry, but they wouldn't be able to send enough players," Langridge explained on Monday "They used to do a lot of public appearances, but a lot of the employees either became

too busy in their own work or didn't play the game." Langridge said CHAM will reschedule a game for late August or early September. The Eramosa Fire Department stepped in for CHAM and gave the coaches a good battle, but were trimmed 16-15. "It was entertaining. Everybody who played enjoyed it," said Langridge. "We were trying to raise funds in order to keep the status-quo on registration fees. "It was quite decent of the firefighters to step in a play us. And it was a rather close game, as well."

# Appleyard returns to Rockwood

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The Rockwood Miller

After resounding success last summer, the acoustic sounds of the Peter Appleyard Trio will prevail inside La Vieille Auberge this Friday and Saturday — in a live performance. The internationally renowned Rockwood jazz musician will also squeeze in near-sellout shows on July 28 and 29 at the Main Street restaurant before appearances in the United States and Switzerland. "After talking with (La Vieille Auberge owner) Hubert Biemann, I decided to play here again," Appleyard said on Monday. "Naturally it's close to home, but it's a fascinating restaurant. Plus, a lot of my friends will come by and people who don't have the chance to catch us play internationally. "It will also be an acoustic situation, so you can hear the true tone of the instrument."

three albums — *Great Vibes*, which he produced himself and released on CD and tape in 1993, *Barbados Cool* and *Barbados Hot*. The father of two has worked with such personalities as Bob Hope, Frank Sinatra and Marvin Gaye, as well as recording with Canadian artists Gordon Lightfoot and Anne Murray. "Jazz was inspirational and exciting the first time I heard it. It thrills me if I hear a good jazz group. It's a natural high," said Appleyard. "I never dreamt I would have worked with (jazz legend) Benny Goodman, and I did for eight years. On Sept. 10, Appleyard will be one of only four or five vibra harp players to play in a tribute concert for jazz legend Lionel Hampton at the Kennedy Centre in Washington, D.C. Hampton, 87, suffered a

stroke recently. He is the first jazz musician to play the vibra harp and the first band leader to use electric bass. Only a few tickets remain for the four Rockwood shows. For info, call Biemann at 856-4170.

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**SAFE AT FIRST?** Rockwood Eramosa Minor Ball coach Tom Parkinson gets back to first base before the throw reaches Firefighter Stu Rockola during an exhibition fundraiser at Lloyd Dyer diamond on Saturday. (Eve Martin photo)

That instrument is the vibra harp, one of two instruments — the drums are the other — the 60-year-old musician has played during a career that spans 50 years. The other members of the band are guitarist Reg Schwager from Toronto, bassist Dave Young of the Oscar Peterson clan and international player Keiran Overs. While jazz music will never dominate the music scene, Appleyard says the art will never die — and it's the only style of music that North America can call its own. "It's still appreciated internationally even though the audiences are quite smaller than those at rock performances," he conceded. Appleyard, who has lived in the village for 16 years, has released

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lance and fire department personnel freed him. The man was airlifted to Hamilton Hospital, where he was listed in stable condition.



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