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IN BRIEF...

Fundraiser for children

The Eramosa Children's Connection will hold a fundraising garage and bake sale on Saturday, July 27 from 9 am to noon in the Rockmosa Community Centre's parking lot.

ChildFind will be there to create finger print records of children. There's great deals for shoppers and peace of mind for parents!

Sale is on

For those of you looking for bargains last Saturday at the community garage sale, you would have had a difficult time.

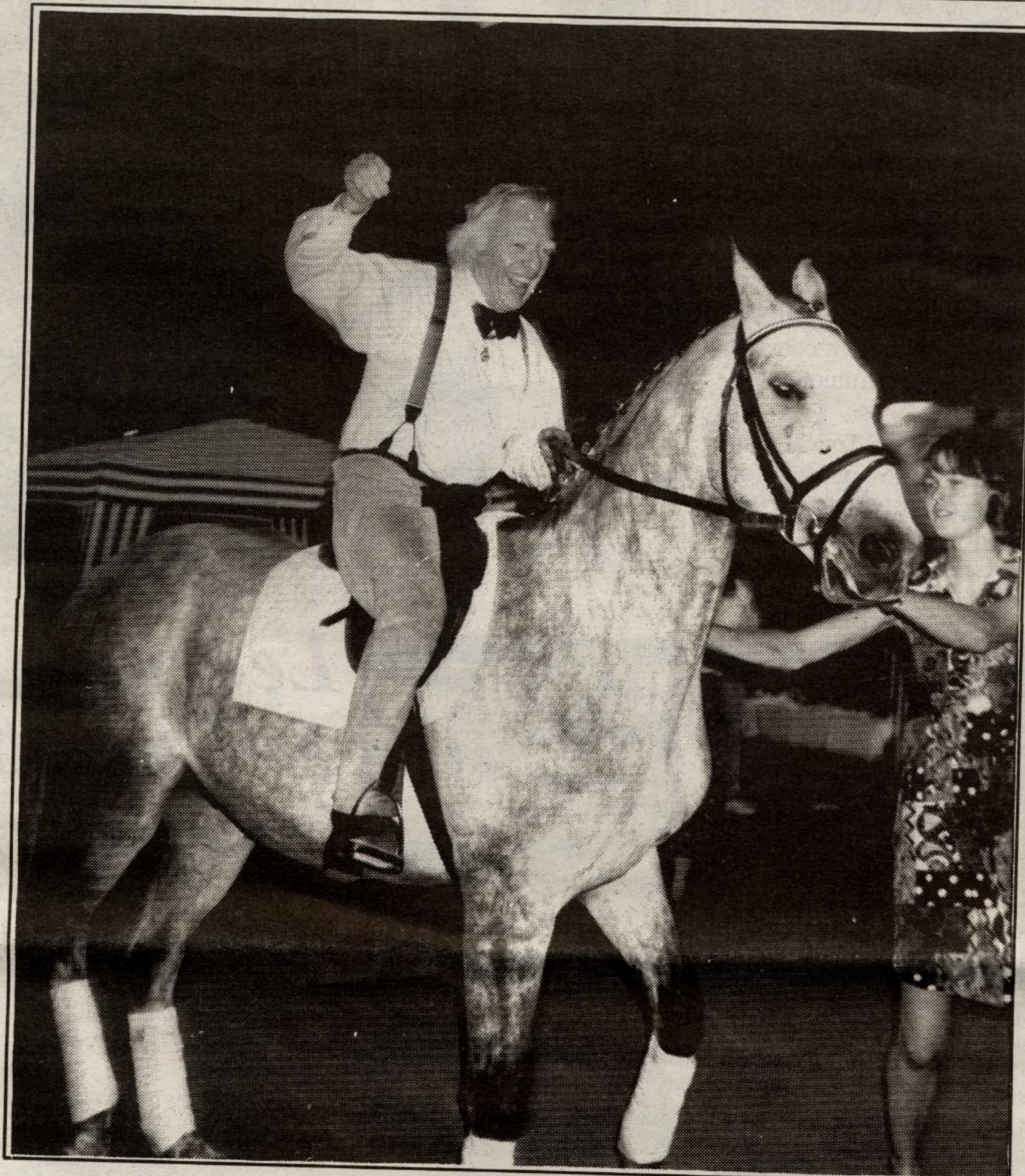
The sale was cancelled due to the weather, but has been rescheduled for July 27 from 9 am to 4 pm at Rockmosa, in conjunction with the Eramosa Children's Connection garage sale.

Vendors can still join up - call the Information Centre at 856-2120.

Death threats

A Rockwood man was arrested last week after the landlord and bartender at the Rockwood Hotel were threatened with death. The Guelph OPP investigation resulted in further charges in connection with a domestic argument between the man and his common-law wife.

The 40-year-old Main Street resident was charged with three counts of uttering death threats and assault causing bodily harm.



ARRIVING IN STYLE: Vibraharpist Peter Appleyard enters his 50th anniversary concert on horseback last Saturday at the old mill ruins in the Rockwood Conservation Area. The concert, which included Appleyard and his "18 merry friends" and a gala dinner by Hubert Biemann of La Vieille Auberge, was also a fundraiser for September's Spirit Valley Experience arts and nature festival. (Kristal Cooper photo)

Safe canoe clinic offered

"It's a Canadian thing" - that's how canoe safety expert Ray Wilhelm explains the growing popularity of recreational canoeing and one-day canoe safety clinics, like the one being held Friday (July 19) and again next month at the Rockwood Conservation Area.

Staff of Canoe Ontario and the Ontario Recreational Canoeing Association (ORCA) will stage a one-day instruction seminar covering everything from preparing, pad-

dling and portaging.

Wilhelm, a director of the Safe Canoe program, said that the program began in Algonquin Park to help novice paddlers have safer trips and now, the program is being expanded into nine provincial parks and four conservation areas.

Wilhelm said while he was disappointed that spending cuts at the Rockwood Conservation Area ended plans to have staff at Rockwood become involved in a part-

nership with the clinic, his staff will still bring eight canoes and equipment to Rockwood.

"The Grand River has been designated as a Heritage River and we should be promoting far more safe canoeing in Southern Ontario at places like Rockwood," Wilhelm said.

The two-hour morning demonstration includes carrying and portaging techniques as well as entering,

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Township may re-tender waste pickup contracts

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK
The Rockwood Miller

Eramosa Township is considering re-tendering its garbage pickup and disposal contracts as it waits for Wellington County to decide if and when it might join Guelph's wet-dry recycling program.

Currently Eramosa pays BFI Waste Management to collect garbage in Rockwood and Eden Mills and rate payers outside of those two areas either dispose of their waste on their own or contract for pickup. The Township pays the tipping (dumping) fee for disposal of all of the waste at Guelph's Eastview landfill site.

The County operates a curb-side Blue Box recycling program for urban Eramosa residents while rural residents can drop off their recyclables for free at depots in Wellington County.

The Township paid BFI \$31,128 last year to pick up garbage in Rockwood and Eden Mills and paid \$76,195 for disposal at Eastview.

Eramosa Reeve Rick Hughes said that at one point it was thought that the eight [Wellington County] municipalities that now use the Eastview landfill site would be participating in wet-dry by this past March.

Wet material includes all household organic material and the dry material is everything else. Any material that can't be captured and recycled, bypass waste, is then disposed of at the Eastview site.

"Now we are getting the word that it is unlikely we will become involved in wet-dry for at least a year so we

could, if we wanted, go out and re-tender our garbage contract with the knowledge that by and large it would be business as usual for the next year," Hughes explained in a recent interview.

"We're at an interesting point in terms of the County's master waste management plan because the County has rejected the landfill site that it took 12 years to find and now there's a great deal of exploration going on, both short-term and long-term, because there is a limit to the amount of waste that the Eastview site in Guelph can take."

Wellington County recycling co-ordinator Don Taylor briefed Eramosa Council on the issue in an in-camera session last week.

Taylor said that the County is investigating the wet-dry system for the eight Wellington municipalities, including Eramosa, who currently use Guelph's Eastview landfill.

"We're negotiating with Guelph to try to get a suitable price for disposal," Taylor explained in an interview on Thursday.

"The next step is up to the Township to decide what they want to do," Taylor said.

Reeve Hughes said there will be a Council resolution concerning waste management at the Monday, Aug. 12 Council meeting.

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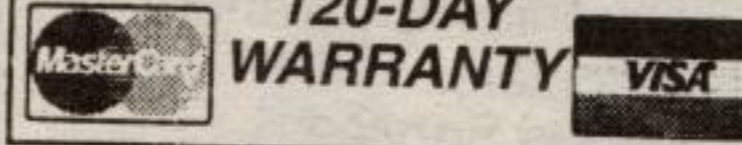
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