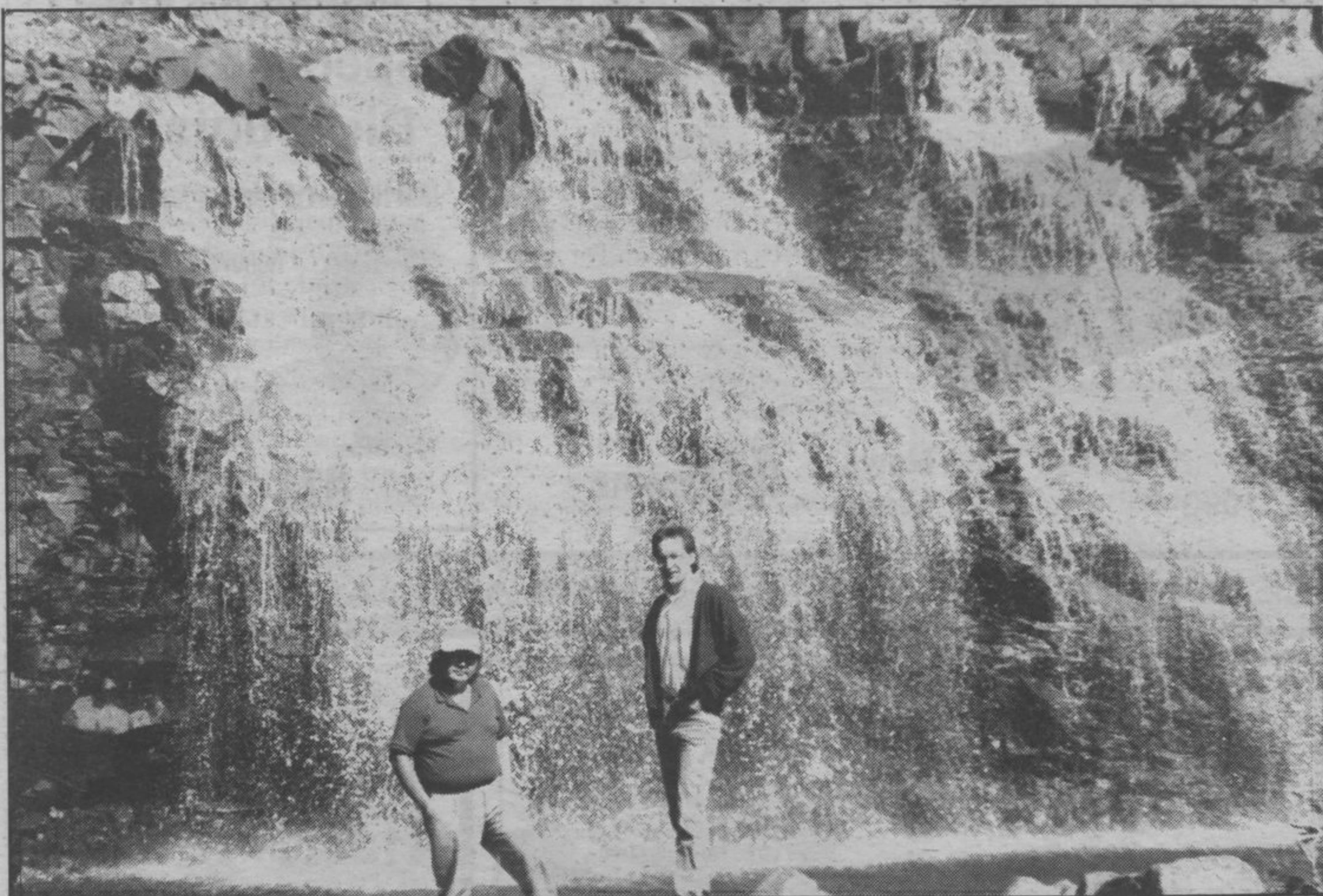


EYC makes great progress over summer



Joe Michano and Byron LeClair of the Pic-Heron Indian Band stand at the falls by Mink Creek where four EYC employees rehabilitated the nature trail. Photo by Angie Saunders

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The News

The Environmental Youth Corps program made great progress over the summer of 1990.

EYC provides opportunities for young people to work on a wide variety of summer and year-round projects that contribute to environmental protection, conser-

vation and environmental awareness.

The North Central Region of the EYC (from Atikokan to Manitouwadge) spent a total of \$461,000 to employ Ontario residents between the ages of 15 and 24. The employees are hired by the Ministry of Natural Resources through the EYC.

"EYC is a year-round project but most projects are done in the summer," said Ben Prince, Services Supervisor at the MNR.

One of the summer's projects was the Jackfish Lake nature trail. The trail is about two kilometres long and six feet wide. The trail, which starts at Highway 17, has been wanted by local Jackfish residents for years. This year, the Jackfish Cottage Association sent a proposal to the MNR who agreed and sent out seven students to complete the job to the delight of both locals and tourists.

The Pic Heron Indian Band had an immense impact on the environment through the EYC program. Economic Development Officer Byron LeClair was extremely pleased with reserve participation.

"The entire reserve was working this summer - 100% employment of students", said LeClair.

The Mink Creek Hiking Trail (just west of Marathon) employed four people to clean up and rehabilitate the existing path. The area is a very popular fishing spot with beautiful falls. The crew spent one week working at the environmentally sensitive area.

Another EYC project the Pic-Heron students worked on was the Neys Park Hiking Trail. The five week project employed four people who cut back brush three to four feet from the roadway in the park.

The Pukaskwa to Marathon Hiking Trail was a difficult task for EYC workers. The five person crew flagged out and cleared 19 kilometres of lakeshore in very rugged terrain. They started



This broken tree is just one example of the damage caused by vandals last Saturday night in Schreiber. Photo by Angie Saunders

Schreiber residents upset over damaged gardens

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Seven Schreiber residents awoke last Sunday to find their gardens had been damaged.

During the night someone had gone into at least a half a dozen yards to destroy hours of hard work.

"It was disgraceful. There were turnips, carrots, and beets all over the place", said Roly Martin, who lives at 412 Manitoba Street, "They dumped a full steel rain barrel over and rolled it all over the garden. I found it in the middle of the garden Sunday morning."

Martin was sure that the vandals had gotten into his yard over his fence.

"It's a good size fence with a combination lock so they'd have to climb over."

As well as the damage to his garden, a small tree outside Martin's property was broke in half.

On the other side of town Frank Veneziano, on 102 Ontario

Street, was having his own problems.

"They destroyed everything inside my greenhouse", said Veneziano, "I had nearly \$500 worth of damage. I plant them (tomatoes) inside the house in February and it costs for heat."

The greenhouse had also been ripped apart. One wall was destroyed and the screen door had been ripped apart.

"They threw everything. I had a whole row of beans wrecked as well as some of my raspberry bushes.

The Schreiber OPP said that three people were involved in the Saturday night destruction.

"In all the gardens it wasn't just eating them, they ripped out vegetables -beans, carrots, and carrots", said Bert Logan, "In three yards they entered greenhouses and destroyed plants. They also damaged screens and plastic."

"This isn't just a garden raiding occurrence, it's more than just mischievous."

at Pebble Beach and worked steadily for eight weeks until they reached the mouth of the Pic River.

The most successful of the EYC projects completed by the Band was the Steel River Canoe Route. The project, which was supposed to be completed in three weeks, was miraculously finished in five days. The crew was dropped off near the northern end of Steel River to begin their long journey by canoe.

The EYC crew marked 87 km of navigable water travelling east on Steel River including 5 km of portages. Along the route the crew cleaned up waste materials from campers, remarked portages, improved the existing campsites and verified the existing canoe route. Thirteen campsites were cleaned, marked and rehabilitated.

In total, the Pic-Heron Indian Band cleaned 125.5 km of trails, roads, and waterways by either navigating, flagging out, cutting

or clearing. Only the Fort William band near Thunder Bay had contributed as much to the EYC program.

The Pic-Heron Band put a lot of time into safety training. It is a high priority with them and proved by the fact that only one minor injury occurred all summer.

"We're already thinking of future proposals for projects. The Band is already planning for next year," said LeClair.

"The Band is doing great. I wish there were others taking their lead," said Ben Prince.

Prince also mentioned that every participant in the EYC programs must complete an evaluation of the work they've done so the MNR will have an idea how everything is going and how to improve. The MNR gets a lot of helpful feedback from workers.

"The key is partnership" said Prince.

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