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## Mathematics is Fun

On Tuesday night just under 150 people were in the TRE Gym to hear and participate with, Dr. Mike Fellows. On Monday night just over 150 people were in the Claude Galibois gym to hear and participate in his entertaining way of working with mathematics.

TRE teacher Gerri Lorway introduced Dr. Fellows and then he went on to challenge everyone with a series of puzzles where you have to colour in the circles using as few colours as possible but having no two connecting circles with the same colour on each end. This led to the first puzzle having two colours, and eight circles; the second with 14 circles had 3 colours; the third with 17 circles 2 colours; the fourth with 30 circles had 3 colours.

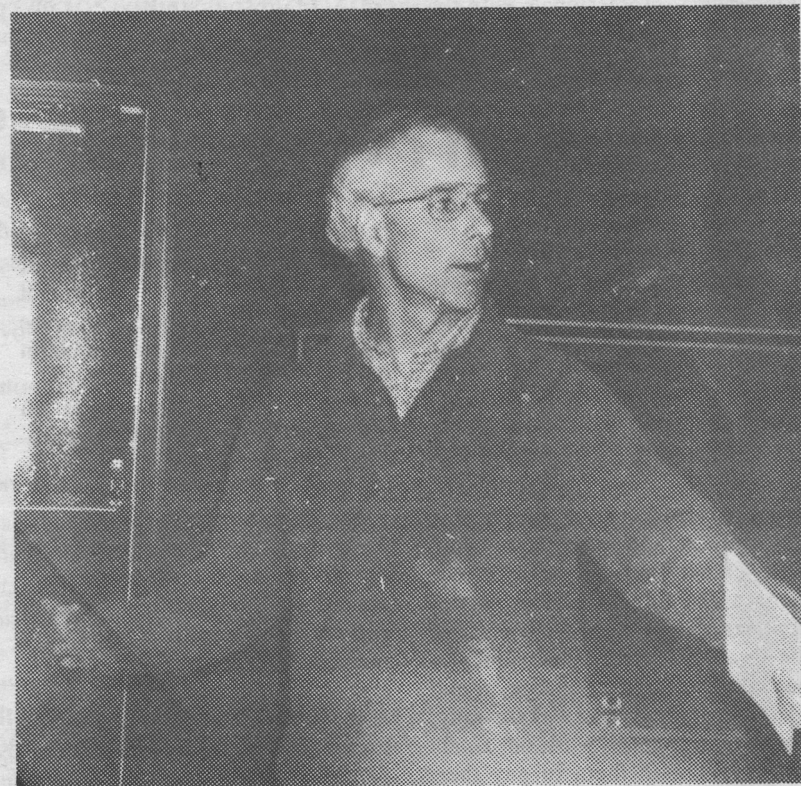
Then it led to finding the least possible ice cream stands in Puzzle-town where no one had to walk

more than a block to reach the stand.

Dr. Fellows explained that this type of thinking is what is needed when people have multiple meetings to attend with a variety of interconnecting groups. Or the same problem with multiple use lines for such things as faxes, modems, computers, telephones, etc.

The same type of challenge is used with his mat work, in which the children enacted the different parts of computer system using 0s and 1s, or higher and lower numbers. Cryptographers use these systems when trying to encode such things as your Visa number on the Internet so that it doesn't fall into the hands of thieves.

A thoroughly entertaining evening by one of the world's leading Mathematicians and an insight into the world of computers, and software.



Dr. Mike Fellows, world-renowned mathematician takes time out to help us understand math.

## Snowarama Riders know if it's snowing, It's time to Raise money for B.C.'s Children with Disabilities

It's a sure sign the Snowarama fundraising has begun. Snow falls, pickup trucks are seen carrying brand new snowmobiles around town, and riders begin soliciting pledges for Snowarama '97, the province-wide community-based fundraiser for B.C.'s children with disabilities.

Snowarama enters its 19th year as one of the most successful fundraisers for the Lions Society of B.C. In just 18 years, riders have raised more than \$2.4 million, including \$151,000 in 1996 alone. For those reasons, expectations are running high for the upcoming Snowarama in Tumbler Ridge.

"We have a strong tradition of giving here, and that's why we know Snowarama '97 will not only be fun

but successful in raising money for children with disabilities," said Ron Ford, local Snowarama Chairperson. "We're planning a terrific day for everyone to ride, but before we do that, we need donations to make Snowarama a big success."

There is no "one" format for Snowarama - local clubs come up with their own methods of raising money for the Lions Society of B.C. Riders in the Tumbler Ridge Snowarama will choose a novice course or challenge the 100 Km Endura course. Each rider will gather pledges for their ride prior to event day. Last year, the RidgeRiders Snowmobile Club raised more than \$4,600.00. All snowmobile riders are welcome to join in regardless of club membership or skill level. There are plenty of things you can do to help out!

"We are always looking for people who aren't associated with a club to come out and enjoy the day. It's a good way to see what we're all about while making a very visible contribution to one of B.C.'s best known charities," said Ford.

The RidgeRiders Snowmobile Club will compete for the following Snowarama Awards presented on behalf of the Lions Society of B.C. and the BC Snowmobile Federation.

Highest Funds Raised  
1st Place \$2000 2nd  
Place \$1000  
Most Improved Club over the last  
5 years \$2000  
Highest Amount Raised by a  
New Club \$1000

Snowarama across the province will also be entered into a draw for the following prizes: Snowmobile Suits from Yamaha, Polaris and Ski-Doo, \$500 Gift Certificates from Arctic Cat.

As always, all funds collected stay in B.C. to benefit children with disabilities through the services of the Lions Society of B.C. One of those programs, Easter Seal House, is Snowarama's primary fundraising focus. Easter Seal Houses in Vancouver and Prince George act as a "home away from home" for families whose children require medical treatment.

For more information on Snowarama '97, please contact Ron Ford, local Snowarama Chair at 242-3991 or Jason Hewlett at the Lions Society of B.C. at (604) 873-1865.

## TR Gymnastics Awareness Week

Gymnastics is a fundamental sport for developing strength and agility in the province of British Columbia, with over 50,000 participants province-wide.

Gymnastics Awareness week will be held in BC from January 19 to the 26, 1997.

Many of our schools, community centres and clubs will be involved in the organization of special fun-filled events and activities to promote the sport of gymnastics and its developmental benefits.

## Winner

The winner of the January 18, Win Your Groceries for FREE at ShopEasy Foods was R. Nyman, with \$64.39 worth of FREE Food. Congratulations!



## SuperHost — "New and Improved"

Last year, the SuperHost program was revised. Organizations that previously offered training were recertified, trainers were retrained and new publications were produced. The Tumbler Ridge Chamber of Commerce is recognized as your local delivery organization.

The basic program is now called SuperHost Fundamentals and is a full day workshop designed to provide service professionals with the skills and knowledge they need to provide excellent service. It also en-

courages participants to feel a sense of pride and commitment to their work. The program is no longer just for tourism related businesses. The workshop can now be customized to each business through a needs assessment process.

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training time, • Potential for repeat business through improved service and high customer satisfaction.

A SuperHost Fundamentals workshop is scheduled on January 31, 1997 from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm at Northern Lights College. Cost is \$40 plus GST (25% discount for Chamber members). To register or for more information call Northern Lights College at 242-5591. If you require a customized workshop for your business, call the Chamber office at 242-4702.

## Is it Legal?

By Legal Services Society, Dawson Creek

### Bankruptcies

This is a repeat of a popular article we ran last fall and which, unfortunately, may be timely again now in the post-Christmas blahs. Watch for future articles on debt problems.

**Who Handles Bankruptcies?** Bankruptcies must be handled by Trustees authorized under the Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act. The nearest Trustees are in Prince George and Legal Services carries application packages from each of the three agencies. Bankruptcy is not free, the Trustees charge around \$1,000 for their fees. You may, however, be able to work out an arrangement with them to pay their fees with a small down payment, turning over your income tax and any other Government cheques and payments made by installments.

**What is the process?** Generally your debts should total over \$5,000 and be owing to more than one creditor. Creditors are given time to dispute your application. You will be allowed to keep about \$2,000 worth of possessions. The rest of your possessions will be taken and divided amongst the creditors. Your home or vehicle will likely have to be sold if there is any value in them above what is due on the mortgage or, in some cases, to creditors. On the other hand, if there is little or no value in them, you may be able to keep them as long as you can continue to make the outstanding loan payments.

**Will some debts remain?** Some debts, such as maintenance payments and court fines, cannot be included in a bankruptcy. Once your Trustee has been appointed by the

Official Receiver, all legal actions by creditors against you are stopped. However, in some cases, if a creditor has a security agreement on an item, the creditors can seize and sell the item and make a claim to the trustee for the balance.

**When will I be discharged?** In most cases, you will receive an absolute discharge from bankruptcy in 9 months.

**Will I be Able to get credit again?** There is no law that says people who have gone through bankruptcy cannot have credit. It is up to each creditor to decide after the bankruptcy. The likelihood of getting credit increases after a few years, particularly if you have a steady job and have not moved.

**Are there other alternatives?** Orderly Payment of Debts (or OPD) is handled free by the Debtor Assistance Branch of Consumer Affairs. Their office takes over all your debts and consolidates them into one monthly payment that you are able to afford. Interest rates are lowered to 5%.

**Who can help?** The Debtor Assistance Branch offers free counseling to help you make your decision about these and other alternatives to your debt problems. Call Enquiry B.C. at 1-800-663-7867 to ask for the Debtor Assistance Branch in Kamloops (you can call free to any Government Agency in B.C. through Enquiry B.C.)

**What does Legal Services Do?** We can help if you are having problems with family, debt, consumer, landlord/tenant, criminal, welfare, U.I.C., Pensions, small claims, W.C.B., etc. the above information only; for legal advice relevant to your specific situation, you must consult a lawyer.

## Province earns \$33.3 Million

The January sale of oil and gas rights brought in \$33.3 million in revenue to the province. This month's sale offered 41 drilling licences and 91 leases, covering 82,131 hectares. The top price per

hectare was \$11,776 paid by Maverick Land Consultants (87) Inc. for a lease 50 km northwest of Fort St. John.

The next sale of oil and gas rights is set for Feb. 19.

## New ways to job search!

Human Resources Development Canada has introduced 2 new sites that provide job searching opportunities on the Internet.

The Electronic Labour Exchange (<http://ele-spe.hrdc-drhc.gc.ca>) gives employers the chance to search the database for suitable candidates. By using the ELE, those seeking work can post their profiles and request a match. If there is no immediate match, job opportunities or worker profiles can be posted for a future match. In addition, a full listing of jobs across Canada is also available through the National Job Bank (<http://jb-ge/hrdc-drhc.gc.ca>).

The automated job bank which is located at the Tumbler Ridge Chamber of Commerce building is also available for job searching purposes.

## Regulatory Reform hearings set for FSJ

Public hearings of the Motor Carrier Regulatory Reform Committee which will recommend changes to B.C.'s motor carrier regulations will be held in Fort St. John Jan. 29 announced Lois Boone Transportation and Highways Minister last week.

"The trucking and freight carrier industry faces significant change because of federal legislation that will deregulate inter-provincial freight hauling in 1998," said Boone. "Deregulation will open new opportunities for B.C. motor carriers to expand their markets, but may also bring increased competition from carriers outside of B.C. The committee will address how we can protect jobs and our economy while maintaining safety as a priority."

The hearings take place at the Pioneer Inn from 2 to 4 PM and 7 to 9 PM. Anyone unable to attend may mail their submission by March 7 to: MLA Rick Kasper, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C., V8V 1X4.

## Editorial

by Kathy Cope

I have been hearing a lot about the proposed "No Fault" insurance policy from ICBC. MLA Jack Weisgerber included some questions and information in one of his last columns.

If we go to "No Fault" insurance does this mean that those that drink and drive and are involved in accidents will receive compensation? What about those that have mechanical defects in their vehicles that they just didn't take proper care of (like those trucks that seem to keep losing their wheels) if they are injured will we be paying for their hospital care?

I can see if you are driving down the road and with the sun in your eyes you have trouble turning a corner and hit a stop sign. That, if it is anyone's fault, should the manufacturer of your vehicle (unless you want to complain to God) as I have to drive with my hand over the sun at certain times of the day and year. Those nicely placed sun visors just don't do the job.

Or how about you drive down the road and hit a patch of ice just as you are going around a corner. Who's fault is that? Certainly not the driver, and unless a sand truck has recently been by then the wind could have blown away any sand (or salt) that was on the road. If this causes an accident than I would say this was no one's fault.

Or how about if you are driving down the highway and a vehicle passes you going the other way and then all of a sudden you see a moose trying to cross the street. Don't laugh that really did happen on our way back from Christmas vacation. Luckily the moose decided to wait until we were past, but the fellow that might have been following us might not have been so lucky (there wasn't anyone this time). But that is definitely an accident.

There are so many different ways

that you can have accident that aren't anyone's fault. And I have only touched on the top of the iceberg of this conundrum. But, if you have "no fault" insurance, then one is to blame for accidents and everyone is treated the same, whether about those that are someone's fault. Like the drunk driver and the inappropriately maintained vehicle. Shouldn't they have to pay for the pain and suffering that they have caused?

How about we have more accountability at ICBC? Or let's go back to having private automobile insurance. Dave phoned that Director Insurance Company yesterday and ask them for quotes on our insurance and with both drivers having perfect records (mine since I got my licence) and Dave's for the past most twenty years (no tickets, points no accidents) and we couldn't get less than \$1,000 for a 6 year old van and \$1,400 for a Mystique. And they have the temerity to complain that with accidents, court costs and doctors bills they will have to raise our rates approximately 40% next year.

While I have a few ideas that maybe they would like to hear about. How about smaller crushed the roads and just maybe there would be fewer broken windshields and \$300 (or more) per vehicle that would save a lot just here in TR.

Or how about a little extra sand and salt on the roads, especially corners, so that vehicles don't wind up sliding off the road when going around the corners.

Or how about doing more road checks of trucks so that they don't lose their wheels and loads.

Or how about checking out logging trucks with over long loads that we see rather a lot around here.

I have sent away for some information from ICBC, (call 1-800-663-4222) and you can let them know what you think.



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# The Prairie Barley Vote



Are you a Prairie Barley producer? You should be aware of the upcoming Prairie Barley Vote. Here are answers to questions you may have about the vote.

**T**he vote will seek to determine Prairie farmers' marketing preferences for barley produced in Western Canada. Eligible barley producers will be asked to indicate their preference for one of two marketing options:

## OPEN MARKET OPTION

- Remove all barley (both feed and malting/food) from the Canadian Wheat Board and place it entirely on the open market for all domestic and export sales.

OR

## SINGLE-SELLER OPTION

- Maintain the Canadian Wheat Board as the single-seller for all barley (both feed and malting/food), with the continuing exception of feed barley sold domestically.

## AM I ELIGIBLE TO VOTE?

All current Prairie farmers who are engaged in grain production and have grown barley at least once in the last five years (1992 to and including 1996) are eligible to vote.

### Specific eligibility criteria:

#### 1996/97 CWB Permit Book holders must meet criteria 1, 2, and 3:

1. You are an "actual producer" as defined in the *Canadian Wheat Board Act*;
2. You are a Canadian Wheat Board Permit Book holder in 1996/97; and
3. You have produced barley at least once in the past five years (1992 to and including 1996).

#### Barley producers who do NOT have a 1996/97 CWB Permit Book, must meet criteria 4, 5, 6 and 7:

4. You are currently directly involved in the business of farming as an "actual producer" in the "designated area," both as defined in the *Canadian Wheat Board Act*;
5. You produced barley on land in the "designated area," as defined in the *Canadian Wheat Board Act*, at least once in the past five years (1992 to and including 1996);
6. Not more than one ballot is cast per farming operation; and
7. You have completed the affidavit form and submitted it by **February 18, 1997.**

New producers who are currently farming land on which barley was grown during one of the years 1992 to and including 1996 will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

## HOW DO I GET A VOTER'S PACKAGE?

### 1996/97 Permit Book Holders:

Voter's packages will be automatically mailed to all 1996/97 CWB Permit Book holders who have obtained their 1996/97 Permit Book number as of January 1, 1997, and meet the eligibility criteria.

- If you have your 1996/97 Permit Book number, your voting package will be mailed to you beginning on **January 23, 1997.**

### For Barley producers who have NOT obtained a 1996/97 CWB Permit Book:

Prairie Barley producers who are not a 1996/97 CWB Permit Book holder as of January 1, 1997, must apply for eligibility.

- You must establish your eligibility to vote by obtaining, completing and submitting a legally binding affidavit that states you meet the eligibility criteria. The affidavit form must be signed and witnessed by a Commissioner for Oaths (for example, most local grain elevator managers are Commissioners for Oaths).

Signed affidavit forms must be returned by mail to:

KPMG, Post Office Box 2505, Stn. Main,  
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 4A7

Producers whose affidavit forms are post-marked after February 18, 1997 will not be eligible to vote.

## HOW DO I GET AN AFFIDAVIT?

To obtain an affidavit form, phone toll-free at **1-888-7BARLEY (1-888-722-7539)**, OR go to any Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration (PFRA) office.

## WHAT ARE THE DEADLINES?

- The affidavit form must be returned to KPMG by mail and post-marked no later than **February 18, 1997.**
- All completed ballots must be returned in the official postage paid envelope provided in the voter's package, and post-marked no later than **February 28, 1997.**

KPMG, on behalf of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, is administering the mail-in vote to determine Prairie farmers' marketing preferences for barley.

**KPMG**



## Brand New Year at the Library

Eighteen children were at the Library to welcome in A Brand New Year. Debbie talked with the children about New Years, New Year's Babies, Chinese New Years and resolutions. Then they sang "5 Little Ducks" and told the story about Santa Cow Island and Good

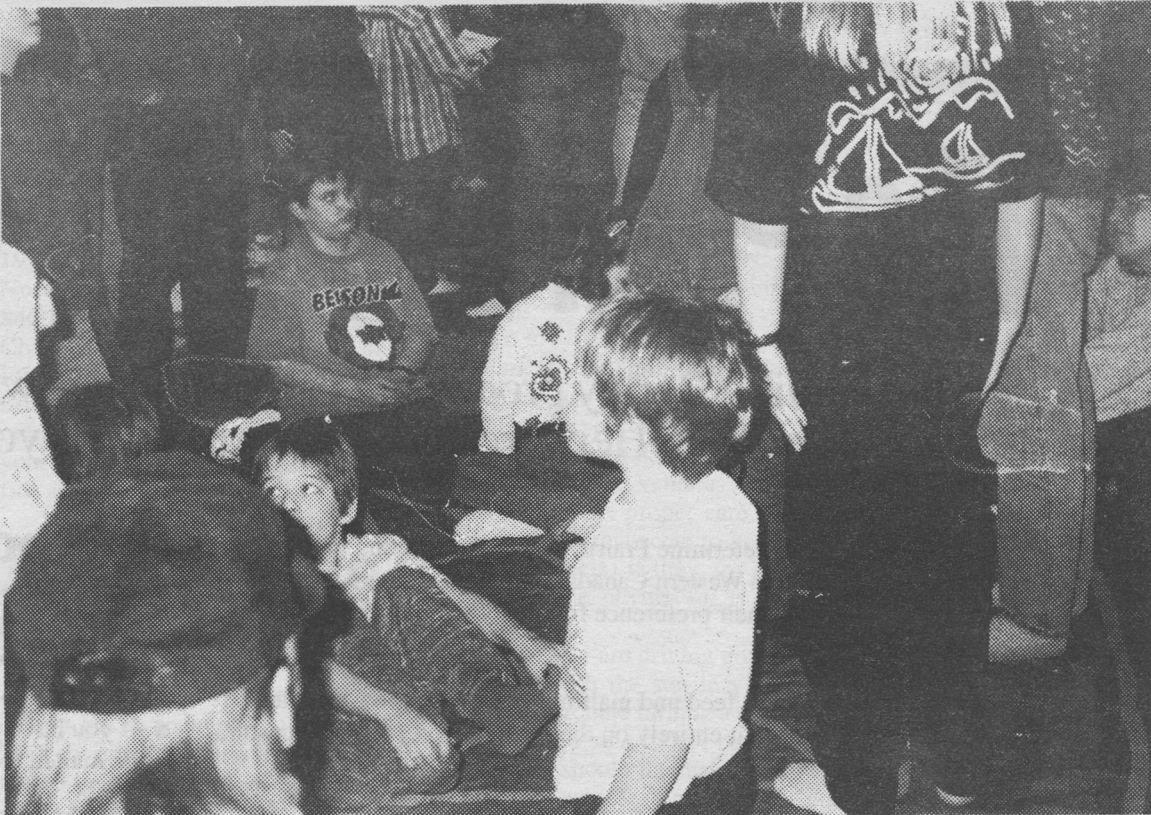
By Old Year, Hello New Year. A felt story My 3 Wishes was told and a fingerplay "The Little Old Ladies Brand New Babies" was told.

The children made Chinese Lanterns and watched the video "Berenstain Bears Messy Room".

## New Books at Library

Lost Voices women, chronic pain and abuse by Dr. Nellie A. Radomsky; Battered Women as Survivors by E.W. Gondolf and E.R. Fischer; Morgentaler: Biography by C. Dunphy; Road less traveled & Beyond by M. Peck; Ideas for Great Home Decorating; Kids are worth It! by Barbara Coloruso; His Holiness John Paul II & the Hidden History of our time; 1997 What Color is your Parachute?; Learn how to earn by Peter Lynch; Company's coming for Christmas Cookbook; Chilton's Auto Repair Manual 1993-1997; Chilton's Truck

and van repair Manual 1993-1997; Irish Lace by Andrew M. Greeley; Zeke and Ned by Larry McMurtry; Shakedown by Angus Reid; Marrying Mom by Goldsmith; Chrichton Novel by Michael Crichton; Silent Honor by Danielle Steel; Life with Billy by Brian Vallee; Life After Billy by Brian Vallee; Puerto Valarta Squeeze by Robert James Waller; The Canadian Revolution: from Deference to Defiance by Peter C. Newman; Hope by Len Deighton; Women who run with Wolves by Clarissa Pinkola Estes, Ph.d; Stone Song by Win Blevins.



Hearing about "The Three Wishes" a felt story told by Debbie at the Library's "Brand New Year".

## Library Corner

Dannion Brinkley Saved by the Light

I first heard about Dannion Brinkley on 'Sightings' about two years ago. Then last month the movie "Saved by the Light" was on television. The story starts off with a young man, with a lot of anger, who is killed by a bolt of lightning hitting him while he is on the telephone. Clinically dead for 28 minutes, while dead he experiences meeting thirteen angelic beings of light who show him future events and some of his less pleasant past events. Of the 115 events he was told about, 95 have since come to

pass. They tell him that the meaning of life is "Love". After undergoing years of therapy, he goes out to tell his story to those who want to hear. He also 'dies' again on the operating table, fourteen years after the first experience, and is again put in touch with the beings of light and again told the meaning of life. He was also told that he is to use his experiences to help those who are dying, since then he has devoted his life to helping others accept their coming deaths.

A very uplifting book and well worth reading.

## Library needs....

The Public Library is looking for craft supplies for their upcoming craft season with the Wednesday Club, Two-by-Two Storytime and Bounding into Books Storytime. They have need of empty paper towel rolls, buttons, empty thread spools, egg cartons, toilet paper rolls, scraps of material, plastic containers, etc.

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## TR This Week

Tuesday, Internet Session at the Library, Employment Opportunities 7 PM.

Tuesday, Introduction to German Northern Lights College.

Tuesday, No Me 'N You Playtime, Court instead.

Tuesday, Keyboarding classes start at Northern Lights College.

Tuesday, Bookkeeping Basics start at Northern Lights College.

Tuesday, Bookkeeping Intermediate starts at Northern Lights College.

Wednesday, Wednesday Club presents Those Amazing Animals, all ages, 3 PM at the Library.

Wednesday, and Feb. 5, Understanding Normal Nutrition at Northern Lights College.

Thursday, end of Semester One

for TRSS students.

Thursday, Internet Session for

Teens- Education, 7 PM at the Library.

Friday, Non-instructional day, no school.

Friday, Defensive Driving course Northern Lights College.

Friday, Sleepover at the Community Centre, 4:30 PM to 10 AM.

Friday, Travels to Warm Climes

with Anne LeBlanc, 7 PM at the Library.

Friday, Superhost program at Northern Lights College.

Saturday, Toy Day!!!, 1:30 to 3:30 at the Aquatic Centre.

Saturday and Feb. 15, Thai Cooking at Northern Lights College.

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but risks must be taken, because the greatest hazard in life is to risk nothing.  
They may avoid suffering and sorrow, but they cannot learn, feel, change, grow, love, live.  
chained by their attitudes, they are slaves;  
They have forfeited their freedom.  
Only a person who risks is free.  
Author unknown.

## Recipes to Remember

Sponsored by ShopEasy Foods  
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Coquille St. Jacques  
Catherine Theriault  
3/4 cup water  
1/4 cup white wine  
1/2 pound scallops  
1/2 pound shrimp  
3 tablespoons margarine or butter  
3 tablespoons flour  
small onion, minced  
1 egg yolk  
1 tablespoon lemon juice  
1/4 cup cream  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
grated mozzarella cheese  
parsley  
pinch cayenne pepper  
garlic powder

Cook scallops in wine and water for 10 minutes. Make roux using melted margarine in small saucepan and add flour until all the liquid is absorbed. Keep liquid that scallops have cooked in. Add roux it reserved liquid (this will thicken the liquid). In a cup, beat egg yolk, cream, lemon and mix. Add spices at this time to taste. Add egg mixture to sauce and return scallops to sauce. Put in shells and cover with cheese. Place in 400 degree oven until cheese melts and starts to turn golden brown. Yield: four small shells.

From: From Our Kitchen to Yours, District of Tumbler Ridge Chamber of Commerce and Friends Cookbook.

## Volunteer of the Week

Karyn Kaun is this week's Volunteer of the Week. She is involved with our Air Cadet Squadron. She is an integral part of the Marine Biology Groups fund-raising. She also is a Parent Advisory Council member for the High School. Karyn is also busy helping with the fund-raising for the Grade 8 class trip to Calgary.

Congratulations, Karyn Kaun.

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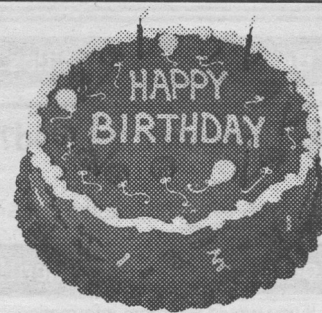
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## Tobacco Retailers penalized for selling to youths

Some B.C. retailers caught selling tobacco to underage youth are losing their right to sell tobacco. Since April 155 retailers have been convicted for violating the province's Tobacco Sales Act, and have paid fines. Fifteen of these retailers who have had more than 1 conviction, have had their authorization to sell tobacco suspended by the Ministry of

Finance and Corporate Relations for 3 months.

Health Minister Joy MacPhail released the names of the retailers at a news conference with the Heart and Stroke Foundation on January 20. MacPhail believes the penalties and the negative publicity will also motivate retailers to comply with the law.



To **Sylvia Rose**

on January 29th  
a wonderful mother  
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## PUBLIC HEARING

### MOTOR CARRIER REGULATORY REFORM

B.C.'s Motor Carrier Regulatory Reform Committee is conducting public hearings to gather input on reforming regulations in the motor carrier industry.

- MLAs: • Rick Kasper, Chair (Malahat-Juan de Fuca)  
• Erda Walsh (Kootenay)  
• Bill Barisoff (Okanagan Boundary)

will recommend changes to motor carrier regulations to the Minister of Transportation and Highways this spring. Transportation that carries passengers is not part of the review.

Reforming the regulatory framework is necessary to help B.C. prepare for new federal legislation which will deregulate inter-provincial trucking and freight hauling in 1998.

The committee will receive verbal or written submissions from anyone who may be impacted by motor carrier deregulation. Your views are invited on how to improve the regulatory system and protect the interests of communities, business and safety.

Date: Wednesday, January 29

Time: 2 - 4 p.m. and 7 - 9 p.m.

Place: Pioneer Inn  
9830 100 Avenue  
Fort St. John

Submissions may also be mailed, before March 7, to MLA Rick Kasper, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X4.

For further information, please call (250) 953-3068.



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TUMBLER RIDGE OBSERVER

## 8 Personals

## ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Meets the following evenings in Tumbler Ridge  
 Sunday 8:30 p.m. at the Community Centre.  
 Thursday 8:30 p.m. at the Community Centre.

For more information call  
 Alcoholics Anonymous  
**242-3961**

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## ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Meets the following  
 afternoon in Tumbler  
 Ridge at 1:30 p.m.,  
 Wednesdays in the  
 TR Counselling Office  
 Board Room.

## NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS (N.A.)

Meets every Thursday at  
 4 p.m. in TR Counselling  
 Board Room.

## 11 Announcements

## The Salvation Army

meets Sunday  
 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.  
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
 #107 Commercial Park  
 Tumbler Ridge, BC

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## 15 Services

## H.I.V. (AIDS)

Testing and counselling available at the  
 Peace River Health Unit in Tumbler  
 Ridge. Testing is free and confidential.  
 Call 242-4262 for more information or  
 for an appointment.

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## 15 Services

## WELCOME WAGON LTD.



Are you new in town?  
 Are you recently engaged?  
 Have you recently had a baby?  
 If you answered yes to any of these  
 questions, call 242-3204 and have  
 Evelyn of the Welcome Wagon  
**Welcome You!**

## 25 Business Opportunities

## Are you Unemployed?

- Collecting E.I.?
- Been on U.I. in the past three years?

## Consider Self Employment!

If you would like more information  
 about starting your own business, call  
 the Community Futures Development  
 Corporation of Peace Liard at

**(250) 785-6794 or (250) 782-8748**

\* Program sponsored by Human Resources Development Canada

## 36 Miscellaneous

## TUMBLER RIDGE ORNITHOLOGY GROUP

*We Help Injured Birds*

If you have any injured birds  
 please call Mark or Nathan at 242-  
 5766 for help.

## WE WELCOME ANY INFORMATION ON LOCAL BIRDS

If you have recorded a rare or  
 unusual bird sighting or know of  
 nest sites, please let us know; call  
 Charles at 242-3984.

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## 41 Cars &amp; Trucks

## FOR SALE

1989 Chrysler Dynasty  
 4 door, V6, front wheel drive  
 fully loaded, 130,000 km.  
 Excellent condition.  
 Must Sell. \$4,900 OBO  
**Call 242-4496**

## Community Calendar

Monday: 3:30 Men in Recovery of Battering, Support Group at the TR Alcohol & Drug Counselling Office.

Tuesday: 8 PM Therapy Group at TR Alcohol & Drug Counselling Office.

Tuesdays: Support Group for Women who are, or have been, in abusive relationships. Call Bonnie at 242-4215 for more information.

Tuesdays: TR Women's Friendship Circle meets every second Tuesday of the month at the Library at 7 PM.

Wednesday: 12 PM at the Salvation Army there are A.A. meetings for family members, relatives, friends, etc.

Wednesday: New Life Assembly, 275 Murray, Bible Study - Book of Hebrews.

The second Wednesday of the month, An Asthma Support Group, 7 PM in the Health Centre's Board Room.

Wednesday: Parents of Special Needs Children Support Group, January 8/97, 7:30 PM, TR Counselling Office Meeting Room.

Wednesday: AA meetings at 1:30 in the Board Room of the TR Counselling Office.

Thursday: Women's Support Group for adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse. Call Bonnie at 242-4215 for more information.

Thursday: N.A. Therapy Group at Alcohol & Drug Counselling Office 8 PM.

Thursday: The Narcotics Anonymous Group Meeting nights will now be every Thursday at 4 PM in the TR Counseling Office Meeting Room. These are closed meetings.

Sunday: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Sacrament meeting 10 AM to 1 PM, Community Centre Room 4 & 3 for Sacrament, 1, 3 & Library for other meetings, visitors welcome. Branch President: Wayne Merrick.

St. Pauls: (Presbyterian, Anglican, United and Lutheran) Church is back with their regular Sunday services at 10 AM in the Holy Cross Church, across the street from Northern Metallic. Everyone is welcome and they would love to see you there.

Baptist Church, now at 115 Commercial Park, Unit 1, Sunday School 9:45 AM and Worship Service at 11 AM.

Sunday: New Life Assembly (Pentecostal Assembly of Canada) 275 Murray. Sunday School 9:30 AM, Worship Services 11 AM and 7 PM.

For more information contact Pastor John Cuyler at 242-3421.

Alcohol & Drug Outpatient Counselling Services Tumbler Ridge outpatient counselling provides: assessment, evaluation (and treatment) for the chemically addicted and co-dependent. Counselling and support is available for the family, co-workers, employers. We provide, prevention information and consultation for intervention. Our service is funded, supported, monitored and under review in adhering to the freedom of information's ACT by the BC MINISTRY OF HEALTH. CONFIDENTIALITY is kept PARAMOUNT AT ALL TIMES for the successful recovery of chemical dependency and co-dependency. If you have concerns regarding addictive substance misuse or know anyone who does, please call us at 242-5505 starting on September 30, 1996. The following activities will start: Therapy Group, Tues. at 8:00 PM. Thursday 4 PM, N.A., Monday 3:30 PM Men in Recovery of Battering, Support Group.

First Monday of each month, Arts Council meeting 8 PM in room 3 of the Community Centre. Everyone welcome!

## More Funding for Anti-Smoking Programs

The B.C. and Yukon Division of the Canadian Cancer Society has received funding from the Ministry of Health to support anti-smoking programs.

The Society will be funding: Expand its Fresh Start smoking cessation program, which has been highly successful and is in considerable demand throughout the province. Develop smoking cessation counseling techniques for use by health professionals such as den-

tists, dental hygienists, nutritionists and public health nurses - an expansion of programs already in use by physicians. Help women not to smoke, through prevention and cessation programs targeted at women in the workplace, women with low incomes, and pregnant women or women who have recently given birth. Co-ordinate and implement smoking cessation programs in schools across the province for teens who want to stop smoking.

## Council holds parents liable for child

The B.C. Human Rights Council has awarded a live-in nanny who was sexually harassed by a 13 year old boy its highest ever compensation award for injury to dignity, feelings and self-respect.

Leonida Guzman, a Filipina woman who came to Canada from Singapore in 1991 as a domestic worker, will receive \$6,500 plus \$1,053.62 for lost wages. She was employed as a live-in nanny from Feb. 1992 to June 1993 by a couple with two sons. The 13 year old son sexually harassed her aggressively and repeatedly for 3 months.

Human Rights Council member Kenneth Attafush found that the boy's conduct "detrimentally affected the complainant's work environment and offended her dignity as a woman." He also found the parents liable for their sons' behaviour. When Ms. Guzman complained to the parents, the mother

laughed and minimized her son's behaviour. Although the father scolded the boy and ordered him to apologize to Ms. Guzman, Attafush ruled that the parents should have sought sexual and family counselling for their son. Attafush said the parents did not meet their legal duty to provide the complainant with a work environment free from harassment when they traveled outside of the country, leaving the complainant with sole custody of their children, despite their knowledge of their son's behaviour.

The level of the award serves to compensate for the high degree of aggression and deep emotional distress and humiliation suffered by the complainant. Her employment as a domestic worker and the inadequacy of the parents' response significantly increased her vulnerability.

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**SLOW DOWN AND JUST RELAX.**

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## Kids Fun

Jon asks: Garfield, do you think I could find happiness with a man like me? Garfield says: Maybe if he isn't too much like you.

Garfield says: I'm really a very domestic cat. I like to putter around the house and fix things around the house. I like big fat sandwiches.

Garfield's Definition: Ignorance is when you don't know something and someone finds out.

Why is Garfield called a sound sleeper? Because he snores!

Paint a Cookie: You'll need: (for paint) 1 egg yolk, 1/4 teaspoon water, food colouring (assorted

colours), small bowls or cups (1 for each colour), small clean paintbrushes, Use sugar cookies. To make paint: Blend egg yolk and water. Divide mixture among the cups. Add a different food colouring to each cup and mix well. If egg yolk paint thickens on standing, add a few drops of water. Paint, baked and cooled, sugar cookies and let dry when finished.

From: More Prime Time Activities Together with Kids by Donna Erickson and Discovery Press.

Jokes from: Garfield Big Fat Book of Jokes and Riddles.

## T.R. Counselling Office

Alcoholism, as opposed to merely excessive or irresponsible drinking, has been variously thought of as a symptom of psychological or social stress or as a learned, maladaptive coping behavior. More recently, and probably more accurately, it has come to be viewed as a complex disease entity in its own right. Alcoholism usually develops over a period of years. Early and subtle symptoms include placing excessive importance on the availability of alcohol. Ensuring this availability strongly influences the person's choice of associates or activities. Alcohol comes to be used more as a

mood-changing drug than as a food-stuff or beverage served as a part of social custom or religious ritual.

Initially, the alcoholic may demonstrate a high tolerance to alcohol, consuming more and showing less adverse effects than others. Subsequently, however, the person binges to drink against his or her own best interests, as alcohol comes to assume more importance than personal relationships, work, reputation, or even physical health. The person commonly loses control over drinking and is increasingly unable to predict how much alcohol will be consumed on a given occasion or, if the person is currently abstaining, when the drinking will resume again. Physical addiction to the drug may occur, sometimes eventually leading to drinking around the clock to avoid withdrawal symptoms.

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## Pet of the Week

Sponsored by The Gallery in Dawson Creek

"We Put Smiles on Pets and Peoples Faces"

Earl is a black male poodle terrier cross, with a white splotch on his chest and one paw. He likes to eat anything soft. He sleeps on his owners bed. His favourite toy is a soft toy. He rolls over, sits, and roars. Earl really likes to play with kids.

Earl will receive a \$10.00 gift certificate from The Gallery in Dawson Creek.



Making Chinese Lanterns at the Library's "Brand New Year".

## From Council

Our Volunteer Fire Department was busy with four calls last month. December 1 to Boundary Road a motor vehicle accident. December 17 to Gwillim Crescent a Medical Assist. and December 27 two calls to 340 Northgate.

In 1996 they had 44 calls with a total since inception of 1183 calls.

The Animal Control Office has been busy with 8 dogs impounded in December, and 5 warning tickets handed out. For 1996 there were 71 animals impounded, 523 licences issued, 5 dogs destroyed, 4 dogs adopted and 12 tickets issued.

There were 67 parking tickets issued in 1996 and 36 warning tickets issued. December saw 1 parking ticket and 0 warning tickets.

## Internet session for Parents

School District #59 will be hosting an Internet Information Session for Parents by Dave Nybakken. The agenda includes the District 59 draft internet policy, internet usage in the schools and a video. A question

and answer period is also planned. The meeting will take place at 7 PM on Tuesday, January 28 at TRSS Library. All parents are welcome. For more information contact Maryanne at 242-5281.



## PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT NOTICE OF MEETING

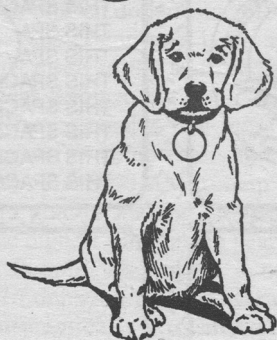
The next regular meeting of the Regional Board of the Peace River Regional District will take place on Thursday, January 30th, 1997 in the Cottonwood Room of the Chetwynd & District Recreation Centre, 4552 North Access, Chetwynd, B.C. commencing at 1:00 p.m.

Regional Board Meetings are public, and members of the public are invited to attend.

Joe Judge  
Chairman

Moray Stewart  
Administrator

## TR DISTRICT OF TUMBLER RIDGE



## 1997 Dog Tags

**1997 Dog Tags can be  
picked up at Town Hall**

**Monday - Friday**

**8:00 am - 12:00 pm &**

**1:00 pm - 4:30 pm**

## TR DISTRICT OF TUMBLER RIDGE PUBLIC NOTICE

### DISTRICT OF TUMBLER RIDGE RECREATION, PARKS AND CULTURE COMMISSION

Two Council-appointed positions are vacant on the Recreation, Parks and Culture Commission, for the two year term beginning January 1, 1997 and expiring on December 31, 1998.

Interested individuals who wish to be considered for appointment to the commission should apply by 4:00 pm on the 30th day of January, 1997 to:

Mayor and Council  
District of Tumbler Ridge  
c/o Norma Everett, Clerk  
305 Founders Street  
Box 100  
Tumbler Ridge, BC  
V0C 2W0



On January 16, a number of community professionals and concerned parents met at the high school gym to hear Brent Newman, a Dawson Creek Alcohol and Drug counsellor discuss the Drug and Alcohol Survey Report. This survey, presented in May, 1996, was sponsored by the Dawson Creek Alcohol Awareness Committee and School District 59. School Trustee, Shannon MacKay, organized the Tumbler Ridge meeting, hoping to raise community awareness of the disturbing results of this survey regarding the substance abuse by our young people.

After the presentation of the survey, a panel of concerned citizens presented their reflections and comments. These included:

Clarence Longmore, Alcohol and Drug Counsellor -- community members need to work together; 80% success rate with people coming in, however, few people coming

in because of community attitudes and stigma attached to seeking help.

Mason Dodds, RCMP -- it is a community problem; kids have too much idle time and too much money.

Margaret Shelley, parent -- kids need to know consequences and need more consequences; kids who do not do drugs and alcohol are not accepted by 'status quo'; what are the responsibilities of RCMP, health providers, etc.?

Amanda Way, student -- adults are buying drugs and alcohol for kids; kids who don't use do have many friends; lots of problems but it is not everyone.

Gertie Brezezinski, Mental Health counsellor -- serious issues but something can be done; no cure but we can help some.

Sharon McLean, Ministry of Children and Families -- help and support those who need help and change their attitudes and beliefs.

Al Johnson, Principal, T.R.S.S. --

community assumes high school has the ability to solve all problems and discipline everything; need prevention, not harsh punishment.

Dennis Miller, Assessment & Referral -- youth are a reflection of the community they grow up with; prevention is needed, not mopping up; age group for experimenting is getting increasingly lower.

Dr. Brian Morgan, T.R. Physician -- 'silent suffering' in T.R.; all family members affected; make systems more available; responsible use be taught rather than promoting abstinence

James Corkan, Town Councillor -- students have been asked what they want (re. Youth Centre, Community Centre) and they don't answer; drugs and alcohol coming through the parents for the kids; parents abuse drugs and alcohol -- their kids abuse drugs and alcohol.

The next morning a follow-up meeting continued the discussion and planned strategies. Parents Di-

ane MacEachern and Margaret Shelley spoke about needs: \* Parents need information on recognition of signs of use; \* Parents need strategies for educating their children; \* More organized activities for children and teens; \* Drug and alcohol counselling specifically for adolescents (street worker or school-based prevention worker); \*Communication among parents.

Continuing discussion brought up other points: \* Kids aren't 'experimenting' - they are using drugs and alcohol- let's call it what it is; \* Stop blaming the community - accept responsibility; \* How do kids see the results of the survey?; \* Need to turn 'so what' attitudes around, such as what has happened with drinking and driving; \* Parents need to feel supported by the community so they can report pushers and users to RCMP; \* Increase fear of being caught by friends, parents, police; \* Increase parent/ child communication; \* Encourage responsible role

modeling; \* Build on community successes (CounterAttack, Youth Centre, Youth Council); \* Lots of help available but parents and youth have to be willing and committed to working at changing the situation; Information available from many sources - free and confidential; Peer pressure works on parents to discourage condoning or providing alcohol and drugs.

Those presnet agreed to continue to work together on strategies. The group -- now known as CAAD Community Against Alcohol and Drugs -- will continue to meet and work together on the serious concern of alcohol and drug abuse in Tumbler Ridge. Parents and youth are vital to the success of CAAD. Please contact the Counselling Services (242-5505), Assessment & Referral (242-4607) or Family Support (242-4215) with ideas, concerns and information and attend the next CAAD meeting on February 24.

February 3, and 5, Family Computing at Northern Lights College.  
February 3, Harassment in the Workplace Northern Lights College.  
February 4, Internet Session, Family 7 PM at the Library.  
February 4, Taoist Tai Chi classes start, contact Northern Lights College.  
February 4, Regular meeting of Town Council 7 PM in Town Hall, everyone welcome.  
February 7, Chinese New Year, welcome in the Year of the Ox!  
February 7, Dream Catchers Northern Lights College.  
February 7, BINGO at the Community Centre.  
February 8, Chocolates for My Valentine at Northern Lights College.  
February 8, Tumbler Ridge Loppet, a 7 k fun race, 20 k racing distance, 1 k kids fun race, contact Birgit Sharma 242-4860. Starts at 11 AM at the Golf Course. 1.25 for Rabbits and 20 kms for racing adults.  
February 10, TREAT meeting at 7:30 PM in the school staff room, everyone welcome.  
February 12, Wednesday Club presents Cupid's Arrows, all ages, 3 PM in the Library.  
February 12, 7:00 Am at the TR Inn Lounge Chamber of Commerce Meeting. All members welcome.  
February 13, Teen's Internet Session, Teen News 7 PM in the Library.  
February 14, report cards issued for TRSS students.  
February 14, Introduction to the Internet at Northern Lights College.  
February 14, TR ICEMEN vs. Dawson Creek 8 PM at the Arena.  
February 15, TR ICEMEN vs. Grande Prairie 8 PM at the Arena.  
February 18, Photography workshop for Teens, Limited Registration so sign up early, 3:30 PM in the Library.  
February 18, Regular Tumbler Ridge Council meeting in Town Hall at 7 PM.  
February 20, Teen's Internet Session, Teen's Choice, 7 PM in Library.  
February 21, BINGO at the Community Centre by TRMYFA.  
February 21-23, Mens and Ladies Open Bonspiel.  
February 21, TR ICEMEN vs. Sexsmith 8 PM at the Arena.  
February 22, Shareware and Children Northern Lights College.  
February 22-23, Annual outing to Gwillim Lake for the Wolverine Nordic and Mountain Society. Ski the trails to Gwillim, spend the night at the Educational Camp, and learn to ice-climb!  
February 23, TR ICEMEN vs. Slave Lake 3:15 PM at the Arena.  
February 24, Homebased Business Links Internet Session at the Library 7 PM.  
February 26, Wednesday Club presents Simply Science, 3 PM in the Library.  
February 27, interim report cards out for Term 3 for TRSS students.  
February 28, Sleepover at the Community Centre, 4:30 PM to 10 AM.  
March 3, and 5, Children and the Internet Northern Lights College.

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