

# Community briefs

compiled by Darren MacDonald

## Pet shop owner to keep snakes

The owner of a pet shop in Schreiber is upset that the township tried to force him to get rid of his boa constrictors.

"I think it's unfair for the township to tell a person what he can or cannot have in the confinement of his house," says Phil Desilets, owners of Phil's Pets Birds and Supplies.

"Especially when they're not dangerous."

The township sent Desilets a letter June 3 telling him that keeping the snakes in his shop was contravening the Animal Control by-law, which prohibits people from keeping reptiles in their homes.

Desilets went to the June 16 meeting of Schreiber Council and argued that since he is

keeping the snakes in his pet store and not his home, he was not breaking the by-law.

"I stress that this letter was a scare tactic and an attempt to trick me into getting rid of my snakes," Desilets told Council.

Council admitted they had made a mistake in saying that Desilets couldn't "display" his snakes in his pet store. And in response to Desilets' concern that outlawing reptiles in Schreiber is hurting his business, Reeve Bob Krause invited him to sit in with the committee that's currently working on a new animal control by-law.

"I'm sure we can work something out with you as a pet-shop owner and the concerns of the town," said Krause. "And if it's a matter of striking the word reptile from

the by-law, that will be up to the committee (to decide)."

In an interview after the meeting, Desilets said that outlawing reptiles means that keeping perfectly safe animals is illegal in Schreiber.

"I'm hoping to have the word 'reptile' taken out of the by-law," he says. "Because that takes in turtles, iguanas and other small animals too, not just snakes."

## Here come the caterpillars

Now that the grass is rising, you're probably wondering where the caterpillars are. They are back, and there are more of them.

In the area from Atikokan to Manitowadge and up through Geraldton, we will see more of the same as last year. Spruce budworm, forest tent caterpillars and birch leaf miner will all be very active during the next few weeks.

The Eastern spruce budworm has increased substan-

tially over the last year. In 1990, the area of moderate to severe defoliation was 4 million hectares. In 1991, this was up to 6 million hectares. These pests attack spruce and balsam fir, and, to a lesser extent, tamarack. The area affected will likely continue to expand, though the egg mass density within the area may have decreased slightly.

Larvae development seems to be ahead of the foliage development due to the late spring. If this continues, damage to new growth will be more severe.

The forest tent caterpillar infestation continues to enlarge. The area affected grew from 1.4 million hectares in 1990 to a 1991 total of 5.6 million hectares.

Trends indicate that populations should remain low south and west of Thunder Bay, and also low north and east of Nipigon and Terrace Bay. Severe defoliation is expected north and west of Thunder Bay.

## FAREWELL LUNCHEON FOR ERNIE HUNT

The Terrace Bay Community Church and Saint Andrews United Church - Schreiber, would like to invite all friends and acquaintances of Ernie Hunt to attend a service and/or luncheon held in his honour.



Time: Service 9:45 Luncheon 11:15  
Place: Terrace Bay Community Church  
Date: June 28, 1992



## Township of Schreiber Form 7 Sale of Land By Public Tender Municipal Tax Sales Act, 1984

The CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SCHREIBER Take Notice that tenders are invited for the purchase of the land(s) described below and will be received until 3:00 p.m. local time on July 15, 1992 at Township of Schreiber. The tenders will then be opened in public on the same day at the Township of Schreiber at 4:00 p.m., 608 Winnipeg Street.

Description of Land(s)	Minimum Tender Amount (Set out the cancellation price as of the first day of advertising)
Parcel 24 - 1 Section 55D - 111 Galena Street Township of Schreiber DISTRICT OF THUNDER BAY	\$2,500.00
Lot 4 Plan 55D - 110 Parcel 4 - 1 Thunder Bay Freehold Township of Schreiber DISTRICT OF THUNDER BAY	\$4,100.00
Lot 7 Plan 55D - 110 Parcel 7 - 1 Thunder Bay Freehold Township of Schreiber DISTRICT OF THUNDER BAY	\$3,000.00
Parcel 8048 THUNDER BAY FREEHOLD Lot 12 Plan M-9 Township of Schreiber DISTRICT OF THUNDER BAY	\$2,700.00

Tenders must be submitted in the prescribed form and must be accompanied by a deposit in the form of a money order or of a bank draft or cheque certified by a bank, trust company or Province of Ontario Saving; Office payable to the municipality (or board) and representing at least 20 per cent of the tender amount.

The municipality makes no representation regarding the title to or any other matters relating to the land to be sold. Responsibility for ascertaining these matters rests with the potential purchasers.

This sale is governed by the Municipal Tax Sales Act, 1984, being chapter 48 of the Statutes of Ontario 1984 and the Municipal Tax Sales Rules made under that Act. The successful purchaser will be required to pay the amount tendered plus accumulated taxes and the relevant land transfer tax.

For further information regarding this sale and a copy of the prescribed form of tender contact:

Clerk-Treasurer  
TOWNSHIP OF SCHREIBER  
P.O. Box 40, 608 Winnipeg Street  
Schreiber, ON  
P0T 2S0

## IT'S A BOY !!

Jim & Marie Baldi are pleased to announce the safe arrival of their son,  
**Christopher Allen**  
born June 9, 1992 weighing 8 lbs, 2 oz.

Proud grandparents are Elda Baldi and Paul & Yvonne Rochon of Terrace Bay. Thanks to Dr. K. Wilkes and all the wonderful nurses at the McCausland Hospital.

## SCHREIBER FIGURE SKATING CLUB

requires

## SENIOR COACH

commencing Oct/92 to April/93.  
Call Aida McParland 824-2013 or  
Diane Figliomeni 824-2112

## ANNUAL MEETING THE MCCAUSLAND HOSPITAL

1992-93 Annual Meeting of The McCausland Hospital Corporation will be held on Wednesday, June 24, 1992 at the Schreiber Public School at 2000 hours. To become a voting member of the Corporation, persons must purchase an Annual Membership (\$5.00), or a Life Membership (\$100.00 donation in any given year), 30 days prior to the date of the Annual Meeting and memberships may be purchased at the Administration Office of The McCausland Hospital.

Place: Schreiber Public School  
Schreiber, Ontario

Time: 2000 hours  
Wednesday, June 24, 1992