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## IN BRIEF...

### Narcotics charges laid

A Rockwood man has been charged with several narcotics offences following a search of his Gzowski Street home.

Guelph OPP officers entered the home under a Narcotic Control Act search warrant Dec. 3 at 3:30 pm. During the search, approximately three pounds of what was believed to be marijuana was found in some garbage bags. The amount found has an estimated street value of \$7,500. Police also found and seized dismantled hydroponic equipment.

The 33-year-old resident of the home searched was not there when police arrived, but turned himself in at Guelph OPP headquarters the day after the search. He was charged with possession of a narcotic, possession of a narcotic for the purposes of trafficking and cultivation of a narcotic.



### CHRISTMAS TREES HERE!

The Eramosa Firefighters Ladies' Auxiliary is selling live Christmas trees at the fire hall. Last Saturday saw the Britton family - Keira, 6, Dylan, 3 and dad Randy buying a tree from auxiliary member Jo-Anne Ruiter and furry friend Buddy. (Eve Martin photo)

## User-pay system put in place for garbage pickup

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK  
The Rockwood Miller

All Eramosa residents will have curb-side garbage pickup in January and by March they will begin to pay \$1.75 for each bag of garbage they put out at the curb, as the Township switches to a user-pay garbage system.

Currently Rockwood and Eden Mills residents pay a special rate on their property tax bill for garbage collection and disposal. The remaining 40 per cent of Eramosa residents living in rural areas make their own arrangements for garbage pick up, while the Township pays for their garbage disposal.

"We are the first municipality in the County of Wellington to offer municipal-wide garbage pickup," Reeve Rick Hughes explained in a recent interview, noting a new tender price of \$1,145.45 for weekly Township-wide service was "quite reasonable."

Hughes said the Township-wide pickup will bring some consistency to what

rural residents pay for garbage collection.

"I've heard figures to show that one person was paying 100 per cent more than another to a private contractor," Hughes said. "I know someone close to Eden Mills who is paying about \$122 a year - I suspect that they will probably save \$10 to \$15 a year under this new system."

Although critics predict that illegal road-side dumping will increase with the change to a user-pay system, Eramosa treasurer Terry Noble said that staff is drafting a tough new bylaw.

"If we find illegally dumped garbage we'll look for an address in amongst the garbage and will charge that person for our costs to pick it up and dispose of it," Noble cautioned, adding there will be fines for repeat offenders.

The Township will schedule public meetings in January in Rockwood and Eden Mills to inform people of the proposal and to hear comments and concerns.

## Proceeds announced

The Rotary Club of Guelph Trillium has announced the donations of the proceeds from its "Dream Home Lottery Draw." St. Joseph's Hospital Foundation (Guelph) will receive \$7,000, Hospice Wellington will receive \$15,000 and the Guelph General Hospital Foundation CT Scan will receive \$25,000. Additional funds totalling \$12,000 are still under consideration by the Trillium Club.

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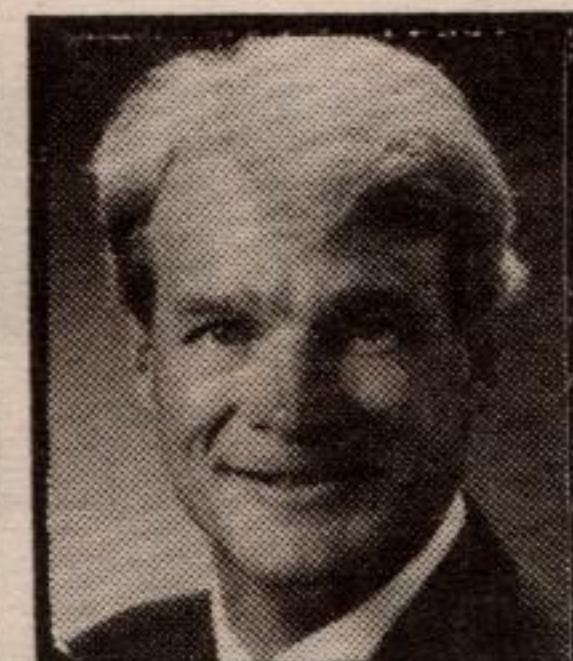
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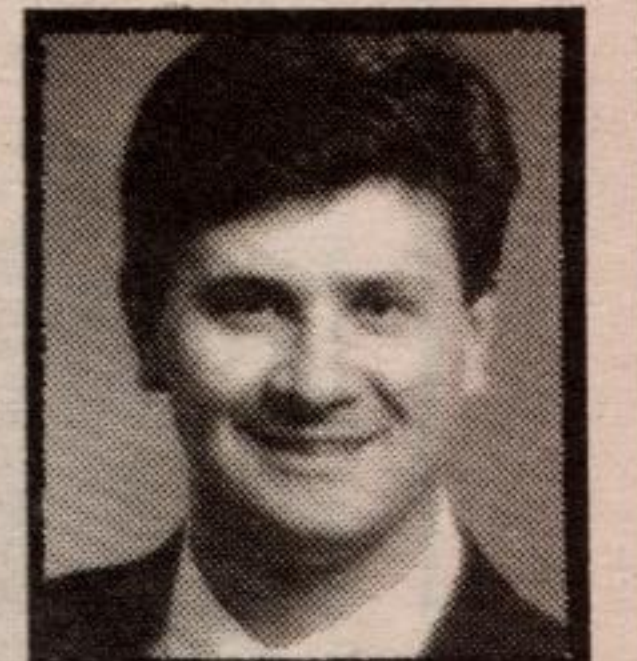
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