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Job Search Board

The survey regarding employment opportunities in Tumbler Ridge identified a need for current job listings to be posted in a specific place within our community. Those who discussed the results of the survey at the November Community Crossroads Meeting suggested that the job listings be posted at the Chamber of Commerce building which is the location of the Human Resources Development "Job Information Centre" and automated job bank.

Local employment counsellor, Donna Dockendorff of Employment Plus, volunteered to put up the postings. Since December, Donna has updated the listings daily. The job listings include any local listings that are available and also employ-

ment opportunities in BC and Alberta. In addition, Donna has compiled a binder which is a broad range list of oil and gas, mining and pulp and paper companies in BC and Alberta.

Updating the job board on a daily basis is quite a commitment and finding people who are willing to help with the task has been difficult. If you can volunteer 3 hours of your time one or two days a week, call Donna Dockendorff, of Employment Plus, at 242-4025. This is a great way to help your community and to find out where the jobs are.

The automated job bank is available to the public from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday to Friday and is closed from 12:00 - 1:00 PM daily.

In Just Six Days, Snowarama Riders will make a Difference in the Lives of B.C.'s Children with Disabilities

Snowarama '97 is on the horizon. In just a few days, snowmobile riders from will take their machines on local trails and hills to raise money for B.C.'s children with disabilities. It is a ride of adventure and compassion that has raised more than two million dollars since 1978.

"The countdown is on and we're that close to the starting line," said local Snowarama chair Ron Ford. "But we need a few more pledges and a few more riders to come out Feb. 8 at 9:00 AM to help us reach our goal of making Snowarama '97 the highest fundraising year yet."

People who make a minimum \$10 donation to a Snowarama rider automatically are entered into a draw to win a trip for two to Reno, Nevada. Every \$10 donation will be entered before the draw is made in April, 1997. Riders who choose to gather pledges and participate can win valuable prizes from Arctic Cat, Polaris, Ski-Doo and Yamaha.

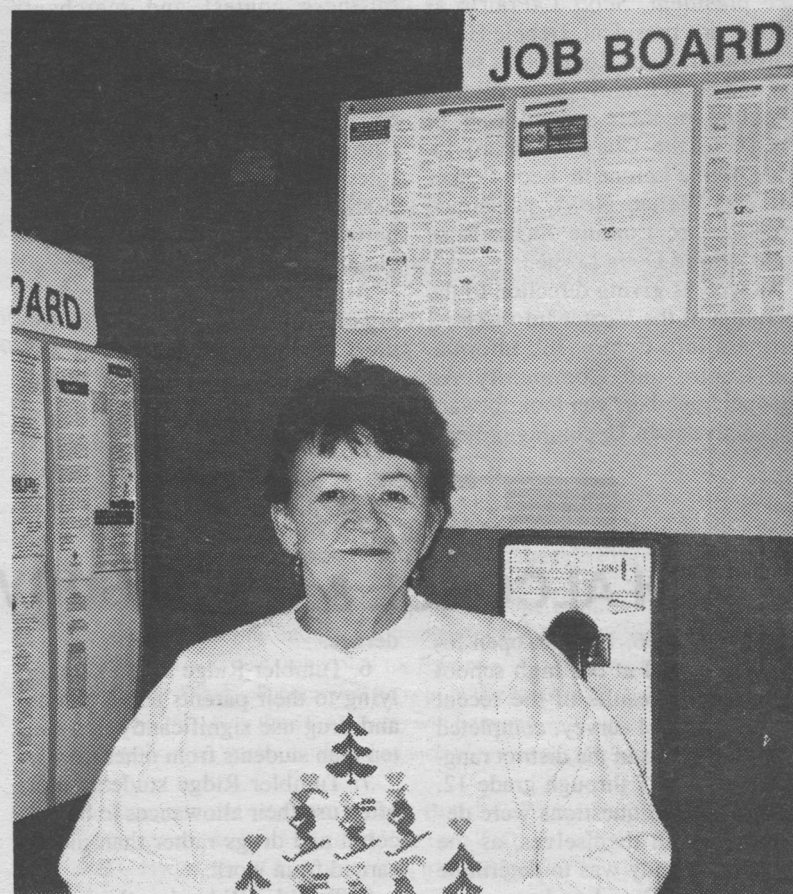
Of course, the real winners are B.C.'s children with disabilities. All money collected during Snowarama will help fund several Lions Society

of B.C. programs to help give children abilities. Snowarama raised slightly more than \$150,000 in 1996. The biggest fundraising focus for riders are the Easter Seal Houses in Vancouver and Prince George, where more than 9,000 children and families stay each year to receive treatment, diagnosis and extended care at nearby hospitals.

"Everyone should consider this a personal invitation to either bring their machines along and ride with us to raise funds, or to make a pledge and then come enjoy the day with us," said Ford.

"It doesn't matter if you belong to our local club or not - everyone is invited to take part in this exciting and fun event and to help raise money."

The 1997 T.R. RidgeRiders Snowarama begins at 9:00 AM on Feb. 8. For more information on how to join in or how to make a pledge, please contact Ron Ford at 242-3991, or call Jason Hewlett at the Lions Society of B.C. at (604) 873-1865.



Local private employment counsellor Donna Dockendorff of Employment Plus, volunteers a couple of hours each weekday to update the job listings at the Job Information Centre located at the Chamber of Commerce building. Out of work? Want to know where the jobs are? Call Donna at 242-4025 and volunteer your time to update the job listings.

Public From Council Works Committee

1. The District has received compliments regarding the snow blower. It was a great idea. A recommendation is going to Council for the release of \$5,000.00 for the purchase of the snow blower and the necessary modifications. Administration will develop an operating code for this unit.

2. Snowmobile Concern
Roy (Dell) and Fred (Banham) went to 180 Gwillim to investigate snowmobile complainants. They noticed one (1) track of a snowmobile and a main walk path for animals. Mrs. LeBlanc's concern has been duly noted. The Public Works Committee does recommend placing signs in strategic areas that will

direct snowmobiler's to the various locations in town from the bush sides of the access trails.

3. Spring Clean-up
During the winter, there were areas in town that the lawns were torn up. Public Works Committee recommends that the District replace dirt and seeds but any sand removal from the lawns will be the responsibility of the occupant.

4. Transfer Site Hours
The Public Works Committee is reviewing the hours of operation at the Transfer Site and would like to see the hours stay as is except for the three week period around Pitch In Week.

The Chamber of Commerce looks forward to an active year

The 1997 executive for the District of Tumbler Ridge Chamber of Commerce were sworn in by Acting Mayor Anne White at the Installation of Officers which was held at the regular monthly Chamber meeting.

Bill Hendley will serve as president, Al Kopeck will serve as first vice president, Scott LaPrairie as second vice president, Debbie Haley as treasurer, Gord Rothwell as secretary and Scott Linley, past president. Directors in their second year of service to the Chamber board include Bernie Lehmann, Leon Pepper and Wes Walter. Newly-acclaimed directors are Loraine Funk, Rose Colledge and Doug Leslie.

As well as giving direction to the operation of the Visitor Info Centre, Business Info Centre, Job Information Centre and Community Ad Channel, members can look forward to an active year. Upcoming projects

include producing a "new" business directory, developing entrepreneurial opportunities at the caboose and the creation of a new handout illustrating the local trail system. During spring and summer the Chamber will be coordinating the annual golf tournament, Grizzly Valley Days parade, best dressed business contest and merchants marketplace. Fall and winter projects include selecting a new local Christmas card, organizing the Christmas Fantasy Auction and Christmas Lights Contest. Merchant sales, the quarterly newsletter, SuperHost program, educational and networking opportunities are also planned throughout the year.

All businesses and community organizations are welcome to join the Chamber. If your business or group would like to "get on board" call the office at 242-4702.



YOUTH ALCOHOL & DRUG SURVEY RESULTS ALARMING!

On January 16, 1997 an open forum was hosted at our high school to review the results of the recent drug and alcohol survey, completed by 1721 students in the district ranging from grade 7 through grade 12. The majority of questions were devised by youth themselves, as the point of the study was to determine what youth believed and saw with regards to alcohol and drug use in their community. In Tumbler Ridge, grade 7 students were not surveyed. The 243 responses submitted by our students represents approximately 67% of the estimated school population at that time (Feb./96).

Specific results from Tumbler Ridge sees students identifying the following points:

1. Tumbler Ridge has the highest percentage of students who say they have ever used both alcohol and drugs.
2. Tumbler Ridge has the highest percentage of students who say they attend bush parties often or very often.
3. Tumbler Ridge also has the highest percentage of students who say they do not consider bush parties safe places to party.
4. Tumbler Ridge has the highest percentage of students who say that their parents do not know they attend house or bush parties.
5. Tumbler Ridge has the highest percentage of students saying they used fake I.D. to get into bars un-

derage.

6. Tumbler Ridge students report lying to their parents about alcohol and drug use significantly more often than students from other towns.

7. Tumbler Ridge students most often use their allowances to buy alcohol and drugs rather than money earned from work.

8. Tumbler Ridge has the highest percentage of students who think there is an alcohol and drug problem among teens in their community (72%).

The initial public forum on Jan. 16th to discuss the survey results saw in attendance the following panel members: Drug and Alcohol Counsellor Clarence Longmore, three representatives from the Family Support Society, Sergeant Dodds and Constable Prosser from the RCMP, Dr. Brian Morgan representing the physicians in town. Ministry of Children and Families representatives Sharon McLean, town Councillor Jim Corkan, parent representative Margaret Shelley, student representative Amanda Way, T.R. Secondary School principal Al Johnson, a number of other school representatives, Dennis Miller, EFAP, and Gertie Brzezinski, Mental Health. Shannon McKay, who organized the public forum, reports that approximately 30 community members also were in attendance.

General parent and professional responses to the survey results

Editorial

by Kathy Cope

Slow down! I can't get out of you way! That was my comment to a driver coming up the hill on Northgate the other day. Of course, he couldn't hear me, as we worth both in different vehicles and it is winter-time. But, I was stuck at the corner waiting for someone to come out of the parking lot at the Community Centre and he was coming up the hill and in a very big hurry.

After the accident Monday morning on Willow, where a young girl was hit by a vehicle (and the vehicle must have been going very slowly, as the child was not seriously injured). I thought that this might be a good time to remind everyone to drive slower. And be aware of those walking, something I have been doing a little more of lately. A lot of driver seem to barrel along, without paying any attention to those trying to cross the street. Especially when it is so called out, you should be even more aware of those shivering in the cold, trying to cross the street (and by the way they do have the right-of-way, you are supposed to let them cross). Something I noticed that seems to

be lacking at the School Zones.

This winter we have had a lot of snow. Most people will acknowledge that fact. Although it is not by any means an inordinate amount, nor was last year (despite comments to the contrary), we actually haven't hit a peak any higher than 1990 (365.3 mm). But, what we have not had, and have had in every year that I can remember, is a chinook to take some (if not most) of the snow away. So that every flake of snow that has fallen this winter is still sitting there on the ground. Making it hazardous to drive, slick when the weather and vehicles warm up the road surface enough and then it freezes again. Hard to see over the piles at the end of your driveway, or the school grounds, etc.

Please take it easy, give yourself and everyone else more time, slow down and watch for the slick roads, sidewalks, etc. Especially let the children have more time when they are cross the streets, going to school (they do slip and fall, or tend to play on their way). Slow down! And as the old saying goes, 'we can have the pleasure of talking to you, instead of about you!'

of a preventative and corrective action plan.

Watch for follow up articles on parent response and questions coming from our initial forum on January 16th.

1996 Great Year for Oil and Gas

Licensing and drilling of oil and natural gas wells in B.C. during 1996 surpassed 1995 activity, recording the second busiest year in the province's history, said Employment and Investment Minister Dan Miller.

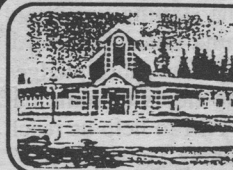
The 593 wells licensed for future drilling and the 454 wells drilled during 1996 is second only to 1994, the most active year for the oil and

gas industry.

Bonus revenues from oil and natural gas rights disposition for 1996 totaled \$128 million for 564,624 hectares. The average price per hectare was \$227.

the production sector also generates about \$275 million per year in royalty and tenure revenues, and millions more in provincial taxes.

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Mr. McKee's class learns the Internet

TRE grade 7 teacher Mr. McKee has his students learning how to find their way around the Internet, with the assistance of the Public Library. Students are grouped in threes and given the chance to choose a topic of current events. Narrowing, and agreeing, on two topics to do their research on the students go to the Public Library on Thursday mornings to do their research, with some assistance from

the Librarians.

There they learn how to streamline their research to their topic and to print up the finished info. Which they will later share with the rest of the class.

Last Thursday students were researching: Cosby's son's murder; new cars; Coyote trashes ladies car (from Saskatchewan) and new look of cars and trucks.

New Books at Library

1997 Shooter's Bible; All I know about Animal Behaviour I learned in Loehmann's by Erma Bombeck; National Audubon guide to mushrooms by Gary H. Lincoff; Barbara Frum a daughter's memoir by Linda Frum; Chicken Soup for the soul at work by James Canfield; Complete dog book for Kids; Family Secrets by John Bradshaw; Fodor's 1997 Walt Disney World; Fodor's Cuba; Hunter's Tip Book; Machinery's Handbook 25th Edition; More Windows 95 for Dummies by Andy Rathbone; People of the Silence by W. Michael Gear & Kathleen O'Neal Gear; Road Atlas 1996; Tarnished Gold by V.C. Andrews; Favourite Christmas Stories from Fireside AI by Alan Maitland; The Easy-care Gardening Expert by Dr. D.G. Hessayan; Gordon Pape's 1997 Buyers Guide to RRSPs; Gordon Pape's 1997 Buyers Guide to Mutual Funds; What to Expect when you're Expecting by Arlene Eisenberg; SSN Strategies of

Submarine Warfare by Tom Clancy; Berenstain Bears are a Family by Stan and Jan Berenstain; Berenstain Bears Cook-it by Stan & Jan Berenstain; Berenstain Bears Draw-it by Stan & Jan Berenstain; Budgie goes to Sea by Sarah Duchess of York; Budgie at Bendick's Point by Sarah Duchess of York; Clifford at the Circus by Norman Bridwell; Clifford's Sports Day by Norman Bridwell; Jingle Babies; Just me in the Tub by Mercer Mayer; What a Bad Dream by Mercer Mayer; Story of Santa Claus by Tim Paulson; Richard Scarry's Best Word Book Ever by Richard Scarry; My Very First Mother Goose; Merry Christmas Laura; Winnie the Pooh Christmas by A.A. Milne; World of Little House by Carolyn Collins; Six Snowy Sheep by Judith Ross Enderle; Norman's Snowball by Hazel Hutchins; Magic School Bus Inside a Hurricane by Joanna Cole; Arthur's Chicken Pox by Marc Brown.

New Board for Library

On Monday, January 20, 1997 the Tumbler Ridge Public Library held their Annual General Meeting. A new board was elected for the Library at this time. The new board consists of:

Chairperson - Sue MacPhail; Co-Chair - Norma McIntosh; Secretary - Janet Hartford; Treasurer - Maureen Howard; and other Board Members are: Jean Dall, Janice Lee, Loraine Pisoni, Suzanne Hamilton and Council Liaison - Grant Baron.

Library Birthday Child

The Library's January Birthday Child was Zachary Fargas. The sponsors for the Library's Birthday Child are: The District of Tumbler Ridge, Cameron's Restaurant, The Royal Bank, Balloon Boutique, Peoples Drug Mart, Bullmoose Operating Corporation, Quintette Operating Corporation, Classic Pizza, ShopEasy Foods, Kaydee Contrustion and Tags Food & Gas.



Chris, Dustin and Jania three of Mr. McKee's grade 7 students from TRE who are learning how to use the Internet at the Public Library.

Library Corner

Tim Allen I'm Not Really Here
Expecting to spend a quiet weekend with the wife and daughter away on a camping trip, Tim Allen is planning on watching tv and working on his hot rod. But, as the saying goes "the best laid plans" After dropping off the women in his life, he almost has an accident while avoiding a threatening homeless man. This leads him to contemplate everything from quantum physics to tao. While searching around his house for his missing hood ornament.

Just what you'd expect from stand-up comedian Tim Allen. And then some. A perfect sequel to "Don't stand next to a Naked Man".

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING — CANCELLATION

Application for Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for Unit No. 4 at Seven Mile Hydroelectric Project

At the request of B.C.Hydro, the British Columbia Utilities Commission Hearing into the Application for B.C.Hydro's Seven Mile Hydroelectric Project (scheduled for February 10, 1997) has been adjourned. The Application will be held in abeyance until December 31, 1997, by which time B.C.Hydro will be required to either cancel the Application, seek a further abeyance or reactivate the Application.

For more information please contact: British Columbia Utilities Commission, Mr. R.J. Pellatt at (604) 660-4700; or B.C.Hydro, Ms. K.L. Rix at (604) 623-3692.

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Council Notes

The regular meeting of Tumbler Ridge and District Council was held at 7 PM on January 21, 1997 with Councillor White as Acting Mayor. The meeting was called to order and the minutes of the last regular meeting, of January 7, were accepted. Business arising from the minutes: Snowmobile concern on Gwillim Crescent and the method of snow removal, report of Public Works Committee.

Petitions and Delegations:

Lorraine Funk, President, Tumbler Ridge Ladies Auxiliary to the Health Centre concerning a waiver of fees request. Request rooms 4 & 5 for a Spring Mother's Day Market. Council will get back to Ladies Auxiliary with their decision.

Cyndy Lorincz, Director of Community Relations, Northern Lights college, Dawson Creek concerning program and service changes as well as new projects they are undertaking, with.

Correspondence for Discussion:

Fred Jarvis, Chairman, Recreation Committee of the Board, Peace River Regional District requesting Council's appointment to the "Peace River Advisory Regional Recreation Commission". Director of Community Services will be our representative.

Kelly Russell, Acting Mayor, Village of Tahsis, requesting Council's support on the issue of Forest Renewal British Columbia (FRBC) funds being directed to upgrading and maintaining the major road infrastructure serving forest based communities. Council decided not to support.

The Marine Biology Students, Tumbler Ridge Secondary School requesting a donation to help them with their trip to the Gulf Islands. Council has asked them to make a presentation.

Correspondence for information was accepted as presented.

Staff Reports:

Administration Department, Administrator's report.

Finance Department, Accounts Payable for December, 1996 - \$777,259.45, December Finance Report.

Fire Department - monthly report for December 1996.

Bylaw Enforcement - Animal Control & Parking Violations monthly report for December 1996.

Public Works Department - Monthly report, Building and Plumbing Permits and Pump Production Reports for December 1996.

Community Services Department monthly report for December 1996.

Economic Development Reports for November and December 1996.

Bylaws:

Bylaw No. 378, A Bylaw to Allow for Council Remuneration and Expenses, final reading.

Councillors' Business:

Councillor Dall: Attended school for newly elected officers in Fort St. John last Monday, very interesting. Alliance Pipeline meeting in Fort

St. John last Thursday, proposed 3,000 km from northeast BC to Chicago.

Councillor Lee: Attended Chamber of Commerce, 1 or 2 problems for further discussion.

Councillor Grover: Attended Strata Council meeting on the 10th. 17th budget meeting. Newly elected officers course, lots of new concepts, very helpful.

Councillor Corkan: Letter from Jack Weisgerber, only town not asked to visit. (decided to invite.) Attended number of meetings, also thank garbage collector (Jim Woodruff) satisfied residents cleans up after ravens and dogs. Attended meeting with Fire department, RCMP, Public Works, 2 forums, CAAD (Community Against Alcohol and Drugs).

Councillor Baron: Apologize missed AGM for Library. Received many thank yous for snow removal.

Acting Mayor White: Chamber of Commerce inaugural meeting. Northwest Junior Hockey banquet

with Tiger Williams, autograph for Mayor Kealy.

New Business:

Employee of the Month Announcement - Roy Pinksen.

Recreation, Parks and Culture Commission, report of Clerk Brenda Banham has been appointed for a 2 year period. The other two appointments will be made at the next meeting.

Economic Development Office Association of B.C. Conference, report of Administrator. Sue Ken and Fred Banham will attend.

1996 Supplemental Assessments, report of Treasurer.

Statement of Council Remunerations & Expenses for 1996, report of Treasurer.

Purchase of Snowblower, report of Operations Manager, Council approved purchase.

Schedule of meetings.

Question and Answer Period. questions.

The meeting was adjourned 8:18 PM.

Northern Lights College makes presentation to Council

Cyndy Lorincz, and Margaret Jerke, from Northern Lights College made a presentation to Council on the changes that the College has in store for the future.

NAIT (Northern Alberta Institute of Technology) and NLC (in Dawson Creek) are looking at an agreement wherein NLC graduates of the cook training program will be able to transfer into 2nd year of the NAIT program. They are hoping that the agreement will be signed by this Spring. Another agreement recently signed is with Fairview College and GPRC (Grande Prairie Regional College) to share programs, facilities and faculty. Another program, AME, has received an endowment of \$11,000 from August Lehmann, two students per year with benefit from this endowment through bursaries.

SWAT - System Wide Advancement in Technology will be helping electronically to benefit students in the classroom.

Webpage - homepages connect students (and those interested in becoming students) www.nlc.bc.ca soon you will be able to file your application electronically.

The College also has something to gloat about. A study done of grads has found that out of 86 key

indicators NLC qualifies with more 1st, 2nds and thirds than any other institution in BC. Not saying that there isn't room for improvement, (but still they do have an enviable record.)

Margaret Jerke, Prior Learning Assessment, coordinator. She can help you get credit for all your work experience, volunteer work, certificate courses, etc. All experience that you have attained, could get you closer to that goal of receiving a College credential.

All colleges across BC are part of this program. This can shorten the time, and cost, of your education. The belief being that all learning is learned, no matter how you go about getting that learning.

Councillor Dall asked what day's Margaret Jerke will be in Tumbler Ridge. She replied that she schedule appointments flexible at the campus in TR. Weekends, evenings whatever is necessary. Or drop in when she is in town, her schedule will be posted. Everyone has skills that they have learned, whether formally, or less formally through volunteer work, teaching kids, etc. And these skills can be transferred to a formal record for your future education.

Tumbler Ridge Business Directory

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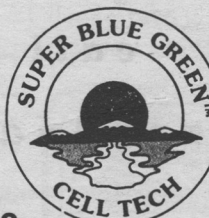
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Junior Hockey League Stats Book Review

January 26/ 1997 Vince Corno, Statistician

Team	GP	W	L	T	PTS
Slave Lake Wolves	21	17	4	0	34
Sexsmith Vipers	22	14	7	1	29
Fort St. John Huskies	21	14	7	0	28
Grande Prairie Wheelers	21	8	12	1	17
Dawson Creek Raiders	21	6	15	0	12
Tumbler Ridge Icemen	22	3	17	2	8

January 23/97	January 25/ 97	January 26/97
Grande Prairie 6	Slave Lake RS	Slave Lake 4
Dawson Creek 2	Dawson Creek RS	Sexsmith 3
	Tumbler Ridge RS	Grande Prairie 12
	Fort St. John RS	Tumbler Ridge 6

Kids Fun

Jon says: Garfield if you don't stop that yowling, you're going to drive me crazy! Garfield said: Too late, Jon! I stopped an hour ago!

Garfield says: Show me a cowboy who sings 'yippie-ki-ai-a' and I'll show you a dude who's forgotten the words!

What did Garfield say to the lol-pop? 'I can lick you any day!'

Personalize a Heart Cookie: You'll need: 1 batch of gingerbread cookie dough, 1 large sheet of paper, rolling pin, cookie sheet, paring knife, scissors, ready-to-pipe white icing in a tube or homemade or commercially prepared icing in a sandwich-sized plastic ziplock bag;inking straw (optional), 1 yard red ribbon. Prepare your favorite gingerbread cookie dough, according to the recipe, preheat oven. To make a template for the cookie, draw a large heart on the sheet of paper. Cut out the heart and set it aside. Roll out the cookie dough on a floured surface until it is about 1/4" thick. Place the template on top of

the dough and cut around it with a paring knife. Remove the template and the extra dough. Poke a hole with a straw or knife at the top of the cookie. Carefully transfer the cookie to the cookie sheet and bake according to recipe directions, allowing extra time for the added size of the cookie. When the cookie is completely cool, decorate it with the icing. If using icing in a sandwich bag, clip off 1/8" from one corner after spooning frosting inside. Write a name on the heart and decorate the borders by squeezing the icing out of the bag. When the frosting is completely dry, thread the ribbon through the hole. Make several cookies and enjoy surprising your neighbours, teacher or relatives, or friends with a personalized Valentine's Gift.

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

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

Karen Haber Bless the Beasts While on shore-leave Tom Paris and Harry Kim meet a very interesting young lady who invites them on a 'harvest'. Expecting to have a fun time with other young people they accept the invitation only to find themselves trapped on a desert island

after being boarded by a raiding party from another state. The Sardalians seem like very nice people but they are in the middle of a war over whether or not the darra are really sentient beings, and to stop their slaughter by the Vandorrans as this is the only easement that the Sardalians have for the dreaded 'Grey Plaque'. Now Voyager must help the Sardalians with their problem or lose two crew members.

Get fast results - Put it in the Classifieds

Have you received your Barley Voter's package?

February 18, 1997 is the deadline for additions to the voters' list.

Prairie barley producers are being asked to vote on their preference for marketing barley produced in Western Canada.

WHO RECEIVES A VOTER'S PACKAGE:

Voters' packages have been automatically mailed to: "actual producers" who

- have obtained a 1996/97 Canadian Wheat Board (CWB) Permit Book number as of January 1, 1997, and
- have grown barley at least once in the last five years (1992 to and including 1996).

HOW TO ADD YOUR NAME TO THE VOTERS' LIST

If you do not have a 1996/97 CWB Permit Book and want to add your name to the voters' list, you must obtain, complete and submit a legally binding affidavit verifying that you meet the eligibility criteria. The affidavit forms must be signed and witnessed by a Commissioner for Oaths (for example, most local grain elevator managers are Commissioners for Oaths) and returned to

KPMG, post-marked by February 18, 1997. Once this process is completed, a voter's package will be mailed to you.

HOW TO GET AN AFFIDAVIT

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

Signed affidavits may be returned by mail to:

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

OR by fax to KPMG: (204) 957-2323

Producers whose affidavit forms are received or post-marked after February 18, 1997 will not be added to the voters' list and will not be eligible to vote.

If you have not received your voter's package in the mail, or if you are unsure of your eligibility to vote, call toll-free 1-888-7BARLEY (1-888-722-7539)

KPMG, an independent management consulting firm, is administering the Prairie Barley Vote on behalf of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada.

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Pet of the Week



sponsored by The Gallery in Dawson Creek. We Put Smiles on Pets and Paws on Faces". Poncho is a black male cocker spaniel. He came to his family 8 years ago from the pound. Poncho sits on his master's bed at night and in the living room chair in the day. He loves to go for walks and

car rides. His favourite food is Kibbles 'N Bits and his favourite toy is a stuffed bear called "booboo bear". Poncho sits, rolls over and shakes a paw. His is a very loving family dog.

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

"PJS"

Date: 24 Jan 97
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TUMBLER RIDGE OBSERVER

7 In Memoriam

In Loving Memory
Karen Elaine Robillard
May 6, 1954 - February 3, 1995
Cherished Sister, Auntie, Friend

A rose once grew where all could see
Sheltered beside a garden wall.
And, as the days passed swiftly by,
it spread its branches, straight and tall...

One day, a beam of light shone
through
a crevice that had opened wide.
The rose bent gently toward its
warmth,
then passed beyond to the other side.

*Love, Michael, Claudia, Sara and
Connor Hunter*

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 TR Ladies Auxiliary to the Health Centre is

desperately seeking Susan..Mary
Jane..John..Elenor..for fun and
friendship..must have a sense of
humor, some free time, imagination
and initiative - looks unimportant. We
need your help, and **you** can make a
difference in your community.

If you would like to know more about
us please call Vicki at 242-3107, Kim
at 242-2370 or Loraine at 242-5543

11 Announcements

TRMHA General Meeting

The Tumbler Ridge Minor
Hockey Association is holding
a General Meeting on Monday,
February 3, at 8:30 p.m. in the
Royal Canadian Legion. All
members are invited to attend.

ATTENTION: Deficit Hyper
Activity Disorder Parents
Support Group. Wednesday,
February 5, 7:30 p.m. in the TR
Counselling Meeting Room. All
parents welcome.

The Salvation Army

meets Sunday
11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
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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**

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unusual bird sighting or know of
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Four TR Residents charged with Wildlife/ Hunting Violations

Four Tumbler Ridge residents
have been charged with violations
under the Wildlife Act and Criminal
Code.

Richard Strang has been charged
with killing a possessing a cow and
calf moose during the closed season.
Frank Gunther and Sharon Gunther
have both been charged with the
unlawful possession of two moose
as well. Jason Gunther has been
charged with unsafe storage of
firearms.

The charges stem from an inci-
dent on November 6, 1996 when
Richard Strang was checked by
Conservation Officers in Tumbler
Ridge, and found to be in posses-
sion of portions of the two moose.
A search was then conducted of a
Tumbler Ridge residence where
portions of two moose were also
found.

The Wildlife Act allows for a fine
of up to \$10,000.00 for a single of-
fence.

Community Calendar

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 at
the Health Centre's Board Room.

Wednesday: First one of the month, A.D.H.D. Parents Support Group at 7
PM, February 5, T.R. Counselling Meeting Room.

Wednesday: Second one of the month, Parents of Special Needs Child
Support Group meets at 7:30 PM in the T.R. Counselling Meeting Room.

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

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

Thursday: The Narcotics Anonymous Group Meeting nights will be held
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
with their regular Sunday services at 10 AM in the Holy Cross Church
across the street from Northern Metallic. Everyone is welcome and
would love to see you there.

Baptist Church, now at 115 Commercial Park, Unit 1, Sunday School
at 10 AM and Worship Service at 11 AM.

Sunday: New Life Assembly (Pentecostal Assembly of Canada) at 10 AM
Murray. Sunday School 9:30 AM, Worship Services 11 AM and Church
Council at 12 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) of
the chemically addicted and co-dependent. Counselling and support
available for the family, co-workers, employers. We provide, provide
information and consultation for intervention. Our service is fully
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 at all times. We have concerns regarding
addictive substance misuse or know anyone who does, please call us at
242-5505 starting on September 30, 1996.

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 at
Community Centre. Everyone welcome.

Chocolate Sale at Library

The Library is celebrating Valentine's Day with their Annual
Valentine Chocolate Bake Sale. The fun starts at 11 AM at the Library.
They are still looking for donations for their sale, all support is greatly
appreciated.

Spicy Chocolate Sticks: 4 eggs, 2 cups firmly packed brown sugar, 1
teaspoon ground cinnamon, 1/4 teaspoon each of ground allspice and
cloves, 4 ounces sweet cooking chocolate grated fine, 1 teaspoon
grated lemon rind, 3 cups all-purpose flour, 1 teaspoon baking powder, 1
cup finely chopped almonds, 1/4 cup

From: Woman's Day Encyclopedia of Cookery Vol.3

Volunteer of the Week

This week's Volunteer of the Week is Betty Longmore. Betty is a board member of the Library and the Family Support Society Board. She is a current member of the Women's Resource Group. She has been very busy with community surveys for the Chamber of Commerce. Teaching classes at the Northern Lights College. She has taught Dream Catcher workshops at the Library, Northern Lights College, as well as the Medicine Wheel.

Betty is a Native Historian and a naturalist. She is also a Women's Ref and Loss Counsellor, and helps with other women's needs and issues.

She is also a volunteer joke teller. The joke she passed on to me was: so one hospital, the nurses put all tags on patients to indicate the foods they are allergic too. One day, an irate visitor approached the nurse to demand 'Who had a put a banana BANANAS on my Mother.' Congratulations, Betty.

TR This Week

Monday, TR Minor Hockey General Meeting at 8:30 PM in the 171 Canadian Legion. All members are welcome.

Tuesday and Wednesday, Family Meeting at Northern Lights College.

Wednesday, Harassment in the workplace Northern Lights College.

Thursday, Internet Session, Family Meeting at the Library.

Friday, Taoist Tai Chi classes one contact Northern Lights College.

Saturday, Regular meeting of the Council 7 PM in Town Hall, one welcome.

Sunday, Chinese New Year, welcome in the Year of the Ox!

Monday, Dream Catchers Northern Lights College.

Tuesday, BINGO at the Community Centre.

Wednesday, Steak Night at the Royal Canadian Legion.

Thursday, Battle of the Sexes Dart Tournament at the Royal Canadian Legion.

Friday, Chocolates for My Valentine at Northern Lights College.

Saturday, Tumbler Ridge Loppet, 10k fun race, 20k racing distance, bookends fun race, contact Birgit (360-242-4860). Starts at 11 AM at the Golf Course. 1.25 for Rabbits 10kms for racing adults.

Employee of the Month

The Employee of the month of January, 1997 is Roy Pinksen. Roy was employed as a Community Centre Facility Operator and Maintenance worker for the District of Tumbler Ridge in August 1995. Roy's job responsibilities include installing and maintaining arena curling ice, balancing swimming pool water chemistry, janitorial duties and general facility maintenance throughout the Community Centre. Roy has acted in the role of lead hand for the maintenance department and has done a very good job. Roy was instrumental in the installation of the indoor play-

ground. Roy is an employee that you can count on when we encounter a maintenance problem. Roy is a valued member of our Community Centre operational team. He takes pride in his work and is a complement to our operation.

Roy is a valued member of the District Staff team. His commitment and dedication to the District is invaluable. Thank you for your commitment and dedication, Roy.

Roy was nominated for Employee of the month by Mayor Kealy and Administrator Fred Banham.



Roy Pinksen receiving his certificate and plaque from Acting Mayor Anne White. Roy is the January Employee of the Month.

Recipes to Remember

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Crab Dip
by Leslie Ford
2 cans crab meat (drained)
1 cup mayonnaise (real)
1 cup sour cream
1 small package Uncle Dan's Dry Salad dressing mix (either 'Original' or 'Southern')
1 tablespoon chopped celery (or bit of celery salt)
1 teaspoon onion soup mix
1 large round bread loaf
pinch salt
pinch pepper
Mix above ingredients, except bread, in a bowl to make the dip.

Take the round bread loaf (or a square one) and cut off the top 1/4 of the loaf. Tear up the top section of the loaf and put the pieces in another bowl. Tear out the insides of the loaf and break up the bread (put these pieces in the bowl with the top section pieces). This should give you a hollow loaf of bread and a separate bowl of bread pieces. Pour the dip ingredients into the hollow loaf. Cover and refrigerate the loaf for at least an hour. Use the bread pieces to dip into the loaf.

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

Pee Wee Hockey Tourney

Last weekend our Pee Wee Hockey Team, the Hooligans, welcomed players from Taylor, Hudson's Hope, two from Fort St. John (The Knights of Columbus & Inland Concrete), two from Dawson Creek (The Lions and The Elks) and the Chetwynd Hornets.

The play started on Saturday morning and ended on Sunday afternoon. The winner was: Hudson's Hope.

The Tumbler Ridge Hooligans: Elliott Besman, Luke Shelley, Casey Just, Chris Pittman, Chad Corno, Stewart LaPrairie, Suzie Jones, Dustin Forth, Troy Barker, Danny Ransome, Mark MacEachern, Thomas Lundrigan, Justin Pendleton, Eric Shelley, Brian Wong, Chad Schraeder, Clayton Ralph and Chris Downey. With coaches: Mike Besman, Dale Schraeder and Ned Shelley.

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TR Gymnasts have fun Celebrating

The week of January 19 to 26 is Gymnastics Awareness Week. Gymnastics is a fundamental sport for developing strength and agility in the province. With over 50,000 participants province-wide.

Our Tumbler Ridge Gymnastics Club celebrated the event with a special swim at the Aquatic Centre for themselves and their families.

Participants also enjoyed a hot dog dinner, with juice.

Over the years the gymnasts have been so busy raising funds for their equipment locker and new equipment and this was felt to be a special way for them to celebrate their sport and to thank their families for all the work that they have done helping with the fund-raisers.

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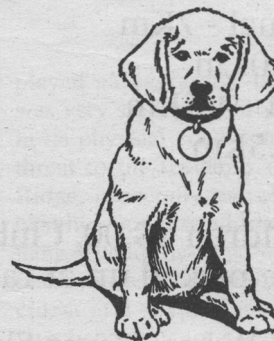
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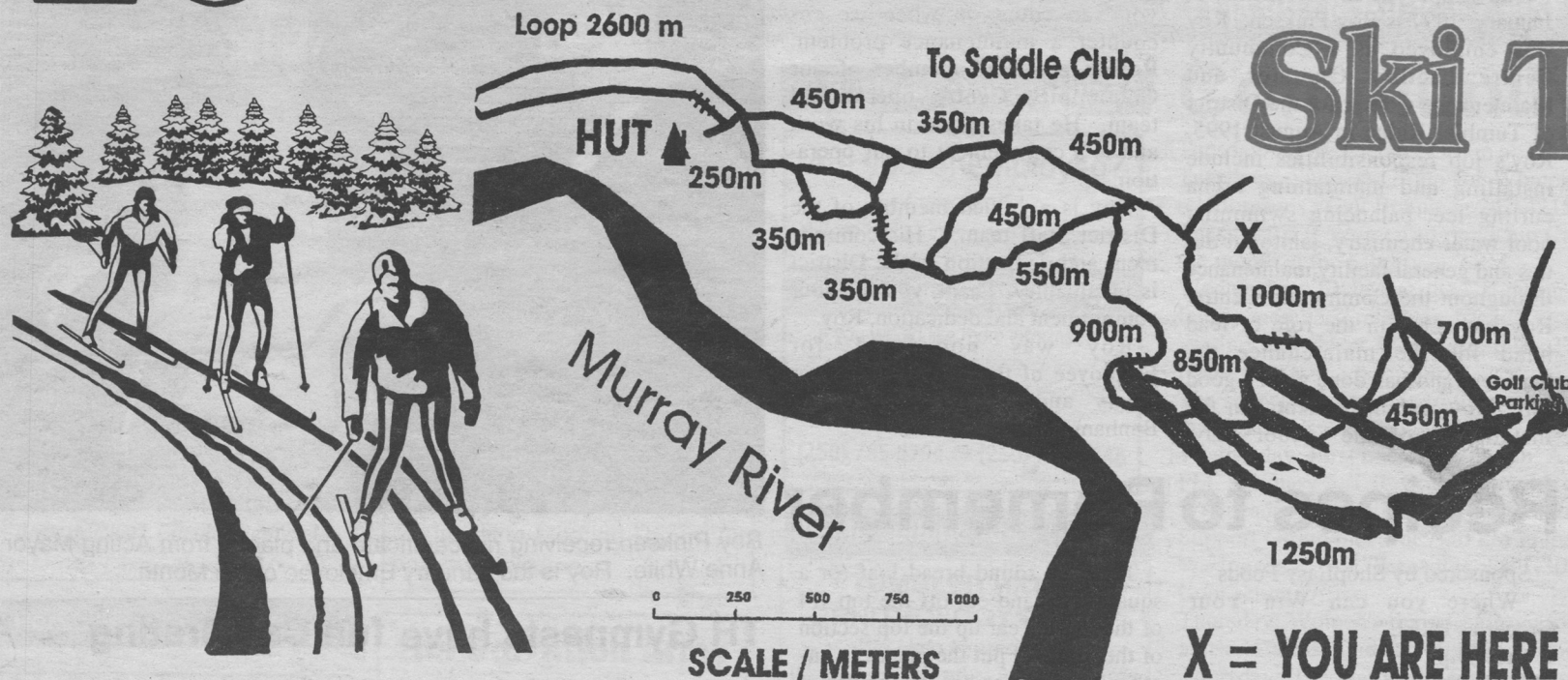
1997 Dog Tags can be picked up at Town Hall

Monday - Friday

8:00 am - 12:00 pm &

1:00 pm - 4:30 pm

TR Wolverine Nordic Ski Trails



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The TR Wolverine Nordic and Mountain Society

and the District of Tumbler Ridge

invites you to a

Weekend of Cross Country Skiing in Tumbler Ridge

February 8 & 9, 1997

February 8: Ridge Ramble X-Country Ski Race

Start Time: 11:00 a.m. at TR Golf & Country Clubhouse

Distances:

- Recreational - 7Km
- Racing - 20Km
- Jackrabbit - 1.5Km
- Bunny - 1.5Km
- ALL AGES

Entry Fee: Adult \$10.00 Children \$5.00, Clubhouse will be open.

Race Packages & bibs can be picked up at race site between 9 - 10:30 a.m.

The Official Opening of the NEW Lost Haven Ski Hut and TR Wolverine Cross Country Ski Trails. Sunday February 9, 1997 - 1:00 p.m. Meet at the Golf Course Parking Lot. Come out and enjoy a fun ski to the Lost Haven Ski Hut. Enjoy a day with fellow ski enthusiasts. For Further information contact: Birgit Sharman (250)242-4860 .



Everyone Welcome

FREE Hot Chocolate & Hot Dogs and lots of fun ski stories!!!