

Election '94: A review of Eramosa Council candidates

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The Rockwood Miller

There are nine candidates in the race for the five seats on Eramosa Township Council with incumbent Reeve Laverne Harris being challenged by Don Gordon and incumbent Councillor Rick Hughes trying to unseat incumbent Deputy-Reeve Ken Mercer.

This week *The Rockwood Miller* continues its candidate profiles with the five hopefuls vying for the three Council seats.

Councillor Dale Hamilton, who held the position for just one term, has decided not to seek re-election this term, opting to spend more time with her family.

With Hamilton out of the race and Councillor Hughes running for Deputy-Reeve, there will be at least two new faces.

Incumbent Councillor Gord Tosh is seeking a second term after being acclaimed, following the death of Deputy Reeve Dave Masson part way through last term.

Tosh had been elected as a Rockwood Police Village trustee in 1991 and won the Council seat when Council deadlocked on Masson's replacement and pulled Tosh's name from a hat.

Tosh, a foster parent and local soccer coach in Rockwood, said he always wanted to be involved in local politics.

"I think the biggest job facing the new Council will be to continue dealing with dwindling Provincial dollars."

Political neophyte Mark Thomson said his work with the Township's Strategic Development Plan prompted him to seek office.

"I would like to see a more positive and constructive way to deal with disputes between Council and the public. What happened in the past has been unsuitable.

"Council had a high-handed approach to issues like the Bow String Bridge. I think a paramount role for Council is to put aside personal feelings and compromise for the good of the community."

Wellington Advertiser general manager David Adsett is making his first official run for office, although he did put his name forward when Council was filling the seat vacated by Masson's death.

Adsett, son of former Reeve and County Warden William Adsett, is the only candidate who lives north of Hwy. 24 and he feels he will be able to keep an eye on agricultural issues.

"The main issue the new Council will have to deal with is keeping the financial end of things in check," Adsett said recently.

Rockwood Police Village Trustee Cathy McIntyre has also thrown her hat into the ring for a

Council seat and is the only woman on the Eramosa slate.

McIntyre, who with her husband operates Ray's Family Variety store in Rockwood, said community involvement has always been important to her.

"I want to be involved and help Rockwood have a strong voice at Township Council," McIntyre said. "I think the biggest issue for the new Council will be to implement the conditions the past Council imposed on development."

The fifth candidate for one of three Council seats is Rockwood resident Victor Bissonnette. He is making his first run for public office after sitting on the Healthy Community Committee.

"The big issue facing Council is to have a fairer undertone and answer the people who feel that they are not having their wishes heeded," Bissonnette said.

"Communication that should be there isn't, and we saw that reflected in a couple of issues, including the Eden Mills Bow String Bridge and the dissolution of the Police Villages."

Voters can meet and question all of the candidates at a series of all candidates meetings in the coming weeks.

The Rockwood meeting is Monday, Nov. 7 at 7 pm at the Rockmosa Community Centre and the Eden Mills all-candidates meeting is Thursday, Nov. 10 at the Community Hall.

Girls soccer team wins

CENTENNIAL NEWS

BY JASON McLEOD & KEVIN GILES

This month our Junior and Intermediate soccer teams went to a tournament at Guelph Lake. The Junior Girls won their division and brought the trophy home to Rockwood Centennial.

Intramural volleyball has started at lunch time. There are eight teams including a teachers' team!

Last Thursday, Rockwood hosted the Junior/Intermediate Cross Country Meet.

Recently many students went on some class trips. The Grade 2 classes went to Long Lane Orchards to study apples. The Grade 7 classes went to Crawford Lake for a nature walk and a study of the Long House Restoration.

OUCH!!!! This month the Grade 7s received their first Hepatitis B vaccination.

The Student Council planned many Halloween activities for the students at our school on Friday. They included the judging of pumpkins and costumes. The Kindergarten Classes also dressed up and had a parade.

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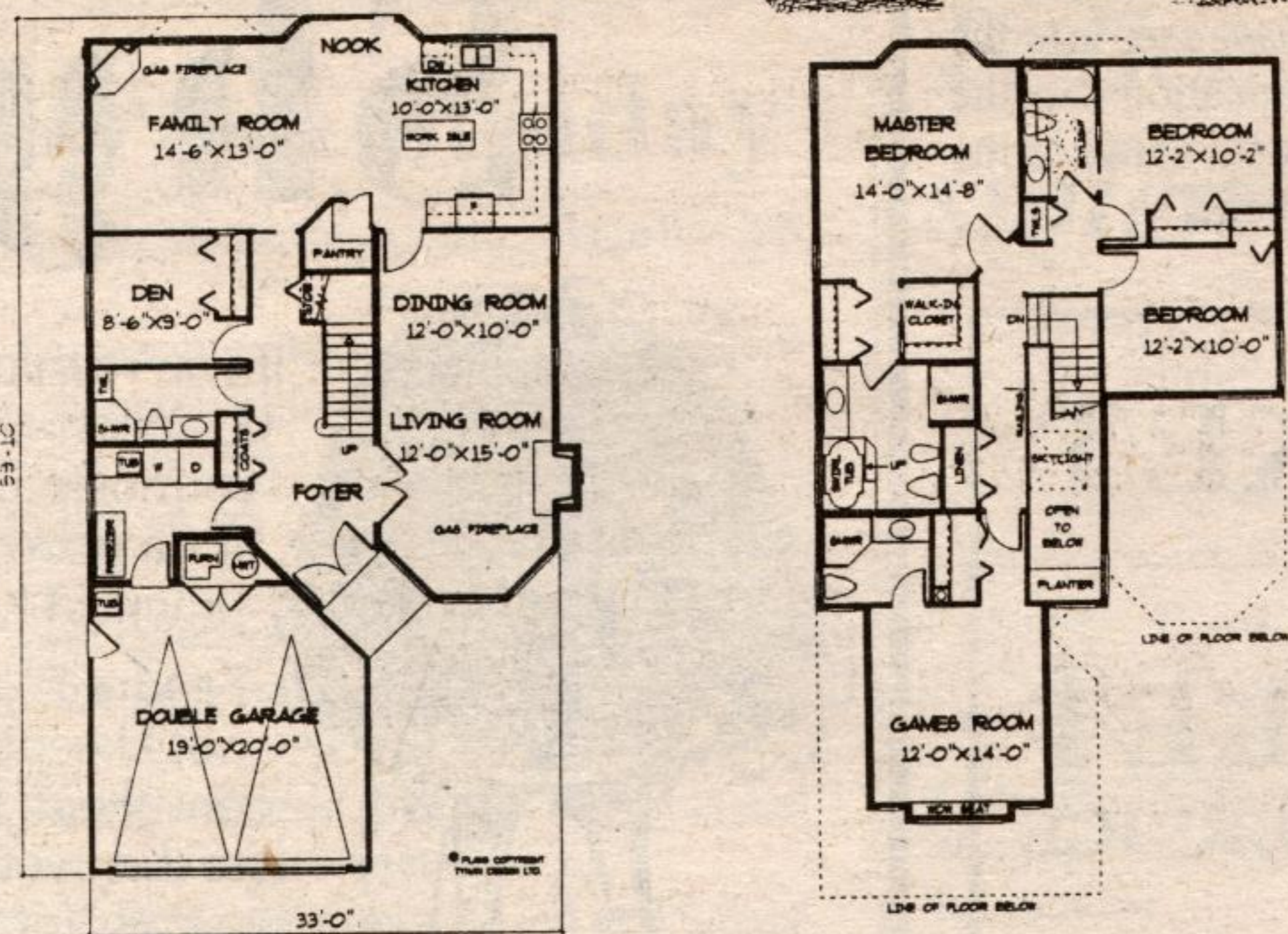
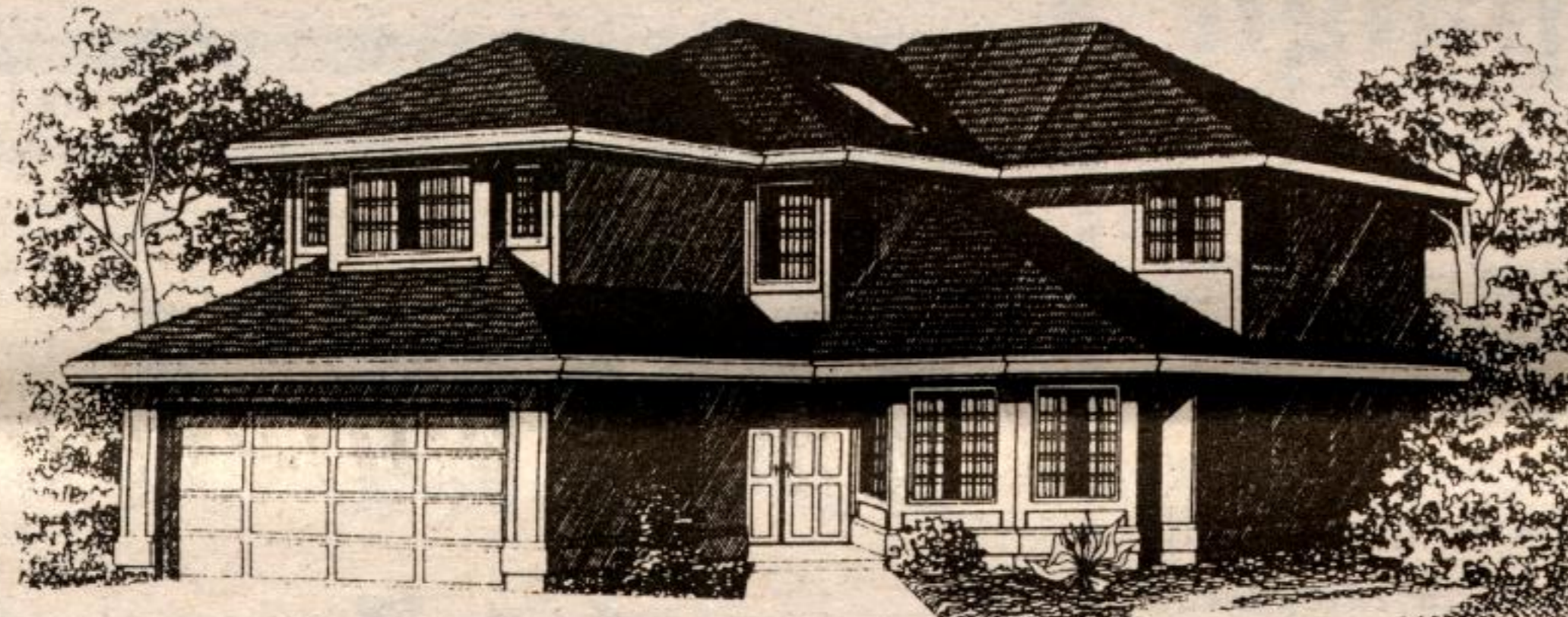
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