

# Casting call for Eramosa Theatrical Hike!

Everyone's a star in the Eramosa Theatrical Hike! Come out for casting and you're guaranteed a part in this exciting outdoor play, scheduled for August of this year. There are lots of small non-speaking parts or larger "meaty" parts; whatever you prefer.

We need children, teenagers, men and women, singers, directors, musicians and people to help backstage with props and cos-

tumes. Absolutely no experience is necessary. There will be acting workshops to teach some skills.

The "hike" will take place on the four weekends in August (August 6/7, 13/14, 20/21, 27/28) from 2 to 4 pm. It begins and ends at the Old Town Hall in Rockwood, winding its way through the Conservation Area, where musical and dramatic events will take place. If you can't commit to all of the

performances but would still like to be in the cast, we can arrange for you to share a part.

Rehearsals will begin on June 3 and will be held one and sometimes two evenings per week and some weekends. Remember, we'll work around your schedule.

We'll be casting parts on Saturday, May 14 from 10 am until 5 pm at the Eramosa Community Library. Please phone in advance

to arrange a time slot.

We'll also be holding an acting workshop on May 28 from 2 to 5 pm, upstairs at the Rockmosa Community Centre. Kim Renders, a well-known and highly-respected professional actor (who happens to live in Eramosa Township) will lead the workshop. If you plan to try out for a part, you'll find this workshop very helpful.

Remember, this kind of casting

is totally non-competitive, so you can't lose. It's all very informal and friendly - the focus is on fun. If you were in "Shivaree" four years ago (or wish you had been) here's a chance to come out and "play" with your neighbours.

Call 856-9891 or 763-2767 and leave a message. We'll get back to you and arrange a specific time for you to come to casting on Saturday, May 14.

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## Rural shelter offers help for women Yearbook marks 25 years for Nursery School

BY DOUG HARRISON  
The Rockwood Miller

Peggy (not her real name) was trapped in a violent marriage for many years and felt helpless to change it. A year ago she joined the women's support group sponsored by the Rural Women's Shelter Program in Erin and has found it very helpful.

"I now realize that I am not to blame for my husband's violence," she says. "Hearing other women talk about their experiences makes me realize I'm not alone and that it isn't anything I say or do that provokes the violence."

Peggy realizes that her husband must seek counselling in order to stop the violence and is hopeful that he may agree to seek help. She has borrowed books from the RWSP Resource Centre and through her reading and discussions with the group, now understands the cycle of violence.

Peggy's biggest concern right now is that her three children are witnessing their father being verbally abusive almost daily and occasionally physically abusive as well. She does not want her children to grow up thinking that abuse is a normal part of male-female relationships. If her partner refuses to seek help, Peggy fears she may have to leave.

One in 10 women in Canada living with a man is being abused, according to conservative government figures. That means there are many "Peggys" in Erin and Eramosa Townships. Some are newlyweds or have been in a common law relationship or dating relationship for only a short time. Others have been with the same partner for many, many years. Most feel isolated and alone and blame themselves for the violence in their lives.

To all those "Peggys" the program extends an invitation to join its day-time support group. Transportation and childcare are provided. For information, call Betty or Yvonne in Erin at 833-9696 or in Rockwood at 856-2191.

It started with a few mothers in the village of Rockwood bringing their kids together for a few hours a week to give them something to do.

Then the Ministry of Education stepped in and said a teacher with formal training was needed to run what would become a pre-school program.

Twenty-five years later, the Rockwood Nursery School has become an important part of the community. So much so, local businesses have slapped \$25 to \$45 on the table for advertising space in the school's 25th anniversary yearbook, which is set to come off the presses in early June.

The idea to commemorate the quarter-century year with a yearbook began last summer and was in full flight at the school's reunion on March 26, when a number of orders were made by alumni.

"There's so much nostalgia attached to the school that everybody feels a part of it," says Mary Zaborowski, who is involved in gathering history, both in picture and story form from alumni. "We're taking pictures from four or five sources from each year for variety."

The yearbook is the brainchild

of Rockwood's Marion Beatty, mother of Glen Beatty, who was a student in the 1969-70 school year.

She has since stayed in a part-time volunteer capacity, compiling all the class lists and a bundle of telephone numbers. Beatty is involved in editing the yearbook and will be at the forefront of its final production.

"Without her, we wouldn't be able to put this book together," says Zaborowski, who adds graphic artist Mike Hale has also volunteered his talents in producing the yearbook.

Adorning the yearbook's cover page will be a number of photos capturing unforgettable moments during the Rockwood Nursery School's 25-year existence and the school logo, a boy and girl holding hands.

The logo, which is in full view at the school and on school T-shirts, is the work of Beverly Ingle, a former student from 1980-81. Ingle has since become an artist.

If you are interested in ordering a yearbook, you can drop by the school from 9:30 am to 3:15 pm Monday to Friday, except Wednesday afternoons. Or you can call Zaborowski at 856-4972.

The cost is \$12 before May 20 (pre-publication) and \$15 thereafter.



**ANNIVERSARY YEARBOOK!**  
Mary Zaborowski and her daughter Carly, 4, show off the cover of the Rockwood Nursery School's 25th anniversary yearbook. (Doug Harrison photo)

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