

Council, trustees acclaimed two vacancies still remain

by Barb Wynneck
Apathy is the word to describe the interest of Eramosa township residents in the upcoming municipal election, November 13.

There must be a vote, with all its involved costs, because the liquor question is on the ballot.

At the close of nominations Oct. 23, one Eramosa council seat and one Rockwood Trustee position were vacant. All other positions were filled by acclamation.

Because all the available positions have not been filled, nominations have been extended to Wed. Oct. 25 at 5 p.m.

If more than one person is

nominated for either the vacant council or vacant Rockwood Trustee seat, the person to fill the position will be decided by the voters on Nov. 13.

If there are no further nominations by Oct. 25, the whole election procedure will have to be repeated, for the vacant posts, after the Nov. election—at an additional expense to township rate-payers.

There will however, be a contest for the Wellington Board of Education trustee seat.

William Adsett, R.R. 4 Rockwood has been acclaimed to his third term as Eramosa Township Reeve.

Present councillors John McLeod and David Masson were both nominated for the position of Deputy Reeve. Township Clerk Lloyd Hindley expects that Mr. McLeod will withdraw and that Mr. Masson of 126 Division St. Rockwood, will be acclaimed to the Deputy Reeve's position.

Current councillors John McLeod 148 Guelph St., and Allan Burnett R.R. 3 Rockwood, have been acclaimed to their council seats for another term.

Tony Reid 149 Guelph St. Rockwood, will be back in his second acclaimed term on the Rockwood Board of Trustees. Janice Osborne, 119

Frederick St., Rockwood is the acclaimed newcomer to the trustee position.

In Eden Mills, present trustees Elwood Snow and Harold Tomlinson have been acclaimed to their positions. Red Blair will hold the third seat. He is new to the post.

The Wellington County Board of Education seat will be the one position for which the people will have a vote. This may be the only post that will demand some interest and campaigning in Eramosa Township.

Incumbent George Day will be replaced by the Rev. Gerry Van Eijl for the Guelph Eramosa seat on the Wellington County Board of

Education.

Mr. Day, retired postmaster at Rockwood lives with his wife Grace at 183 Jackson St. Rockwood. He is completing his eighth year in office. He is the current vice chairman of the Board and "feels that he has" the time available to carry out the responsibilities of a trustee, which at the present time with declining enrolments and economic restraints are so critical.

Rev. Van Eijl, age 35, lives with his wife Dianne and their four children at RR 1 Rockwood. They have resided in Eramosa township for two years. Their two older children aged 5 and 6 years

attend Eramosa Public School. Rev. Van Eijl ministers through Emmanuel Charismatic Church, 83 Essex St. Guelph. He was born in Holland and educated there and at a country school in the Clifford area. His wife, a former school teacher says that he has not had a lot of formal education, but that his is a "brilliant man in many areas".

Rev. Van Eijl was unavailable for comment at press time. His wife spoke for him saying "We don't know too much about what is involved yet. We have principles as Christians and would like to have an influence in the school system."



THE MEN LINE up on one side of the hall, the ladies on the other, every Thursday evening at Rockmosa Community Centre. Over 30 light footed township residents with rhythm in their soles practise their dance steps alone first, then with their partners. Here Warren Parkinson (right) and instructor Tom Reinhart (left) break out in the cha cha cha.

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JOAN MILES (left) and Mary Coulter (right) bring the delicious desserts to the harvest dining table. The Rockwood Horticulture Club members each prepared a dish from their best garden produce. Everyone relished in the different taste sensations at the candlelit feast in the Town Hall.

Block parents hold their first meeting

by Barb Wynneck
Anybody can be a block parent—parents, grandparents or interested adults. This was the message from Constable Kidd at the first meeting held by the Eramosa Township Block Parent Association.

Block Parents are adults interested in being the eyes and ears of a community, to help police. It is a program for whoever needs assistance in an emergency, adult or child, says the constable.

About 20 people gathered to watch the film "Where Can You Run." According to vice-chairman Cathy McIntyre there has been a good response from the memo circulated at Rockwood School asking if parents are interested in the program.

Constable Kidd stated that the program usually starts off as a small group, then grows quickly. Eramosa Block Parents were instituted this past spring. Now over 88 homes display the distinctive sign of an adult holding a child's hand. According to the constable, often seeing the sign is enough to deter children from causing a harmful incident. An educative program is underway in the school, to teach the children that the sign means help is available in that particular house.

At the meeting, some parents expressed concern regarding the lack of an independent police force in the village. Parents felt that often the incident is over before the O.P.P. police arrive—this could occur in reports of a bully situation or a speeding car driven carelessly.

Constable Kidd pointed out the need for community members to note licence numbers, the make and color of autos for police reports. He said that if names are available in bully situations, the police will discuss the incident with the offender.

For further information and application forms to be a Block Parent contact chair-lady Marg Townsend, 107 Harris St. at 856-9983.

OMB hearing is cancelled

The Ontario Municipal Board hearing regarding the restricted area rezoning by-law (October 23) was cancelled until further notice by the O.M.B.

Five people were not given 30 days written notice prior to the meeting.



For the love of ponies is the title for a book in my horse library and it must have been for the love of ponies we bought Jingle.

This story could also be subtitled "how not to buy a pony for your child."

Hallowe'en party, something for all

by Barb Wynneck
Don't dare forget the Mr. Pumpkin Dress-up Hallowe'en Party, this Saturday Oct. 28, at Rockmosa Community Centre, 10:45 a.m. until 1 p.m., sponsored by the Rockwood Lionettes.

There will be decorated pumpkin judging events for categories including kids zero to four, five to six, sevens and eights, nine to tens, elevens to twelves, thirteens to sixteens, adults and groups.

There will be judging for costumes which are the funniest, scariest, most original and most elegant.

Again the All Great Special Pumpkin Pie Contest will be open to youngsters up to 12

years of age. Teenagers 19 and under and another for Adults (either male or female) and one special trophy for the "Top Pumpkin Pie Baker in All of Eramosa Township."

So get your scissors and paint brushes out for costumes, your ideas cracking for decorating pumpkins and your ovens heated for spicy delicious pumpkin pie baking.

Judging for all events is 11 a.m. sharp.

There will be free hot dogs and chocolate milk for kids in costume.

Contest pies will be sliced and pieces sold to offset party costs. Free coffee and tea will be provided.



NOW TO PRACTISE this together. Marjorie and Herb Saunders step to the music during the popular Night School dancing classes at Rockmosa Centre.

Meeting

Wellington Dufferin Simcoe federal PC Association is planning its annual meeting at the Grand Valley school auditorium Nov. 20. A nationally known speaker is expected and will be announced later.



THE LADIES STRETCH out across the gymnasium every Tuesday evening. The physical fitness program is the most popular Rockwood night school activity. Here student Jean Lawton demonstrates the exercise she has mastered.

Rockwood bowling

Team standings at the end of the sixth week of bowling are: Erke and Jerks 27 points, Carney's 25 points, Guelphites 25 points, Four Corners 24 points, Good Timers 24 points, Happy Gang 23 points, Kay's Feed 21 points, Rovers 19 points, Unpredictables 18 points, Rockwood Posties 16 points, Countrymen 15 points, Late Comers 12 points.

Ladies over 500 for Tuesday Oct. 17, Nellie Stockman 722, Diana Carney 668, Ann Parkinson 633, Winnie Hills 608, Erke Van Driel 593, Marjorie O'Krafska 586, Kathy Bolton 563, Sue Nightingale 543, Bev Dahmer 529, Joy Halliburton 521, Jane Murlison 519, Ellen Garner 511, Marg McKersie 506, Alice Johnson 502.

Men over 600 for Tuesday, Oct. 17, Dunc McPhedran 647, Howard Dunk 631, Sam Lawler 628, Don McKersie 619, Paul Holman 618, Danny Bolton 617, Bert Gould 608, Dennis Death 605, Jack Parkinson 600.

Results of games bowled Tuesday, Oct. 17, Rockwood Posties 0 points. Two highest bowlers Ray Nightingale 581, Sue Nightingale 543; Good Timers 7 points Danny Bolton 617, Winnie Hills 608.

Countrymen 2 points Bert Gould 608, Jean Smith 471; Erks and Jerks 5 points, Dick Halliburton 598, Erke Van Driel 593.

Thanksgiving meeting for Rock-a-long W. I.

The October meeting of the Rock-a-long Women's Institute was held at No. 8 school on Tuesday, October 10, Mrs. B. LeRoy was hostess. There were 14 members present.

The meeting opened with the Ode followed by the Mary Stewart Collect. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved and the treasurer's report given. The correspondence was read and one interesting letter was from the Niska Wild Life Association saying that Christmas cards and hasty-notes were on sale at Kennedy's Bookstore, Calico Kitchen, Camus Book stores, Quill and Skin and Gift Ark, Georgetown.

The Area convention will take place at Bingham Park, Kitchener, on October 30 and 31. Several members planned to attend.

The next Euchre Party will be held at No. 8 school on November 2. The last one was well attended.

The annual bus trip will be to the Royal Winter Fair and will be on Tuesday, November 14. The bus will leave No. 8 school at 9 a.m. and will leave Toronto for home at 4 p.m.

The roll call was "A way to conserve energy". This was well answered. The meeting was then turned over to Mrs. LeRoy and she showed a very interesting film "Patches of the past" depicting rural women in Ontario-their trials and progress from early times. The meeting closed with "God save the Queen".

As this was the Thanksgiving meeting the lunch committee had decorated the table beautifully with coloured leaves and candles.

Happy Gang 7 points Paul Holman 618, Dennis Death 605; Late Comers 0 points Marjorie O'Krafska 586, Don Buttenham 552.

Carney's 5 points Diana Carney 668, Howard Dunk 631; Unpredictables 2 points John Dales 559, Fred Vandervalk 570;

Four Corners 7 points Nellie Stockman 722, Ann Parkinson 633; Rovers 0 points, Gordon Ostrander 579, Vivienne O'Brien 505.

Kay's Feeds 2 points Elmer Allan 486, Verna Blair 479; Guelphites 5 points, Dunc McPhedran 647, Sam Lawler 628.

No-no No. 1

Jingle Belle was a hairy crabby ancient pony Pat received from his parents at the age of five—he was five, the pony turned out to be older than Pat's parents!

One of Mack's co-workers had mentioned buying a Shetland pony for his kids from an old man who was selling his stock. This pony, his last, was the darling of his heart and he wanted a good home for it. However, Mack's friend had discovered he wasn't cut out to be a pony owner and offered her for sale for fifty bucks.

Having a stable full of large horses, two small children and a few days to Christmas, we were interested.

It was snowing so we took the trailer, for the 17 mile trip, just in case we liked the pony. This is a definite 'no-no' (No-no number one)—the seller sees a horse trailer driving in his yard and assumes he's sold the animal. From then on he has the whip hand at the bargaining table.

Ancient Jingle

The pony turned out to be a pretty little copper palomino mare around 11 hands high with hair like a buffalo. I was told she was twelve and good with kids.

Flipping up her upper lip, I quickly removed my forefinger from her teeth (not good with adults) and stared at her teeth.

It's possible to tell a horse, pony, or donkey's age by its teeth, but it's not easy. A complicated system of rangel, valleys and grooves on tooth surfaces indicate age with an older horse but the most obvious indication is the angle of the teeth. After a horse reaches ten his teeth start to angle outwards. By the time he's twenty the angle is approximately 45 degrees. Jingle's angle was nearer 90 degrees—her snake-like teeth (do snakes have teeth?) were practically parallel.

Using this as a bargaining point, we brought the asking price down considerably and agreed to take her home—she needed a good retirement home (no-no's number two, three and four!).

Jingle was tied in a huge old draft horse straight stall until we could fix a wee box stall for her when we got her home. We figured she'd be exhausted by the trip and excitement. Was she? Jingle was never tired all the rest of her life.

She kicked the stall, squealed at the other horses in a broken old-pony whiney that came out like a butchered pig, and threw herself around the place. The other horses couldn't see over the stall sides but they knew there was a tornado in there.

Jingle was letting them know she was now top boss of the stable.

Spirit of Christmas

When the kids came home, they tiptoed out to the barn. Pat hopped up on a bale, peeped over the manger and solemnly observed the holy terror bucking and rearing at the end of the rope.

"My, she's got sprut," he commented philosophically.

Yes, she had spirit all right. She beat up all the 17 hand Thoroughbreds, made mince-meat of my cantankerous mare, terrorized the young colts and had me swearing like a sailor in the following days.

But—and a big but—she fell for the kids and was very good when any wee mite came near her.

Jingle Belle stayed.

As a post-script to the story, between vet checks and digging into Jingle's history, we found out she was over thirty when we acquired her, was a purebred Shetland known as Sheila, and had been a fine harness pony in her day.

She stayed with us for three more years until her death. In that time she caused extreme havoc among the other horses but seemed to love Pat. He could saddle her and potter around the paddock on her quite happily and she'd take care of him.

Jingle survived two major heart attacks and succumbed to the third. Her first was a whopper and neither we nor the vet thought she would live. She not only lived, but came into an enthusiastic heat the next week, falling madly in love with the biggest hunter gelding in the barn.

That was a good old pony and we loved her. I wish the old man who also loved her could know she had a happy home to the end. Maybe he does.