



# CHAMBER MADE

Newsletter of the Markdale Chamber of Commerce

Summer 2008

## STARS NOMINEES SOUGHT

*Nominate or sponsor today*

The Markdale Chamber will be submitting nominations for the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Saugeen Territory Awards of Recognition and Success (STARS) by the nomination deadline of September 10<sup>th</sup>.

The event this year will be held on October 29<sup>th</sup> in Arthur. Some of the past winners have been from Markdale, including Chapman's – which took the Corporate Citizen of the Year Award last year; IDI Markdale (County Line/Peek Thru My Window and Fancy That), which won Company of the Year (under 15) in 2007. Earlier winners included the Quilter's Line and Country Critters among others.

If you know a worthy business to nominate – nomination forms are online at [www.sbdc.ca](http://www.sbdc.ca) or hard copies are available at the chamber office.

Sponsorship opportunities are also available at the same locations or call 1-866-761-7232. Sponsorship levels range from a \$100 table sponsorship, through a \$300 event sponsorship to higher levels. Chapman's Ice Cream is on board as a corporate sponsor for 2008!

**SUPPORT  
STARS!!**



**NOMINATE A  
WINNER!!**

## CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT INCLUDES EUCHRE

This year's Markdale Chamber Charity Golf Tournament will be hosted by Talisman Village Resort on Sunday, Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> starting at 1 p.m. It will include a Euchre tournament as a bonus for those who don't golf but would like to come out and socialize with fellow card players.

The event, which will close out the Chamber's \$15,000 pledge to the hospital, will also see the Chamber participating more closely with the Centre Grey Hospital Services Foundation to promote the event and identify other fundraising targets moving forward. Door prizes and sponsors are being sought for this event, yet we already have a good grand prize and trophies on the way!

Cost to participate is \$75 per person for 9-holes of



Chamber manager Kate Russell enjoys the midway with her step daughter Hope, 6. The midway will be bigger next year!

## 150<sup>th</sup> Markdale Fall Fair a success

Thanks to an increase in sponsorship, good weather, more activities and a midway (small but still strong) the 150<sup>th</sup> Markdale Fall Fair was a great success this year. Special features like the Canadian Horse demonstrations, a gymkhana that wasn't rained out on Saturday, the Grey Roots steam traction and rope making demonstrations, the South Grey Museum children's area sponsored by the Community Foundation of Grey Bruce – this year's fair showed the strength and viability of our community in supporting local agriculture. The fair will be back bigger and better next year. To get on board to volunteer or sponsor the fair for 2009, contact [markdaleagsociety@live.ca](mailto:markdaleagsociety@live.ca).



2007 Winners with their Trophies

golf (cart rentals are extra) or \$280.00 for a foursome. Euchre is \$50 per person or \$80 per team of two. A steak dinner at poolside is included in the price. To register please call 519-986-4612 or email [markdalechamber@cablerocket.com](mailto:markdalechamber@cablerocket.com).

# INTERNET HOLES PLUGGING UP

If you are in the country and still waiting on your highspeed hook-up – you are in luck. You may register online to let Grey County know you are still in a dial-up backwater. The Saugeen Economic Development Corporation is working with the county and the contractor installing the connections (Everus) to identify where highspeed is still needed.

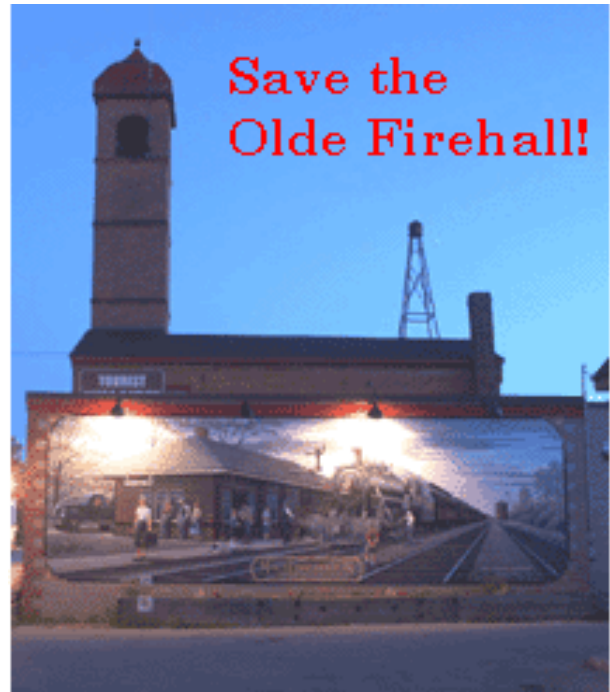
To register for your area, go to <http://www.greycounty.ca/broadband/requestform.cfm>.

Everus was at the Markdale Fall Fair and had a great response from rural residents seeing high speed hook-ups. As part of their booth, they also got permission from the municipality to install a wireless antennae on top of the arena – so the arena is now a highspeed hub for wireless internet connections. Now that's progress!

## *Small Business & Volunteer skills event planned for October 22<sup>nd</sup>*

Plans are underway for the Markdale Chamber to host a small business week event on October 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Flesherton Kinplex. The event will include small business and volunteer skills training sessions, information booths and recruitment opportunities.

Volunteering builds business skills and vice versa so this day will support both sides of this equation as well as offer some skill building opportunities for students. Information will be available on apprenticeships, re-training, volunteer opportunities and careers. Watch for more details in local papers as this project develops. It is supported in part by the Chamber's Ontario Trillium Foundation grant, the Saugeen Economic Development Corporation in Hanover, Job Directions in Flesherton and the GHSS Highlands Quest Program. To get involved in the day, contact the Chamber. Participation will be free to those who pre-register. Call 519-986-4612 or email [markdalechamber@cablerocket.com](mailto:markdalechamber@cablerocket.com).



## **Support needed for Olde Firehall capital grant**

Your Markdale Chamber is working with the new municipal Corporate Services Administrator Karren Wallace to develop a Trillium grant application to complete necessary repairs on the Olde Firehall in downtown Markdale.

The Chamber renewed its lease for this municipal facility early this year with a view to expanding the volunteer, community and visitor resources offered at the hall as well as seek support for the restoration and potential redevelopment of the hall into a cultural centre.

The Chamber is now seeking letters of support for the project. If you are interested, or belong to a community group that would be prepared to support this initiative, please contact Manager Kate Russell at the chamber office at 519-986-4612 or email [markdalechamber@cablerocket.com](mailto:markdalechamber@cablerocket.com).

Sample support letters are available and have been sent to over 100 local volunteer groups.

## **Business Development Bank of Canada new rep in Owen Sound**

The Business Development Bank of Canada, a second-tier lender to small businesses and entrepreneurs has a new representative working out of The Small Business Enterprise Centre in Owen Sound.

Steven Holler, Senior Manager at the BDC says he's glad to be offering business loan services out of the local office. In the past, businesses had to go through the Barrie or Stratford offices for loans or consulting.

Holler recently visited the Markdale Chamber of Commerce to outline services available.

"As a crown corporation we want to grow business and strengthen local economies," he said. "We have access to lots of funds."

Holler enjoys meeting individuals to discuss their ideas. Business plans are necessary for new businesses, but established businesses need only prove viability and necessity of financing to be eligible for loans.

Reach Holler at 519-371-5666 or email [steven.holler@bdc.ca](mailto:steven.holler@bdc.ca). Info on the BDC is now available at the Markdale Chamber office in the Olde Firehall.



# Markdale Chamber of Commerce's Annual Charity Golf Tournament

*New this year...*

## Euchre Tournery

# Sept. 21, 2008

## TALISMAN VILLAGE RESORT

Tee Times & Euchre Start at 1 p.m.



**GOLF:**  
\$75.00 per person  
\$140.00 per couple  
**EUCHRE:**  
\$50 per person  
\$90 per couple

Entry fees include  
Steak dinner by the pool!  
(Golf Carts are \$10 extra  
– reserve early!)



## PRIZES! PRIZES! PRIZES!

*Longest Drive & Putt; Hole-in-One Jackpot!*

*Most Alone Hands!*

*Most Honest player in Golf & Euchre!*

## 50/50 DRAW!



*Proceeds to*

# !!CLEAR OUR PLEDGE!!

For the New Hospital Build Fund of the Centre Grey Hospital Services Foundation




## To register or for more info call 888-986-4612

*Invitation to...*

# *Vandeleur Community Park*

## *Ribbon Cutting & Grand Opening*

*We are celebrating:*

-  *150 years of the Pioneer Settlers*
-  *100 years of the Vandeleur School*
-  *1st year of the New Vandeleur Community Park*

*You are cordially invited to the Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening of the New Vandeleur Community Park! The parcel of property on the north side of the former school house. Look for the new sign!*

*Sunday, September 7th, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.*  
*Ribbon Cutting/BBQ at 3:00 p.m.*

*Welcome everyone... past students, teachers, neighbours past and present to join us for our community park celebration with BBQ, Drinks & Cake! Please bring your own lawn chair and help us spread the word of this special occasion.*

*The Vandeleur Park is almost 3 acres, which includes a new beautifully covered pavilion, home to the "original school bell"; the historical monument which lists the pioneer families of Vandeleur; along with a new sign that will welcome friends & visitors to enjoy this space.*



*We welcome all to come and use this park! Remember - this is YOUR Park!  
Hope to see you there!*

*Vandeleur Community Park Committee - Sharon Ludlow, Murray Teeter, David and Allan Fawcett  
Please contact a committee member if you have any questions regarding the park.*