



NO TIM'S HERE: The debate in Rockwood over leasing the old fire hall on Alma St. for a Tim Hortons franchise has led to an even greater controversy over residents' visions of the village as evidenced by letter on these pages. -Ted Tyler photo

# Rockwood suffering from identity crisis - student

To the Editor:

Please help me; I am suffering from an identity crisis ... like the rest of Rockwood!

I'd like to express my opinion on the proposed Tim Hortons, but from a different perspective. I have an advantage because I am a student in urban planning at the University of Waterloo and I am familiar with planning issues such as land development and the planning process. I think that the proposal to build a Tim Hortons is not the problem; the real problem in this village is the lack of structured planning.

What is Rockwood and what is it planning to be? When my family moved to Rockwood 13 years ago from New Brunswick, it was clearly a small village with small town appeal - a co-operative nursery school, a small elementary school, activities at the

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library, a soccer club, a beautiful conservation area. Now I'm not so sure.

Rockwood has two choices - it needs to decide whether it wants to be a trendy small town with original shops and pretty streets or a regular small city with lots of new development and chain stores. As a pretty little town, is a Tim Hortons chain conducive, or should the village support privately owned and operated stores? Is it possible for the village to survive off of the small businesses that currently exist? Take a look at a similar village: Campbellville is surviving without a Tim Hortons, are they considered a ghost town as well? Campbellville is clearly a tourist town and its shops are thriving. During the summer months the main street is crowded with pedestrians and parking is scarce.

Is this the route Rockwood wants to take? Rockwood is clearly not that exuberant now. Should we make it clear to outsiders that we are not inviting chain stores in and that we are all willing to support our local businesses?

A strong pro-active plan of action needs to be put in place to attract the desired type of development - whatever that may be. As it is now, we are unnecessarily discouraging development. What draws new residents to Rockwood in the first place? Do people move here hoping to turn Rockwood into the cities they came from or is it the small town appeal? Some people may move here to escape the city life; they are lured by the rural feel, which could disappear with the opening of a Tim Hortons.

Surely people don't move here because of a hodgepodge mix of big city

amenities and small town quirks. Rockwood cannot continue to build houses blindly without the corresponding expansion of the commercial sector and schools. As it is now the elementary school is overcrowded and many people are frustrated with the lack of services in the area.

Who will make these decisions for Rockwood - the long-time residents, the hundreds of new residents, or the elected council? After Tim Hortons, there will be other similar business applications, so we need to decide as a community which businesses will be welcomed - large chain franchises or new locally operated shops.

There is no doubt in my mind that a Tim Hortons restaurant would have a positive impact on the local community; it would create jobs for the youth, it would encourage people to stop in the village, however, the location may not be the best. If the point of the Tim Hortons is to attract people to our town, people that stop at that location may not be willing to walk down the street and around the corner to where most of the shops are located, and parking is not easy to come by on Main Street.

Several years ago Rockwood accepted the New Orleans pizza chain and it has proved that a little competition can be positive.

The main point I am trying to make here is that the problem is not whether or not we support this particular Tim Hortons in the community; the problem is much greater than that. The problem is that Rockwood is facing growth and expansion and it needs to be decided how the town will handle that growth.

If you don't know where you're going, any road will take you there.

Sincerely,  
Aynsley Anderson,  
Rockwood.

## CNIB looking for canvassers

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**World FACT:**

HOW MANY DAILY NEWSPAPERS ARE PUBLISHED IN NORTH AMERICA?  
THROUGHOUT NORTH AMERICA,  
NEWSPAPERS PUBLISHED  
THERE ARE ABOUT 2,200 DAILY

ANSWER:  
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### Name that Newspaper Word Find

How many newspaper names can you find and circle throughout the puzzle below? Can you find your newspaper's name?

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| CHRONICLE | JOURNAL  | STANDARD |
| COURANT   | NEWS     | SUN      |
| EAGLE     | POST     | STAR     |
| GAZETTE   | RECORD   | TIMES    |
| GLOBE     | SENTINEL |          |

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### Newspaper History Scramble

Unscramble the letters below, and uncover some interesting trivia about newspaper history.

1. James N I N K L A R E, the brother of Benjamin Franklin, published the first independent U.S. newspaper in 1721.
2. An early form of S E W P A N E R P was the *Acta Diurna* ("daily acts") of ancient Rome - posted announcements of political and social events.
3. Most of today's news is provided by four agencies. Reuters, the Associated S E P R S, United Press International, and Agence France-Presse.

1. Franklin 2. Newspaper 3. Press

Answers

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### TIMELINE



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• SIX NEW YORK CITY NEWSPAPERS FOUNDED THE ASSOCIATED PRESS AS A WAY TO SAVE MONEY ON GATHERING NEWS BY TELEGRAPH.

• THE TREATY OF GUADALUPE HIDALGO ENDED THE WAR BETWEEN MEXICO AND THE UNITED STATES.

• BRITISH AUTHOR ANNE BRONTE PUBLISHES "THE TENANT OF WILDFELL HALL."

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### new word

news

a report of recent events or something not known

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### How they SAY it in...

- English: NEWSPAPER
- Spanish: PERIÓDICO
- Italian: GIORNALE
- French: JOURNAL
- German: ZEITUNG

### Did You Know?

THE WORLD'S FIRST NEWSPAPER WAS A CIRCULAR CALLED "DIBAO" (ALSO PRONOUNCED TI-PAO) PRINTED FROM CARVED WOODEN BLOCKS IN CHINA IN ABOUT 700 A.D.



### get the PICTURE?



Can you guess what the bigger picture featured here is?

ANSWER: CHILD READING THE NEWSPAPER

## Girl Guides appreciate cookie drive assistance

To the Editor,

On behalf of Girl Guides of Canada, Acton District, we would like to thank Mr. Hay at the Acton Arena, Mr. Boyd at Giant Tiger, and the Manes family at Home Hardware for allowing us to sell Girl Guide cookies in their stores a few weeks ago.

We also wish to thank all of those people who supported our organization by purchasing our cookies.

Christine Fowler and Maureen Ryan,  
District Co-Commissioners,  
Acton Girl Guides