

# Hardball hosts famous player

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Fans of blues and classic or hard rock music can now chose their night and get their fix at the Hardball Café near Milton.

Friday night is rock and roll while Saturdays is the night for "goodtime rockin' blues" says, Hardball promoter Joe Pinto.

Upcoming shows include Toronto and area groups like Wildman, Jerome Godboo of the Phantoms, Chris

Armstrong, a red hot rhythm and blues dance band and Paul James.

Also in the works are visits from international recording blues bands from the USA like Lil' Ed and the Imperials, Koko Taylor, Johnny Winter, and Florida bluesman "The Sauce Boss" (alias Bill Wharton).

Pinto describes Wharton as "a nut who looks like Colonel Sanders, acts like Ted Nugent, and cooks a giant pot of gumbo live on stage while whipping out great slide guitar and vocals."

"He's also a professional chef," Pinto explains, "so he's doing the two things he loves - cooking and playing. He feeds his audience at the end of his show when his gumbo is cooked."

The Hardball was the single sponsor behind last year's Halton Region Blues and Roots Festival. This year seven clubs including Manny's Road House in Acton will be involved with the second festival to run July 9 to 19.

Because Pinto is linked to festivals in Detroit and Windsor the Halton festival will be able to share in drawing in some big names from Europe coming for the three events.

Pinto plans to keep building the festival and hopes to have it in Kelso Conservation Area by the year 200. He's still looking for sponsors for this year's festival. Anyone interested is invited to contact him at 873-6374.

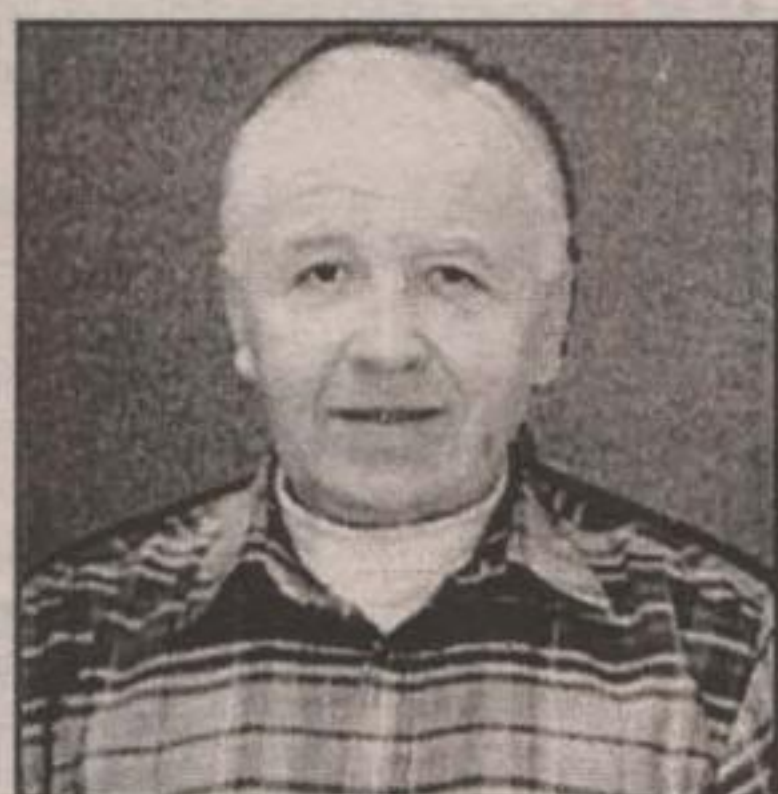
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**FOR RENT:** Cedar Cliff Place developers have many of their two-bedroom units ready for occupancy although workmen are still finishing off landscaping.

## Cedar Cliff apartments now ready for occupancy

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Accommodations in Rockwood got a boost Wednesday with the completion of Cedar Cliff Place on Alma Street.

The 17-unit building, begun more than two years ago by Cedar Cliff Place Limited, was designed and built by

Fred Pelley Construction, of Rockwood. Pelley, Rob Gray, John Murison and Walter Swanston are the partners behind Cedar Cliff.

The three-storey building is wheelchair accessible on two floors. Each of the 780-square foot units offers luxury features like European-style kitchens and carpeting while some also have

patios or balconies. There is ample outdoor parking.

Located within easy walking distance of area stores and services, it is already 65 per cent rented, says Carolyn Wingate, one of the people handling rentals.

There will be an open house for the building on April 26. Units are available April 1 and May 1.



**YEAR END:** Acton Ladies Curling Club finished off their season with a banquet and awards night. Liz Leslie, left, presented gift baskets from Thought Full of Baskets to second draw winners Bev DaQuano, Margo Butler and Cheryle DaPonte. Maggie Petrushevsky photo

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