

Youth nominated for citizen award

by Darren MacDonald
The News

A Terrace Bay youth has been nominated for the Ontario Junior Citizen of the Year Award.

Stacy Wallwin, 16, will find out Dec. 13 whether or not she is one of the 12 final recipients of the award, out of 148 people who have been nominated.

Begun in 1981, the award is intended to reward young people who do good deeds in their community.

Among the achievements listed in her nomination for, is her volunteer work with Lifeline, the emergency alerting system for the elderly and the handicapped.

"I test the machines at the hospital to make sure they work," she said.

She also said she was surprised to learn about the nomination.

"I don't really know what I did that's worth being nominated," she said.

The list includes volunteer work for World Vision of Canada. She acted as the local vice-president and treasurer during World Vision's 30 Hour Famine last year.

The awards were established and are run by the Ontario Community Newspaper Association, and are directed toward people under the age of 18 who are active in their community.



Stacy Wallwin (above) holds her junior citizen of the year nomination certificate.

The intrepid snowmobiler

by Craig Nicholson

Every year snowmobilers drown. Usually these deaths involve darkness, alcohol impairment, or weak ice, and there's usually a horror story about someone simply riding off the ice into open water. The machines and bodies are fished out the next day. The rest of us shudder, write the victims off as idiots, and ride away secure in the convictions that it could never happen to us. After all, we KNOW our ice. And snowmobiles float.

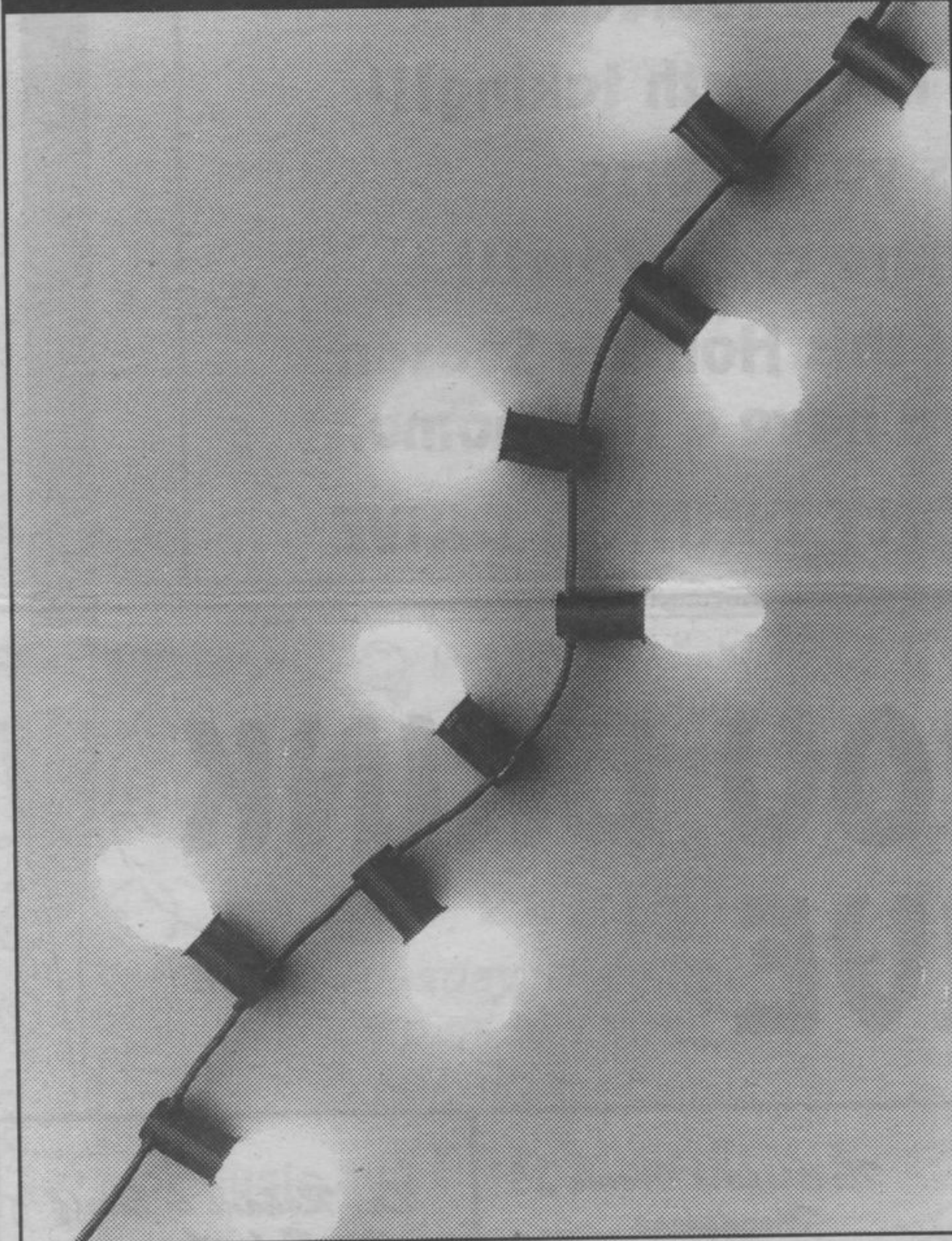
But ice isn't the problem. Water is the killer. It's always between us and where we want to be. And as long as we are determined to get there, we risk the chance that it is our turn next. The best bet is to forswear water crossings, but that is to ignore human nature, so next best is to reduce our chances of passing through ice to water to human popsicle.

Wherever money, nature and environmental concerns permit, snowmobile clubs build bridges. Where bridges are not possible, the snowmobile clubs select the safest available crossing point and mark it clearly. Over larger bodies of water, these crossings are often further denoted by a "tree line" of flexible and forgiving evergreen boughs or rows of florescent wood stakes, although these are subject to being clipped off club grooms across the ice, that constant compacting action plus frequent machine travel will tend to strengthen that ice highway, but not the immediate surroundings, so don't wander. Stay on the trail.

The thing about ice is unpredictability. Its strength depends on a myriad of factors such as water and air temperatures, currents, wind and snowfall, so it is constantly changing and shifting. And thickness does not necessarily equate with strength. That depends on the kind of ice it is - black, white, frazil or candle. And none of these post signs, so even a local can never be absolutely certain what's what from day to day. Still, I'd rather take his word for it than venture forth as a stranger with nothing but "never say die" written as an epitaph on my sleeve.

Black ice, so named because that's how it looks, continued on page 16

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