

New clubhouse just one improvement for tennis club

After being self-sufficient for the past several years, the Rockmosa Tennis Club is very grateful to Eramosa Township for its assistance in the building of a small clubhouse beside the tennis courts in Rockwood. The Township and the Tennis Club will be sharing the costs for the project, with the Tennis Club taking on the responsibility for ongoing maintenance. The Club has been an active

part of the community for the past 18 years, and with a membership of about 200, is one of the largest organized recreational groups in the township. Activities include a growing junior program with free lessons and house league round robins for beginners through to advanced players. There are also inter rural leagues with teams from Erin, Elora, Fergus, Nassagaweya and North Burlington. In addition

to tennis lessons and clinics for adults, there are a variety of club tournaments and ladders for singles' competition.

Membership for a reasonable fee provides tennis players with their own court key, participation in organized activities and club newsletters. When the courts are open, one court is available for public play, except during tournament or league events. When the

courts are not being used by members, they remain locked because of past incidents of vandalism. In addition to covering operational and lighting costs, the Club recently financed improvements such as complete court resurfacing at a cost of approx. \$13,000, and purchased new nets and wind-screens.

The Rockmosa Tennis Club is sustained by active volunteers,

who contribute by sharing the responsibilities of running the club. New members are annually elected for executive positions, helping to constantly renew the spirit of tennis. For residents in the township, joining the Club has been an ideal way of making friends and becoming involved in the community.

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Reeve gets rude awakening from voters

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The Rockwood Miller

The leadership of Eramosa Township could still be up for grabs.

Although Reeve Leverne Harris correctly predicted he would be re-elected to a second term in Monday's election, it was not the cake-walk he boldly forecast.

The unofficial results have Harris, of Rockwood, just 18 votes ahead of challenger Don Gordon.

At press time, Gordon, making his first run for office on a platform of democratic reform and public participation, was waiting for word from Township officials on how to launch a recount.

The unofficial count shows Harris with 778 votes and Gordon, a University of Guelph Engineering instructor, with 760 votes.

With just 20 per cent voter turnout, 40 per cent in Eden Mills, voters clearly said they want a change.

Early Tuesday morning there was some speculation whether Harris would want to serve with such a slim margin of victory.

When reached at his home later Tuesday morning, reeve-elect Harris curtly said "I have no comment," when asked about the results and slammed down the telephone receiver.

Gordon said it was a "heart-breaker" to have come so close to winning, and at press time he was waiting to hear from the town clerk

about the re-count process.

"I was surprised I did as well as I did," Gordon said.

"I did very well in the villages and in fact took half the vote from Harris in Rockwood. I also won handily in Eden Mills but lost the farming community, which went with the old Harris family name," Gordon said.

When informed of Harris' reaction to the *Rockwood Miller* interview, Gordon said, "This must have been a real eye-opener to him (Harris). He was so confident that he and Mercer would win."

The other hot race in Eramosa was for the deputy-reeve position.

Former councillor Rick Hughes successfully challenged incumbent Ken Mercer for the job, winning by 230 votes.

Hughes, of Eden Mills, said he ran for deputy-reeve and risked his council seat because it was time for a change.

Hughes said he was "pleased but not surprised" with his win. "Last week it became evident that my message was being accepted by voters."

"We have two critical issues facing us in the next six months. One is our budget — we have 20 bridges that need \$5 million worth of repair, and nothing in reserves to pay for that.

"The second critical issue is growth. Although there is approval in principle for the two Rockwood developments, I would like to revisit both developments to try to come up with alternate design guidelines."

Hughes wants a council that will listen to voters and not simply push through their own agenda.

The three "at large" council seats will be filled by newcomers Dave Adsett and Rockwood's Cathy McIntyre, who ran first and second in the balloting, and incumbent Gord Tosh, who ran third.

Adsett, the only councillor who lives north of Hwy. 24, is manager of *The Wellington Advertiser*.

McIntyre runs a Rockwood variety store with her husband and is a former police village trustee. She said she would stress public participation in decision-making.

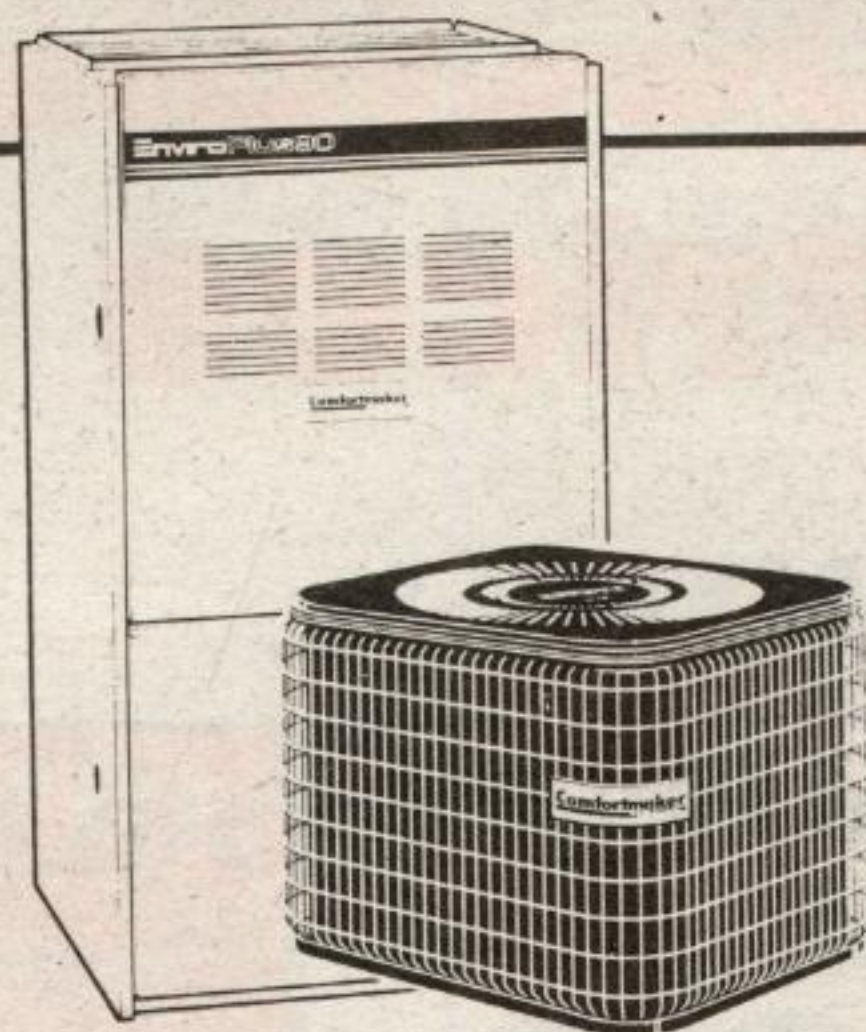
Tosh won his seat on council in 1992 when his name was drawn from a hat to fill a vacancy after the death of Dave Masson.

The new Council will be sworn in at its inaugural meeting on Monday, Dec. 5.

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Driver escapes unhurt

A Rockwood driver escaped without injuries after totalling his 1990 Mercury on the weekend.

Michael Kupferschmidt, 37, was travelling northbound on County Rd. 27 at Sideroad 10 at 11:30 pm on Saturday when he swerved to miss a wild deer. The R.R. 1, Rockwood resident then lost control of his car and veered off the left side of the road. He hit a mailbox, went through a ditch and rolled the vehicle across a driveway.

According to Guelph OPP Const. Charlie Hunter, Kupferschmidt was able to "walk away" from the accident because he was wearing a seatbelt.

Hunter also cautions Rockwood residents that "there are a lot of deer out there right now. If you see one, slow down by easing off on the accelerator. And remember — if you see one deer, there likely are more close by."

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