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OPP warns about money marketing

Wellington OPP is again reminding consumers to use caution when responding to any telemarketing or mail flyer that requests sending money.

Recently there have been reports of residents in North Wellington receiving mailings for opportunities to work from home. In some cases, the consumers have sent cash and have yet to receive anything back.

Old gun to repel Russians

The only working WWI British field gun – known as an 18-pounder – in private hands is getting Acton's Fred VanSickle more and more invitations to military events and ceremonies.

VanSickle, a member of a WWI, 20th Battalion re-enactment group, just returned from an event at Fort George in Niagara-On-The-Lake, and also recently took the field gun, made by Bethlehem Steel in 1918, to the Colonel John McCrae House in Guelph for Canada Day.

VanSickle purchased the field gun several years ago from the government of Finland that had been given the gun as war aid by the USA in 1939 to help fight the advancing Russians.

The gun was last fired on maneuvers in 1994, and has since been made inoperable and fires blanks.

Here are tips to help recognize a scam.

- If it sounds too good to be true, it is.

- You must pay first before receiving anything.

- You must give them your private financial information.

- They will only accept cash or money order, rather than a cheque or credit card (cash is untraceable).

- It's a limited opportunity

and you're going to miss out.

Legitimate companies have nothing to hide, the OPP notes. Be cautious. Check them out; request detailed written information, a call back number, references, and time to think your decision over.

Legitimate business people will be happy to provide that information. They want the "bad guys" out of business, too.

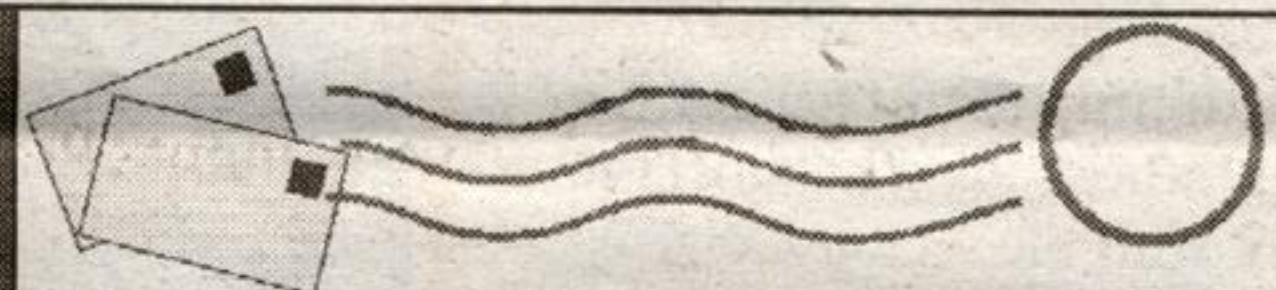
If you suspect you may be a target, or have already sent funds, be assured you are not alone. There's help from Phone Busters, national deceptive telemarketing call centre, operated by the Ontario Provincial Police.

Phone Busters can be reached by calling toll free 1-888-495-8501 or go to their website for information on the latest scams at www.phonebusters.com.



BIG GUN: Acton's Fred VanSickle's pride and joy is this British field gun – known as an 18-pounder – that he takes to military events and displays. – Frances Niblock photo

Letters



Feels justice not served

To the Editor,

I read the letter in last week's paper called 'a time for healing'. I was very upset by this. The sister was saying that she feels justice has been served, no one feels it has. Killing someone with a gun is not a mistake. I do not feel that it is right that this guy killed someone, accident or not, and did not even get a year. The Young Offenders Act needs to be changed to 16. If you can drive at 16 you are an adult because a car is as deadly as a weapon if not more so.

She also said her brother

has to live with what he has done. That is a little more justice than I guess because we live with it everyday and that will never go away. Once your brother is done his sentencing he will have a perfect life again. My mom said "she wanted to slap him across the face and ask why."

I am glad your brother is in counselling because I know I could not live knowing I killed someone. I only just turned 18 and I could not imagine living knowing that I killed someone. Then again it re-

ally is not a big deal to anyone, especially the justice system, considering you only get three years in total when you are under 18.

You and your family are not the ones who need to be sorry. You did not do anything. Your brother needs to be sorry. Until we hear that then nothing will change.

I agree it is time for healing. Ours will take a lifetime yours About two and a half more years. But the forgiving process I do not think will ever happen.

Brianna Getty.

Perils of chewing tobacco

To the Editor,

I can still remember my first and last time trying chewing tobacco.

One rainy summer night years ago we were in Gus's garage being bored. Someone suggested trying chewing tobacco to break the boredom. So I hopped on my motorbike and picked up a piece of chewing tobacco at the store.

After about a dozen chews we spat out the awful stuff and rinsed out our mouths with beer.

Gus swallowed some of the juices and was sick for most of that night. I learned that night that chewing tobacco was not worth the money and we wasted some good beer.

Yours truly,
Norman Foote

P.S. When I was a kid I knew an old farmer/handyman who thought stop signs were invented so you could spit out your chewing tobacco.

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