

## Respect for one's neighbour works two ways - writer

### To the Editor,

Eric Boles' letter re cat owners responsibilities seems to affirm rather than rebut Mr. Millard's earlier comments.

Respect for one's neighbours works two ways. The person who lets his cat roam free quite probably has suffered disrespect from his neighbours by way of loud music, barking dogs or any number of other annoyances. The point being that when one

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lives in close proximity to others annoyances can be expected and tolerance is in order. It is a rare person who has not irked a neighbour in one way or another. Real respect involves tolerance for habits and preferences that conflict with our own.

It is funny to hear cat complaints from people who claim in the next

breath to be animal lovers. A quote from D.H. Lawrence might apply here: "You love me so much you want to put me in your pocket. And I should die there suffocated." Anyone can be an animal lover if all animals are locked up and out of sight.

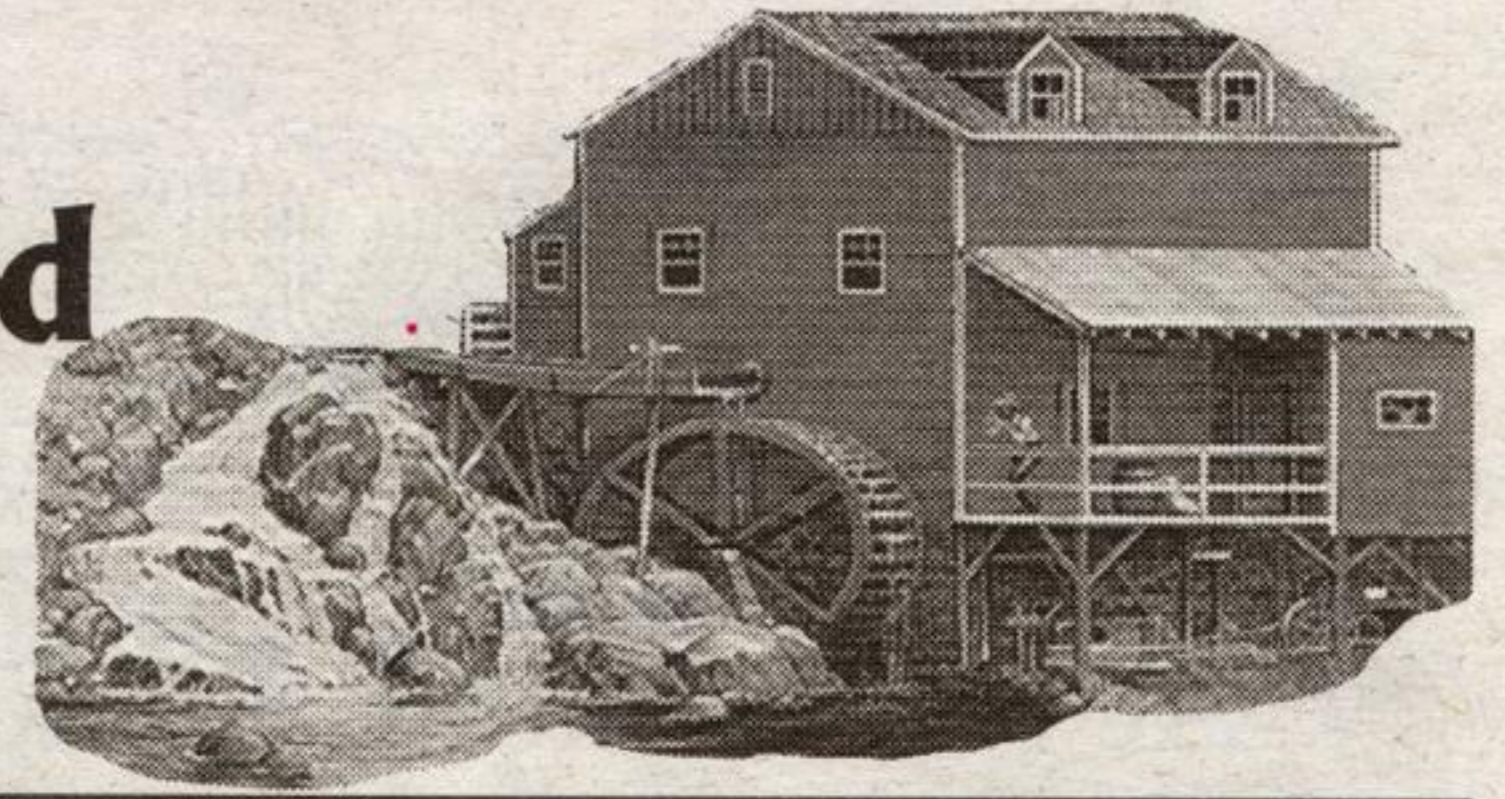
In speaking of responsibility, wouldn't it be a parent's responsibility to put a cover on a child's sand pit when not in use? Surely people can't think that all animals other than cats use little flush toilets!

Humane societies do recommend that cats be kept indoors, but that is mainly for the cat's safety. People who let cats roam know of the dangers. They also know that it is a cat's nature to roam free. Studies have shown that animals meant to wander, when kept in captivity, are subject to behavioral problems and other aberrations.

There wouldn't be so many 'missing pet' posters if there were fewer people bent on re-shaping nature to fit their specifications.

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## The Rockwood MILLER



### Rash of Thefts

## Police advise residents to lock up vehicles, sheds, homes

Wellington OPP are reminding residents to lock their vehicle, sheds and homes. Over last week-end there were several more reports of stolen items from vehicles and

unlocked sheds.

If it's important to you or you don't want it stolen, lock it up or put it in a safe place and not in your car overnight. If someone can see it, they

may try to take it.

Bicycles, cell phones, tools and loose change are the most popular items to steal. Keep them out of view to anyone passing by, police said.

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gasoline vapours exploded as a construction crew attempted to burn debris in the housing construction site at Tanners Drive and Somerville Road at 12:49 p.m. last Wednesday.

The contractor, Charleston Homes, which had a valid burn permit, attempted to start a fire by pouring gasoline on the debris. Unfortunately, the worker waited too long to light the fire and the vapours exploded.

## EWAG News

Rockwood EWAG will be resuming their normal office hours, Monday to Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., beginning Monday, August 30. The Encore Shop will also be open during these hours, as well as Friday and Saturday from noon until 4:00 p.m.

**Thrift Store:** The Encore Shop's popular **Stuff-It Sale** will come to a close on Tuesday, August 31. Don't wait 'til it's over! Come into the store, and "stuff" a grocery bag for only \$6.00. All items are up for grabs, with the exception of all hand-made, brand-new, and selected items. We are presently in the midst of our Season Changeover. By mid-September we will have our full Fall selection on display. We continue to carry a large selection of clothing for infants, children, men and women, as well as paperback novels, children's books, small toys, and other items such as jewellery. Please feel free to drop off any donations of

gently-used clothing, as well as paperbacks, and small toys during store hours, Monday to Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Friday and Saturday from 12:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

**Early Years Fun:** Are your big kids back at school, and your little ones are looking for some excitement? Throughout the Fall and Winter, **Tot Time** (birth to 6 years) will continue to run every Tuesday and Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon at Rockmosa Community Centre. **My Baby and Me**, a program designed to bring moms and babies ages birth to 12 months together, through discussion and guest speakers, continues every Wednesday afternoon from 2:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. at Rockmosa Community Centre.

**Hand in Hand** also continues every Thursday morning at Eden Mills Presbyterian Church from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Come out for some theme-based, educational fun!! In addition to your regular programs, every Wednesday in September, Ontario Early Years will be offering **Zipity Do Da**, an exercise program for you and your children at the Eden Mill Community Hall from 10:00 a.m. til 11:00 a.m. Come move and groove to your children's favourite songs. Space is limited, so call Jane to register. A variety of other programs will also be running throughout the school year.

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