

Community briefs

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Snowdrift tunnels dangerous

Several ambitious young people have built tunnels into snowdrifts along the side of the road this year. The Township of Schreiber Public Works Department would like to remind everyone that this is a dangerous practice.

These tunnels can collapse by themselves and can easily be filled in by a snowplow. This could mean death or serious injury for a person in the tunnel.

If you want to be safe, build a fort without a roof in your back yard where the snowplow can't get near you.

Share the Wealth gives out 54 hampers

Before the power outage on Sunday, Dec. 22, Share the Wealth managed to distribute 54 hampers, said organizer Carol Cringle.

Cringle said the last Christ-

mas hamper was given out just before the lights went out.

"The donations were pretty well on par with last year," she said. "We may have gotten a little more."

Because 13 more hampers were given out this year, however, Cringle said each family got a little bit less.

McColm gets new bus, set to resume journey

Vision impaired marathon runner Ken McColm has received a boost in the form of a Greyhound bus.

The bus has been fully renovated for McColm and his pilot dog Darren.

The runner interrupted his run across Canada last December to rest. He is scheduled to resume running later this month near White River.

The new tour bus will be unveiled at a breakfast ceremony to be attended by Ontario Lieutenant Governor Henry N.R. Jackman Jan. 8.

McColm is running across Canada to raise awareness and money for the Canadian Diabetes Foundation. The run has gotten behind schedule because of health problems and bad weather.

Open letter to the Minister of Transport

Thunder Bay-Atikokan M.P. Iain Angus has written an open letter to Transportation Minister Jean Corbeil, expressing his concern about the rumour of Canadian Airlines being taken over by the U.S. Carrier, American Airlines.

In the letter, Angus asks the minister to make it "clear to Canadian Airlines that the government is not prepared to allow the 25 per cent cap to be exceeded."

Angus is referring to a law that limits to 25 per cent limit of foreign ownership of any Canadian airline carrier.

"In the event that the Gov-

ernment of Canada receives and application to vary this 25 per cent limit, I am requesting full public hearings," Angus said.

Ride safe snowmobile campaign

The 1991-1992 snowmobile season had barely begun when two snowmobilers were killed in separate incidents on Rabbit Lake near Kenora Nov. 26, and on the Chapleau River Dec. 2.

Unless attitudes change, another 30 or more people could die in the province from snowmobile-related accidents before the season is over.

The "Ride safe, ride sober" is a campaign to help reduce the number of snowmobile deaths and injuries. The Ontario Ministry of Tourism and Recreation is working with snowmobile manufacturers and the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile clubs to educate the public. This year's campaign theme was chosen because alcohol is a factor in the majority of snowmobile

collisions.

The campaign has been picked up by many Ontario communities and in some cases, has been integrated with local "Drive safe/drive sober" campaigns.

Many snowmobilers don't realize they can lose their driver's licence if they drive a snowmobile while impaired. The penalties are the same for driving a car while drunk, and driving a snowmobile.

If the snowmobiler is underage and does not have a licence, they will not be able to get one until they are 18.

During the 1988-1989 season, there were 636 snowmobile collisions in Ontario, and 70 per cent of the drivers were under 25 years of age. More than half of the 35 fatalities involved snowmobile drivers who had been drinking.

"I can't emphasize enough how important this campaign is," said Minister of Tourism and Recreation Peter North.

"If we can save a few lives, the campaign is worthwhile."

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YEAR IN REVIEW

1991

January

•Schreiber applies for a grant from the Ministry of Recreation and Tourism to cover 75 per cent of the cost of a feasibility study of building a new Recreation complex.

•Terrace Bay Town Council voted 3-2 against establishing an economic development office with Schreiber. It would have cost the municipalities \$162,688 to run the office for the first five years, with costs increasing after that, when gov-

ernment subsidies ended.

•Terrace Bay - Schreiber Superior North Business Development Centre received \$382,276 in funding, including \$200,000 for the Centre's investment fund, \$52,000 for the self-employment incentive fund, and an operating budget of \$130,000.

February

•February marked the Schreiber Public Library's 100th year of operation, and celebrations were planned for

the entire year.

•Concern arose over the possibility of the Terrace Bay Post Office closing when Public Works Canada, who owns the building, indicated it no longer had use for it.

•Crime Stoppers initiated a Crime of the Month program, in which posters detailing unsolved crimes were placed in the communities, offering a reward for information on the unsolved crime.

•Two snowmobilers went through the ice on the Aguasabon River, but managed to survive the accident. The river was particularly unstable because Ontario Hydro was changing water levels at the time.

March

•Dr. Mike McCausland died in the Hospital that bears his name at the age of 80. Among

his many accomplishments was delivering the first baby born in Terrace Bay. The town paid tribute to his accomplishments in 1970 and many of the children he delivered came back to the town, setting up a fund that later became a bursary for students going in to medicine.

•The Ministry of Natural Resources announced plans to spend \$296,000 on a cold storage building and upgrade nine waste disposal sites in unorganized townships.

•Terrace Bay received \$318,000 under the province's recession fighting initiative. The money was earmarked to help develop the local tourism industry. \$225,000 of the money was for the development of the Aguasabon Gorge and the beach area at the Aguasabon River Mouth.

•The Ministry of Natural Resources reduced its regions from eight to four in an attempt

to streamline its operations. The four regions are the Boreal West Region, the Boreal East Region, The Great Lakes Region and the Southern Region.

April

•Schreiber Township received \$18,750 from the Ministry of Recreation and Tourism for a feasibility study for a new Recreation Complex. The total cost of the study was pegged at \$25,000, with the township chipping in the rest of the money.

•A two month notice of layoffs was announced at Birchwood Terrace. The reduction was blamed on the declining number of residents.

•Students at Schreiber Public High School formed the "Enviro Club", dedicated to raising environmental awareness in the community.


•Fire destroyed five apartments in Schreiber in Nick's Sport Shop and Apartments on Winnipeg Street.

Schreiber Deputy Fire Chief blamed the fire on a cigarette. No one was injured in the blaze, but residents lost many belongings.

•Suzee Costa of Schreiber had her tribute to grandmother published in *Catching the Spirit*, an annual anthology of works written by Northwestern Ontario students.


•Many groups in Schreiber and Terrace Bay got together to

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1992 Dog Tags

Residents of Schreiber are reminded that dog tags are now available:

Male dogs	\$10.00
Female Dogs	\$20.00
Spayed Female Dogs	\$10.00
Neutered Males	\$ 5.00



Fran, Wayne & Kellyan Richards are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter/new baby sister

Lyndsie Kaylei Marie

born November 29, 1991 at the Ottawa General Hospital weighing 4 lbs 13 ozs.

Proud grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. J. Richards and Mr. & Mrs. R. Fortier.

