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### IN BRIEF...

#### Books burn

Minimal damage was sustained to the Eramosa Community Library's book drop-off box after someone set the books inside on fire.

An employee working late Sept. 23 smelled smoke at 6:20 pm and discovered the fire in the box.

Officials were unable to determine if the fire had started from a match being dropped into the box or if the three books were set on fire ahead of time.

#### Bad timing

A 22-year-old Guelph man was arrested following a check of his vehicle's registration. Last Wednesday at 4:15 am, a Guelph OPP officer was conducting a check of the man's vehicle behind the Rockwood Hotel. The validation sticker showed he was in possession of stolen property.

The man was arrested, during which time two small bags of what was believed to be marijuana were found. He was taken to the Guelph OPP and later released after being charged with possession of narcotics and possession of stolen property.

## Spirit Valley revived with day-long event

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK

The Rockwood Miller Still damp but not daunted, organizers of last month's rain-cancelled Spirit Valley Experience will stage a Spirit Valley Revival on Sunday, Nov. 3 in Rockwood.

"It'll be primarily, I think, to act as closure," explained Spirit Valley spokesman Gordon Gilhuly in an inter-

view on Saturday.

"You know, we started something and it really felt important to all of us to bring that to a conclusion, for the audience, performers and for the people who helped put it together," Gilhuly said.

The Revival will also help pay some of the bills from the cancelled Sept. 7 event and to give the public a taste of

what they would have experienced had the festival not been cancelled, and what to expect next year.

The Revival will be simultaneously staged at three locations including the Rockmosa Community Centre, the Eramosa Community Library's performance room and at Sacred Heart Church.

"We will showcase many

of the artists who were scheduled for the Experience — everybody but the international acts have said they will come, but unfortunately not Peter Appleyard," he said.

"We'll have an opening ceremony and although we're planning to do everything inside, if the weather is good, we'll move outdoors," Gilhuly said, adding Rockmosa

would be set up like a cabaret with tables and chairs and artisans would show and sell their work at the hall as well.

A complete list of artists and performers will be released in the coming weeks. Advance tickets are available at 161 Main St. S. and at Rockmosa on the day of the event. For more information call Gilhuly at 856-9999.



Rockwood Centennial kindergarten teacher Marion Nicholl shows some of the artwork Sheilagh Quaille, 5, has done at school this year to her uncle Dave Knox at the school's open house held last Thursday. (Eve Martin photo)

### County open house

Wellington County's proposed restructuring plan, and what it could mean to Eramosa Township, will be discussed at two open houses tomorrow (Thursday) at the Eramosa Library.

In an effort to streamline operations, County Council struck seven sub-committees to study restructuring plans for things like waste management, public protection, roads, social services and general government.

The sub-committee reports will be at the sessions and County and Township staff will be on hand to get public input and comment. The open houses are from 2 to 5 pm and from 7 to 9 pm.

## Eramosa foregoes Forth Line repairs — for now

Eramosa Township Council's plans to proceed with much-needed repairs on the Fourth Line are on hold because of an unexpected need to first replace a bridge on the road near Hwy. 24.

Just a few weeks ago Council and staff toured the

road and spoke with residents, many of them farmers, who complained that the road between Hwy. 7 and Hwy. 24 is in very bad shape and needs major grading work to prevent flooding of their land.

Reeve Rick Hughes said that an updated inspection of

the "pony" bridge showed it had deteriorated and must be replaced.

"Our engineers said that before we go ahead with major reconstruction of the road we will have to replace that bridge with either a box or steel culvert, so that's our

game plan," Hughes explained recently.

The Township had earmarked \$90,000 for the road reconstruction. A steel culvert could cost \$120,000, a box culvert less. Hughes said the poor shape of the bridge was a surprise because the

Township did \$5,000 in remedial work on it in 1994 and were told to expect 10 more years out of the bridge.

As an interim measure, the Township will put asphalt on the road and fill the potholes so people can drive it at a reasonable speed.

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