

LUNCH BREAK: Rockwood's Caroline (left) and her sister Ashley Aitken enjoyed a hot dog as they perched on an antique fire truck at the Rockwood fire station during an open house and barbecue on Saturday. Their dad is a Guelph/ Eramosa firefighter. - Ted Tyler photo

Our MPP Reports

by Ted Arnott MPP Wellington - Halton Hills



With the October sixth provincial election behind us, the work of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario begins anew.

It is an honour and a privilege for me to serve the people of Wellington-Halton Hills, in what will be the 40th Provincial Parliament since Canada's Confederation in 1867.

I want to again express appreciation to all who supported me during the recent election campaign. Maybe I'm biased, but I believe our success in Wellington-Halton Hills was directly due to the efforts of our campaign team: the best team of any party in any riding in the Province. Thanks again to all who got involved.

I also wish to pay tribute to my opponents: Moya Johnson, Dale Hamilton, and Raymond Dartsch. All were passionate about the views of their respective parties. While I may disagree with their philosophies and some of their political ideas, I want to thank them again for their commitment in running in the election.

The very day after the election was over, I was back in our Riding Office (a little bleary-eyed) at 9 a.m. I had a full day, which ended in the evening at the Erin Fall Fair.

After an election is over, there is always a great deal of catching up to do. On October 11, I publicly called upon the Provincial Government to act on one of our most urgent issues: the need for a comprehensive jobs plan. I suggested the Premier undertake immediate consultations with job creators in business and the leaders of commerce and industry, and act upon their advice. He should also listen to the ideas of the leaders of our colleges and universities. And in a minority Parliament, he must also listen to the Opposition.

During the recent campaign, I met literally thousands of people. Many told me their concerns about jobs and the economy. I talked to people who couldn't find work, others who were burdened by taxes they couldn't afford,

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some who were worried about the provincial deficit and debt, others still who were working hard but whose household budgets are stretched to the limit.

We need a provincial jobs plan for everyone in Ontario, not just one group of people or one region of the province. It must be inclusive, not exclusive. We need the Government to demonstrate it understands the economic stress people are experiencing, and that it is trying to find ways to help.

The new provincial Cabinet was sworn in on October 20. Our PC Caucus reconvened on that same day, strengthened by the addition of 16 newlyelected MPPs, bringing our numbers in the House to 37 PC MPPs in total.

As always, my first priority is my constituents. Please feel free to contact me, if you have an idea or concern involving the Provincial Government.

Wellington-Halton Hills MPP Ted Arnott welcomes your comments. He can be reached at 1-800-265-2366. His website address is www.tedarnottmpp.com

Movies & Professor Moore

Church fundraiser

Knox Ospringe Church corner of Highways 24 and 25 - hosts its semiannual roast beef dinner on Saturday, with sittings at 5:15, 6 and 7 p.m. Call Nora for tickets at 519-856-4453, or e-mail nhowlett@live.com

Gospel Night

Ken "Digger" Harrison will take the stage for Gospel Night at the Century Church Theatre in Hillsburgh on Saturday at 8 p.m. The show is staged by Hillsburgh Community Christian Church. Tickets are available at the door.

Quilters welcome

Both beginners and experienced quilters in to Nassagaweya Presbyterian Church on Wednesdays, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., to work on a group quilt, enjoy morning coffee, refreshments and chat. For information call 905-878-6151, or visit www. nassagaweva.com

Double bill

Movie lovers of all ages are invited to bring a cushion or pillow and enjoy a double bill, big screen presentation at Rockwood United Church on Saturday, October 22. The all-ages movie night screenings include Veggietales: The Pirates Who Don't Do Anything at

are welcome to drop 6:30 p.m., and Soul Surfer at 8:30 p.m. Popcorn and drinks will be available at a small cost. A free will offering will be taken as admission. For details call Brent at 519-856-9372.

Moore in Eden Mills

Queen's University Professor Steven Moore will bring his humour and story-telling skills to Eden Mills for a presentation of Sustainability and Resilience: Next Steps on Saturday, October 29. Hosted by Eden Mills Going Carbon Neutral, the presentation takes place from 1 to 4 p.m., at the Eden Mills Community Hall.

News & Events

EWCS has received funding to hire a student for three months. The position will work with teaching computers to the public, as well as data entry and other computer work around the office. Full details are available on our website. Applicants must be under 30 years of age and have at least one post-secondary education credit.

The first Annual Used Book Sale was a huge success. Bookends volunteers have been collecting books for months and the sale was a hit. A steady stream of people visited the sale in Main Place across the street from the Erin Fair all weekend long.

Still looking for a Hallowe'en costume for the kids? Come by the New to You store in Erin where tons of costumes and masks have recently been donated.

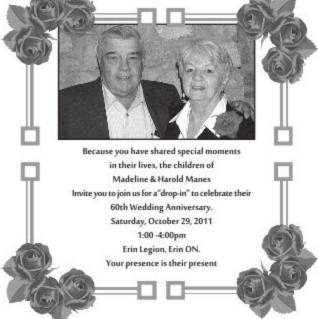
Some are being sold for as little as a dollar.

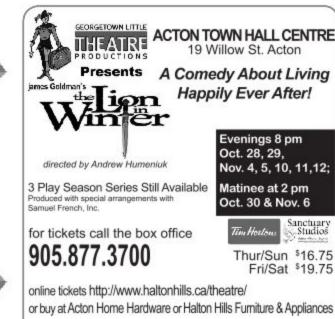
EWCS would like to thank everyone who held a Thanksgiving food drive this year. Whether it was a community group (such as Brisbane Public School, St John Brebuef, Eramosa Public School, All Saints Church in Erin, St. John's Anglican Church, Rockwood/Stone United Churches, Rockwood Presbyterian Church, Ospringe Church, Knights of Columbus (Rockwood), and Rockwood Girl Guides) or individuals who dropped off turkeys, or if you just cleared out your cupboards - Thanksgiving is an important time of year for the EWCS food banks. We would also like to thank Steve, Judy and Ken for helping with so many pick ups.

There are just a few tickets still available for

Thursday's ECO Fashion Show. If there are any remaining tickets they will be available at the door. The doors open for the reception and shopping at 6 p.m. in the Shamrock Room at Centre 2000, and the show starts at 7 p.m. with celebrity commentator David Clemmer, of Style by Jury.

We have just scheduled a new Seniors Day Trip for Wednesday, November The Drayton Festival is putting on a performance of Blue Suede Shoes - A Salute to the Music of Elvis Presley at the St. Jacobs School House Theatre. We will be stopping at Stone Crock Restaurant for a buffet lunch. The bus will pick up and drop off at various locations in Erin, Rockwood and Hillsburgh. Space is limited so call to reserve in advance 519-833-9696.





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