

Township snowplows, sanders ready for coming snowfalls

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While Len Smeltzer isn't waiting for that first dump of snow with bated breath, he knows his men are ready when it happens.

The superintendent of public works for Eramosa Township said recently that three sander-plow trucks have gone through the necessary pre-winter check-up and are ready to tackle the wintry conditions.

"Certification of the trucks and

maintenance started about a month ago. We have our own operating mechanic on staff. I'm not hoping for the snow, because we have lots to keep us busy," said Smeltzer, adding the department has been involved with Union Gas and their installment of natural gas into the village.

They're also working on rural addressing, putting number signs in front of country properties.

Smeltzer, who operates a plow himself, said the Township will

use a mixture of salt and sand to keep area roads safe.

"When it gets extra icy we'll add more salt. It grips the road a lot more and isn't as harsh on them as sand," he said.

A long period of cold temperatures coupled with a lot of ice demanded a lot of sand on the roads last January and February, Smeltzer stated.

He said he doesn't know what to expect for this year.

"If you went by the Farmer's Almanac we would have freezing rain by now. It's hard to say what will happen this year. The weather's unpredictable."

He said the Township will hire a contract worker or two for the winter months, along with having a few on-call workers directly in a town such as Rockwood.

He mentioned one employee will be assigned to keep the old Town Hall, the medical centre, fire hall and sidewalks sanded.

Smeltzer said five operators — four truck-plow workers and one grader — will cover an area as far as the Hwy. 7-Puslinch-Guelph boundary to 15 kilometres north of Hwy. 24, along with Rockwood, Eden Mills and Everton.



COOKIN' WITH GARRY: Union Gas rep Bruce Weaver, right, presented a brand new Broil King gas barbecue to Rockwood's Garry Moore recently. The draw was from a Union Gas open house held in September. (Doug Harrison photo)

Mark your calendars!

As the holiday season approaches, the social calendar is getting busier for Rockwood and Eden Mills area residents. Mark down these dates ...

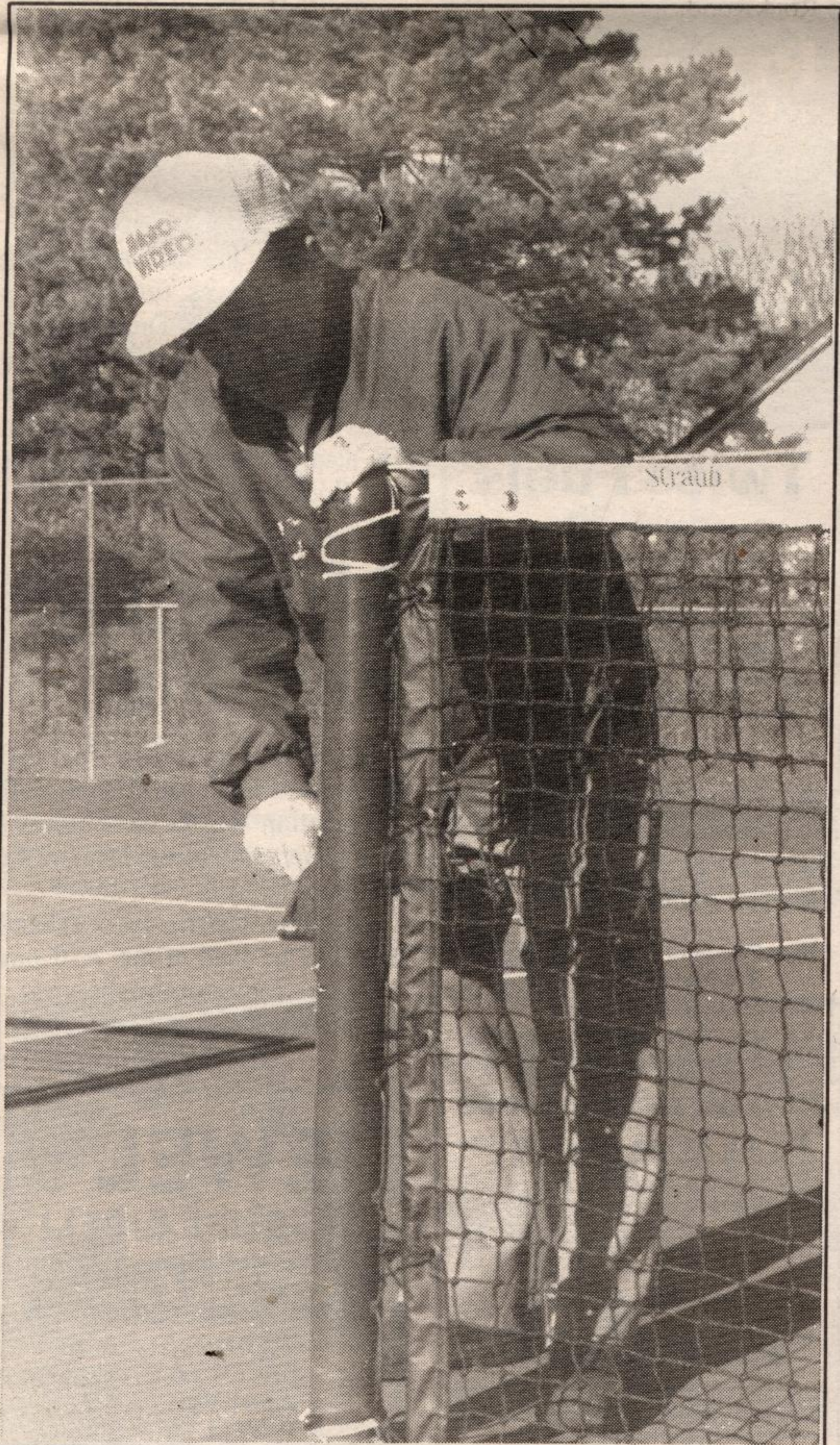
Nov. 24, Thursday — 7:30 pm: Roger McCombe, a well-known Humorist will be bringing an entertaining and thought-provoking evening to Erin Public School. He will invite the audience to laugh and to cry with him, as he seeks to challenge them to enhance their lives with humanity, humour, hugs and happiness! Sponsored by Erin Public School and EWAG.

Nov. 26, Saturday — 9 am to 2 pm: Plan to attend the Rockwood Lioness' Annual Bazaar at

the Rockmosa Community Centre. Admission is free. Penny table, baked goods, refreshments, crafts, quilt raffle and more.

Dec. 3, Saturday — 9:30 am to 2 pm. Rockwood Nursery School Mom's Best Holiday Baking and Vendor Fair at the Rockwood Townhall, 191 Main St. S. Squares, cookies, cakes, shortbreads along with assorted trays of delicious, fresh baked goodies. See you there!

Dec. 4, Sunday — 7 pm: Come and celebrate Christmas at the Annual Sacred Concert in the Everton Community Church. Enjoy the many donated talents. Refreshments to follow. For details call Wilma Tosh, 856-9056.



SEASON'S OVER! While tennis fanatics got an extended season thanks to Mother Nature, recent cool weather meant it was time for Rockwood Tennis Club maintenance employee Keith Livermore to remove the nets for the off-season. (Doug Harrison photo)

Don Gordon Expresses Appreciation

To the many citizens of ERAMOSA who supported my bid for Reeve, I extend my sincere thanks. It was very close, just 18 votes behind the incumbent. My congratulations to the successful candidates.

Don Gordon

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