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## Celebrating fifty years of service



From left, Gina Commisso, Carmella Costa, Teresa Commisso and Joe Commisso at last week's 50th anniversary celebrations at Costa's Foodateria in Schreiber.

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## Timber wolf costs man snowmobile and \$2,500

**Darren MacDonald**  
 Staff

An investigation by Ministry of Natural Resources Conservation Officers in Terrace Bay and Wawa has resulted in the successful prosecution of a man who illegally killed a timber wolf with his snowmobile last January.

Yves Fontaine, 34, formerly of Marathon, has been convicted of unlawfully hunting with a snowmachine; obstructing investigating conservation officers by trying to claim the wolf as roadkill; and of unlawful

possession of a timber wolf. His fines total more than \$2,500. He has also been prohibited from hunting for three years, and he forfeited his 1991 Cheyenne snowmobile, valued between \$5,000-6,000.

The trial took place over two and a half days in Provincial Offences Court in Marathon, concluding Nov. 18.

"It wasn't a routine investigation," says Paul Dennis, Conservation Officer (CO) in the Terrace Bay Area. Dennis was the investigating officer in the case, with assistance from CO

Mike Kenny, who also works in the Terrace Bay Area.

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gation,” says Dennis. “All the pieces fit together just like a puzzle.”

The investigation started last

January when the Terrace Bay MNR office received an anonymous tip about someone who had killed a timber wolf with his snowmachine.

"It gave us a first name, it gave us an occupation, and that was about it," says Dennis.

Neighbouring MNR Districts were notified to be on the lookout for someone trying to legitimize the wolf as roadkill.

"In order to do anything with the wolf, you would have to get what's called a Certificate of Reporting before you could take it to a taxidermist,"

says Dennis.

In order to get the certificate, a CO would have to be convinced that the wolf had been killed accidentally.

"(Fontaine) brought the wolf into the Wawa office, and an officer there examined the wolf externally," he says. "And the officer was also given an opportunity to examine the snowmobile, which happened to be in the accused's vehicle in the parking lot."

Wawa CO Leo Lacoorsiera contacted the Terrace Bay **continued on page 11**



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