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WEDNESDAY...

The Acton Citizen of the Year has been named by the Rotary Club of Acton. See who it is in Wednesday's edition.

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Shakespeare's Shrew

A somewhat annoyed Katherina (Aidan Hammond) tolerates her totally obnoxious bridegroom Petruccio (Bruno Seiler) on their wedding day, in Acton High School's upcoming production of Shakespeare's *The Taming of the Shrew*, which will be performed in the high school bear pit, April 24 to 26. Tickets are \$12 each for the 7:30 p.m. performances, and are available by contacting the high school at 519-853-2920.

Photo by Ted Brown

Woes beset GreenCart roll-out

MELANIE HENNESSEY
Special to The IFP

The contractor in charge of region's garbage pick-up has issued an apology to local residents for the delays that have been experienced so far in the new waste collection program.

Miller Waste Systems' started a contract with the Region last week that includes the new GreenCart program, weekly Blue Box collection and bi-weekly garbage collection with a six-bag limit.

But the program got off to a bit of a rocky start, with some residents waiting for several days after their scheduled collection day for a Miller truck to show up.

Miller senior vice president Blair McArthur appeared before regional council Wednesday to apologize for the challenges that have been experienced so far and offer up some explanations.

"There is a very compelling reason for the delays you have seen," he said. "The Region's marketing campaign (for the program) promised 'More Blue and Green for a Better Planet' and we have definitely seen more blue and green than at any time in the history of our waste diversion experience. In our 47 years of business, we have never seen such unprecedented rates in the roll-out of a new waste management program or the volumes of material set out for collection."

He said last week, Miller trucks collected roughly 2,000 tonnes of recycling and organics (compostable material)—over 50 per cent more than what was expected.

There were also high volumes of leaf and yard waste, with over 200 tonnes of the material being collected per day. That's about 20 per cent more than Miller had anticipated.

"In many ways this is a good news story," he said. "The delays have been inconvenient for residents but it's good news for the environment as a whole."

He added it's been a learning curve for the large driving staff and the supervisors. He also said there's been some issues with

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