

## How much should you drink?

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How much should you drink? This question was answered last week in Terrace Bay; March 19th at the Legion; March 20th at the High School, and March 21st at the Recreation Center. These sessions conducted by Constable Russ Phillips and Constable Wes Fenton were most informative. Because I attended the sessions, and was a volunteer drinker at one, I can say that. I already knew I shouldn't drive if I had had a few drinks (more than one) and I think we all know that. Many times, after a few drinks, we get a real burst of courage, and feel we could do anything we wanted.

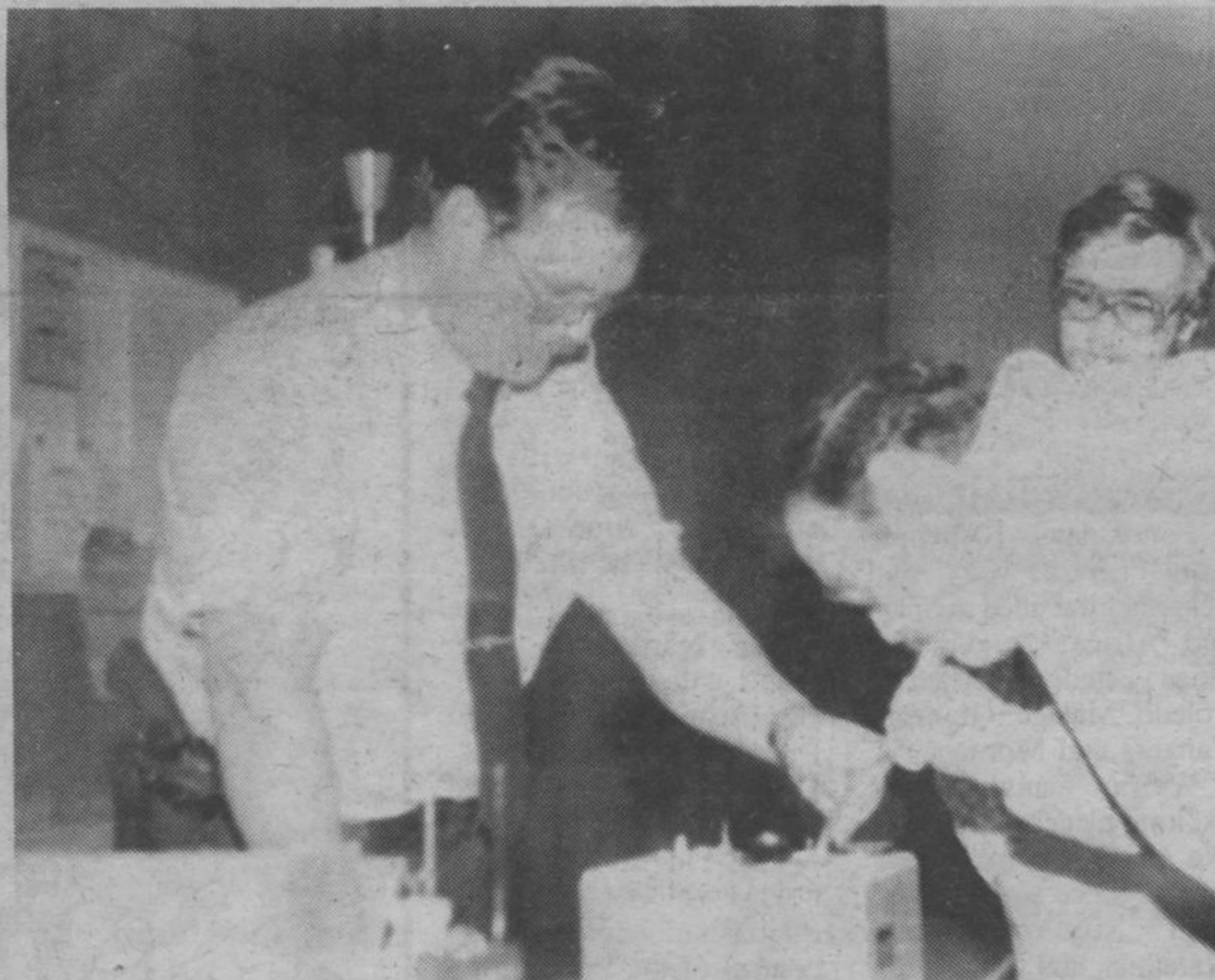
In the movie "So you think you can drink and drive" a fellow who had consumed 5 drinks said "There is no way I can drive right now, I feel no regard for human life." In the second film "Make Sure It Isn't You" we saw real life victims and their families, who believe that tragedies that occur from drunk drivers are not accidents, but acts of criminal negligence. These people want the court system changed on drinking and driving convictions, they want stiffer jail terms, higher fines and longer driver's licence suspension. With a number of victims in the film, the drunk

driver who killed their loved ones, had been charged with drunk driving once or even twice before. The courts are now seriously looking at changing the law, and administering more severe penalties, which should be the case.

When you listen to the people in the film talk about their loss, it makes you realize that it could be you or someone you love, and what is worse; killing someone through

negligence, or being killed through negligence.

Constables Phillips and Fenton are pleased with the sessions, and will be planning more drinking and driving seminars, as well as sessions on drugs, child abuse, and sexual assault. It is a public service these officers are providing and will only continue if the public show their support and interest. It is very worthwhile and enlightening to attend.



Mert Burrows tries the breathalyzer test at the Drinking and Driving Seminar. Constable Wes Fenton watches reading closely.

### 4-H Club

## We have started again

By ERIN MARCELLA

Yes. We have started another project for 4-H! This time we are learning to sew "actionwear". We have made up our name and decided on being the "Machine Maniacs". Our club has nine members, four of which are new members. The members of the club are Donna Lalonde who is secretary, Erin Marcella, who is Press Reporter (again), Kim McColeman, Nicole Legall, Cheryl Fowler, Danielle St. Amand who is vice-president, Tanya Robinson, Niki Pollard and Anna Strapko who is President. Oh yes, our leaders are Mrs. Slawson and Mrs. St. Amand.

At our first meeting we figured out what material and patterns we need so we can buy them. Each of us are making our own garment such as jog pants,

sweat shirts, mini skirts, shorts and dresses. The experienced sewers can make something complicated while the beginners only make one garment. Well, this is another fun and exciting beginning of 4-H. Keep tuned in because I'll

be back again each week.

At the second meeting we were told to get our sewing boxes made up so we could put what we need to sew in them. Mrs. Slawson explained each and every one of the objects in our box. Mrs.

Slawson explained our material once again for the people who didn't get theirs yet. (I had to combine the two meetings together because I was away last week. This meeting was very short but fun!)

## Future car wash, laundry mat

Terrace Bay Town Council have received drawings for a proposed car wash and laundry mat in Terrace Bay. The proposal is in it's first stages as Council requires more specific plans.

There are a few issues that need to be looked at, one being the re-zoning of the proposed building site, which is on Raddisson Avenue. Town Council

will hold a public re-zoning meeting in the near future, to discuss the proposed development, and give

residents a chance to voice their concerns, if any, in regards to the site.

### Robinson Store

The Robinson Store in Terrace Bay is one of the 70 stores that F.W. Woolworth is in the motions of purchasing.

The new potential owners have no plans or in-

terests in renovating or changing the format of the store. Progress is being made in the negotiations, with the deal expecting to close in 2 weeks.

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Gymnasts compete in the Northwestern Regional Qualifying Meet in Terrace Bay March 23 and 24.

## Breaking the silence

Project Mayday is the offspring of a group of Terrace Bay women called AWARE, who began meeting in 1982, to discuss issues of concern to women. The issue of battering was raised frequently and so led to the formation of Project Mayday, a group of 12 women whose goal is: to identify the scope of this problem along the North Shore; to determine and develop appropriate services for women in crisis.

Project Mayday conducted a survey in 1983, which was carried out in two parts. The first being directed to the professional community which come in contact with battered women; counsellors, clergy etc. The second questionnaire was distributed in semi-public places, and returned by mail or drop off boxes. This study proved to Project Mayday that the North Shore suffers from the same maladies as the rest of Canada.

Cathie Smith is the Community Resource Worker in Schreiber/Terrace Bay, and works out of the Community Resource Office on Main St. in Schreiber. Also in that building is the Community Mental Health Office, the Child Development Office, the office of Community Corrections Program/Probation and Parole, and Project Mayday. Cathie Smith has been the Community Resource Worker for 5 years and works on projects when-

they are in the grassroots stages. Her main objective is to direct and co-ordinate the needs and concerns that are directed to her by the community. She is an important link in the chain of events and motions our issues and concerns must

meet with and be carried by.

Cathie Smith and Mary Burnett, the Community Corrections Worker attended a 3 day regional meeting on Family Violence in Thunder Bay North 18th-20th. The first day was a public education meeting, with the Honourable Leo Bernier, Minister of Northern Affairs, on behalf of the Honourable Dennis Timbrell, Minister Responsible for Women's Issues attending. The NEWS was also there.

Cathie Smith was one of the four panel speakers that morning and addressed the meeting, stressing the formation of a community base so the community people can learn, understand and make recommendations that are necessary. She spoke of the concerns of the battered women in Northern communities, and their special needs. Cathie told the NEWS that she is really a resource to the community efforts that already underway in presenting concerns in such a way that ministries and ministers in Toronto can understand the problems, and the solutions that are unique and necessary to our community.

As a result of the findings in the first study, an Intermunicipal Committee was formed along the North Shore, with representatives from Project Mayday, Rosspport, Schreiber, Terrace Bay, Marathon and Manitowadge. This committee is making progress at reaching the proper channels to receive funding. In the works is the review of the budget presented to the Intermunicipal Committee, for the North Shore Family Resource Center to be

located in Marathon. This resource center would provide women and their children from our communities a close place for security, guidance and services they need while going through a crisis such as battering. The government is saying the project is \$14,000 over budget, which Cathie explains as the transportation money needed to travel among the communities to Marathon, courts, etc. Cathie explains that although they try, Toronto really does have a hard time realizing the isolation of the North Shore to government services.

In Mr. Bernier's speech made Monday in Thunder Bay, he said his government wants to "break the silence on this reprehensible offence." (battered women). He went on to say that the government is working towards a more effective response to domestic assault calls through special training of the O.P.P. in dealing with domestic response and procedures, the establishment of a Victim Assistance program, and the appointment of a domestic assault prosecutor. Mr. Bernier also said "The next step is extending the network of services to assist battered women. There are currently two transition houses in Thunder Bay." (One being Beendigen House for native women), one in Atikokan and one being developed in Dryden).

Project Mayday and the Intermunicipal Committee hope Mr. Bernier, Mr. Timbrell and their Ministries remember the special needs of women in the North and approve the budget for the Center in Marathon.