



**HELPFUL ELVES:** Centennial School held a food drive last week to collect food for the Rockwood Lioness Club, to make hampers for needy families. Helping out were Grade 6 students, from left, Stephanie Patterson, Adam Brouillard, Tyler Erdelac and Devon Gates. (Karen Wetmore photo)

## Eden House installs natural gas pipeline

BY DOUG HARRISON  
The Rockwood Miller

Long term gain has outweighed heady costs in John Boumeester's decision to install natural gas at the Eden Mills Care Facility.

Last week, the facility's co-owner with his wife Gail, paid \$11,500 to have Union Gas extend their pipeline 1.3 kilometres east of Hwy. 7 and convert Eden House from propane.

Over 400 Rockwood homes and businesses, signed up for natural gas installation last fall.

"I came really close to not doing it, but the big reason was the economy," said Boumeester on Monday, adding the cost was much lower than if a homeowner in the area were to have the line extended, because Eden House is such a big user of Union Gas. "It's also more efficient. We had a number of hot water heaters on electric, while our air makeup systems, dryers and stoves were on propane. I'm convinced it was the right decision for long term."

Boumeester thought of installing natural gas five years ago, but couldn't get a commitment from Union Gas to extend the pipeline. Last December, he tried to get Eramosa Township to include Eden House as part of Rockwood's installation but was turned down. He was told if they accepted his request, they would have to comply if approached by Everton and they couldn't afford that.

Eden House's staff residence will also be converted to natural gas, but the residential rooms - equipped with baseboard heaters - won't be. That switch would be too costly at this time, says Boumeester, who paid about \$5,000 in conversion costs.

Bruce Weaver, co-ordinator of customer contact for Union Gas, said economical studies will be done over the winter to explore the possibility of extending the pipeline to Eden Mills. If everything works out, he added, Eden Mills residents could have natural gas installed during the summer.

## Practice makes perfect assemblies

### CENTENNIAL NEWS

All the primary and junior students are busy practicing for their upcoming holiday assemblies this week. The assemblies will be tomorrow (Thursday) at 9 and 10:40 am. Parents are welcome to attend.

A food drive was held this past week at Rockwood Centennial, and boxes and boxes of non-perishable items were collected for the Lions Club, which will see to their distribution. The Cherry Street Gift Sale was a big success.

Students had fun shopping for their families during the week.

Our Grade 4/5 class visited the art gallery in Guelph last week. The junior and intermediate students had an awards assembly, which recognized students who had participated in touch football, soccer, cross-country and volleyball. As well, students who received top academic marks also received special Rockwood Raider certificates.

Mr. Morris' Grade 3/4 class had their annual festive luncheon. Students provided the delicious foods

and parents helped serve. It was a yummy lunch for everyone.

All students and staff want to wish everyone happy holidays.

## Folkdance Jamboree

### ERAMOSA P.S. NEWS

BY KARA DERMA & JENNIFER KUPFERSCHMIDT

This week we interviewed Mrs. Grist about the Folkdance Jamboree.

**Q:** Mrs. Grist, how many Jamborees have you been at?

**Mrs. Grist:** I've been to three altogether.

**Q:** What did you enjoy most about the Jamborees?

**Mrs. Grist:** Seeing all of the other students doing their dance presentations. There were about 100 students from area schools.

**Q:** Of all the students who were there, do you think that you performed well?

**Mrs. Grist:** Eramosa students danced exceptionally well.

**Q:** Where does this Jamboree take place?

**Mrs. Grist:** Erin District High School.

**Q:** Thanks for your time Mrs. Grist.

**Mrs. Grist:** My pleasure!

The Folkdance Jamboree is held every year at Erin District High School. Primary and Junior students from East Wellington can attend and celebrate dance.



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