

Many issues concern Rockwood residents: Rogala

ELECTION UPDATE

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"That's a question that is hard to answer."

That was the response of Wellington Family Coalition Party candidate Dr. John Neenan, a 30-year family practitioner in Kitchener, when asked last week what he felt was the No. 1 issue relative to Rockwood in the June 8 provincial election.

He said the riding is too broad to give a direct answer for Rockwood residents, but added Rockwood was as important to him as other communities.

"That's hard to answer," he responded to being asked if he thought Rockwood was a village forgotten by himself and the other candidates. "Each area is important, but everything seems to gravitate to the centre of the riding."

"I have talked to my supporters in Rockwood and I hope to get there, meet with the people and hear their concerns."

One of them might be the replacement, as opposed to the rehabilitation, of the aging Bowstring Bridge in Eden Mills

"I haven't heard about the bridge, but I'll have to look (at that issue)," Dr. Neenan said.

However, he did mention the

Agriculture Labour Act, specifically the unionizing of farm workers, would be of importance to area residents. And he warned that too much development in Rockwood could jeopardize the character of the village.

NDP candidate Elaine Rogala says there isn't one pressing concern for Rockwood residents.

"A lot of people are thinking of a lot of issues. It's difficult to pinpoint a specific issue, but school and health care are maybe split as No. 1 in Rockwood," she said, as she reeled off a few others such as small business, tourism and deficit reduction.

Incumbent Ted Arnott feels the

provincial debt is on the minds of all Rockwood people.

After numerous attempts, Liberal Don Ross, 52, could not be reached for comment.

In other election news:

• The closest all-candidates meeting for Rockwood residents to attend was held last night (Tuesday) in Erin at the Legion.

• There will be a chance to cast your ballot on June 1, 3 and 5 at advance polls in Erin, Fergus and Mount Forest.

There will be an early poll at the Community Centre at 20 Dundas St. E. in Erin; at the seniors' centre at 150 Albert St. W. in Fergus and at Legion Branch 134 at 140 King St. W. in Mount Forest.

All advance polling stations will be open from 11 am to 8 pm.



Mark your calendar!

COMING EVENTS

Here are a pair of events to keep you busy in the coming week:

June 2, Friday — 8 to 10:30 pm: The churches of Eramosa are again having a square dance. Doug Lawson and the Nobelton fiddlers will lead us as we meet at Rockmosa. Tickets, at \$5, are available at the door or from Musicland, Out to Lunch, or any church. Proceeds for Acton's FoodShare. For further info call 763-6147.

June 4 & 11, Sundays — 3 pm: Summertime family volleyball and soccer series! Rain, rain, don't come again! We will try again the first 2 Sundays in June, at Rockmosa. For more info call Lev at 856-9719.

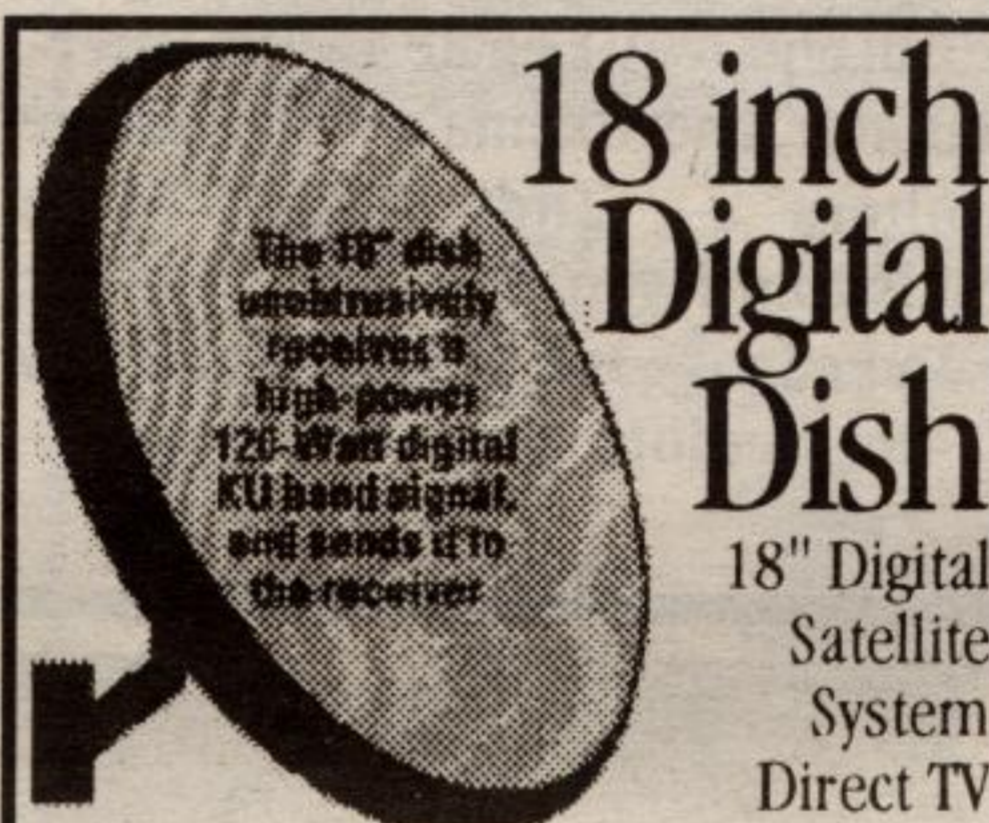
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