



FASTBALL CHAMPS! The Rockwood No-Stars Ladies' fastball team recently was crowned the 1994 league champions. Back row, from left: Brenda Farlow, Leanne Smith, Linda Earle, Sue Legge, Karen Courser, Anna Weber, Marcie Henning, coach Dot Polo, Marilyn McKinney, Shelly Desjardins and Dale Williams. Front row: bat girl Nikki Farlow, Laurie Leighton, Carol Death, Holly Colquhoun, Lori Savage and manager Bonnie Hamilton. Absent: Bev Armstrong. (Submitted photo)

Rural sign program announced here

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK
The Rockwood Miller

In an effort to ensure emergency personnel can quickly and easily find rural addresses in Eramosa Township and Wellington County, a new mandatory system of rural address signs will be unveiled this Saturday, during an open house at the Rockwood Fire Hall.

The four-digit, green signs — 1,320 of them in Eramosa — will be erected in front of each rural address in the coming months.

Township staff have already begun putting up 70 directional signs at major intersections in the township.

Eramosa Township's Superintendent of Public Works, Len Smeltzer, said the rural sign program will work hand-in-hand with the proposed 911 emergency telephone system.

"This new numbered identification system will make it much easier for police, fire and ambulance crews to find rural addresses in an emergency," Smeltzer said on Monday.

"Once the 911 system is operating in 1996 your rural address will automatically come up on a computer screen making a quick response more likely.

"This is a good program for local residents and for emergency staff," Smeltzer said.

Natural gas invades Rockwood

BY DOUG HARRISON
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No, Rockwood isn't undergoing a glut of construction projects. All the digging and traffic jams you've endured the last few weeks has been caused by the installation of natural gas to village homes.

"We've had a lot of calls from people over the last seven or eight years requesting service and a lot of support from Town council to get it in Rockwood," says Bruce Weaver, co-ordinator of customer contact for Union Gas Ltd.

Earlier this year, Union Gas Ltd. in Guelph made a pitch to the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) to grant them a franchise for Eramosa Township, which would allow natural gas to be extended to Rockwood.

It was approved Aug. 29 and construction began Sept. 1 to service 125 homes in Rockwood. Weaver expects that number to triple over the next year and estimates 80 per cent of the village will be using natural gas in five years.

In fact, Weaver says Rockwood — with a population of 2,100 — is a large community not to have natural gas. He mentions some towns in Ontario with just 100 homes that have the service.

"Predominantly," he says, "big cities and towns in southwestern Ontario have natural gas. Everybody here will have their gas turned on by Christmas."

Weaver says gas will be activated in three or four steps starting Nov. 1, depending on where peo-

ple live in town.

Since they are regulated by the OEB, Rockwood's distance from the main gas line in Guelph made it uneconomical in past years to extend service to Rockwood. There are a number of commitments to be followed when granted a franchise, one of which is to pay back the cost of investment within 30 years, says Weaver.

Therefore, Union Gas has instituted a \$15 monthly charge — applicable for the first five years — to help offset the high cost of getting natural gas to Rockwood. While that will mean an annual charge of \$180 per household, the savings will be five, six and seven times that amount, Weaver assures.

"Savings can change between
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