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New company offers free phone service to Guelph

Georgetown callers can now dial Guelph and Rockwood for free.

Fonepass Communications, formerly Ad-Tel Communications, is the company that is bringing the expanded calling range. Callers will dial 853-1314, listen to a 15-second ad and then dial the seven-digit number.

The system works by creating a patch through a centrally-located town, in this case, Acton.

Georgetown to Guelph is a long distance call but both Georgetown to Acton and Acton to Guelph are free local calls.

Callers dial the number in Acton, then Fonepass' software dials Guelph or Rockwood, thereby making it a



John Stix, vice-president of Fonepass, has announced an expanded calling range for the Georgetown area.

local call.

John Stix, vice-president of the Fonepass, said he expects about 6,000 calls a day to Guelph from Georgetown and Milton, which is also now able to make the call free of charge.

He said there is no limit on the

length of calls.

"You can phone and leave your phone off the hook for 10 hours if you want," he said. "This makes it a local call."

The system is already in operation. PagePass Canada, a Toronto-paging company, is currently adver-

tising on the line although Stix is looking for local advertisers.

Fonepass set up its first system between Newmarket and Toronto in 1993 and currently has 56 services in regions from Quebec City to Vancouver.

—By Herb Garbutt, staff writer



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