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Stories have been gathered from the people of Eramosa Township and transformed into theatre and song by the Eramosa Writers and Songwriters Groups, some of the

same people who brought "The Spirit of Shivaree" to the village.

This community play begins and ends at Waterside Park, where a number of local merchants, service clubs, artisans and farmers will be displaying and selling their wares.

Tickets are available from the Theatre Box Office at 118 Main St. S. in Rockwood. The telephone number is 856-9266.

Admission is \$8 for adults, seniors and students admitted for \$5. Children 5 years and younger will be admitted free of charge.

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Council suspends HCC's work

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK
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Following what has been as a "spitting war" by one committee member, Eramosa Township Council has suspended work of the Healthy Community Committee (HCC).

Problems with the scope and operation of the committee surfaced when Reeve Laverne Harris was quoted recently in *The Rockwood Miller* accusing the committee of being "fascists" and having their own political agenda.

The issue came to a head when several councillors began receiving complaints from ratepayers concerning an unauthorized survey sent out by a sub-group of the HCC that is working on a strategic plan for the township.

Council then issued a disclaimer

saying it had nothing to do with the survey and moved to curb the committee's work.

Council suspended work of the committee to "address and remedy the disparate and polarized positions between what Council understands is a committee of Council and what some members of the committee believe is a duly constituted committee."

Council wants its delegate on the HCC, Rick Hughes, to come back with a summary of exactly what format the members would like to continue with.

At Council Monday night Hughes said that a flurry of press releases from the HCC explaining the committee's work and questioning Harris's comments were unauthorized because the commit-

tee had not met all summer.

"The reputation of Council and hard work is being tarnished by the letters and comments being made in the press in regard to this questionnaire. There are a great number of people from many organizations of the HCC and it concerns me that the credibility of the overall strategic planning process has been hurt," Hughes said.

Hughes also told Reeve Harris that he takes exception to some of his comments.

"I don't raise these to try to embarrass you but I have to take exception to some of them for the record because there were a number of people involved in this community undertaking and your statements in *The Rockwood Miller* indicated that they were operating with fascist tactics and personal agendas," Hughes said.

"I sort of feel that there was a charge out there in the political wilderness and you saw something rustling in the bushes and you shot it but it turned out to be your dog."

Reeve Harris said that now that he had been informed that the survey was sent out without full support of the HCC he apologized to anyone he offended who was a member of the HCC but did not participate in the survey.

Following the meeting Councillor Hughes said the committee will bring a draft set of terms of reference before Council this fall.

"In spite of the tone of the resolution I feel that I can live with the suspension. It will give an opportunity for people to cool down and perhaps put an end to what I call the dog fight that has been going on," Hughes said.

could be made available," McDonald said on Monday.

The information centre will be opened for three months from Wednesday to Sunday, noon to 6 pm. It will be staffed by a summer student whose wage is being paid for by the government Student Employment and Educational Development program.

"We know there are 8,000 cars going through Rockwood each day and no more than 80 of them stop," McDonald said.

"We gained four new businesses last winter and lost nine so we decided that we had to do something to attract people to Rockwood to shop and convince local residents to shop here.

The centre is at 126 Main St. S.



TALENTED RIDER!

Rockwood's Paige Brenner, 12, competed in the national Prince Philip Games at Scottsdale Farm in Ballinacree on Saturday. Paige rides with the Guelph Pony Club. (Lori Frechette photo)

Man injured in blaze at Rockwood Hotel

Fire Department officials are blaming careless smoking as the cause of last weekend's fire at the Rockwood Hotel.

The blaze, which occurred around 1 am Sunday morning, gutted an upstairs room. The

room's resident was treated at hospital for smoke inhalation.

Dan Hitchcock, captain with the Eramosa Fire Department, reported yesterday (Tuesday) that the fire caused an estimated \$20 to \$25,000 damage.

New info centre opens

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In an effort to attract tourists and promote local businesses the Rockwood Eramosa Business Association (REBA) will officially open a new information centre tomorrow (Thursday) in Rockwood.

REBA president Ralph McDonald said besides offering tourists information about local attractions the centre will develop a database of existing businesses in Eramosa Township.

"With that information, anyone who moves into our community will easily be able to find out who offers what services.

"Hopefully we can not only have the information on computer but also develop a booklet that

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