

Cats not a health threat

To the Editor,
According to the grapevine, cats are being trapped in Acton, again. It seems that some people object to the number of strays roaming around.

It is apparently believed the stray cats are a health threat. One would wonder then why the Public Health Authorities have not voiced concern. While experts say that cats can carry disease, it would be interesting to know if a single case of it happening has ever been reported hereabouts. It seems more likely one would get sick from contact with other humans.

It is sad to note we have become so urbanized that we cannot tolerate the presence of any kind of wildlife. Raccoons, skunks, opossums and stray cats are trapped and hauled off to who-knows-where. When they have all been captured and removed we will be left with a scourge of rats and mice. If anyone thinks we have a problem now, wait until that happens! There are some points we



need to acknowledge before we get too bent out of shape about the town's animal population:

- Wild creatures do not come to populated areas looking for human companionship. They come because they are hungry. If people would stop strewing garbage everywhere and package their trash properly, it would help to deter the animals.

- There would be no stray cat population if owners had been responsible in the first place. People abandon their animals, unspayed and unneutered, without a thought for the cruelty of their act or for the nuisance caused to others. Abandoned animals are God's creatures, too, and are simply trying to survive in a not-very-friendly environment.

- Mankind's attempts to control and manipulate na-

ture have been disastrous in the past. There are too many endangered species to count. Nature and animal life will survive forever without human presence but will not survive for long on our own.

It seems to make more sense to learn to live harmoniously with other species than to continually fight them. A television documentary, hosted by Lorne Green once told how the bombings on London, England during the war had caused a large post-war stray cat population. The residents of that city provided food for the strays and otherwise let them be. There are universities in the United States that trap cats, vaccinate, spay and neuter them and release them back into the area from which they were taken.

Isn't it peculiar that here we catch them, lock them up, and if no one will adopt them (for a price, of course) put them to death?

Eileen Hutcheson



AWARDS PRESENTED: Limehouse Cubs Kevin King, left, and D.J. MacPherson received their six star plaque awards at the annual barbeque held on Limehouse Presbyterian Church property recently. Keven and D.J. will be joining the First Acton Scouts in September. Group Committee Chair person Sylvie McPherson thanked the youth Leaders, parents and everyone supporting the First Limehouse group during the past year. Leaders are always needed to keep the groups going. - Jean Layman photo

Cyclist plunges down Escarpment

A 35-year-old Toronto man was air lifted to Sunnybrook Hospital with a broken legs, possible broken ribs and minor head injuries after losing his balance and falling about 60 feet down the Niagara Escarpment east of the Sixth Line of Halton Hills on Canada Day.

Boat taken

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West is great but Acton home

To the Editor,
Who said you can't go home again? Nearly a thousand of us did, and we had what people in Acton are calling "the biggest party Acton has ever seen!"

The Acton High Millennium Reunion was a wonderful event. I didn't talk to a single person who wasn't delighted with the whole weekend. The experience of seeing faces I hadn't seen in over a quarter of a century was at times magical, at times surreal. Remembering who we were, what we believed and the dreams we held was very moving, thought-provoking — and, at times, hilarious! My high school buddies and I started off our reunion weekend Friday night with a pyjama party, just like in the old days (well, not exactly like the old days — we didn't last much past midnight!)

To the Acton High Reunion Committee, I send my most sincere thanks for the enormous effort you put into this superb event. I hope it

was clear to all of you that your hard work was appreciated by everyone (and not just the grads - my mother had a ball!) I have only one regret: that I didn't get the chance to thank Mr. Hansen for being the inspiration example he was to me and so many of us. I hope he knew how much he was loved.

So, thank you, reunion committee. And thank you to my classmates, and Bev's and Steve's and Paul's, and everyone else I knew at high school, for coming back to reminisce. I feel very lucky to have grown up in a small community like Acton and to have attended Action High, where I felt a real sense of belonging. It's funny: although I've lived on the West Coast for 25 years, and in this particular house for 17 (and I love it here), my Mom's place in Acton still feels like "home." Guess you can't take the Acton out of the girl!

Chris Brunelle Colero,
Delta, BC

ACTON SENIORS' RECREATION CENTRE

By Dot Redekop
We had a good time going to Rama on Wednesday. As Donna says, "Dot, this is a winning coach!" A few of our people were lucky. Joyce Clarke was the winner of the 50/50.

Don't forget our evening Bingo on Tuesday, July 11 at 7 p.m. Members only. We also have the trip "Over the River and through the Woods" for Thursday, July 13.

We have a trip on Sunday, July 30 to have a boat cruise on Lake Couchiching and a stay at Rama. The cost is \$15 and includes the cruise, five hours at Rama and a buffet at Rama.

There will be no trip to

Rama on Wednesday, July 26 because we will be going on the Sunday.

We had four tables for bid euchre on Thursday afternoon. There were no complaints from the folks so I guess the smell had left. We had a few skunks around in the morning playing crib.

If anyone is interested in Bocce or horseshoes they are available any time. Olga Dyriv was the winner of the 50/50 again this Friday.

Don't forget to come and play canasta Tuesday morning at 10 a.m.

Lunch is pot luck this Friday at noon. Come out and stay for Bingo and the 50/50 draw.

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