



**PIG POWER:** The Purple Pig restaurant was one of the few businesses in Rockwood that powered down to observe Earth Hour last Saturday. They turned out the lights and served pizza by candlelight to help raise awareness about climate change, how human activity affects it and the urgent need for action. Shown are employees Jordan MacKenzie, Brandon Hunt and Jessi Murray-Tuba. - Rebecca Ring Photo

## Ring Around ROCKWOOD

with Rebecca Ring



**Annual fire fighters' dance**  
It's time for the Rockwood Eramosa Fire Fighters Association's annual spring dance. It takes place at Rockmosa Community Centre on Friday, April 24 at 8 p.m. Rolly Rocker and the Hemi Heads will perform music from the 1950's to 70's. There will also be a DJ, a late night snack buffet and licensed bar. Tickets are going fast, so call Adam Osbourne at (519) 993-5767 to avoid disappointment.

**Big pancake breakfast**  
The 30th annual Rockwood and District Lions Pancake Breakfast is all set for Sunday, April 19, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Rockmosa Community Centre. It features scrambled eggs, sausages, fruit, juice, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, and of course, all you can eat pancakes. Proceeds go to community projects.

**Frog Frolic at Guelph Lake**  
Don't let the snow fool you! Spring is here and with its arrival come the Spring Peepers. Learn all about Ontario's frogs at the Guelph Lake Nature Centre on Saturday, April 18, from 7 to 9 p.m. There will be a slide-show and introductions to the resident hoppers, followed by a trek out to the swamp to find the elusive Spring

Peepers. Bring a flashlight and rubber boots. Call (519) 836-7860 to pre-register.  
**Protect your kids on the Internet**  
The Rockwood Centennial Public School council presents a seminar for parents to learn about Internet safety on Tuesday, April 14 at 6:30 p.m. at the school. The Wellington O.P.P. will speak about Facebook, MSN Messen-

ger, Twitter, acronyms, such as POS (parent over shoulder), cyber-bullying and how children use internet social networking tools. McAfee Canada Staff will be onsite to talk to parents about how to lock down their computer, provide parental controls, use tools like site advisor to identify good and bad sites. For more information, visit [SC.rockwood@ugdsb.on.ca](mailto:SC.rockwood@ugdsb.on.ca).

### The Village Sweet Shop Giant Easter Bunny Draw!

You could win a  
2.5 foot tall 5 lb  
Chocolate Easter Bunny

Tickets \$1.00 each  
Draw date April 10 at 6pm  
Proceeds will be donated to  
"Homeward Bound" & "EWCS Foodbank"



Let us fill your Easter Basket with our handmade Rabbits, Chocolates, Truffles, and Fudge this Easter.

Open daily till Easter  
Thurs & Fri until 7pm  
Open Good Friday 12 - 5 pm  
Closed Easter Sunday.

120 Main St. S Rockwood  
519-856-8268

# Debt up 7 times - Arnott

Uncontrolled spending and skyrocketing debt is putting Ontario's future at risk, says Wellington-Halton Hills MPP Ted Arnott.

When Arnott began working for then-MPP Jack Johnson in 1987, the provincial debt stood at \$34 billion. By 2011, however, that debt will have risen to \$236 billion—nearly seven times what it was in 1987.

"I wonder what future generations will say about this government's leadership on money matters and its selfish inability to live within our means," observed Arnott yesterday in the Legislature. "I think I can guess."

Arnott spoke during debate on a Progressive Conservative motion, which called on the McGuinty government to produce a detailed deficit reduction plan with specific measures and timelines to erase its deficit of \$18 billion.

In his almost 19 years in the Legislature, Arnott has often sounded the alarm on the provincial debt. It was the focus of his maiden speech in the Legislature as an MPP in 1990, and

the subject of two separate motions he introduced in 1997 and 2003.

Total provincial debt has risen by \$66 billion since the McGuinty government came to power six years

ago, he says. The Liberals used their majority following yesterday's debate to defeat the Progressive Conservative motion by a vote of 52 to 10.

### The Rockwood Garden Club Needs You!!



Are you new to Rockwood? Are you wondering what plants grow well here? Do you want to learn from experienced local gardeners and nursery experts? Do you want to help make Rockwood beautiful? Join us every 3rd Wednesday of the month at the Rockwood Library at 7:30. Guest speaker for April will be a local bird and butterfly expert. May's meeting will be held at a local Nursery where we will find out what is new for this year...and shop. Annual Membership fee is \$10 per person/\$15 per couple.

For information call Barb at  
**519-856-2701**  
Everyone Welcome!

### Celebrating 35 Culinary Years!

# Castle's TeaBerry Cafe

Chef/Owner Phil Castle's culinary experience started with 24 years as a chef in the Canadian Navy (joined 1973) where he had provided high profile dinners and luncheons for many dignitaries including Queen Elizabeth. The past 9 years Teaberry Cafe has been servicing the Rockwood area.

In Celebration, and to thank our customers, we are offering, for the month of April...

**EARLY BIRD DINNER SPECIALS**  
2 for \$20<sup>00</sup> + Taxes • 5 - 6:30 PM Wed. thru Sun.

**SPECIAL EASTER SUNDAY DINNER**  
5 - 7:00 PM • \$13<sup>00</sup> Per Person + Taxes  
Baked Ham or Roast Turkey Dinner

**HOURS:** Lunch Daily 11AM - 2:30PM  
Dinner: Wed. to Sun. 5PM - 9PM

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