

\$500,000 federal grant supports small business

Wellington/Halton Hills MP Michael Chong recently presented Wellington/Waterloo's Community Futures Development Corporation (CFDC) with a \$500,000 federal grant to support small businesses within its jurisdiction.

CFDC director Chris White said the money is designed to support diversified and competitive rural economies and sustainable communities in Wellington and Waterloo's nine rural municipalities.

Guelph/Eramosa representative on the board, White said it aims to support small businesses by mentoring entrepreneurs and/or providing financial aid during start up.

CRDCs have been around for five years but Waterloo/Wellington did not get established until 2004. Since that time it has invested \$2.28 million in local businesses thereby helping to create and maintain 230 full and part-time jobs.

White explained that a

new businessman might get set up but still needs some help with basic management skills. Still another potential businessman might have a great idea but not be able to get start-up funding from a regular bank or the Federal Business Development Bank. In both cases, the CFDC may be able to step in and help.

Only rural municipalities are eligible for funding through CFDC. One of the CFDC's plans is for a pilot downtown revitalization project in north Wellington.

"We'll have to see how it works. That might be something that could be applied to Rockwood, for instance," White said.

He also sees potential for co-operation between neighboring CFDCs where pooling funds might provide capital to undertake a major project - a bio digester, for instance, - that would benefit multiple municipalities but be too costly for any one CFDC to finance alone.

Motorists must...

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"It is also a good idea to send a registered letter to the Ministry of Transport informing them that you are no longer the registered owner and whom you sold, traded or scrapped the vehicle to," Robb says.

"If you no longer want to

use them, then turn them into the Ministry of Transport so that you are no longer responsible for them."

Following these simple steps, motorists won't find themselves hounded by collection agencies trying to collect on outstanding tolls or parking tickets.

VOX POP

What did you think of the entertainment at the Leathertown Festival?



Monty Greig, Acton
"Very good. The audio was excellent. The comedian wasn't that good."



Lynda Stone, Guelph
"The Acton Idol Contestants showed great poise and restraint in allowing that comedian to apply for his next job here."



Steavi Potter, Acton
"I think it's cool. I like watching and hanging out with my friends."

Purity Life Girls' team in playoffs

by Vicki Anderson

The Purity Life Girls ball team traveled to Minto on Thursday, August 10. The final score was 17-9 and it was 17 for us. Yahoo! We won!!!!!!!

Desiray Ebbinge went the whole 5 innings. Ashley Stokman had an amazing game. She was on third the whole game and didn't miss any. Ashley caught a line drive, a pop up and also got a grounder and threw home getting the lead runner at home. Courtney Battams also made a perfect throw to Ashley and got the girl leading off on third. Ashley Stokman, Kristine Ferris, Karla McDougall all hit singles. Miranda Rodda got a great double. Courtney Battams just banged a home run, and Courtney also got two singles as well.

Four pointer

On Sunday night the team travelled to Grand Valley for a four point game, the final game before the final tournament.

Win game in Minto lose to Grand Valley

We lost 14-8, but everyone played great.

Once again Desiray had to go the distance on the mound. She pitched like the Desiray I know. Behind Desiray was a great team.

Courtney Battams and Ashley Stokman once again got the runner out on third sneaking a lead. Karla McDougall and Katie Patchett both caught pop flies. Katie's was not very pretty but she hung on to it. Desiray got a grounder and threw to first to Karla for the out. Courtney Brown was on second, the ball was hit to her right, she got it but it pulled her to her right. She got to her feet and threw, but unfortunately not in time, but what a catch.

For the final out Desiray stretched above her head and got the line drive. Torree Cunningham also made

a great scoop out in right field and tried to get the runner out at first, just not in time. It was a great try. Ashley Stokman, Kristine Ferris, Desiray Ebbinge

and Courtney Battams all got singles. Courtney Battams and Desiray both got doubles. If Katie had connected, man was it gone.

We are starting to come along and it is all over. Our season is done. Our final tournament is this weekend in Ponsonby. Wish us luck!!



WATERY MOMENTS: Mike Racinsky, counselor at the Tiny Tykes Sports camp, hosed down a few of the four- to six-year-olds during some hijinks in the grounds behind Mckenzie-Smith-Bennett school last week. - Maggie Petrushevsky photo

Acton Minor Ball

Blastball
August 8

Hawks & Falcons

On a picture perfect evening for Blastball, the Hawks and Falcons met for the third and final time of the season. The game ended up a tie, with some spectacular plays in the field by Noah Adams, and Jacob Canning. Thomas Robinson and Ross Ferrill had a strong game at the plate, with each going two for two.

Grasshopper
August 10

TD Canada Trust (2) vs

Giant Tiger (4)

HARDBALL

Rookie
August 9

Daniel Varanelli (5) vs Dairy Queen Cardinals (20)

Mosquito
August 9

Chudlieghs (10) vs UPI Energy (3)

Outstanding players for UPI Energy: Owen Coulighan and Jake Corpe great play at first for an out. Justin Pankratz - great back catching for an out.

Terry Fox Run...

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from past runs or to link to the provincial website for more information on pledging. Anyone interested in helping the committee either before or during the run, may contact the committee

at rockwoodtr@sympatico.ca and let them know how you would like to help.

The organizing committee from Stone Church is inviting everyone to help us make this, the 21st annual Run, the best ever.

Halton Police warn residents of scam

Halton Regional Police are warning residents about international mail and email scams which continue to operate in Halton.

The most prevalent of these scams is the West African/Nigerian letter scheme (also known as Advanced Fee Fraud) that has been in operation since the mid-80s. Despite many warnings, this scam continues to draw in many victims.

The victim receives a letter by fax, email, or mail concerning Nigeria or another African nation. Although there have been many creative variations of these letters, traditionally the letter claims to come from a person needing to transfer large sums of money out of the country requiring the assistance of the victim, or offers to share in a fortune in return for an advanced fee.

The goal of the scam artist is to deceive the victims

into thinking that they have been chosen to participate in a profitable opportunity, and in each case, the victim will be required to pay money up front in order to complete the transaction.

Although it is difficult to gauge the scheme's success, it is believed to gross hundreds of millions of dollars annually.

If you become the recipient of this type of letter, Halton Police are asking that you do not respond to the solicitation and not send money up front for any reason.

Phonebusters, operated by the OPP and RCMP, is interested in receiving new versions of these letters for targeting purposes. They can be forward to waf@phonebusters.com.

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