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# rockwood and district

## Who's your choice for next MPP?

Many of the questions raised during a Wellington-Dufferin-Peel all candidates meeting dealt with agriculture and small business.

Wellington County's Federation of Agriculture hosted the meeting at Wellington Place, west of Fergus, last Wednesday.

Progressive Conservative incumbent Jack Johnson told approximately 150 listeners, except for leadership, there is no issue that affects all 80,000 citizens in the riding.

Liberal Elbert van Donkersgoed and New Democratic Party (NDP) candidate Marlon Chambers disagreed with Johnson. Their reasons however, were different.



Liberal candidate van Donkersgoed

"Surely, you'd agree, the selection of the premier is the single most important issue," Johnson put to the audience. He has been the riding's representative at Queen's Park since 1975.

Inflation, according to Johnson, can't be solved by provincial or national governments. High interest rates are set, he claimed, by the Ottawa government.

Van Donkersgoed told listeners he thinks the concerns of small business "applies to every part of the riding." Small businesses have not had the encouragement they need, indicated the Liberal candidate.

NDP Chambers said the issue which touches everyone in Wellington-Dufferin-Peel is the problems farmers face. In this election campaign the NDP "is placing emphasis on self sufficiency in foods that can be grown in Ontario," she said.

Provincial electors head for the polls on March 19. "There are no longer enough small businesses to keep communities healthy," said van Donkersgoed. He went on to say that he wants a government program to put small businesses and communities on their feet.

The issue of foreign ownership and absentee ownership of agricultural land got the attention of all three candidates.

The PC's Johnson reminded his audience of his work in helping get a register of purchases started. The register will let the government find out if there is a problem of foreign ownership, indicated Johnson.

New Democrats "consistently wrestle with foreign ownership," said the NDP's Chambers. She said she "expects an Ontario NDP government would curtail foreign ownership of farmland."

From Liberal van Donkersgoed's point of view there is already a problem of foreign ownership of farmland in the province. "The question is, will family farmers continue to own the resource?" said the Liberal.

Ten years ago family farmers owned 82 per cent of the province's farms. In 1977 the percentage declined to 77, according to van Donkersgoed. "We are losing control; not just to foreign ownership but to absentee ownership of some sort."

Land use and when it should change were issues which the Conservative and Liberal candidates took through an exchange.

"What do you do if you have an industry that wishes to locate?" was how the Tory's Johnson opened up. His example was Westinghouse which wanted to place a plant in Mount Forest. The site however, was on farmland. "I'll mean 500 jobs for people. I think there has to be a trade off once in a while. You have to have a common sense approach to everything," said Johnson.

"The problem is not a trade off once in a while, it's 85 per cent of the time," said van Donkersgoed. "It's all the time. So it's essential we do something to preserve agriculture today."

Wellington Federation of Agriculture President Brian Crawley asked the following: Given that financing farms today is a real problem, what will you do to put interest rates in line?

"I really wish I had an answer," replied Johnson the Conservative. "We tried a program in March and April to pay three per cent difference to help farmers on seed grants." There was a hope the federal government would match that percentage. Regardless, "many farmers did not apply for the grants," observed Johnson.

The NDP's Chambers described interest rates as "a complicated problem. If we had more control over our own economy, we could straighten out interest rates," she said. The NDP's food prices review board could attack the problem.

"I would like to see a substantial but limited interest subsidy," said van Donkersgoed. The junior farmer loans of a few years ago would give too long of a subsidy today. "We need a subsidy for the first five or ten years of a loan," he said.



"We'll make 'em better than Mom's". Stacey Dudy and Pam Osborne prepare pancakes the old fashion way—in a bucket! Hundreds of pancakes and sausages were devoured at the Rockwood parent committee for Guides, Pathfinders, and Brownies' Pancake supper last Tuesday. The town hall was crowded from 5 to 7 p.m. with hungry types of all shapes and sizes.

## Eden Mills Donates \$161

by Mrs. G. MacDougall  
Steven Blacklock, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Blacklock is on his way this weekend to Vancouver, B.C. with the John F. Ross Concert and Stage Bands.

Steven plays trumpet in these bands and they are exchanging concerts with the John Oliver Secondary Schools in Vancouver and will also be playing in the rotunda of the parliament buildings there. The John F. Ross Collegiate will host John Oliver Secondary Schools on April 6.

Mrs. Jean Rinehart presided at the meeting of the Friendly Seniors on Wednesday and Mrs. Joan Lowrie recorded the minutes. There were 18 members present. One hundred and sixty one dollars was sent for the Cancer Society besides flowers for the late Mrs. Anna Wilson and a sincere thanks is extended to all the friends and relatives who contributed towards this. Cards and refreshments were enjoyed by all.

The United Church Women held a very tasty noon luncheon on Wednesday.

Sincere condolences to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bould and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bould and their families in the loss of a dear aunt, Mrs. Ann Bould of Guelph.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Chamberlain spent the weekend snowmobiling at Orr Lake. Rockwood Fire Department responded quickly to a blazing fire that gutted a barn on the property of Ron Waples on Saturday evening. Only the stone structure now remains.

Churchill by J. Turner  
The congregation of Churchill Community Church invites friends of the neighborhood to a social evening Saturday March 21st, at 7:30 p.m. There will be table games of various kinds suitable for all ages, and lunch afterwards. Everyone welcome.

We are sorry to hear that Hank Walsma had the misfortune to break his leg on Sunday afternoon. He was trying to negotiate a turn at the bottom of the hill, when the pony team and rig took a nasty spill and he was thrown out. He was taken by ambulance to Georgetown hospital with a complicated compound fracture that will put him out of commission for some weeks. Fortunately Mary and the children, who were with him at the time, received nothing more serious than bumps and scrapes from the scary mishap.

Good neighbors are helping Mary with chores. Being laid up is going to be tough for someone as active as Hank, and we wish him the speediest recovery possible.

Pleased to report that Don Swackhamer is home from hospital, and out around the place after knee surgery a couple of weeks ago.

Harold Griffin, Fifth Line, is back in Guelph General Hospital again. He has been in declining health for some months.

Sincere sympathy is extended to the family of David Hurgett, who died suddenly last week in Hamilton.

Julian Turner and friend, Jacqueline Carter, Waterloo, attended the Boomtown Rats Concert at Maple Leaf Gardens last Friday evening. Verdict: Fantastic! They also spent the rest of the weekend in the big city as guests of cousin Diane Christensen. They shopped at the Eaton's Centre, went to a movie "American Pop" and to a production at the Adelaide Court Playhouse, and had a perfectly marvellous time.

A number of members of Churchill C.C.W. attended the World's Day of Prayer Service at Knox Presbyterian Church, Acton, last Friday afternoon.

## Rockwood Digest

A brilliant barn fire near Eden Mills lit Saturday night skies and could be seen from Guelph to Acton. A century stone barn once owned by Ben Tuck now belonging to Ron Waples burned to the ground while Rockwood Volunteer Firefighters watched helplessly.

Cause for the blaze is unknown, Fire Chief Carl Meadows reports. The barn was empty except for a small amount of hay that was destroyed. The Eden Mills road east of the village was heavy with sightseers. OPP regulated the flow but did not close the road.

Firefighters were on the scene from 6.30 p.m. to midnight handling a "controlled blaze" according to the fire chief. The wood and stone building was too far gone for water to do any good, said Meadows.

Two firefighters were injured on the scene. Chuck Petty received a scratch on the eye and Jerry Thatcher injured his back. Both were treated in hospital and later released.

Rockwood firefighters were instrumental in saving a life Thursday when they were called to a fire on the 32 Sideroad near Fergus.

Alerted by Sharon Dukelow of R.R. 1 Rockwood who spotted smoke coming from the R.R. 4 Fergus home of David Farrell at 12.45 p.m., firefighters arrived on the scene to discover part of the house in flames and Mr. Farrell unconscious in the basement.

Firefighters removed the victim to Groves Memorial Hospital, Fergus where he was transferred to Guelph General Hospital for intensive care.

Plant gets site plan control rule

First reading was given to bylaws by Eramosa Township Council Monday which will clear the way for a Rockwood stainless steel fabricating plant.

Council passed an amendment to a restricted area bylaw plus the site plan control area for the LeBlanco plant which is planned for this year south of the village off Highway 7.

Rockwood firefighters remained at the scene to assist Fergus firefighters who fought the blaze for four hours. No estimate of damage is available. Cause of fire is thought to be electrical. "We don't need more than two like that a week" commented Chief Meadows.

Rockwood and Eramosa Youth Soccer registration will be held March 14 at Rockwood Centennial School between 10 a.m. and noon. Registration will take place for squirts (ages 6 to 8), atoms (ages 9 to 10), mosquitoes (ages 11 to 12), peewees (ages 13 to 14) and bantams if sufficient in numbers (ages 15 to 16). Proof of age is needed. Players are asked to return last year's uniforms. Information is available from Jim Brown 856-4290 or Chris Haworth 856-4968.

Eramosa Ball Association registration will take place Thursday and Friday Mar. 12 and 13 at 7 p.m. at Rockwood Centennial School. All ages are welcome.

Guelph Pony Club is gearing up for a busy year. They will co-host the Inter-Pacific Meet, an international exchange of pony club members at Mohawk Raceway in August.

This event involves riding teams from Canada, Japan, New Zealand, Australia, Hong Kong and England.

The Guelph club will be responsible for providing some of the 45 horses required and will assist in setting up cross country and stadium jumping courses.

In addition to this exciting meet, pony clubbers are preparing for a full season's activities.

The club, now boasting 60 members, has many from Rockwood and a partly Rockwood-based executive. Dave Morgan is District Commissioner; Anne Caine assistant D.C.; Carla Wood, Secretary; John Ward, treasurer; Shelley Cooper, testing officer; and Jane Lee, chief instructor.

The group which is involved in clinics, instruction, rally days, and event preparation much of the year is currently preparing for their big quiz at the University of Guelph in April. This regional event sees 15 pony club branches from the western Ontario region competing.

Other events the club is looking forward to include the Prince Philip Games at Caledon Hunt Club, July 25; the D Rally also at Caledon August 15; a regional tetraathlon and a regional dressage and stadium jumping show, in London, Ontario.

The Guelph Pony Club won their region in competition last year.

Please call Jennifer Barr at the Acton Free Press 853-2010 or 856-9096 evenings with Rockwood news, personals, and community coming events.

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