



**BEATING THE WEATHER:** Construction crews were busy recently closing in the addition to St. John's Anglican Church so that work can proceed during the winter months. - Maggie Petrushevsky photo

# The Rockwood MILLER



## Guelph-Wellington riding encompasses city, townships

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With eight candidates ranging from the Marxist-Leninists on the left to the Canadian Action Party on the right and a little of everything in between, Guelph-Wellington voters can't complain about lack of choice when they go to the polls on Nov. 27.

The riding, encompassing the city of Guelph and its rural environs, stretches from Guelph-Eramosa Township in the north to Puslinch Township in the south. It was created in 1996 by amalgamating the old riding of Guelph with the south-western portion of Wellington-Dufferin-Simcoe. It has 80,391 voters and is currently represented by Liberal Brenda Chamberlain.

Chamberlain, 48, is seeking her third term. An Elora area resident, Chamberlain's home is technically outside the current riding, but that change resulted with the re-drawing of the riding boundaries in 1996. Originally elected

as the area's trustee on the Wellington County Board of Education, she served as board chair before turning her attention to federal politics.

Chamberlain picked up 25,000 votes in 1997 to decisively defeat her nearest opponent, Progressive Conservative candidate Dick Stewart, who received 11,160 votes.

This time the PCs are being represented by 28-year-old television journalist Marie Adsett. A Guelph resident, Adsett grew up in Eramosa, sister of Wellington Advertiser publisher and Guelph-Eramosa mayor Dave Adsett. She has been steadily involved in rural affairs both as a volunteer and as a broadcaster covering rural issues. Reform Party candidate Lyle McNair placed third in voter support during the last election with 9,054 ballots cast in his favour.

This time Peel area candidate Max Layton is carrying the Alliance banner in Guelph-Wellington. Details of Mr. Layton's background have not been provided to The New Tanner.

New Democratic Party candidate Edward Pickersgill,

56, is the coordinator of a Guelph housing cooperative and well known as an area activist on issues of social justice. In 1997 NDP candidate Elaine Rogala picked up 5,456 votes.

In 1997 realtor Peter Ellis carried the banner for the Christian Heritage Party and received 972 votes. This time Guelph resident Steve Truscott, 46, a journalist with the Royal City Journal is their candidate.

Frank Marchetti picked up 589 votes for the Green Party of Canada in the last election. This time their candidate is Bill Hulet, 41, a long-time Guelph resident and employee of the University of Guelph library. He has already been their candidate in both a federal and a provincial election.

The Marxist-Leninist Party of Canada fielded Elaine Couto as their candidate in 1997. She picked up 146 votes. This time Manuel Couto is carrying their banner from Toronto.

Neither he nor Canadian Action candidate Sharon Tanti of Guelph have returned New Tanner telephone calls.

## Only 30% turnout in Guelph/Eramosa

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Newcomers seeking seats on Guelph-Eramosa council repeatedly said people were dissatisfied with the incumbents. According to last week's vote, that opinion wasn't as universal as those candidates thought.

Mayor David Adsett was returned by a majority of 1,642 votes to 861, almost two to one over his challenger Teresa Gibson-Smye.

Adsett picked up 99 votes in the advanced poll as compared to Gibson-Smye's 30. Ward 1 voters supported him 390 to 64, while Ward 2 voters supported him 393 to 79. In Ward 3 he garnered 448 votes to Gibson-Smye's 393 and in Ward 4 again Adsett topped the count with 290 to his opponent's 295.

Gibson-Smye topped

Adsett in only two polls. She took Ward 3 (A-L) by 20 votes and Ward 4 (M-Z) by 5 ballots.

In Ward 2 former Guelph Township Reeve Les Foote handily defeated newcomer Phil Sweet 479 to 65. Foote received 59 votes in the advance poll as compared with Sweet's 4. On election day voters cast 420 ballots for him and only 61 for Sweet.

In Ward 3 (Rockwood and Eden Mills) voters again ignored efforts of a newcomer, Gilbert Lavalley, preferring to stick with Doug Breen.

In advance polling Breen picked up 18 votes and Lavalley received 8. Of ballots cast election day Breen was chosen 537 times to Lavalley's 301.

Turnout was a low 30 per cent with only 2520 of an eligible 8504 voters showing up to cast their ballots.

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