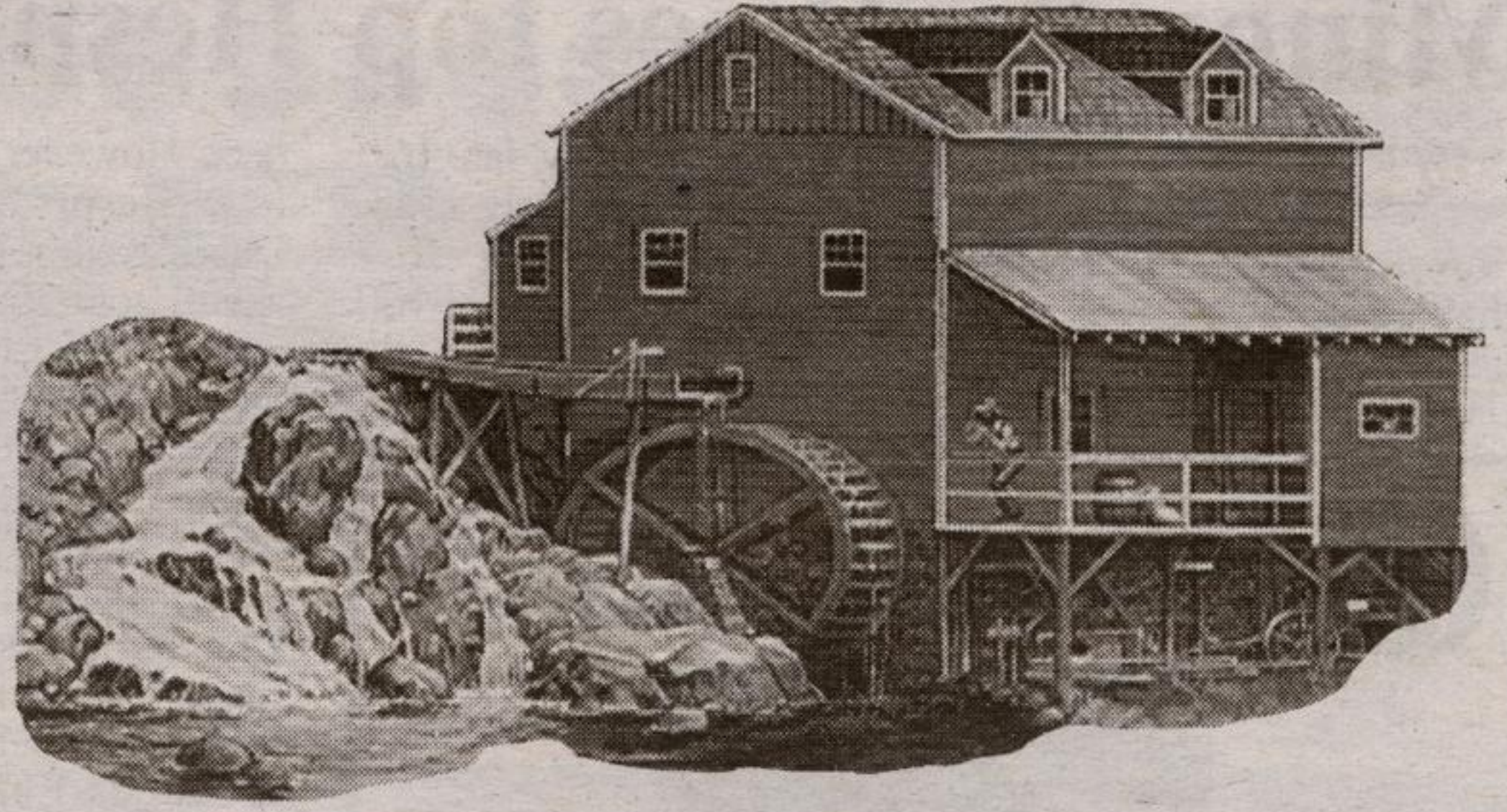


# The Rockwood MILLER



## Dog owners will save \$5 by buying tag before March 31

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Guelph/Eramosa residents who own dogs have until March 31 to purchase their pets' tags before the price goes up \$5.

In a report to council Monday Clerk Janice Sheppard proposed raising the fee schedule by \$5 after March 31 when council expects to hire a contract person to begin canvassing door-to-door to sell dog tags.

The person will also establish a database of the actual number of dogs in the municipality for future reference.

Sheppard said the municipality sold 1,009 dog tags in

1997. Last year that figure dropped to 743.

Coun. Doug Breen said the municipality can safely assume a 25 per cent increase in tag sales is available just from the old tag figures, and he expects the number of dogs has increased since 1997 so a contractor should be able to pay for himself.

What the municipality wants is essentially to have the tag sales provide a "user pay" system for canine control, he said. He applauded the idea of offering residents an incentive to buy their tags early since this would reduce the number of door-to-door calls for the contract worker. Sheppard told council she checked with the provincial

department of Human Resources and learned a grant may be available to pay the person's wages.

She estimated the individual would be needed for 14 weeks and guesstimated wages plus flat rate car allowance at around \$4,600. If a grant can be obtained, the figure would be reduced by about \$980.

Until March 31 tags will cost municipal residents \$15 for their first spayed or neutered dog, and \$20 for each additional spayed or neutered \$20 dog. For fertile dogs and bitches the tag price is \$25, and \$25 for each additional fertile animal. Tags are available at the municipal office.



ANGEL DELIGHT: Best friends Ashley MacPherson (left) and Hayley Halls, both 10, took a break from making a snow fort behind McKenzie-Smith Bennet School on Saturday, to make some snow angels. — Frances Niblock photo



## Says Cr. Foote's remarks typical

RE: Dog control in Guelph Eramosa & Humane Society Proposal

While there are a number of issues connected to this matter I would like to comment on Councillor Foote's remarks about the tax protest and an individual supporting higher costs associated with employing the humane society.

It is unfortunate that Foote's comments only serve

to provide continuing evidence of the mean, petty attitude displayed by council towards people attempting to hold council accountable for their actions.

Foote, the supposed financial 'watch dog' (excuse the pun), seems unable or unwilling to differentiate between efficient use of tax dollars and saving money at all costs.

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## Jaws of Life used to rescue driver in crash

A serious personal injury accident between two vehicles on Highway 7 at the intersection of Wellington County Road 29 in Guelph-Eramosa Township resulted in one driver being sent to hospital.

Wellington OPP said the collision occurred when a 1998 Toyota Sienna driven by Jeanne Pursell, 46 of Rockwood, was travelling westbound on Highway 7 and failed to stop for the red light at Wellington County Road 29. She struck a 1997 Ford Escort that was southbound on Wellington County Road 29 and making a right turn onto Highway 7.

The driver of the Escort, Ruth Raby 72-years-old of Guelph, had to be cut out of the vehicle with the jaws of

life. She was then transported to Guelph General Hospital by ambulance and admitted with non-life threatening injuries. Jeanne Pursell has been charged with Disobey Red Light - Fail to Stop.

## New number for Homeopathic Association

An article about new Rockwood homeopath Richard Quinn in last week's New Tanner gave the phone number of the Ontario Homeopathic Association. It was incorrect. The Association has a new number: (416) 516-6109 where they can be contacted.

## Meeting on rezoning for workshop

Guelph/Eramosa council will hold a public meeting on a zoning application to build a large garage/workshop on Ted Cox's four-acre property in Rockwood.

The 1,500 square foot garage would be for Cox's personal use and would be accessed by an existing laneway. The application is required because the building site is currently zoned as hazard lands.

An environmental impact report has satisfied both Wellington County and the Grand River Conservation Authority that the building can be erected without detrimental effects to the surrounding area.

## Propose zoning amendment for future camp Brebeuf use

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Guelph/Eramosa councillors have sent a proposed zoning bylaw amendment for Camp Brebeuf back to their planner one more time in order to get the definition of "residential and day camp" written into the bylaw.

Brebeuf, on the northern edge of Rockwood, is run by the Catholic Youth Organization and has been operated as a legal non-conforming use for more than 40 years. Operators sought the zoning amendment to add six cabins for staff accommodations, kitchen facilities and to improve existing camper cabins.

While council agreed with

the planner's bylaw, they felt it couldn't hurt to define a residential and day camp as a public or privately operated facility which provides outdoor education and recreation programming in a residential-camp setting for short-term guests.

The definition, suggested by resident Dan Kennaley, aims to distinguish Brebeuf from ordinary camps and campgrounds and increase difficulties for any future camp owner planning to turn it into the sort of vacation campground used to house tents and trailers.

Kennaley stressed his approval of Brebeuf's present operation but said he wouldn't want that changed at some future date because the municipality's official plan

lumped Brebeuf with camps and campgrounds.

Although the camp is a legal non-conforming use, the fact the plan also includes "like uses" could leave an opening for a future property owner to apply to change the camp's zoning for a trailer/tent campground and get his way, he said in a letter to council.

Another resident's lawyer objected to the bylaw permitting tents for six staff and their immediate family, but planner Bernie Hermesen told council that was a restriction, rather than permission.

Since this isn't building weather and deferring the bylaw for two weeks won't hold up work on the camp, council agreed to get the new definition included before approving the bylaw.

## Council looks for three to sit on advisory committee

By MAGGIE PETRUSHEVSKY  
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Bored? Like to see some new business assessment in the municipality to help offset taxes? Maybe you're the person the municipality needs on its Economic Development Advisory Committee.

Council will advertise later this month for three ratepayers/residents to sit on the committee along with two councillors, the township's clerk/Chief Administrative Officer, the township planner and a clerical support staffer from the clerk's office.

At council's request, clerk Janice Sheppard drew up guidelines for the committee.

Its mandate will be to: \* ensure positive and sustainable growth and development;

\* Protect the township's agricultural resource base and promote the continued strength of the agricultural industry/economy;

\* Create and maintain a healthy tax base;

\* Promote existing and future business within the township and attract new jobs (including youth jobs);

\* Facilitate clean and dry industrial

and commercial development;

\* Ensure the strengthening and long-term health of Rockwood's downtown.

Coun. David McCrae questioned Sheppard's use of the word resident in the ad, stressing the need to attract people "with their head pretty well screwed on". Some of the sort of people he would see as benefiting the committee may only be municipal landowners, not residents, he said.

Sheppard agreed such people should be encouraged to participate and they settled for the idea of seeking ratepayers/residents.