



Adam and Kristina in Rockwood park

Rockwood provided all needs for special wedding day

To the people of Rockwood, This past summer our son Adam married a beautiful young woman, Kristina.

About a year ago this time we were in full "wedding mode," looking for caterers, flowers, music, etc- everything to make this day very special.

They wanted to be married in the park in Rockwood by the mill ruins, and luckily, the weekend that we needed was available, and so was the Rockmosa hall, and we were well on our way.

To fast forward, and to get to the point, I want to express our thanks, and let the good people of Rockwood in on a secret: "You don't need to leave home to find services for your special events!"

We did the "things must be better in the big city" route, but when we turned 'round and opened our eyes to what was on our own front door, we couldn't have been happier with service and prices. Brad

Dixon and his staff at the Rockwood Conservation area were extremely helpful (even though it was the Aug. long weekend); Sally Leatherland, and the people that maintain the Rockmosa Community Centre hall should be very proud of the beautiful facility that they have; Mavis and Judy from M&J Catering – people are still talking about your pies, as well as the rest of the meal; Karen at The Rose Garden – the flowers were so perfect that we all cried when we saw Kristina with her bouquet; Gayle at Sensational Silk Designs – I loved my outfit; and to the staff at Teaberry Café – thank-you for a wonderful brunch that we (the 20 or so) enjoyed on Sunday.

In short, thank-you to all who helped make it a truly special day.

My New Year's resolution for 2007 is to take a closer look at what this beautiful little village has to offer – just because we may be

small doesn't mean that we can't hold our own, and more. We should take pride in this jewel that we have, and all work together to make it shine.

You may have heard the phrase "It takes a village to raise a child," well this village needs the support of all its people to thrive and grow.

Happy New Year, and thank-you again.

Sincerely,
Leah Youngblut.

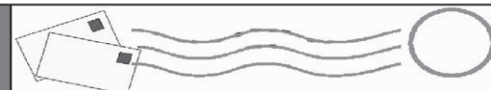
P.S. Yes, there was fudge at the wedding too!

Creeks can be treacherous

Although temperatures have been well below zero this week, the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are urging parents and school officials to advise children to keep well away from streams, ditches and ponds when the weather warms up.

The spring runoff could be more hazardous this spring with the abundant snow and thick ice all melting at the same time and filling streams with fast running water. Ice on waterways is often treacherous. It may look safe but the sun often turns spongy and unsafe.

Letters



County pay raise exceeds 70% says former mayor

In the Feb. 22/07 edition of *The New Acton Tanner*

Re: Former Councillor Gibson Smye.

The county pay hike that Chris White has supported is 50.23%. Add the medical and dental, which they did, and it comes to a 68.6% pay hike. Add the pension (OMERS) which they also passed at their first meeting and the pay package exceeds 70%. (I don't have the final figure on the pensions).

Chris White says R.O.M.A. is a non profit body. Not really. It is a rural lobby organization with very little clout. He also says R.O.M.A. is not funded by tax dollars! Hello! The members are rural municipalities, they pay a membership fee. The fee comes from municipal coffers which they collect in property taxes. The tax pays the shot, not the tooth fairy.

He has billed the township for attending R.O.M.A. meetings, also for REBA meetings.

Chris claims the Economic Development Committee appointed him to represent council at REBA; not so. Only the council can

appoint a representative on their behalf. It never happened. (Just more of Chris White's true bear stories?).

We have two members on council who are working on behalf of the voters. I understand their frustration. These payouts to Chris were not talked about by the previous council, nor were they approved by council. SO who approved these funds for Chris White? It had to be a deal Chris struck with a member of staff.

Where is Councillor John Scott in all this. He seems to think the C.A.O. is his C.A.O. John, you are no longer in the military; the C.A.O. is our employee not a municipal solicitor. Your "job" is to the voter not to rubber stamp the C.A.O.s pet projects, the Mayor's self-serving wishes.

Get your head out of the clouds. Being a councillor is not something to be taken lightly, the truth is important. Remember, you're not in the military flying a plane, you owe the voters better.

Clint Martin,
Twp. of Guelph/Eramosa

Says editorial skepticism on climate change a disservice

To the editor,

Regarding your editorial on climate change that appeared on March 1, it seems that your never-ending skepticism has you confusing the study of climatology and geologic climates with the influence of anthropogenic activities on current climate change.

The entire world, including partisan oil companies and conservative governments, has acknowledged global climate change. The issue that needs to be addressed today is not questioning its validity but rather how we and future generations can change society's behaviour and avoid a major global crisis.

I welcome school board initiatives in the curriculum to promote the awareness of global climate change and how society must adjust. Criticizing this type of program is only doing a disservice to the community you are supposedly serving. Obviously, some members of the current Establishment still in denial will drive their

SUVs to their graves.

Editor's Note: We want to make sure all the facts are presented.

No advantages to Acton development

To the editor,

As a developer, Fred Dawkins pleads for more development. As a long time resident, I plead for no more development.

I grew up in Burlington when it was a small town. When the developers and their friends took over the town, I moved to Acton. Having studied the situation in Acton, I see no advantages but many disadvantages to more development.

We have a good infra-structure for a small town and the many advantages of living in a small community. We don't need more congestion, more pollution, more crime, more motorized toys, more traffic, more demands for water, etc.

The only people who benefit from expansion are the developers and their friends. Ask the residents of Georgetown and Milton how they like the expansion of their communities. Let's keep Acton the pleasant, small town that we love and enjoy.

In closing, who do you think will foot the \$20 million bill to improve the water and sewage system to facilitate more expansion? It is us, the taxpayers, the very people who do not want more development.

Sincerely,
D. Craig,
Acton

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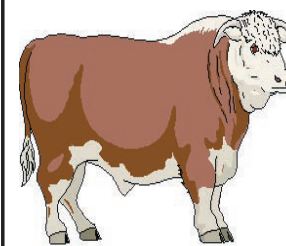
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