

Coming up!

Dec. 7, Wednesday — 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 pm: Volunteer Information Fair sponsored by R.W.S.P. at St. John's Anglican Church Hall, Rockwood. Everyone welcome.

Dec. 8, Thursday — 7 pm: Join us and see *If Stones Could Speak*, A.C.E. Theatrical Hike Video. Admission free. Video will be available for purchase. Come out and see the gang at Rockmosa Library.

Dec. 10, Saturday — 2 pm: Fundraising concert to raise money for music books for Eramosa Community Library. Parents and children from Keyboard Studio of Rockwood performing. Dessert will be served.

Beach party in winter!

CENTENNIAL NEWS

BY MATT MILSON, LEE JACOB & JACOB RUPPERT

This week the tension became tremendous when the first-term report cards came out. Many students crossed their fingers when they opened their envelopes. We hope everyone did well this term.

A book fair has been running in our library. Students could buy many different types of books as well as bookmarks, posters, erasers, pencils and videos. Profits will buy more supplies for the library.

The student council held a Grade 7 and 8 beach party in the gym, where people came dressed in T-shirts and shorts. This dance was a double feature—if you didn't

want to dance you could play volleyball instead.

This week the Grade 7s saw a play called "Earthlings" where three doctors operated on the planet Earth and eventually lost their patient. The play was symbolic of the way we are destroying our planet by taking out its "heart, spine and lungs" in the name of progress.

The junior classes held their awards assembly this week. Certificates were given to members of the soccer and cross-country teams.

Individual awards were given to students for outstanding achievement in their classes.

It was a busy week at Rockwood Centennial.



YUMMY! Young Louisa Ruddell, 6, checks out a tasty gingerbread house that was raffled off at the Rockwood Nursery School Mom's Best Holiday Baking and Vendor Fair at the Town Hall on Saturday morning. (Lori Frechette photo)



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New Location

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CALL INQUIRIES ABOUT FUTURE CLASSES

Public can comment

Rockwood residents will be able to comment on a proposed re-zoning on Balaclava Street at the public meeting slated for Jan. 30.

Landowner Louis Hilts wants to re-zone five lots to recognize the actual commercial use of the land, which is now being used for parking and storage in a garage.

Natural gas project is right on target

BY DOUG HARRISON
The Rockwood Miller

Almost half of Rockwood's 804 establishments, including homes and businesses, have signed-up for natural gas installation since Union Gas stormed into the village prior to Labour Day.

As of Thursday, 365 services (45 per cent) had been applied for and one-third of those had natural gas in use on Nov. 4, when the first section of the village was turned on.

Bruce Weaver, coordinator of customer contact for Union Gas, says the remaining two-thirds of applicants will have natural gas operating in their homes by Christmas. equipment installation will be on-going through January.

"We started Sept. 1, and to have 365 services three months later is tremendous. The logistics to carry out a project of this magnitude are quite high," says Weaver, who adds Union Gas is close to their first-year forecast of 411 services.

"We're close to what we expected, which is very good. People in Rockwood have been favourable toward natural gas. A few have already seen a drop in their electric bills.

"There's usually a second wave (of applications) after word-of-mouth travels."

Weaver, who sees an average

of 10 people daily inside the Union Gas trailer in front of the fire hall, says there will be more positive reaction to cost savings come January and February.

One thing Weaver and Brent Lemon, who's in charge of construction, have been impressed with is their reception here.



BRUCE WEAVER

"It's nice to come to a town where the people look forward to your service. People have been very cooperative and friendly," Lemon commends.

Adds Weaver: "People have been pleased with the neatness of our contractors installing pipelines."

However, while some home owners may not be impressed with ripped-up lawns, Lemon says they will be restored to their pre-September look come mid-May or June when drier weather returns.

Weaver emphasizes it's not too late to sign-up. He says the office (trailer), which will remain in town until March, will help people deal with the conversion process and he encourages people to visit and ask questions.

Meanwhile, Weaver says Union Gas will be looking closer at Eden Mills this winter in terms of cost analysis and determining how much gas would be used there.

Eden Mills residents could have natural gas in the next two years.

Rockwood Customer Centre NOW OPEN!

Union Gas is committed to providing superior customer service and a wide selection of natural gas products.

To make things a little easier, we've opened a new Customer Centre in Rockwood. You'll find us at the

Rockwood/Eramosa Fire Hall
175 Alma St., Rockwood, Ontario

We'll be there to answer your questions about the project, our services and to show you how easy it is to convert to natural gas. We are open from:

Tuesday — 1 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Wednesday — 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Thursday — 1 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Friday — 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Saturday — 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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