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TR Minnows Swim Club

January 24 the TR Minnows Swim Club was off to Grande Prairie for a 3-day Swim Meet. There were 10 members that participated from our club.

We started out with transportation problems due to the cold, but with the support of everyone we took 4 of our own vehicles and arrived just in time for the races to begin. As the weekend got colder, it didn't dampen our spirits. The swimmers swam their best coming out with Best Time ribbons in their events. The team had a fun time supporting each other, going out for a social

evening and managed to squeeze in some shopping. We all had a safe trip home.

Thanks to our chaperones Viola Olah, Maria MacDonald, Shawna Parker for doing a super job looking after our swimmers.

Thanks to Nancy Gusland and Mike Lott for attending and supporting us, also.

Monday it was back to the pool and more training for our next meet in Prince George, April 18, 19 and 20.

All help is greatly appreciated.



TR Minnows Swim Team: (not in order) Danielle Bern, Janice, Francesca Lott, Lori Parker, Nicole Steele, Ericka Olah, Jasmyne Paterson, Mandy Morgan, Emily Noakes, Kate Shelley, Sarah Walsh,

Nicole Gusman, Janelle Robertson. Absent were: Jennifer Dueck, Erin McDonald, Janelle Zimmer, Lloyd McDonald and Kevin Graham.

March 8 is International Women's Day

March 8 is International Women's Day - a day when women and men celebrate the contributions made by women to society. Whatever women do - however and whenever they choose to offer their skills, whether in their homes or in their communities, that work is valuable and contributes to our community. This day is a time to renew our energy and commitment to make equality a reality for all women in British Columbia.

International Women's Day is a day of remembrance that was created out of protest and political action. It is a symbol for all those who honour women's struggles to improve their lives and recognizes all efforts to better the lives of women, both locally and globally.

From the beginning of the twentieth century, many women in industrially-developing countries began entering the paid labour force.

These women were placed in jobs with low wages, poor working conditions and little or no chance of improvement. It was these situations which led to industrial disputes, involving both unionized and non-unionized women workers. It was their struggle that created International Women's Day - the year was 1910.

* March 8, 1857, women in the garment and textile industry in New York staged a demonstration in protest of their low wages, 12 hour working day, lack of equal pay and the lack of the right to vote.

* International Women's Day was celebrated for the first time in New York City on March 8, 1907. It honoured the thousands of women involved in the numerous labour strikes in the early twentieth century in major centres such as Montreal, Chicago, Philadelphia and New York. These women rallied and

protested for the right to vote, decent wages and an end to sweat shops and child labour.

* In Germany in 1910, while attending the Second International Conference of Socialist Women, Labour leader Clara Zetkin proposed that March 8 be proclaimed as International Women's Day in memory of all women who had struggled for equality. Women from all 17 countries represented, approved her proposal that a particular day be set aside each year to remember women and their struggles.

* After 1915, there were years of occasional observance of International Women's Day in countries such as Spain and China. North America didn't really celebrate International Women's Day until the 1960's.

In 1977, a United Nations resolu-

tion was passed calling for all countries of the world to celebrate a day of women's rights and international peace. March 8 was not specifically designated in this resolution, however many countries, including Canada, have chosen to observe the celebration on this day.

While the origin of International Women's Day is drawn from more than one historical event, one thing is clear -- International Women's Day began as an acknowledgment of women's struggles to make their workplaces better. Today, it has become a day of celebration of women, all that they do, the accomplishments they have made, and to honour those who continue to work for change.

Adapted & Submitted by: Women's Counseling Program, TR. Family Support Society, program funded by The Ministry of Women's Equality.

Pilot B.Ed. degree project earns MP Report accolades

The two-year joint University of Alberta and Grande Prairie Regional College pilot project has registered as a success with all concerned.

The program attracted strong students who remained in good standing throughout the two years. One student, Darlene Hedebrecht, achieved the highest average of all UA Education students (both campuses) in the third year. Contact between students and schools in the region has heightened support for the project in the region.

by Jay Hill, MP for Prince George - Peace River

If the first two days are any indication, this spring's session of the 35th Parliament of Canada promises to be very raucous indeed.

Following the seven week winter break the opposition parties were both eager to hold the Liberal government accountable for a growing list of broken promises, botched inquiries and just plain bad decisions.

It is never by accident that governments make some of their most controversial decisions during the summer and winter breaks when they are not under intense daily scrutiny from the opposition and the media. This recent break was no exception with the Liberal capitulation to Mulroney on their inept handling of the Airbus investigation and their decision to shut down the Somalia inquiry just when it was getting close (finally) to holding those at the top accountable.

The staggering cost of Royal Commissions, studies, task forces, inquiries, canceled contracts and lawsuits seems unending. What never ceases to amaze me is the government's cavalier and callous disregard for the millions of dollars these decisions cost Canadian tax

payers. This is especially aggravating when they often ignore the long awaited recommendations.

If there is one thing this Liberal government will be particularly noted for it's their "media management". In a further attempt to deflect criticism and media attention from the lack of accountability, integrity and responsibility; the Finance Minister announced February 18 as the date for what is sure to be a good times, pre-election budget.

Tuesday things became even more volatile when Darrel Stinson, Reform MP for Okanagan-Shuswap had finally taken all the verbal abuse he could stand, and crossed the floor in the middle of his speech to hold a Liberal backbencher to

task for his insults. That the Liberal in question, John Cannis, later expressed complete shock that he might face severe consequences for his shouted taunt of "racist" is typical of old-style politicians who feel they deserve immunity for anything they may choose to say. While I don't support physical action as a means of settling an argument, in this case I do support my colleague since fortunately he stopped short of an encounter with both Mr. Cannis

and he would later have regretted.

I can tell you that Reformers are reaching the outer limits of our patience with this particular label. Whenever our political opponents can think of no defence for their points we're making (Stinson was lambasting the government for its early release policy for prisoners), they inevitably revert to this label and then wonder why we take offence!

Less than two hours after the Stinson-Cannis encounter, when I rose to speak regarding this government's totally inadequate and misguided justice policies, there was a noticeable lack of the customary heckling. But in a day full of surprises, one more awaited me at the end of my speech when a

Bloc member rose to comment about my being dressed in jeans. Since for about the past 20 years some western MP's (from all parties) have from time to time worn jeans, and it is not against the rules of Commons rules, I was surprised he took up the point on such a trivial point.

I responded that I do not wear denim out of any disrespect to Parliament, and "that jeans are accepted apparel for a lot of people in the real world of Canada."

I suppose I could have added at least the MP standing in my place is a loyal Canadian and not a dedicated to the break-up of our country, but I guess that would constitute name-calling, eh?

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MLA Column

by Jack Weisgerber, Peace River South

Recent provincial government cut-backs aimed at deficit reduction are affecting a range of government services, but most of the attention is naturally focusing on the critical issues of health care and education. While the reductions in the Transportation and Highways budget have serious implications for many Peace region residents, these have not received the same level of media scrutiny. This lack of attention is unfortunate because our region appears to be burdened with far more than its "fair-share" of cut backs. For years I have been fighting both in and out of the Legislature to get the government to deal with the continuing deterioration of our region's major highways and main arterial roads. However, today I will address two very specific local issues (1) maintenance of our rural grid system and (2) snowplowing of rural driveways for seniors and disabled people.

Roads are an essential element in most of our industrial activity as forestry, the petroleum industry and agriculture all rely heavily upon our roads and highways for access and movement of goods. Bigger trucks and more usage have put tremendous pressure on many of our roads which haven't received the neces-

sary upgrading and regravelling. Resource extraction activity also generates tremendous revenues for the province, but still we see little of this money reinvested in our road system. Unfortunately, the Province ignores the fact that our road infrastructure needs to be improved if local industry is to continue generating revenues. On some roads the frequency of maintenance is reduced and on 400 kilometres, primarily in the North Rolla area, routine maintenance has been eliminated entirely. Farmers are naturally concerned about access to land along these roads and to date there has been a serious lack of satisfactory answers. A large group of angry farmers met in Rolla late last fall and the BC Grain Producers have written to the Minister of Transportation and Highways to express their dissatisfaction with the whole situation. The Grain Producers have proposed that forums be held in Dawson Creek and Fort St. John to discuss the issues and seek some resolutions.

In January, seniors and disabled people living in rural areas were advised of a major policy change by the Ministry of Transportation. Driveways have traditionally been snowplowed free of charge for these folks by the maintenance contractor. Effective January 27th, 1997 a users

fee of \$10 will be charged and the fee will increase to \$20 in November, 1997 and to \$30 in November 1998. The entire program will then be discontinued on April 15th, 1999. So much for Glen Clark's promise of "no new taxes"! Unfortunately the effect of this new tax will very likely be to prematurely force more seniors and disabled people out of their own homes and into far more costly care. This is particularly hard to accept when it comes from a government that brags about caring for people.

Most people recognize that governments have to cut costs and in many cases that means reductions in services. There is, however, also an obligation on government to provide a basic level of service and to ensure reasonably equal levels of service across all regions of the province. In the Peace we face severe weather and long travel distances which make an adequate, dependable transportation infrastructure essential. The bureaucrats in Victoria and Prince George making these decisions fail to recognize that very fundamental fact. I guess it is up to you and especially me to make sure these people do get the message loud and clear and don't leave our region out in the cold.

Editorial

by Kathy Cope

If you were in someone's washroom and saw a lot of empty alcohol bottles around. You might jump to the conclusion that they either did a lot of entertaining or haven't cleaned up for ages or have a problem with alcohol.

But, what if that large collection of bottles was in a public washroom?

Then you might wonder why they were there.

Not for the lack of being cleaned up. That's for sure, things are completely cleaned every day.

Not because of a lot of entertaining. Everything is always cleaned up after such an event.

Maybe someone does have a problem.

A definition of alcoholism is (from the New Standard Encyclopedia): compulsive, habitual excessive use of alcoholic drinks. Thus an alcoholic is a person who is unable to control his (her) use of alcohol without complete abstinence.

C.A.A.D. (Community Against Alcohol/ Drugs) results show that

an estimated 67% of our school students have the percentage who have used alcohol and drugs, spend most of their allowance to buy alcohol and lie to their parents about alcohol drug use and think their is alcohol and drug problem among in our community (72%).

As parents we have watched our children since their birth have fed, clothed, and cheered them. Through illnesses, accidents as they made friends and had problems with, tests, dentists and the doctor. We care for children and as some have known they have problems with alcohol and drugs and it is up to us to help them or to get them the help they need. And to be there through the struggle to a life without crutches of alcohol and drugs.

The next meeting of C.A.A.D. meeting will be held on February 10 AM in room 1 of the Community Centre and everyone is welcome to attend.



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Ridge Ramble Cross Country Ski Race

The first annual Ridge Ramble cross country ski race on February 14th was a success! A total of 29 racers took part, and the course conditions were excellent. The weather could not have been better, either. There were lots of spectators enjoying the soup, hot dogs, and even cappuccino in the Club House after the race. Results of the race were:

8-13 years: Boys; 1st place - Caleb Bernadet, 2nd place - Dillon Rochon.

Girls; 1st place - Jael Rochon.
7 years & under: Boys; 1st place - Mark Turner, 2nd - Daniel Helm, 3rd - Allistair Morgan.

Girls; 1st - Lindsay Tattersall
6 km race: Men; 1st - Nathan Bernadet (30:14), 2nd - Hugues O'Neil, 3rd - Fred Walkley.

Ladies; 1st - Birgit Sharman (29:29) 2nd - Sue Bonham-Carter, 3rd - Lucinda Lindsay.

15 km Race: Men; 1st - Al Tattersall (70:28), 2nd - Kevin Sharman, 3rd - Fritz Helbig.

Ladies; 1st - Linda Helm (70:21), 2nd - Frances Hall.

Anyone who is interested in the Bear Mountain ski race in Dawson Creek on February 22nd can contact Frances Hall at 782-3970.

Due to the icy conditions recently, a fresh ski track was groomed around the golf course fairway loop and this trail is still in great condition. There is still lots of time left this winter to try it out. Thanks to all of the volunteers and sponsors for the race.

NorthWest Junior Hockey League Stats

February 2/97 Vince Corno Statistician

Team	GP	W	L	T	Home	Away	PIM	PTS
Slave Lake Wolves	23	19	4	0	14-1-0	5-3-0	1278	38
Sexsmith Vipers	24	15	7	2	10-3-0	5-4-2	933	32
Fort St. John Huskies	24	15	8	1	9-2-0	6-6-1	1072	31
Grande Prairie Wheelers	23	8	12	3	4-2-3	4-10-0	1067	19
Dawson Creek Raiders	22	6	16	0	4-7-0	2-9-0	857	12
Tumbler Ridge Icemen	23	3	18	2	2-8-1	1-10-1	1209	8

Jan. 31	Feb. 1	Feb. 2
Dawson Creek 9	Tumbler Ridge 2	Fort St. John 4
Fort St. John 4	Slave Lake 13	Slave Lake 8
	Fort St. John 5	Sexsmith 7
	Grande Prairie 5	Grande Prairie 7
	Dawson Creek 4	
	Sexsmith 10	

Top Scorers in NWJHL

Team	No.	Player's	GP	G	A	PIM	GW	PTS
SL	21	Ryan Dierker	23	42	35	66	4	77
FSJ	6	Tim Hadland	24	14	43	60	1	57
SS	11	Tim MacDonald	24	23	32	82	5	55
GP	12	Jordan Bombier	18	29	25	6	0	54
GP	7	Robin Testowich	21	18	31	46	2	49
FSJ	17	Brian Krushell	24	19	27	51	3	46
SL	14	Jason Green	20	26	17	32	2	43
FSJ	10	Winston Apsassin	22	19	21	32	0	40
SS	14	Scott Roessler	24	16	22	18	3	38
SL	18	Dion Poitras	22	16	20	91	3	36

R Hockey players Earn Fourth in Northern BC Winter Games

The 1997 Northern BC Winter Games had a winner for our area. The Minor Hockey division A team consisting of: Bryan Audreau, Chris Chapman, Scott

Chapman, Michael Clarke, Chris Corno, Michael Dufresne, Brandon Dunn, Randy Goodman, Brandon Head, Wayne Hryniuk, Callum LaPrairie, Chris MacEachern, Derek

Robertson, Stewart Ross, Matthew Sheardown, Kristopher Swanson, Bruce Taylor, Tyson Thorne, Terry Wheeler and Adam MacEachern earned Fourth at the Northern BC Winter Games.

11th Annual Cody Vanier Memorial Tournament

Starting Friday night, Feb. 7, and continuing on through Sunday the 11th Annual Cody Vanier Memorial Hockey Tournament took place with teams from: Chetwynd, Fort John, Dawson Creek and Tumbler Ridge. With eight teams playing in 13 games it made for a great weekend of hockey fun.

Tumbler Ridge Red Hawks: Scott Cleland, Phillip Hayden, Ryan Head, Reggie Kirkpatrick, Brian Kutzy, Ryan LaPrairie, Colin

Lukey, Kegan McIssac, Tyler Melski, Levon Pearson, Patrick Pearson, Michael Prosser, Shawn Van Kalker and Spencer Wilson with coach - Stu Cleland.

T.R. Rockies: Dylan Marcus, Taylor Morash, Spencer Goodman, Daryl Estabrooks, Mitchell Mann, Rylan Edward, Guy Gillingham, Jordan Pittman, Jeffery Strang, Jordan Stanek, Riley Muise and Chris Fowlow, with coach - Dean Connelly.

Marjories pond

Just a reminder that Marjories Ice rink is open again this winter to the public of Tumbler Ridge.

Clay has made the rink larger this year and keeps the rink flooded and cleaned on a regular basis for you to enjoy! We are located at the entrance to the Monkman Way R.V. Park. So bring your family and friends out for some out door fun!



Alister Morgan, one of the young skiers in the First Tumbler Ridge Cross-Country Ski Races last weekend.

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Snowarama '97

Under beautiful blue skies and with nice temperatures to go with them about 40 snowmobilers took off in this year's record breaking Snowarama. The group earned \$5,073 in pledges for the Lions Club, to go towards the operation of such things as the Easter Seal Houses in Prince George and Vancouver.

After the end of the nice day of riding they all joined together at the Legion for a lasagna dinner and prizes. Prizes were donated by: Cameron's Restaurant, La Prairie,

the RidgeRiders Snowmobile Club, Tags Food & Gas, The District of Tumbler Ridge, BC Bearing, Northern Metallic, Heart and Stroke Foundation, Transwest Dynequip, Koals, Gear-O-Rama, Peace Country Rentals, Cat Shack, Gaudin

Honda, Tartan Ford, The Icemen, TR Inn, and Northern Land Fleet. TR Shell donated gas for those who had more than \$150 in pledges. ShopEasy Foods provided the lunch.

Prizes consisted of: mugs, caps, leather caps, shirts, gloves, survival

kits, gift certificates from Cameron's Restaurant and the TR Inn, emergency kits, buckles, sweatshirts, maglite, axe, screwdriver sets, first aid kits, and more.

Dennis Miller, TR Lions Club, presented trophies to the rider with the greatest amount of pledges, Ron Ford with \$1180, and the youngest rider, 8 year old Jared Ford who collected \$80. Dennis also thanked everyone for coming out and having a good time raising money for BC's children with disabilities.

Peter and the Wolf

Last Tuesday students at Claude Galibois and Tumbler Ridge Elementary School had the opportunity to witness an unusual adaptation of Sergei Prokofiev's children's classic "Peter and the Wolf". The thoroughly amusing and totally captivating production was put on by the Australian group "Theatre of Puppets" and the whole play was done in the Japanese puppet style called Bunraku. The story was told by musician Sting.

David and Sally Poulton did a wonderful adaptation of this musical puppet show. The children were thoroughly enthralled throughout the show and were full of questions

afterwards that the two puppeteers tried to answer.

I found this rendering spectacular, they had each character with a completely different personality and they all came through during the performance. I even found myself watching the shadows of the 'woods' for the coming of the wolf and enjoying the antics of the cat in the tree and Peter as he refused to obey his Grandfather's edict to come in the house because of the wolf. And from the reaction of the children they enjoyed the same things.

I hope that the "Theatre of Puppets" comes back soon.

Library Corner

Ridley Pearson No Witnesses

When Lou Boldt met old friend Daphne Matthews at the park, he had no idea she was about to embroil him in one of his most mysterious cases ever. Seattle Police Homicide Sergeant Lou Boldt now had what Police call a "Black Hole" case, one that may never be solved. And this case had already killed one young boy and had the potential to kill many more, maybe hundreds. Someone was poisoning the food from a local food company, and demanding money and getting away with both.

But Daphne Matthews is not about to let this killer get away with ruining her lover. And Boldt is not about to let the Seattle Police Department made to look like fools, as the killer slips away from ATM machines with his payoff.

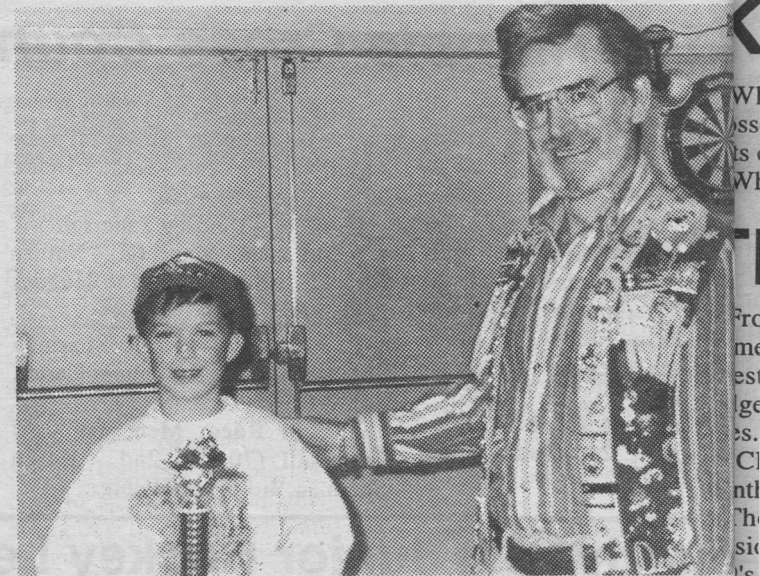
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The Library celebrates Heritage Week

The week of February 16-22 is Heritage Week in BC. Our Public Library is celebrating by holding some special events. On Feb. 19 there is a special children's program "TR Pioneer Days" at 3 PM, with stories, crafts and a slide presentation by Janet Hartford.

On Feb. 20th a slide presentation will be made by Doreen Younge, Chamber of Commerce, at 7 PM on Early Tumbler Ridge. Complimentary coffee and everyone is welcome to attend.

On the 22nd, Gwen Hayhoe will be presenting a Genealogy Workshop at the library from 2-4 PM.



Jared Ford accepting the trophy from Lions Club Member Dennis Miller for being the youngest pledged rider for Snowarama '97.



Ron Ford accepting the trophy from Lions Club Member Dennis Miller gathering the most pledges for Snowarama '97.

New CD ROMs at Library

New Jump Start Toddlers (starts a lifetime of learning ages 18 months to 8 years); New Jump Start Preschool (teaches essential skills for school ages 2-4); New Jump Start Kindergarten (teaches essential skills for school, ages 4-6); New Jump Start 1st Grade (teaches essential skills for school, ages 5-7); New Jump Start for 2nd Grade (teaches essential skills for school, ages 6-8); Sesame Street lets make a World! (creative wonders); My First Amazing World Explorer; The Multimedia Bird Book; Opening Night; Opening Night behind the

Scenes; Madeline Thinking Games (creative wonder); All in One Language Fun; Big Anthony's Mixed-Up Magic; Grammar Games; Explore Yellowstone; The Multimedia Bug Book; The American Sign Language Dictionary; CNN Newsroom Global View; Multimedia U.S. History; David Macaulay; The Way Things Work; Mayo Clinic Family Health Book; Monarch Notes for Windows; History of the World; Countries of the World; Compton's Interactive Encyclopedia 1996 Edition.

Family Portraits

Claude Galibois Elementary School is holding family portraits as a P.A.C.

fundraiser. The money is going towards the purchase of sports uniforms for the school. It will be held on Monday, March 10 at Claude Galibois.

This is open to all families in Tumbler Ridge and the more families we get, the more profits we receive! There is a \$10.00 fee for an 8 x 10 portrait of your choice.

The school keeps the \$10.00 and

additional portraits can be ordered only at your request. Please hurry and make appointments so scheduling can be arranged! For more information call Karlene at 242-5481 or Sue Ellen at 242-5531.

Winner

The winner of the February 8, Win Your Groceries for FREE at ShopEasy Foods was D. Stoney, with \$64.87 worth of FREE Food.

Congratulations!

T.R. Counselling Office

Treatment: Treatment of the illness (alcoholism) increasingly recognizes alcoholism itself as the primary problem needing attention, rather than regarding it as always secondary to another, underlying problem. Specialized residential treatment facilities and separate units within general or psychiatric hospitals are rapidly increasing in number. As the public becomes more aware of the nature of alcoholism, the social stigma attached to it decreases, alcoholics and their families tend to conceal it less, and diagnosis is not delayed as long. Earlier and better treatment has led to encouragingly high recovery rates.

In addition to managing physical complications and withdrawal states, treatment involves individual counseling and group therapy techniques aimed at complete and comfortable abstinence, according to the best current evidence, is the desired goal, despite some highly contro-

versial suggestions that a return to social drinking is possible. Addiction to other drugs, particularly to other tranquilizers and narcotics, poses a major hazard to alcoholics. Antabuse, a drug that induces a violent intolerance for alcohol as long as the substance remains in the body, is sometimes used with withdrawal. Alcohol Anonymous, a support group commonly used for those undergoing other treatment, in many cases helps alcoholics to recover without course to formal treatment.

Despite these encouraging estimates of the annual number of deaths related to excessive drinking, alcoholism has not declined. In the United States alone, economic costs related to alcoholism are at least \$100 billion a year. Additional data are needed on the various societal costs of alcoholism as well as on the costs of various modes of treatment compared to their actual results.

Kids Fun

What would you get if you crossed a vampire and a teacher? Lots of blood tests.
What kind of tests do they give

witches? Hex-aminations.
Father: How did the exams go?
Son: I got nearly 100 in every subject. Father: What do you mean

-nearly 100? Son: Well- I got the naughts.
Gary: I don't think I deserve a zero on this test. Teacher: I agree, but it's the lowest mark I can give you.

Tag-O-Rama: You don't need equipment for this game. Dived the players into pairs. Partners decide who will be It and who will be the

runner. When the leader says "Go" partners begin to run around, the Its trying to tag the runners. When a partner tags the other, they switch roles. This continues until everyone feels tagged out. Despite the simplicity players get caught up in dodging each other and trying to keep track of each other's location in the confusion. That's why this game is best if you have a lot of players, the more the merrier.

From: The Outrageous Outdoor Games Book by Bob Gregson.

Jokes from: 696 Silly School Jokes & Riddles by Joseph Rosenbloom

TRE School News

From Jan.: The Library Club has 2 members who have signed up for tapestry weaving. 9 Library Club badge holders will be assisting on Tues. instructing younger students in ClarisDraw for the next few months.

The Internet in the Schools Session with Davie Nybakken, Dist. #59's Assistant Superintendent, reviewed the draft Internet Policy and discussed educational uses, at this time it is unknown when they will have economical access for students.

Many classes have been cross-country skiing and skating and will continue to do so over the next few months. Mr. McKee and Mrs. Ferguson took their classes to Bear Mountain on Jan. 29.

It is very important that everyone use the proper entrance and exit to the school parking lot so that people are safe and to not cause congestion of vehicles. When dropping off students please ensure that they are going to the playground, rather than walking through the parking lot or around other cars.

Till Feb. 14 Hershey's Hugs and Kisses chocolates will be sold in the main bootroom by students from Mrs. Chmelyk and Mrs. Dutka-

Stainbrook's class to raise funds for a trip to Bennett Dam on May 2 and for computer software and CDs for the school. Mme. Ferguson would appreciate any yarn or wool remnants of any length or colour that anyone can donate to her class for art projects. On Feb. 7, Mrs. Ferguson and Miss Hood's class will be holding a bake sale at recess and cake walk at lunch, profits go to their overnight Gwillim Trip.

Volunteers: Mrs. Stanek, Mr. McPhail, Mrs. Doonan Mrs. Walkden, Cst. Hum. Parents for walking with Mrs. Robinson's class. Mrs. Younge for a presentation to Mr. Moulton's class. Mrs. Sheardown, Mr. Woodruff, Mr. Verge, Mrs. Besman, Mrs. Parker and Mrs. Shelley for ski trip accompaniment. TREAT for purchasing four energy saving programmable thermostats for the school from the GREEN TEAM. Miss Hood's class would like to thank parents for help with their Plop Drop: Mr. Verge, Mrs. Unruh, Mrs. Hassenstein and Mrs. Boulianne.

The Feb. TREAT meeting (the school PAC) has been rescheduled to Tuesday, Feb. 25 at 7:30 PM in the school's staffroom.

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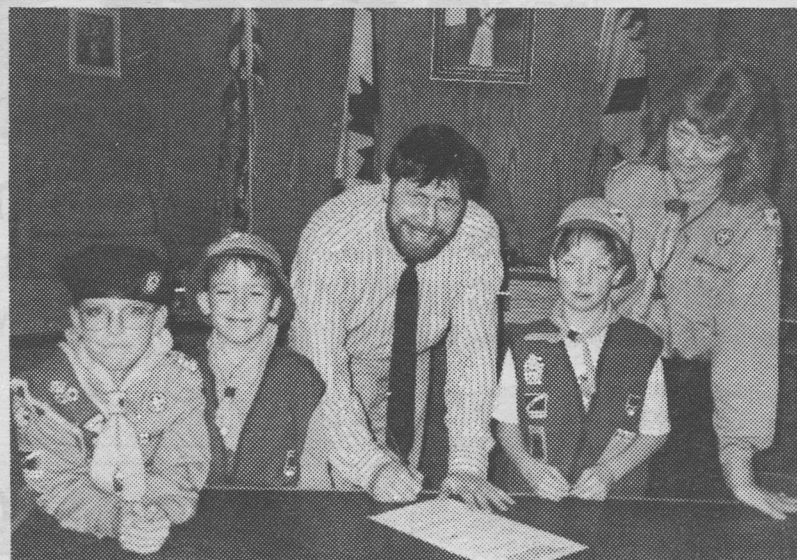
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Craig Quartermain (Cub), Keith Quartermain (Beaver), Johnathan Hurton (Beaver) and Val Hurton (Beaver Leader) watching Mayor Paul Kealy sign the proclamation for Guide and Scout Week (February 16-23).

Girl Guide and Scout Week

In 1908 Lord Baden-Powell started up the Boy Scouts, which emphasized self-reliance and resourcefulness. His ideas was so popular that youths around the world wanted to join. In 1910 King George V asked him to leave the army to devote all his time to the Boy Scouts. His sister Agnes founded the Girl Guides in 1910.

Next year the Boy Scouts will be celebrating their 90th Year, the Girl Guides will do so in the year 2000.

The aim of the program is help

boys and girls become responsible citizens, able to give leadership and service to their community, whether local or global. Through a vibrant, relevant program, they focus on four main areas: camping and outdoors, community, world and lifeskills and personal development.

Our Guides are working on going to Quebec this summer and have been busy with fund-raising activities. Last Friday they held a Free Video Night, with a Troll movie, Might Ducks 3 and Matilda.

We Love Kids Day Thank Yous

The Community Centre staff would like to extend their gratitude to the R.C.M.P., T.R. Secondary School and the Child Care Centre for the facilities, the District Council and Cameron's Restaurant for their assistance in making WE

LOVE KIDS YOUTH DAY January 31, 1997 version a success.

Approximately 350 children took part in the Jan. 31 WE LOVE KIDS YOUTH DAY activities.

The next WE LOVE KIDS YOUTH DAY is Monday, April 21.

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8 Personals

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Meets the following evenings in
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Sunday 8:30 p.m. at the Community
Centre.
Thursday 8:30 p.m. at the Community
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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.,
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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
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Ministry of Transportation & Highways

Advance Public Notice

LOAD RESTRICTIONS

Pursuant to Section 26 of the "Highway Act", notice is hereby given that load restrictions may be placed on short notice in the near future, on all highways in the following Highway Districts:

Central Cariboo (Williams Lake), North Cariboo (Quesnel),
Fort George (Prince George), Nechako (Vanderhoof), Robson (McBride)
South Peace (Dawson Creek), North Peace (Fort St. John).

Restrictions will be imposed in each District individually, as conditions warrant.

The restrictions will limit vehicles to 100 percent, 70 percent or 50 percent of legal axle loading, as allowed under the regulations pursuant to the Commercial Transport Act.

Overweight permits will not be granted. All term overweight permits are invalid for the duration of the restrictions.

The public and trucking and transportation companies should govern themselves accordingly.

Your cooperation in adhering to the above regulations will be appreciated.

Kathleen Miller
Regional Director
Central/North East Region

dated at Prince George, B.C.
this 31st day of January, 1997



BRITISH COLUMBIA

MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION & HIGHWAYS HIRED EQUIPMENT REGISTRATION

The Ministry of Transportation and Highways in the South Peace District is updating its Hired Equipment list and advises all persons or companies who registered with the Ministry in 1996 and wish to continue to be registered for the 1997-98 season, that REGISTRATION WILL BE DONE AUTOMATICALLY AND ONLY NEW EQUIPMENT OR CHANGES TO EXISTING REGISTRATIONS NEED BE REPORTED TO THE MINISTRY. SUCH CHANGES AND NEW REGISTRATIONS SHOULD REACH THE MINISTRY OFFICE AT 1201 - 103 AVENUE, DAWSON CREEK, BC V1G 4J2, NO LATER THAN MARCH 14, 1997.

The current policy will not permit the hiring of equipment that is not registered with the Ministry. This Ministry will be hiring local equipment (where available) for projects in the area.

Final hiring lists will be compiled April 1st and all registrations received after that time will be recorded on the late registration list and consequently may not receive a share of the available work. All hired equipment registrants must be prepared to supply proof of ICBC or CGL Insurance as deemed necessary at the time of hiring.

For further information, please call the Ministry Office at
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Proposals must be received on or before March 31, 1997 by the District manager, Ministry of Forests, 9000 17th Street, Dawson Creek, BC V1G 4A4.

Proposals are to include an informal description of up to 10 hectares of Crown forest land and accompanied by a map of general location. Proposals are not to include a deposit or bond offer.

Upon review of the proposals, the District Manager determine which areas of the greatest interest and those areas may be advertised for competition firstly.

CAREER OPPORTUNITY



PLACER DOME CANADA
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Placer Dome Canada, Endako Mines Division is currently searching for a Senior Accountant. Endako Mines is a major integrated molybdenum mine and refining plant producing value added products for the steel and petroleum industries.

Senior Accountant

The incumbent will be responsible for preparation of financial and management reports and preparation of the annual budget. The candidate will oversee all accounting functions including accounts payable, payroll, sales and general accounting duties.

The ideal candidate will be completing advanced levels of the CGA or CMA program minimum and should have at least five years experience in a computerized accounting environment, preferably in mining. Excellent analytical and interpersonal skills and proven ability to work in a team environment are essential for this position.

This is a full-time position which offers a competitive wage and benefit package. Company housing is currently available at market rates.

Fraser Lake, with a population of approximately 10,000 is located approximately 2 hours west of Prince George on Highway 16 and offers a variety of recreational activities including hunting, curling, skiing, golfing, fishing and boating.

If you are a team oriented individual with excellent interpersonal and communication skills and in search of a diversified work environment, please forward a detailed resume outlining qualifications and experience, in confidence by February 21, 1997 to: Weber, Personnel Assistant, Placer Dome Canada, Endako Mines Division, Endako, B.C. V0J 1L0. Fax: (250) 699-7775.

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TR Loppet

The Wolverine Nordic and Mountain Society held their first Cross-Country Races out at the TR Golf and Country Club. With beautiful weather to accompany the racers around their track it made for a wonderful time for all.

There were three races skied on Saturday. A 20 kilometre, a 7 kilometre and a children's 1.5 kilometre race. With 42 racers taking part in the three events, six in the childrens, there was lots of competition for whatever level of cross-country skiing you did.

Fun was had by all and the TR Golf Course Clubhouse was open for warming up and fueling the bodies.

Thanks for the Loppet

The Wolverine Nordic and Mountain Society would like to thank Birgit Sharman and her excellent team of volunteers that made the inaugural Tumbler Ridge Cross-Country Ski Race such a successful and memorable event. A special note of thanks to Kevin Sharman, Al Tattersall, Peter Andrews and their helpers for the many hours spent setting track, and to members of the RidgeRiders for their help.

Monday, General Membership Meeting at the Legion.

Tuesday, Photography workshop for Teens, Limited Registration so sign up early, 3:30 PM in the Library.

Tuesday, Regular Tumbler Ridge Council meeting in Town Hall at 7 PM.

Thursday, Teen's Internet Session, Teen's Choice, 7 PM in Library.

Friday, BINGO at the Community Centre by TRMYFA.

Friday, Steak Night at the Legion. Friday-Sunday, Mens and Ladies Open Bonspiel.

Friday, TR ICEMEN vs.

Sexsmith 8 PM at the Arena.

Saturday, Girl Guide Thinking Day in celebration of the birthdays of Founders Lord and Lady Baden-Powell.

Saturday, Shareware and Children Northern Lights College.

Saturday, Installation of New Officers at the Royal Canadian Legion # 286.

Saturday - Sunday, 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!

Sunday, TR ICEMEN vs. Slave Lake 3:15 PM at the Arena.

TR This Week

Claude Galibois School News

If you have any comments, concerns or positive feedback about the current noon break could you please forward them, in writing, to the office. the School-Board will be reviewing the shortened noon break this spring and your comments would be appreciated.

Mr. Capen's class would like to thank the parents, students and other people in the community who supported their latest fund-raiser. They raised over \$500.00 from the sale of posters and other items. This money will go towards future field trips.

The final event in the "Trivia Challenge" will be held on Feb. 20 at 2 PM, Ms. Lambie will be the question master for the final quiz show.

the Senior Boys' Basketball Team has begun practicing. Practices are taking place every Tues. morning and Thurs. after school. The team is

currently refining some of their basic skills and learning a zone system of defense.

The Staff at Claude Galibois would like to thank the group "Mothers Who Care" for all their thoughtfulness.

Birthdays: 2- Jordan Sparling; 3- Steven Trottier; 4- Nikie Lewis; 4- Emily DeBoer; 6- Jasmyne Pedersen; 7- Stephanie Brophy; 7- Franklin Gunther; 9- Mishonne Temple; 9- Zach More; 11- Jael Rochon; 13-Thomas Trottier; 13- Warren Laveniuk; 15- Kristi Stokmans; 17- Shelley Lewis; 18- Elliot Lee; 21- Ashlea Bohn; 21- Erica McDonald; 23-Jenny Maize; 23- John Gendron; 24- Curtis Kiland; 25- Jen Baron; 26- David Pittman; 26- Kristen Gillingham; 26- Mitchell Broadbent; 27- Rocky Mitchell; 28-Mathew Laveniuk; 28- Brian Kutzy.

The Salvation Army can Help

If you are in a financial bind, and maybe having problems making the pay cheque stretch from one to another. If you are not quite making ends meet. Or maybe having a little trouble putting food on the table after paying all the bills.

The Salvation Army would like to give you a financial hand. Give them a call at 242-3955 on Mondays from 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM.

They can help!

Recipes to Remember

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Crab Stuffed Mushrooms
Gail Milan
8 slices bacon, cooked & crumbled
1 green onion, chopped
1 can (4 ounces) crab meat
1 package cream cheese
1 tablespoon parmesan cheese
dash "Mrs. Dash" fine herbs
24 mushroom caps, washed & dried
Parmesan cheese
Mix first 6 ingredients together until

smooth. Stuff into mushroom caps. Put in casserole dish. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese. Bake at 350 for 25-30 minutes until brown. Remove from oven and serve immediately. Can be prepared ahead of time and stored in refrigerator. Bake just before serving.

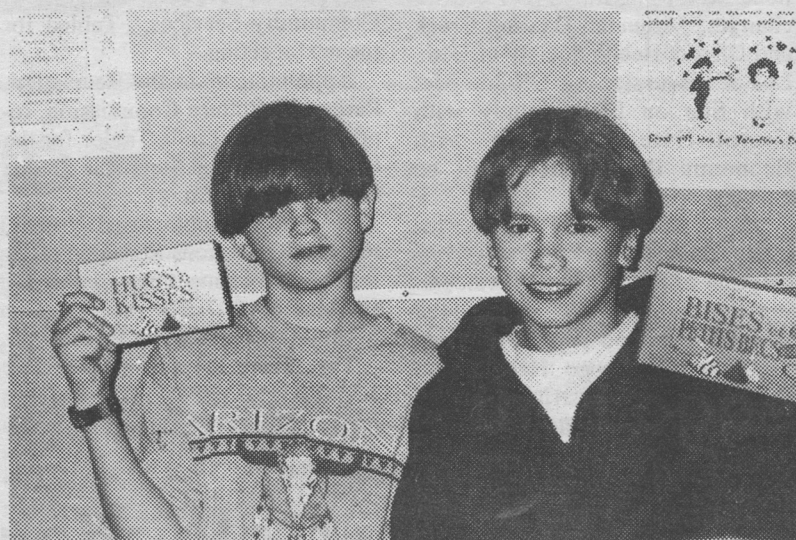
From: From Our Kitchen to Yours, District of Tumbler Ridge Chamber of Commerce and Friends Cookbook.

Students raising money for Trip

Mrs. Chmelyk and Mrs. Dutka-Stainbrook's students want to go see the Bennett Dam in May. To raise funds for this trip they have been very busy selling Hershey's chocolate Hugs and Kisses. The students

have been selling the chocolates, for \$3 a box, each recess and lunch hour at the school's main bootroom.

The chocolates will only be for sale until Valentine's Day, February 14.

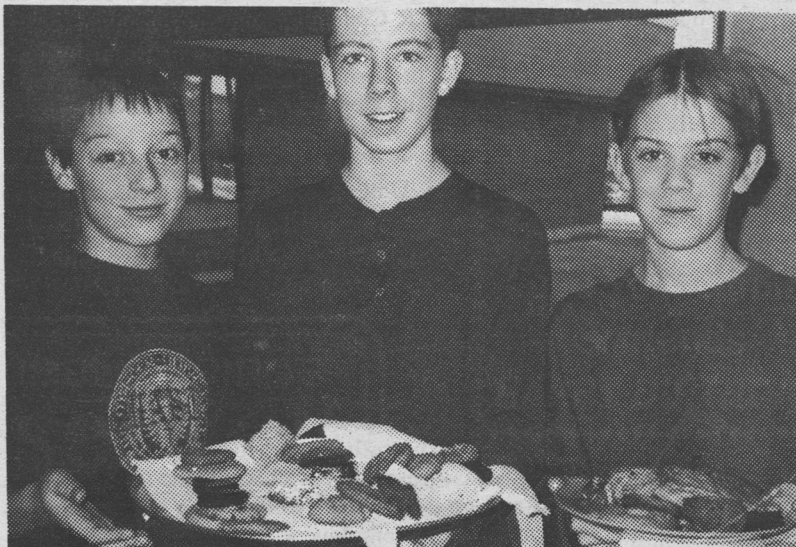


David Toews and with boxes of Hershey's Hugs and Kisses chocolates that they studnets are selling from now till Valentine's Day to raise funds for an upcoming trip to Bennett Dam.

Bake and Cake Walk at school

Parents of Mrs. Ferguson and Miss Hood's students were baking for a bake sale and cake walk last Friday. They had made rice krispie squares plain and with smarties, loads of cookies: chocolate chip, chocolate, peanut butter, jam and squares, cupcakes and even jello jigglers for students, teachers and even parents to purchase.

The funds raised from these two ventures, and the recently held 'Plop Drop' (an unusual activity whereby people guessed where the animals would do their 'plops' and won \$25) has been to raise funds for an upcoming trip to Gwillim Educational Camp, down at Gwillim Lake. They delivered the Steel Ridge last week, as well.



McLean, Doug and Ian, students in Mrs. Ferguson and Miss. Hood's grade 7 class with some of their goodies that they were selling last Friday raising funds to attend the Gwillim Lake Educational Camp.

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