

The ROCKWOOD Miller

Mayor White re-elected

Guelph/Eramosa Township Mayor Chris White swept back into office with a landslide victory over challenger, former mayor Clint Martin, in Monday's municipal election. White watched the returns at his family home in Rockwood, and said while he never takes anything for granted, he was fairly confident about the outcome. Going forward, White plans to continue improving on past council achievements under his leadership.

White out-pollled Martin almost five-to-one – taking 79 per cent of votes cast – 2,032 to 547. This is White's second election win in a row over Martin, who was mayor from 2000 to 2003. The former mayor said he was

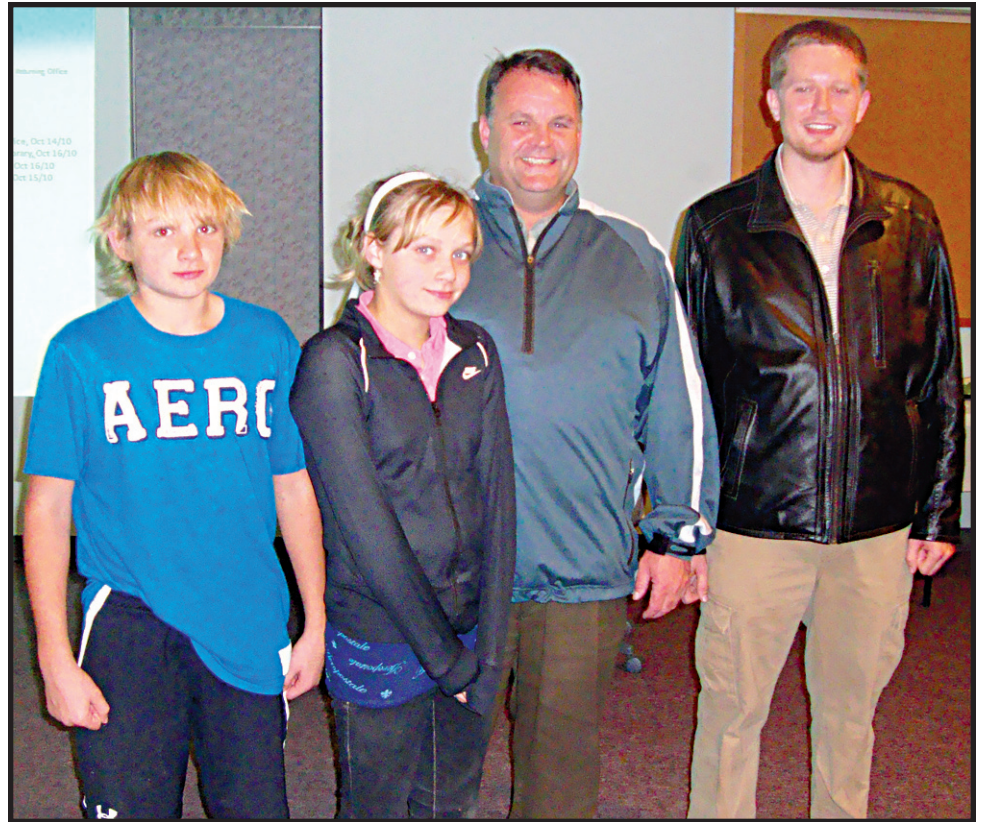
“disappointed, but not surprised,” by the election results.

In Ward two, where incumbent Councillor Roger Knapp did not seek re-election, jubilant newcomer Corey Woods garnered 59 per cent of votes cast, with a total of 265 – more than double the results of challengers John Gough and Nicholas Dalton. Woods attributed his success to his door-to-door campaign, getting to know the people in the community. “I enjoyed talking to my neighbours. People want to talk to their councillor. I found out that every resident has a different issue. I plan on going back to the homes. I want everyone to know who their councillor is,” Woods said. Doug Breen,

the only other candidate at council's Brucedale offices on election night, offered hearty congratulations to Woods.

Breen trounced his only challenger, receiving 67 per cent of the vote (528), while former councillor Teresa Gibson Smye, who joined the race at the very last minute, won 257 votes.

Breen said, “Every four years they tell you if you're doing a good job. The constituents wanted to hear what we've accomplished, and not about criticism of other candidates. Voters this time around are interested in alternative ways of generating revenue. They feel their taxes are too high, and they want to know what we're go-



AND THE WINNERS ARE: Councillor Doug Breen (centre) was at Guelph/Eramosa Township's council chambers on Monday night awaiting the final results. Breen won the Ward three seat, and was there to congratulate newly appointed Ward two Councillor Corey Woods (far right). Breen's son Walker (11) joined his sister Aneila (13) to celebrate dad's win on Monday night.

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ing to do about it. I just want to get at it, continue working our way through the trail,” Breen said.

In Rockwood's Ward four, incumbent first-term Councillor John Scott edged challenger Steven Liebig for the seat, taking 55 per cent of the votes cast – 443 to 359. Scott was “extremely pleased” with the results, especially the support from the farming community in the area of Everton. Scott wants to focus on the needs of the young and the seniors, proposing a “proper demographic” study be done by the Township. Prior to the vote, Scott said if re-elected, he would also focus on “making the village of Rockwood a destination.”

“Beautification of the Alma and Main Streets on completion of the highway (7) reconstruction will be a prime target. But, let us not forget our aging population. Many have retired to this area. We currently have very

limited capability to provide Care Homes to our seniors. I would like to look forward to working with church or commercial groups to look at when and where such a facility could be built in Rockwood to meet the demands of our seniors,” Scott said.

One of the big upsets of the night was newcomer Kathryn Cooper, B.Sc., MBA, M.Ed. who defeated veteran incumbent Upper Wellington District School Board Trustee Ralph Edwards to represent public school supporters in Guelph/Eramosa, Erin and East Garafraxa. Cooper took 70 per cent of the votes, 3,696 to Edwards' 1,536.

Prior to the vote, Cooper said if elected she would first look at resolving long term accommodation issues facing both East Garafraxa Public School and Rockwood Centennial Public School.

“The good news is that

both these schools have growing enrolment not declining enrolment. Open and transparent community collaboration and keeping rural kids in rural schools are two principles on which I will base my work in this area,” Cooper said, adding she will advocate for the systematic implementation of eco-efficiencies (reduction of energy, water and waste) in all schools, eventually saving as much as \$ 1-million annually in the operating budget and turning all schools into environmental learning grounds, not just a few.

Wellington County Councillor Gord Tosh, of Rockwood, was acclaimed to his Ward 8 seat. Newcomer Don McKay easily defeated challenger Bill Cloutis for the County's Ward 7 council seat, winning 79 per cent of votes cast, 312 to 84.

David Wolk is the acclaimed candidate for Guelph/Eramosa Township's Ward 1 seat, previously held by Reta Moyer.

Of Guelph/Eramosa Township's 9,463 eligible voters, a total of 2,705 participated in this year's election – representing a 29 per cent voter turnout – a steep drop from the 2006 election when 40 per cent of the electorate cast ballots.



Township of Guelph/Eramosa

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

Please join us for our annual Remembrance Day Service to be held on:

Date: Saturday, November 6th, 2010

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Location: The Rockwood Cenotaph
(at Main Street South and Guelph Street in Rockwood)

Participants will assemble at 10:30a.m. at the Rockwood Post Office. The parade will proceed to the Cenotaph, which is located at the corner of Main Street South (Highway 7) and Guelph Street in Rockwood, Ontario.

After the service, the parade will march to the Fire Hall for refreshments.

At the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month, we remember all of those who risked - and lost - their lives for the freedoms we enjoy today.

THANK YOU
To the voters of Ward 4
Guelph/Eramosa Twp.
for your support.

Councillor John Scott