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CO-OP TO INCORPORATE

Winnipeg River Consumers Cooperative Underway

by Charles Norman

Chartered Accountant
Raymond Vinck - South
Interlake Credit Union Manager
in Pine Falls.

Neil Guimond, Manager of
the Sagkeeng Multiplex Arena
and director on the board of the
Pine Falls Paper Co.

Keith Clark - owner of Pine
Pharmacy

Kalvin Kralka - owner of
Peter's Pro Hardware

Brenda Boriskevich -
Kuzyk of Pine Falls Sales and
Savings

(Pine Falls Sales & Savings
has recently gone out of business
because of the drop in sale result-
ing from the strike at the Northern
Store.)

The Beausejour Coop re-
cently built a completely new
15,000 sq. ft. facility costing 1.5
million dollars. The committee
feels that a comparable store is a
worthwhile objective, but that it
may not be possible immediately.
It will depend on public support
and the final decision will be made
by a yet to be elected board of
directors.

A board of around nine di-
rectors, with representation from
all the communities from Sag-
keeng to Bissett is envisaged. They
will be elected by the shareholders
of the new Coop at the first
annual general meeting. Nicholson
is meeting with representatives of
Federated Cooperatives of
Saskatoon in Pine Falls on
Wednesday, March 12. Feder-
ated is the wholesaler to the Coop
movement across Western

Canada. They supply goods to-
talling millions of dollars a year
to Coop stores in the four western
provinces.

After this meeting,
Nicholson & Tarrant will be pre-
paring a business plan, meeting
with provincial government offi-
cials to determine available fi-
nancing assistance, and with the

Credit Union to identify possible
term financing arrangements.

Once this has been com-
pleted, a series of public meetings
will be held in all the communities
expected to make use of the store.

Equity financing will be by
way of memberships and by issu-
ing 8% preferred shares. The level
of participation by the local com-

munities will determine the size
of the facility to be developed.

The Northwest Company
has been approached and has
indicated that their store in Pine
Falls is not for sale.

The steering committee
hopes to have a store in opera-
tion by Christmas this year.

The strike at the Northern Store
in Pine Falls has had a seri-
ous impact on businesses, and
has reinforced the desire of many
people in the community for a
more reliable grocery store serv-
ing the area. It is the second strike
in three years and there appears to
be no progress towards a solu-
tion.

A group of local people have
been meeting weekly for the last
month or so to investigate ways of
dealing with the situation.

The upshot of these discus-
sions has been a decision to deter-
mine if there is enough commu-
nity support for the establishment
of a coop store on the lines of the
very successful Beausejour Coop.
The first step will be to incorpo-
rate as the Winnipeg River Con-
sumers Cooperative Ltd.

A steering committee has
been formed, the Pine Falls Paper
Company has been approached,
and has tentatively agreed to make
land available for what will even-
tually be a 15,000 sq. ft. grocery
store, with some dry goods.

The steering committee con-
sists of:

Graham Nicholson, chair-
man. Nicholson was manager of
the Pine Falls Service centre, and
the Northwest Furniture store at
Sagkeeng. He has extensive ex-
perience with the Calgary Coop,
which has 15 stores in Calgary
with a total of more than 500
millions dollars in sales.

Darryl Tarrant - Pine Falls



Dignitaries at the ribbon cutting ceremonies of the opening of the 15,000 square foot Beausejour Co-op last January. Organizers of the Pine Falls Co-op would like to see a store of similar size open in the relatively near future.

Photo Courtesy of The Brookhead River Review

Voice Subscription Rates to Increase

We regret to announce that,
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we have been forced to increase
the cost of one year's subscription
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cally it is presently, to \$30.00 on
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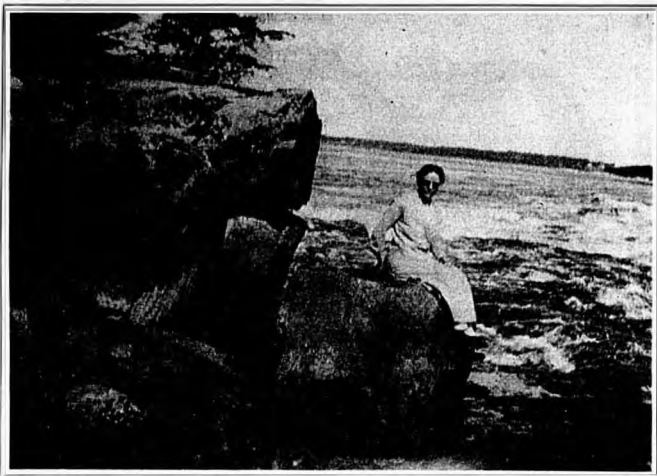
Remembering
The Vision



ENTERTAINMENT

Veteran comic
rocks the
Paper Town

News



The Falls before the dam was built (1931) - Photo courtesy of Muriel Hills

Pine Falls turns 70

The Voice to put out special collectors edition on March 26

On March 26th the Voice will be putting out a special collectors edition to commemorate Pine Falls' 70th Anniversary.

The issue will include old newspaper clippings, photographs, and stories about the history and people of Pine Falls and the surrounding areas.

We have already received numerous submissions from people in the community, and hope they keep pouring in. We,

unfortunately, will not be able to use all of them despite the value those memories hold.

We would like to invite all of the businesses in the area to participate in our celebration of the towns heritage and are offering special advertising rates to give you the opportunity. We will try to contact you by telephone over the next few days but if we don't call you, please don't hesitate to contact us if you would like

to take part in this historic event. The deadline for advertising in this edition is Thursday, March 20.

Don Norman
Managing Editor

*In loving memory
of our dear
Mom Esther who left
us March 16/94.*

To our beautiful Mother, we watched you suffer, we watched you cry, but all we could do was just stand by. When the time came, we suffered too. For you never deserved what you went through. God took your hand and we had to part. He eased your pain, but he broke our hearts. If you could have spoken, before you died. These are the words you would have replied.

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WINNIPEG RIVER W.L.: meetings third Tuesday of every month, 7:00 p.m. Library Allard, St. Georges
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PINE FALLS HEALTH AUXILIARY: Meetings on the first Tuesday of Every month at 1:30 pm
COTTAGE COUNTRY BUSINESS ASSOC.: Meeting - Every first Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Ph. 756-2596

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: - Sun Rise Group - Meetings every Monday, Wednesday and Friday 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Located at Powersview Arena (small centre entrance in front). Last Friday of the month open to the public. Fri. is non-smoking.

PINE FALLS LEGION: Meetings held 2nd Thursday of the month 7:30 p.m. Legion Hall. Meat raffles held at Legion House on Fridays from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

PINE FALLS MASONIC LODGE # 154: meets on second Friday of every month in the Pine Falls United Church. (except June, July, & Aug.)

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VILLAGE OF POWERSVIEW MEETINGS, every second Tuesday of each month.

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News

Agassiz School Division #13 Budget report

Total Budget:
The Board of Trustees approved the final 1997-98 Fiscal year budget on March 5, 1997.

After a draft budget was approved, Trustees and Administration held a total of nine meetings with staff, Parent Advisory Councils, and the public. Feedback from each group was generally positive and supportive of the draft. The final budget was then approved with minor changes to expenses. The final 1997-98 budget approved expenses of \$16,439,706, which exceed revenues by \$53,557. This deficit will reduce the cumulated surplus.

Revenue:
The provincial government funding has not changed significantly from the previous budget

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year. The one area of change was the addition of \$199,104 for bus purchases. In previous years, the province replaced the Division's buses based on the age of the bus. By providing the Division with these funds, we will now be able to manage our fleet and replace the buses that need to be replaced because of their condition not because of their age. The other areas of revenue for the division have remained fairly consistent from year to year.

Expenditures:
The budgeted expenditures were increased in the following areas:

1. An increase of 3.2 staff in the regular instruction area.

An increase of 2.7 staff in the specialized area which includes Resource Teachers, Counsellors, and Gifted Coordinator. The Division's need for a Library Program Coordinator was recognized and a part time position has been approved for this area. These increases restore staffing levels to those of 3 years ago.

2. The addition of one more maintenance worker was hired due to aging schools and proper maintenance requirements. This additional worker will be hired out of Lac du Bonnet or Powersview to cover the three schools in this area. In future years, this position will be 75% funded provincially.

3. In the technology area, the term coordinator was extended for another year. A technology services budget of \$30,000 will also be available to maintain the increasing number (and age) of computers which will allow for smoother operations. An addition \$12,500 was approved for school technology labs.

Taxes:
1997-98 approved budget results in a 0% change in the special levy billed to the municipalities. Because of the shift of assessments between municipalities, some may see a minor increase or decrease in taxes.

Ron Griffith, Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Community Internet Access

The Community Internet Access site is now offered at Empower Education Centre. We now have the Business site and the Public site available. Allard Library also has a public site available. Businesses, individuals, and organizations can access a wide variety of interactive services on the Internet such as:

- * Entertainment * Business Services
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- * Discussion Group or news groups for sharing ideas and expressing views.
- * Government Services, Open Bidding System, Government Contracts (available at Business site only)

The Internet has been made user friendly and we have knowledgeable staff at the centres who will be available to assist you. All you have to do is call ahead and reserve a time slot (1/2 hour at Public sites and 2 hours at Business sites) or you can take your chance and just drop in.

Empower Education Centre Business & Public Site Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday & Tuesday Evenings 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Ph. 367-2495/4836	Bibliothèque Allard Library Public Site Tuesday: 10:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Wed. - Fri 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Wed. & Thurs. Evenings: 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Saturday: 10:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Ph. 367-8443
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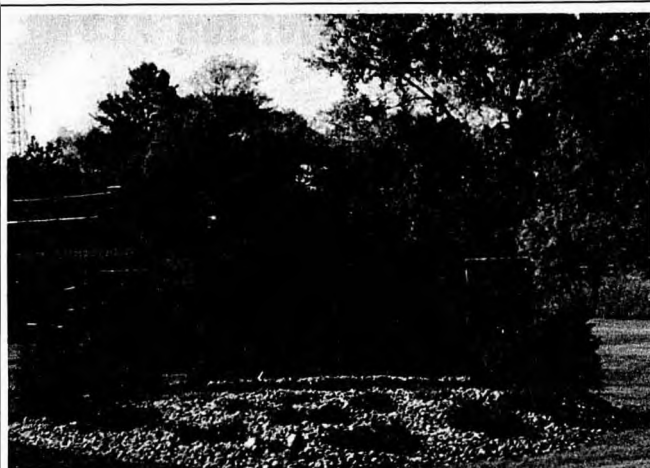
Opinion

Firearm Fees will kill thousands of jobs

"People will be shocked at this new tax on every aspect of the firearms industry."

Garry Breitkreuz, MP for Yorkton Melville released a confidential copy of the tables of new firearms fees and challenged Justice Minister Allan Rock to keep his promise that his new gun control measures in Bill C-68 would not hurt the firearms industry. "Firearms manufacturers, dealers, collectors, tourism outfitters and firearm owners have all informed me that the fees proposed by the Minister will effectively destroy the viability of many businesses and kill thousands of jobs across Canada," revealed Breitkreuz. "After having looked at the five pages of fees myself, I can only say that people will be shocked at his new tax on every aspect of the firearms indus-

try." "On February 16, 1995 the Minister of Justice said in the House of Commons, 'We should acknowledge and respect the history and tradition of hunting, not only as a favourite pastime in many parts of Canada but as a very important economic activity contributing directly to the prosperity of a number of regions throughout Canada.' When Breitkreuz asked Allan Rock to reassure workers who depend on the firearms industry that his new fees will not result in any job losses or have any negative economic impact on the industry, he would give no such assurance and attacked Breitkreuz and the Reform See *Firearms* page 5



The survival of the Pine Falls Paper Mill depends on new projects on the horizon.

Remembering the Vision

When the management & employees of Abitibi newprint mill purchased the operation in Sept. 1994 the intent was to save jobs and preserve the community.

Purchasing the mill removed the immediate crisis, but the job is not complete.

An Effluent Treatment Plant & Deink Plant have been built - both vital for the continued operation of the mill.

The problem of producing a product to compete with the brand new TMP furnished mill at Whitecourt, Alta., with aging paper machines furnished with groundwood & sulphite pulp seems to have been overcome, largely thanks to the quality of recycled newspaper from a slate of the art deink plant.

But a 70 year old mill cannot last forever. Roughly 200 million dollars is needed - to buy out Abitibi & upgrade the paper machine, build a new wood room, and build a TMP mill to produce low cost and high quality pulp for the paper machines.

The PFPC could raise this money by selling part of the company to the public. In many respects this is the safe

way to go. The company would not have to deal with a huge debt which it may not be able to service the event of a downturn in the economy and a drop in the price of newspaper.

But this route has a downside. Going public, and establishing a market for the shares owned by employees and management, carries with it the risk of someone from the outside taking control of the company.

It just might be possible to finance the next stage of development with bank financing. The company spent 70,000,000 in the first 18 months on capital project - almost all out of cash flow.

Given stable newspaper prices and time it may be possible to finance the next 200,000,000 with a combination of loan financing & cash flow.

It wouldn't matter too much one way or the other if it were not for phase III - a new paper machine. This will cost in the order of 600 million dollars and will have to be financed by selling part of the company to the public.

That is the dream and the vision - a high quality, low

cost mill producing 1200 TPD of first rate newspaper.

With a facility like this it will not matter who controls the mill - the future of the community will be absolutely secure. If control is lost financing phase II, phase III may never happen.

There appears to be a desire on the part of some shareholders for the company to issue dividends. It's premature. The timing is all wrong.

Every penny is needed to meet the cost of financing paper machine upgrading & the new TMP mill. If this can possibly be achieved without going public it is almost certain that a third paper machine will be part of the future of the mill. Without it there are no guarantees.

The total cost of dividends to shareholders may not be significant compared with the cost of a TMP mill, but it just might make a difference to who controls the company.

When the various buy out agreements were being put in place in '93 & '94 the intent was to re invest every penny for the next five years. It was a good plan then, and it is still the wisest course of action.

Firearms Fees

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Party for asking the question.

"One of the few remaining firearm manufacturers in Canada who exports over 50,000 rifles a year and employs between 50 and 75 workers contacted me this week," said Breitkreuz. In the tables of fees given to him Wednesday, by Justice Department officials, his annual fees would have increased from \$850 to over \$242,000. Today, officials tell him that the new fees will be \$15,000 a year. Wednesday's firearms tax would have put this Ontario manufacturer out of business and all his employees out on the street.

"Friday's fee proposals will just kill some of his business and force some of his employees onto the unemployment lines," reported Breitkreuz. "I find it truly alarming that a government that professes to be trying to boost exports of Canadian made goods would impose an export tax on firearms. I also find it hypocritical of the government to give \$87 million to Bombardier with the pretext of helping a developing industry and then impose onerous taxes which will kill the firearms industry talk about discrimination"

"This new tax against firearms owners, dealers, manufacturers, collectors, museums, the move industry, shipping companies, and hunters from the United States will effectively kill a vibrant industry worth billions to the Canadian economy," predicted Breitkreuz. Environment Canada found that in 1991 hunting activity alone contributed \$2.76 billion to the Canadian economy. (Source: Statistics Canada - Catalogue 11-509E - Human Activity and the Environment 1994.). "Hunters coming from the United States will be forced to pay \$50 for a temporary firearms licence every year. This will effectively stop thousands of tourists from coming to Canada. It's sad when we live in a country where even the Minister of Justice doesn't keep his promises."

1997 Federal Budget: An overview

by David W. Iftody, M.P.

Federal Finance Minister Paul Martin announced his fourth budget in the House of Commons on February 18. It is one which delivers on the Liberal Government's Red Book commitments and does more towards cutting the deficit and improving the lives of average Canadians.

This fourth budget, like the first three, follows a plan to build the future for Canadians through a stronger economy and a stronger society.

In brief, our plan for jobs and growth is to:

- Stay the course on restoring the country's fiscal health;
- Invest for immediate jobs

and growth;

- Invest in a stronger society.

For the third consecutive year, the government has beaten its own deficit targets. The 1996-97 deficit will be no higher than \$19 billion even after a one time investment in long term job creation, more than \$5 billion below target and more than \$9.5 billion below the 1995-96 deficit, the largest year over year decline ever.

We are certainly on track to meet deficit targets of \$17 billion for 1997-98 and \$9 billion for 1998-99. Financial requirements will be eliminated in 1998-99. This means that the

government will not have to borrow any new money from financial markets that year, for the first time since 1969-70.

There are no new tax increases in this budget and no new program spending cuts in this budget.

There are a number of initiatives which are intended to stimulate immediate jobs and growth, bridging the gap to the stronger growth which will result from lower interest rates. Some of these initiatives include:

- Extension of the Canada Infrastructure Works Program
- Increased assistance and programs for youth employment programs

- Increased education credits for students and increased contribution limits for RESPs
- Establishment of the Canada Foundation for Innovation

Investing in the future of Canada's children by enriching the Child Tax Benefit and Working Income Supplement.

Helping persons with disabilities and supporting charitable giving.

This budget aims at restoring confidence in the country's finances, confidence which was severely shaken but which has steadily been regained both by Canadians and foreign markets.

Over the next few weeks it will be my pleasure to provide further details about specific budget initiatives.

Letters Kids the priority for long-time official

The decision to by pass me from officiating the Provincial Atom Tournament had a very negative affect on my health last week. Because of this I sent a letter to the Voice

announcing my retirement from officiating our kids.

I have given this decision a lot of thought and have decided to carry on.

The big reason I changed my mind is if I quit the kids are the losers. I am going to try hard to overlook what happened this weekend.

I am probably one of the senior officials in the province and have reffed some of the best teams in Western Canada the Warroad Lakers, St. Boniface Mohawks, I also must add officiating for 40 years.

In closing, like I said previously I am going to try to put every thing behind me. The kids in the area are a big priority in my life but I didn't forget the parents. I have been involved with some great people from the Pineview and Sagkeeng arenas who have treated me very well through the years. Some people I have to mention are Donna and Luc, Claudette and Gary from Pineview, and Claude, Paul and Derlene from Sagkeeng.

See you at the rink, Sheek (G. Hibbert)

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Opinion

AT WORK IN RURAL COMMUNITIES

Young Canadians know that education, continuous skills development and meaningful work experience are absolutely essential to get a good start in today's job market. The Government of Canada is addressing these issues through the Youth Employment Strategy which offers a range of programs to assist young people...

Scholarships

Agriculture is a high-tech industry. And it needs highly trained people to keep it moving forward. The Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada National Scholarships program assists students in pursuing advanced degrees in a broad range of science disciplines related to agriculture and agri-food. Eligible fields of study include botany, animal sciences, microbiology, agricultural engineering, veterinary medicine, agricultural economics, information technology and others.

For more information on these and other youth programs call the Government of Canada Youth Info Line at 1-800-935-5555 or visit the new youth web site at <http://www.youth.gc.ca>

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News

Notre Dame du Laus Parish News

God wants us to know and share in his life. To enable us to do so, he offers us forgiveness for our sins through his son Jesus. Through the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession), we receive this precious gift of forgiveness which Jesus earned for us through his suffering and death on the cross. As we die to sin, we rise to the new life Christ has gained for us. Aware of that endless, unconditional love, we can celebrate Easter (Christ's Resurrection) with renewed joy and excitement.

world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him" (John 3:17) Community Celebrations or reconciliation Wednesday, March 19th at 7:30 p.m.: Fort Alexander; Thursday, March 20th at 7:30 p.m.: Notre-dame-du-Laus (Powerview) Friday, March 21st at 7:30 p.m.: Saint Theresa (Pine Falls); Sunday, March 23rd at 7:30 p.m.: Saint-Georges. EVERYONE is welcome! Come and experience God's healing forgiveness!

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New resource coordinator at Winnipeg River Seniors Centre

Hello, my name is Gloria Lafreniere. I am the new Winnipeg River Senior Resource Coordinator for the area, replacing Thelma Hanson. I know Thelma has done a wonderful job as a coordinator and I hope to do just as well.

I am looking forward to meeting a lot of people and helping in any way I can.

As you already know the Sickroom Equipment Loans Service is in operation in the area. This service provides equipment for people convescing in their own homes. With a health care professional's recommendation, the equipment is loaned on a short term basis for up to three months. At present we have the use of 2 walkers, a cane,

and a wheelchair. The Red Cross assists our group by providing the equipment, maintenance, and training to set up the program. If you require the equipment, call either Ken Gunter at 367-9112, or Gloria Lafreniere at 367-9128.

The purpose of the Winnipeg River Senior Service Inc. is to assist seniors and disabled persons of Pine Falls, Powerview, Silver Falls, Broadlands, White Mud/Leisure Falls, St. Georges and Great Falls to continue living independently and with dignity at home as long as possible.

The services that we currently provide are as follows: Home Maintenance/Yard Care Friendly Visiting

Footcare Transportation Victoria Lifeline Installation and Follow-up Information Service

The Handivan is another service provided to the area, anyone interested in this service please call the Pine Falls District Ambulance at 367-9112.

Every month there is a FREE draw for a return trip (within local zone) on the North Winnipeg River Handi-van. The month of February winner is Marguerite Bealieu. Tickets available for the March draw are located at the Foyer Chateau Guay in St. Georges, Silver Haven in Powerview and the Pinoview Lodge in Pine Falls.

W.R.W.I Happenings

One hundred years and growing, Women's Institute celebrated its 100th birthday, February 18, 1997. The W.R.W.I participated in the celebration with "Food & Friends" a potluck supper, Western Theme, topped off with musical entertainment from the talented Norm and Roxanne Vezina. (A silver collection was donated to the Family of Arlette Laroche.) The

generosity of food, friends and talent was appreciated by all in attendance.

Upcoming Events: March 18, 1997 - Eastern Region W.I Spring Convention. Dugald MB. Theme: "Hats off to W.I." - March 25, 1997 - 7:00 p.m. Library Allard. Meeting date changed (to accommodate E.R.W.I Spring Convention.) W.R.W.I general Meeting-Program - Business to discuss provincial Convention Resolution

April 16-18, 1997 - Manitoba Women's Institute Provincial Convention- Brandon MB. Theme: Centennial Challenge-Salute to Our Future. Keynote Speaker: David Irvine, M.S.W is a professional educator and change specialist. He has developed his expertise in the field of family therapy, organizational effectiveness and community building since 1980. He has consulted with and presented to organizations across North America- specializing in the "human" pride of organizations, David was raised in a farm Central Alberta and has particular interest in assisting family business in agriculture.

The W.R.W.I has presented a resolution to be put forth at the Provincial Convention The resolutions, if accepted, are then passed on to the appropriate level of government for action. Our resolution: "Be it resolved that M.W.I urge the Minister of Health to ensure that funding is available to include the Manitoba Breast Screening Program the very important components of breast examination together with the teaching of breast examination to first time participants and to vigorously promote the use of teaching videos to reinforce self-examination, and be it further resolved that the Manitoba Government fund a Mobile Mammography Unit to ensure that a larger number of rural women are able to participate in the Breast Screening Program. For more info. call Loren at 367-2922

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News

Thompson trustee wins northern NDP nomination

Former Thompson School Board Chair, Bev Desjarlais, won the NDP nomination for the Churchill Riding Saturday evening. Desjarlais beat out three other candidates in the nomination race for this casting which runs from Pine Falls in the south up to the Manitoba/

Northwest Territories border in the north.

Desjarlais was upbeat during her acceptance speech emphasizing that all four provincial constituencies are NDP strongholds and that even in the "Liberal sweep in the last election, the NDP ran a close second."

"We can win this riding again. People are calling for active and strong federal representation after nearly four years of neglect in Ottawa. They want to see somebody standing up for the interests of northern residents," Desjarlais told cheering supporters.

Provincial NDP Leader, Gary Doer, who spoke at the meeting said that the north has "suffered double jeopardy with Conservative cuts by the Manitoba government and by Liberals in Ottawa who continue to follow the Mulroney

political agenda." The new Democratic Party held three nomination meetings and sent members ballots to mail in, because of the large size of the riding which covers more than three quarters of Manitoba.



The WRHD is currently cultivating a relationship with NEHA (Pinawa offices above).

Winnipeg River Health District negotiating deal with NEHA

Winnipeg River Health District believes that it is important to focus on improving the health of the people in the region of North Eastman by ensuring that this area benefits from the opportunities presented by regionalization. Opportunities which include (but are not limited to) achieving levels of care which are available in other regions, using new forms of technology, reducing cost due to the economics of scale, sharing skills and abilities, etc.

Now that the region is defined, and the Regional Health Authority established, the health care needs of the population served by regional units should be determined through epidemiological studies, input from communities and other health needs assessment. In addition to local planning, there is also the need for broader-based planning.

Under Bill 49 (which establishes regionalization) Winnipeg River Health District has chosen to keep its identity and corporate integrity as have many other health organizations in Manitoba. This does not decrease the support for regionalization. As a health district we believe in primary care and have worked very hard at establishing the full

continuum of health services.

Currently Winnipeg River Health District is in negotiation with North Eastman Health Authority. The contract as proposed by Winnipeg River Health District states that: The parties to this agreement understand and agree that the relationship between NEHA and WRHD will be characterized by mutual collaboration and cooperation in development of system wide initiatives and programs.

We believe in the vision outline in Quality Health for Manitobans - The Action Plan.

We look forward to being part of the process that is aimed at assuring the future of Manitoba's health services system by restructuring it towards a better balance between prevention, community-oriented and institutional services. The implementation of the plan is based on the development of a "Partnership for Health" involving all of the key stakeholders in the health care system - the community, recipients of service and their families, the broad range of service providers, researchers and government.

RETURN TO YOUR COMMUNITY FOR RECOVERY

If you or a member of your family are needing hospitalization in Winnipeg, you have the option to request being returned to Pine Falls General Hospital or Sunnywood Manor Personal Care home as soon as possible, for example, when:

- Your surgery is over
 - Your condition improves but you need further hospital treatment.
 - For palliative care services
- Pine Falls General Hospital and Sunnywood Manor Personal Care Home offer:
- Quality medical nursing care;
 - Convenient free parking;
 - Close proximity to your home; and
 - Lower cost per hospital bed than an urban hospital

Access to community Home Care Services can be obtained through your local Community Health and Family Service office: Pine Falls 367-2224

With government changes in health care delivery, your support in using local facilities will ensure that health dollars remain in the North Eastman Region. This will provide all residents with health coverage within their own area.

CAREERSTART



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Manitoba CareerStart works in partnership with employers to help provide summer jobs for Manitoba's students and youth.

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Additional information and applications may be obtained from Manitoba CareerStart, 204 - 209 Notre Dame Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3B 1M9. Call 945-0901 in Winnipeg or 1-800-282-8069 (toll-free).

To pick up an application in your area, visit: Rural Development Lower Level Provincial Building Beausejour, Manitoba

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