



Lions Club Member Dick Mellor, Fire Chief Kevin Hickman and Diane Collier of Riverside Restaurant (l to r) were on hand to unveil the new Rescue Alive Kit that was recently purchased for the area

# Birtle Fire Department unveils Rescue Alive Kit

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On Monday, Jan. 10 the Birtle and District Fire Department unveiled their newly acquired Rescue Alive Kit. The Rescue Alive equipment enables rescue crews to pick up and/or recover folks who go through the ice on the Birdtail River.

Dick Mellor with the Birtle Lions Club and Diane Collier of Riverside Restaurant were both invited to view the rescue kit as both were major contributors towards fundraising efforts.

Although caution is always advised when crossing,

skiing, skating or snowmaching on the river, having the new equipment gives residents an additional sense of security.

The Rescue Alive Kit provides safety to both rescue crews and the victims it is designed to save. It is made of resolute, light-weight material that enables rescuers to either float on icy-waters or glide on thin ice to reach a victim. It comes equipped with a variety of rescue tools.

The firefighting crew gathered on Monday for a demonstration and to get acquainted with the new equipment. An actual on-ice training will done sometime in the near future.