



Dave Adsett



Teresa Gibson Smye



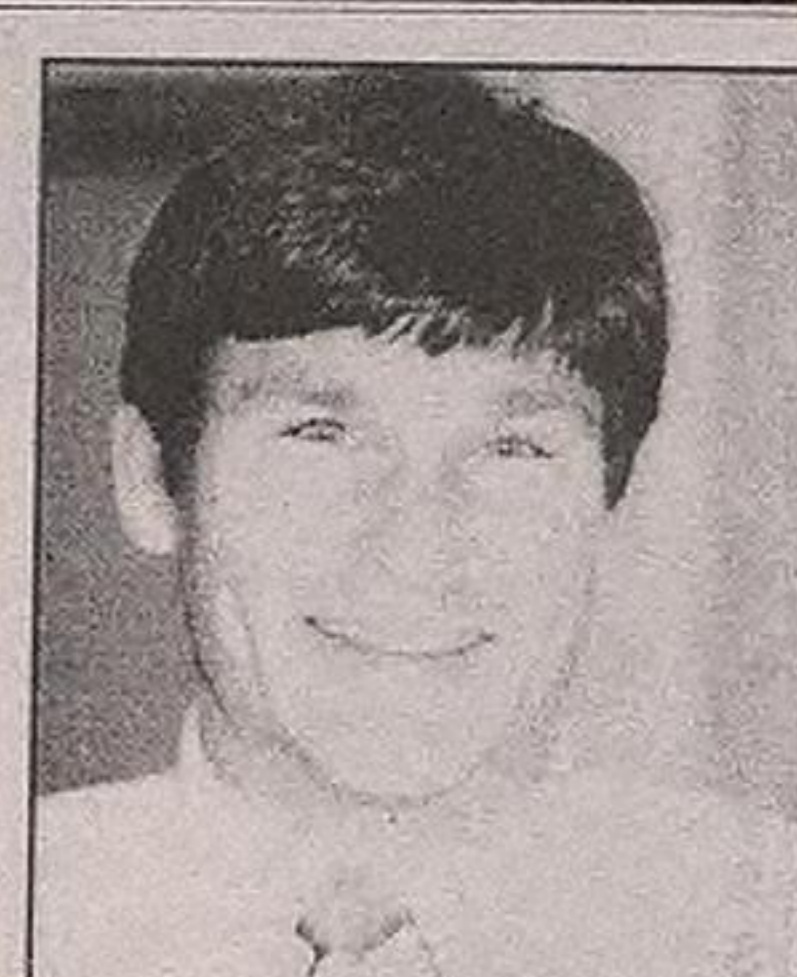
Doug Breen



Les Foote



David Hindley



Alan McDonald

Guelph/Eramosa election

Guelph/Eramosa voters will have an election this year. They just won't be voting for all their local representatives.

Present mayor David Adsett is being challenged by Rockwood massage therapist Teresa Gibson Smye.

Ward Two incumbent Les Foote faces Phil Sweet. Both men are residents of the former Guelph Township. In Ward Three, Rockwood and the south end of the former Eramosa Township, incumbent Doug Breen is being challenged by Gilbert Lavalley. Both men are Rockwood residents.

But Ward One and Ward Three representatives will hold their positions by acclamations.

A farmer, David McCrae, represents Ward One, the section of old Guelph Township west and south of Guelph. He served on township council for 16 years, including sitting on the transition board, then took a break for the past two years. David Hindley, youngest son of former Eramosa Township clerk Lloyd Hindley, will represent Ward

Four, the most easterly section of old Eramosa Township. An agricultural assistant at the Ponsonby Research Station, this is Hindley's first foray into politics.

School trustees have also been acclaimed to their seats. Former Guelph/Eramosa councillor Alan McDonald will replace long-time separate school trustee Dr. Hubert Luc-Kim who is retiring. Ralph Edwards will take over the public school board seat being vacated by Wilma Tosh.

POLICE BEAT

Cruiser damaged

A 61-year-old Acton man has been charged with impaired driving after driving through a stop in the middle of Rockwood and striking a police cruiser.

The man was southbound on Main Street in Rockwood when he failed to stop at the lights at Alma Street and struck the front of the cruiser. The man's vehicle was demolished and the cruiser received substantial damage.

The officer in the cruiser was treated for minor injuries.

Teen throws tantrum

Police have an arrest warrant out for a 15-year-old Rockwood youth on charges of mischief, resisting arrest and breach of probation. The youth apparently became violent when his mother refused to buy cigarettes for him. He ripped trim off a door of his parents' home, poured food onto the carpet and wrote on the walls. He fled on foot when police approached him.

The Rockwood MILLER



Candidates for Council outline their platforms

BY MAGGIE PETRUSHEVSKY
The New Tanner

Finishing business council has already started seems to top the list of concerns for incumbents seeking re-election to Guelph/Eramosa Township council.

Mayor David Adsett, 33, is a lifelong Eramosa resident with a wife and twin daughters. The publisher of the Wellington Advertiser, Adsett began his political career in 1994. He became the Township reeve in 1997 and mayor a year later when the two townships amalgamated.

Adsett pointed to ongoing efforts to prepare 10-year master plans for parks and recreation and for roads as existing projects he wants to see completed. Council is also in the throes of building a new fire hall and finding a new source of water for the village of Rockwood.

He is seeking re-election to the mayor's position and is being challenged by Teresa Gibson Smye, 50, a registered massage therapist operating

out of Rockwood and an area resident since 1989.

Although this is Smye's first attempt to seek political office, she has an extensive background in municipal affairs. She was a small business counsellor for the city of Kitchener for several years and worked in economic development in that community. She has taken the Association of Municipal Treasurers and Clerks course as well as a planning course from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs. She has an economic development certificate from the University of Waterloo, a diploma in public administration from the University of Guelph, and studied business at Wilfrid Laurier University. She has also volunteered extensively in a wide range of social programs.

Smye says people need a choice if they are to be involved in municipal politics and of late they haven't had any. Decisions seem to have come down from the top more than through the elected representatives listening to public input. She points to council's decision about the new fire hall as an example of seeking public input after the decision was taken.

She feels her skills can easily be transferred to the township and township issues.

Les Foote, 72, is a longterm Guelph Township resident. Retired from management at Imperial Tobacco and from farming, Foote has been in municipal politics since 1988. He served as reeve of Guelph Township from 1991 until the townships restructured in 1998.

Among the issues he wants to see completed are the location for a new Rockwood fire hall, finding a new aquifer for Rockwood's water supply and the vacuum in community facilities which will result from the closure of Marden School which used to serve as a community hall.

Foote is facing off against political newcomer Phil Sweet for the Ward Two seat. The New Tanner has not been able to contact Sweet.

Ward Three incumbent Doug Breen, 34, is a Rockwood resident finishing his first term on Guelph/Eramosa council. He was elected to the last Eramosa Township council, sat on the transition board, lost the by-election for the new council, then was appointed to the vacancy on council when Gary Martin resigned a year ago.

A regional superintendent with Golf North, Breen is seeking re-election because he enjoys the political process and because he wants to finish off several projects council has already begun.

Top of that list is settling area firefighters in a new hall. He also wants to see completion of the work on the Fourth Line in the south end of Eramosa and a solution to the potential water problems for Rockwood.

The train derailment exposed the deficiency in the community's water system because both wells are so close contamination of one would jeopardize the other, he says. A new well must be located and work must also be done to the water tower's stand pipe.

Rockwood resident Gilbert Lavalley, 38, is Breen's opponent. A married man with two

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