

JOB CREATION: Lynn Hewitt works from her home in Rockwood for her new business, Association Management Services.

#### New business offers administrative service

BY KAREN WETMORE The Rockwood Miller

In a climate of layoffs and businesses closing down, finding a niche to fill can be a difficult task.

Lynn Hewitt came into her new career "through the back door." The Rockwood resident recently started her own company called Association Management Services, providing administrative assistance to small and growing organizations.

She had previously worked with a friend publishing a magazine for veterinarians. It prospered until being hit by the latest recession, which caused 70 per cent of the advertising to disappear.

"I floundered around for a while until I came up with this idea," says Hewitt.

Her idea has already landed

Hewitt her first client – the Canadian Agri-Marketing Association (CAMA). It's an organization Hewitt has been involved with for some time, and she has just finished her term as its president.

Working from her fully equipped home office, Hewitt will be responsible for maintaining a membership list in a data base for CAMA, as well as handling all mail, arranging venues for meetings, helping to plan programs and producing a newsletter. In the future she hopes to take on three or four more clients, but wants to make sure CAMA's needs are taken care of first.

"It wouldn't be fair to take on another organization otherwise, and I'd want to do a top-notch job for them, too" she says.

There are many small organizations run completely by volunteers which start to grow and need extra help, she says. And the volunteers can only be expected to do so much.

Although technically working for others, Hewitt is glad for the opportunity to mainly be her own boss and work from home. And though it's only just starting, Hewitt is very excited about the potential of Association Management Services.

"Hopefully, I can create my own future," she says.

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child. Stafford has now suspended the business for a year to look after his son, Richard.

April

VANCE PUBLISHES CAR BOOK: Rockwood car buff Bill Vance publishes his first book, Reflections on Automotive History, which covers interesting and unusual cars that are significant in automotive history. Vance had the time to search through his 400 newspaper columns and pick out 61 cars from 1867 to 1981 that would comprise Volume 1.

FAMILY DONATES SOC-CER JERSEYS TO GUATE-MALA: While building a school in Guatemala, Rudi Zukowski trucks 225 of the Rockwood Minor Soccer Club's eight-year-old jerseys eight hours in the mountains. Rockwood decided to change its uniforms in '95.

May

COUNCIL LETS HILTS OFF HOOK: Rockwood devel-

oper Lou Hilts doesn't have to fix deficiencies at his plaza at the corner of Falls and Alma Streets. Eramosa Township Council signs a new deal with Hilts, which does not include provisions of an earlier agreement requiring him to pay for any necessary corrections.

MARCOUX FITS IN WITH 'BULLDOGS': Josh Marcoux, 17, gains a spot on the first-year Jr. B lacrosse Bulldogs. The former Guelph Jr. B player with the Royal City Regals makes the move after he was cut.

STUDENTS EXCEL AT MUSIC FESTIVAL: Rockwood music students come home with a number of high placings from the Halton Hills Spring Music Festival in Georgetown. Competing students are all taught by Rockwood music teacher Debbie Tilson.

EDENHOUSE AWARDED: Eden House Care Facility is awarded a three-year accreditation for excellence in geriatric health care by the Canadian Council on Health Services Accreditation.

June

PIONEER DAY '95 THE 'BEST EVER': The outdoor dance at the seventh annual "rebirth" of Pioneer Day draws 400 people and raises \$1,300 toward the restoration of the Town Hall, with \$150 from Gord and Michelle Dawe's dunking booth and \$250 from the fifth annual Rubber Ducky Race at Waterside Park.

TORY MPP RE-ELECTED IN LANDSLIDE: Tory Ted Arnott dominates the Wellington polls in the provincial election, ousting his nearest opponent, Liberal Don Ross (5,741) by more than 16,000 votes. Arnott admits the last five years have been tough, but says he will work closely with Eramosa Council to keep abreast of local issues.

RASH OF VANDALISM DEEMED 'ISOLATED': A rash of vandalism in the village, including between 10 and 13 occurrences and 14 different mischief charges, is an isolated case, says Rockwood Community Oriented Police officer Andrew Ferguson.



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