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\$8.9-million total Sales of sport fishing licences exceed MNR expectations for 1987

Sales of the new Ontario resident sport fishing licence, which came into effect last year, have exceeded the expectations of the Ministry of Natural Resources.

The licence became mandatory on January 1, 1987, for most adult Ontarians aged 18 to 64. The first licences were available in November 1986.

It was predicted sales of the 1987 issue would reach \$8.2 million. But by the end of 1987, more than 900,00 licences were sold, generating in excess of \$9 million in revenues.

"The public's response to the licence has been very gratifying," Mr. Kerrio said. "Fishing enthusiasts see the Ontario resident's licence program as a way of becoming actively involved in promoting this valuable resource."

Funds equal to the revenue from the sales of the licence are being, and will be, allocated to fisheries management projects across Ontario. From November 1986 to date, \$8.9 million has been allocated to expand the fisheries program, and the allocation for this fiscal year (1988/89) will be increased by \$950,000 to a total of \$9.15 million.

For the 1987/88 fiscal year, 30 per cent of the \$8.2 million budget -- almost \$2.5 million -- was spent on fisheries projects in northern Ontario. Another 46 per cent -- about \$4.8 million -- was spent in southern Ontario.

The remaining 24 per cent was distributed throughout the province

to fund projects, such as research, fish culture, public service and general habitat assessment and rehabilitation, that benefit the whole of Ontario.

The types of projects include: population and habitat management, large scale rehabilitation of degraded habitat, law enforcement, public education, inventory and assessment, research, fish culture and minor capital works such as construction of access points. The funding also covers the cost of producing, distributing and accounting for licence sales.

Examples of fisheries projects funded in whole or in part from licence revenue include building fishways, stocking of hatchery-reared fish, rehabilitating habitat to improve natural reproduction, improving access to fishing areas and studying spawning sites and specific fish populations.

Resident fishing licences, valid throughout 1988, went on sale in December. They are available through the ministry's network or private licence issuers and from MNR district offices. The cost of the licence remains unchanged: a licence valid year-round costs \$10 and a \$5 licence is valid for four consecutive days.

"Judging from the response to the 1987 licence sales, I am certain the 1988 licence will be even more popular. People have been very enthusiastic about the stewardship aspect of buying the licence," said Mr. Kerrio.

Show provided thrills, chills and a few spills

By Greg Huneault
 the News

Those who attended the Acrobats of the Pagoda show at the Schreiber Arena last Wednesday were treated to an incredible demonstration of strength, coordination and beauty.

Ron Larivee, the Schreiber recreation complex coordinator, said some of the roughly 600 people who attended told him how pleased they were with the show.

"Everyone was really happy with the performance. They were impressed with the balance and coordination (of the performers) and there was something for everyone."

The family-oriented show was hosted by 17 performers from China's northernmost province, many of whom are from the same family. The skilled acrobats combined skill, beauty, and tradition to provide a show which crossed geo-

graphic boundaries and language barriers.

The comedy routines were one see "Planning" on page 3

Recreation Centre receives grant approval for upgrading projects

By Greg Huneault
 the News

Dean Main, recreation coordinator of the Terrace Bay Recreation Complex, received notice that approval was granted for an application made to upgrade and improve the complex.

The \$43,150 Capital Conservation Grant has been provided by the Ministry of Tourism and Recreation, and will go toward



Just cleaning up: Members of 'The Group' (l to r, front to back): Jason Leclair, Chris Smeltzer, Clint Papineau, Trevor Stark; (2nd row) Stephanie Crown, Lindsay Davis, Sean Dickson,

Darryl Ray, Marshall Bagdon, Chelsea Black, Paula Doucet, Andrea Phytilla; (back row) Crystal McLean, Jasmine Capy.

Photo by Paul Marcon

Group of teenagers take initiative to help Ashley

By Greg Huneault
 the News

'The Group' decided last Thursday to help out a girl named Ashley whom they have never met.

Ashley is the young victim of Spinal Muscular Atrophy, a disease which strikes infants and, in the past, rarely allowed them to walk during their shortened life spans.

The News featured a story in the April 27 issue about the plight of Ashley and her family.

The 3-year-old child is the daughter of Bruce and Debbie Redgrift, a Nakina couple who are hoping to raise funds so that Ashley can travel to New Orleans.

It is hoped that she can be fitted for and obtain a specially-designed brace which will vastly improve the quality of her life.

To those in 'The Group', help-

ing Ashley was a simple extension of the concern and help they offer to each other. Just what is this 'group' and what did they do?

'The Group' is the name a collection of young teenaged friends tagged themselves with a while ago. Comprised of 14 friends in the Grade Six class at Terrace Bay Public School, the members of the group have been very close friends since Grade Four.

Last Friday they made and circulated approximately 400 flyers announcing the car wash, after having received some help with photocopies from the Terrace Bay Police Department and the Terrace Bay/Schreiber Futures Office. The event was also advertised on radio station CFNO.

Joe Comisso of the Norwood Motel in Terrace Bay offered his front lot, and the kids got to work

at around 11.30 am on Saturday afternoon. They finished near 5.00 pm. Despite the overcast conditions, the car wash went well.

They took the initiative to help Ashley, they said, simply because they felt it was the right thing to do.

"A lot of people are sick and we want to help them. We decided she needed help and we just did it," explained Trevor Stark. At 13-years-old, he is the eldest member of the group.

"We just know she has a rare disease, and the only place she could get it (the special brace) was in New Orleans," added Marshall Bagdon.

Trevor said the group will take the \$282.13 they raised at the car wash and transfer it to a money order. They said they hope to include a letter to Ashley wishing her the best.

expanding space and improving services.

Main told the News two projects have been completed, while two are slated for completion pending approval by town council in the budget.

The fitness room has been expanded to accommodate more people, and an electrical panel has been installed in the kitchen.

"The current panel is loaded to capacity," Main noted.

The other two projects waiting approval are the installation of arena lights and a sprinkler system in the Curling Club.

"We won't proceed with (these projects) until it's approved by the township's budget, Main told the News.

The Recreation Coordinator said the expansion of the weight room is the result of relatively high use of it. Main said an average of 520 visits every 30 days indi-

cates an increase in overall attendance of the complex, adding that it works out to a 70 per cent increase over last year.

He attributes the increase in attendance to an improved awareness of general health.

The grant received represents half of the estimated cost for the four projects, with 50 per cent being held back until further meetings with a recreation consultant.