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Katrina's mother asks for inquest

Connie Weipert, lawyer for Laurie Guimond, mother of the late Katrina Rae Guimond, has written to the Chief Medical Examiner formally requesting an inquest into the death of Katrina who lost her life in a fire at the Three Bears Day Care Centre on August 27, 1996.

another tragedy does not occur in other areas? Other questions relate to the safety of the rummage sale area where the fire started, it's lack of adequate fire protection and access to the area by unauthorised persons.

Weipert had asked for an inquest immediately after the fire, September 5, but was told that the determination of whether or not an inquest would have to be held in abeyance until after a criminal investigation and possible trial were concluded. Since charges were stayed on the 20th of January, Weipert is asking that an inquest be held "forthwith".

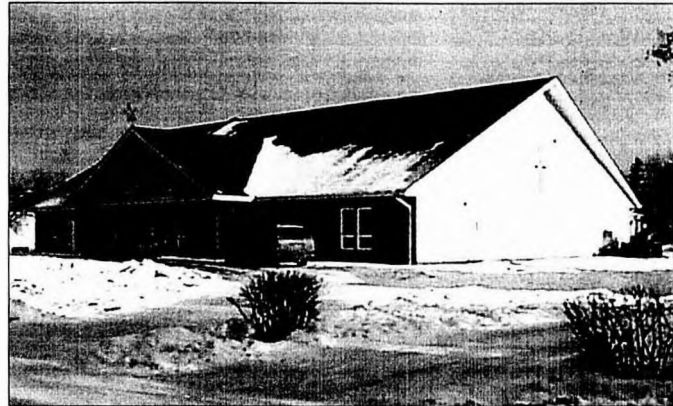
In her letter to the Medical Examiner, Weipert states that, without an inquest, the family and community will not have closure, and that "parents of children in day care will have little or no assurance that there are safeguards in place to ensure their children are not at risk".

According to Weipert there are several issues that need to be resolved that can only be resolved by an inquest or public inquiry.

She also points out that "concerns have been raised in the aboriginal community that the unexplained delays in investigation and prosecution arise from a nonchalance over the death of yet another aboriginal child". Whether or not these concerns are founded, holding an inquest would resolve the issue.

It appears that the last fire inspection took place on February 19, 1991. One of the recommendations was that holes in the ceiling and fire separation between the day care and the rest of the church basement be repaired to maintain fire separation. The day care continued in operation for five years without this being done. Why was it not enforced? Why was day care licensing continued in spite of continued infractions? Since other day care centres in rural areas are in a similar position, what can be done to ensure that

On August 25, Laurie Guimond filed a civil suit claiming damages. Named in the suit are: the day care centre, The United Church of Canada, Trustees of the Congregation of the Pine Falls United Church, The Government of Manitoba, and Noreen Martin.



The rebuilt Pine Falls United Church. The original church was destroyed by a fire in August 1996. The United Church is suing Noreen Martin, the Happy Tots Place, and the Government of Manitoba for the cost of rebuilding the church.

United Church sues daycare

The Voice has learned that the United Church of Canada, and the Trustees of the congregation of the Pine Falls United Church initiated civil proceedings August 6, 1998, naming Noreen Martin, The Happy Tots Place Inc., (formerly the Three Bears Day Care Centre), and the Government of Manitoba, as defendants.

Guimond's claim. The suit was filed before the preliminary hearing into the trial of Day Care Worker Noreen Martin for arson. The preliminary hearing resulted in the crown staying charges against Martin when it became apparent that arson could not be proved, and the fire may have been accidental. The suit claims that Martin, an employee of the day care, negligently started the fire, and that the day care centre is liable by virtue of Martin being an employee.

Government covers failing to inspect and require compliance with the Manitoba Fire Code, and failing to notify the church of deficiencies, thereby preventing them from having an opportunity to remedy those deficiencies.

Damages included in the claim are: cost of rebuilding, cost associated with compliance with by-laws and building code, loss of income from church premises including rents, cost of repairing and replacing contents, and services provided and expenses incurred by church members while assisting in rebuilding.

The suit results from the loss by fire August 27, 1996, which started in the rummage sale area of the church basement and spread, because of lack of a proper fire separation, to the Three Bears Day Care Centre, claiming the life of two year old Katrina Rae Guimond. The suit was filed 19 days before a suit by Katrina's mother Laurie Guimond (see separate story on this page). It thus does not take into consideration any finding by the court resulting from

The suit also claims that damage due to the spread of the fire was caused by negligence of the Fire Commissioner or other office or section of the Department of Labour (The Fire Commissioner comes under the Department of Labour) and thus the Government of Manitoba is liable.

The claim against the gov-

The Church claims that Martin and the day care are responsible for all of the loss, and the Government of Manitoba is responsible for that part of the loss resulting from the rapid spread of the fire as a result of the absence of proper fire separations.

Correction

In last week's article on Feet First Foot Care there was an error in the phone number. The correct phone number to Feet First Foot Care Services by Jeannette Schmidt is 367-8391. We apologize for any embarrassment this may have caused.

The Last 4P of the 20th Century!

An organizational meeting will be held at the Powerview School (Staffroom) February 21, 1999 at 7:00pm. Any people or organizations interested, please drop by. Let's work together to make this the best 4P of the 20th Century! Hope to see you there.

News

MP Report - Desjarlais Calls On Government To Stop Child Pornography

Ottawa - the federal government must take action now to counter last month's court decision that criminalized the possession of child pornography, Churchill MP Bev Desjarlais said today.

Last month, a British Columbia court struck down the law banning possession of child pornography. The court said the law violates freedom of expression.

"Child pornography is not free expression," Desjarlais said. "People who make child pornography are abusing children. That makes people who buy it accomplices."

BC's NDP government has appealed the decision to that province's appeal court. Desjarlais joined other MPs, from all political parties, in calling on the Liberal government to take action as well.

"The government has the power to use the notwithstanding clause in the constitution to overturn this decision," Desjarlais said.

So far the Liberal government has refused to use the notwithstanding clause. Justice Minister Anne McLellan said that the government would wait for the result of the BC government's appeal.

"The appeal process could take a year of longer," Desjarlais said. "There is also a chance that the appeal could fail. It's a slim chance but it's possible. We shouldn't take that kind of chance with our children's safety."

Employment Insurance Cuts Plunder Riding's Economy

A report from Statistics Canada and the Canadian Labour Congress has proven the damage the Liberal government's Employment Insurance (EI) cuts have done to the Churchill riding. The report showed that EI cuts have drained \$16.9 million from our local economy. Unemployment has gone up in the Churchill riding since the Liberal government took power but 37% fewer people are eligible

for EI. Many people in our communities have seasonal jobs and rely on EI during the off season. These cuts affect all of us. Almost all the money paid to unemployed people goes to local businesses and helps job creation. I have called on the Liberal government to reverse these disastrous cuts. These millions of dollars should be pumped back into our local economy.

Visiting Your Community

I have visited several communities during the winter break of the House of Commons and also worked out of my office in Thompson. I visited Pine Falls, Powerview, St. Georges, and Bissett in the southern part of the riding. While I was there I met with a Rural Municipality, visited schools, toured the Bissett gold mine and visited people at their homes. I also went to Churchill where I met with local business people and visited the school. NDP Social Policy Critic Libby Davies accepted my invitation to come to our riding during her cross-country tour entitled "Homelessness: An Unnatural Disaster". We visited a homeless shelter in Thompson together and then went to South Indian Lake with Flin Flon MLA Gerard Jennissen.

Americans Seeking To Import Canadian Water Under NAFTA

The Americans are trying to use the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) to strike down two Canadian laws blocking the bulk export of Canadian water. Once again this flawed treaty is threatening Canadian sovereignty. Water is one of our most important natural resources. It must not be sold to the highest bidder. In an emergency I would not oppose sharing our water with our neighbours but this is not an emergency. We must have laws to protect our water supply.

Grain Transport Report Sends Mixed Message

Justice Willard Estey has finally released his report of Canada's grain transportation

system. Estey noted that the port of Churchill is the best port to export grain from Manitoba and eastern Saskatchewan. However, he did not recommend Churchill as strongly as I would have liked. I oppose Estey's recommendation to phase out the rate cap that limits how much the rail monopolies can charge farmers. It would leave farmers at the mercy of the rail companies.

Upcoming House Business

There are some important issues on the agenda when the House of Commons resumes sitting in February. First up will be two bills: Bill C-49, the First Nations Land Management Act, which will make good on a land management agreement between the federal government and the Opaskwayak Cree Nation; and Bill C-58, a bill to amend the Railway Safety Act. Then the House will turn the budget. During the budget debates, I and my NDP colleagues will push the Liberal government to make jobs and health care the main priorities.

Serving The Public
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ST. GEORGES MEAL PROGRAM MENU

Monday, Feb. 8
Salad, Chicken stew w/ biscuits, rice pudding

Wednesday, Feb. 10
Soup, hamburger steak w/ fried onion, mashed potatoes, veg. square.

Friday, Feb. 12
Salad, Roast Loin of pork, rice, veg. apple crisp

Please give 24 hours notice - 367-8808

Community Billboard - ph 367-4466

LIBRARY ALLARD: Library Hours: Tuesday: 10:30am to 5:00pm Wednesday: 1:00pm to 5:00pm 6:30pm to 8:00pm Thursday: 1:00pm to 5:00pm 6:30pm to 8:00pm Friday: 1:00pm to 5:00pm Saturday: 10:30am to 4:00pm
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Meetings every second Tuesday of the month 7:30 in the basement of the Powerview Church.
SILVER HAVEN CLUB: Cribbage - every 4th and 5th Monday of the Month at 1:30 p.m. - Whist - every Thursday of the month at 1:30 p.m.
WINNIPEG RIVER W.L.: meetings third Tuesday of every month, 7:00 p.m. Library Allard, St. Georges

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. October through May. Ph. 756-2596
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: - Sun Rise Group - Meetings every Monday, Wednesday and Friday 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Last Friday of the month open to the public. Located at St. Georges Catholic Church Basement.

PINE FALLS LEGION - Meetings held 2nd Thursday of the month 7:30 p.m. Legion. Meat raffles held at Legion on Fridays from 4:30 to 5:30.
PINE FALLS RASONIC LODGE # 154 - meets on second Friday of every month in the Pine Falls United Church. Except Jan. & Feb.
BADMINTON - Pine Falls School Gym, Sunday & Wednesday nights, 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.
POWVIEW GARBAGE PICKUP every Wed. Recyclable pickup every 1st & 3rd Thurs. of each month.
MEETING every 4th Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
VILLAGE OF POWVIEW MEETINGS, every second Tuesday of each month.

WINNIPEG RIVER SENIOR SERVICE INC. Coordinator: Tina Politschuk Office: Pine Falls Health Complex, Telephone: 367-9128. Hours: 9:00am - 3:00pm Monday - Friday. Services: Transportation, Home Maintenance, Foot Care, Volunteer Help, Information.

FAMILY CARE GIVER SUPPORT GROUP at the United Church, Pine Falls, last Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.
AA & ALANON - The Beaches family group, Thursdays at 8:00pm, Senior Scene, Victoria Beach - 1 Ateah Road, 756-8018 or 756-2101.
PINE FALLS LIBRARY - Library hrs. will be from 3 p.m. until 5pm Monday - Thursday.

HAPPY TOTS DAY CARE - The Happy Tots Place Inc. P.O. Box 773 Pine Falls, ROE 1M0 - 367-2601 hold board meetings on the last Monday of each month 7:00 p.m. at the Daycare.

SENIORSCENE INC. #1 Ateah Rd., Victoria Beach. General Meetings every 2nd Tuesday of the month. Art Classes Wed. 10 am, Wood Carving Wed. 1pm, Movies Tue. 7pm, carpet bowling, Fri. 2pm, Bingo Fri. 7:15 pm. Call 756-6468 for more information regarding activities.
SCHIZOPHRENIC SUPPORT GROUP: Support group for families of those with schizophrenia held every third Wednesday at 7pm at the Pine Falls School Library.

LAKE SHORE AL-ATEEN GROUP: Meets Thursdays 6:30pm - 7:30pm. Lac du Bonnet Health Centre, 89 McIntosh St. Starts Sept. 10/98. Call Kathie 367-8237 or Vickie at 345-6520.

SUNRISE SINGERS: Meet every Monday evening 7-9pm in the Pine Falls United Church. New members welcome - Choir master - Henry Peters pianist Gwen Welsh.

BEACHES HELP CENTRE - 756-6471, Wed. 1-4pm, Fri. 10am-1pm
NATIONAL TEACHER/STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK - February 14-20, 1999 Call Bernice Kralka 367-9185 or your local school for more information.

Church Services

NOTRE DAME D'ULAU: POWVIEWVIEW - Sat. Evening 7:30pm (English), Sun. 8:30am (French), 10:30am (English); STEAD - Sat. 5:00pm

PINE FALLS UNITED CHURCH: Sunday service Sunday school 11:00 am Rev. Cindy Terry Office Hours: Tues - Fri. 10:00 to Noon Tel: 367-2633

PINE FALLS ANGLICAN CHURCH OF THE ADVENT: Ph. 367-8347
Rector: the Rev. Brian Rouniree. Sunday Service at 9:00 am.

ST. THERESA'S: Masses at Notre Dame du Laus

ST. GEORGES: Mass Sunday at 8:00 am and 10:00 am

ST. JUDE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, Grand Marais, Holy Eucharist - 2nd and 4th Sundays, 11 a.m. Morning prayer 11 a.m. - 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, Thalberg, 1 mi. east and 1 mi. South of junction 12 and 304 St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Greenwaldon Hwy. 12, 1 1/2 mi. north of junction with 317. Sunday church school 10 a.m., worship 11 a.m. (alternate locations). For info. call 633-2625 or 754-8682.

CHRISTIAN FAITH FELLOWSHIP - Bible study 7:30 p.m. Thurs. Church Service at 10:30 a.m. Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.

HOUSE OF PRAYER FULL GOSPEL - 2:30 every Sunday, Scantebury, 3th. on Hwy. 59

ST. MARGUERITE R.C. MISSION Pitt Rd. - Traverse Bay, 11:30 a.m. Sunday Additional Mass mid June thru Labour Day 7:30 p.m. Saturday Closed November 1 - April 30th.

ST. ALEXANDER R.C. CHURCH, located at Sagkeeng 1st Nations Sunday Mass 10:30 a.m.

ST. THERESA R.C. MISSION, 88 Glendale Ave., Grand Marais. Mass or Community Service 7:30 p.m. Saturday 1st Sat. of Nov. to last Saturday of April.

SAGKEENG CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH - Lloyd Guimond (Pastor) Sagkeeng South Shore. Service Thursday 7:30 p.m. and Sundays 2:00 p.m.

CHRIST CHURCH ANGLICAN - Sunday 2:30 p.m. in Hallow Water.

News

Police Beat

Getting the ball rolling

by C.J. (Carl) DINSDALE, CST, Powerview Detachment

This past week the number of responses to the column has doubled! For those of you that read last week's column you know that only means four, but we have to crawl before walking and running. Now without further ado, this week's questions.

Q - I would like to know why the seat belt law is not pushed around here? There are so many people driving around with children standing next to them on the seat. - Anonymous

A - This is a very valid concern and obviously you feel we here at the Detachment are not doing enough enforcement in this area. Your concern about this is shared by all members of the Detachment, especially with the children being unrestrained. There is nothing worse than preventable injury or death to a child because they were not properly belted in a vehicle. Just for your information seat belt fines are \$74 for drivers and passengers over 18 will also be fined \$74 if not belted in. For children under 18 the driver receives the fine and children under 5 and 50 lbs require an approved child seat. Now that we are aware of this concern it will be addressed so buckle up!

Q - How many hours do police officers work and do you get paid lots with all the overtime you get? - Anonymous

A - The RCMP is like any

other full time job in that we are required to work 40 hours a week. As far as making lots of extra money in the form of overtime, I wish! All overtime worked must be justifiable in order to be claimed. The Detachment has almost 24 hour coverage, therefore the potential for overtime is slim unless there happens to be a major incident, which does occur from time to time.

Q - I saw a police car in the ditch on 304 yesterday, do you guys have special driver training? - Anonymous

A - Every member of the RCMP is given training in police driving tactics while in training at Depot in Regina and this is quite extensive. If you do not pass this training you do not get your badge. Most members also receive advanced driver training once they get to their respective Divisions (provinces). However, we are all human and susceptible to poor road conditions or unforeseen hazards. I was working the day your question refers to and the constable driving that car was turning around to stop a car doing 118 kmph in a 90 kmph zone. The slippery shoulder saved somebody a hefty fine!

Q - Do you have a police dog in Powerview? - Anonymous

A - No, however each sub-division in Manitoba has a dog to be employed where needed within that area. Our dog is based out of Selkirk, and is available

24 hours a day. The RCMP dogs are multi-purpose, meaning they will do a variety of tasks, including tracking, locating narcotics, crowd control and of course locating and holding persons who run from the police.

That raps up this week's feedback and I'll tell you, I had no idea there were so many people around here named Anonymous, is that Greek? I'm just kidding, keep the questions coming and give us an opinion or two. Or better yet I have a question for you, are you happy with the police service being provided by the Powerview Detachment and if not, why not? Let's hear what you have to say.

Home Security

It is an unfortunate fact of life in this day and age that when we leave our homes they can be targeted by gutless thieves who are too lazy to work for a living and steal our hard earned property. It is also unfortunate that every crime is not as easily solved as is portrayed by television, especially property crimes. For these reasons it is important to take home security seriously and invest a little time and money in it. Here are some tips to help even the odds a little bit.

- Locks on doors and windows must be of good quality, high quality dead bolts on doors are preferable, keeping in mind that the door itself should be quite sturdy.
- Alarm systems are great, if properly utilized. If you are

installing one become very familiar with the way it works and be sure to remove anything that may trigger a false alarm when you are out of the house. Loud audible alarms can also be installed but if you are doing this notify your neighbours so they know what all the commotion is about if it goes off.

- When going away for an extended period of time, have a neighbour or friend keep your house looking lived in. By this I mean have someone shovel your walk and driveway or cut the grass, whichever is applicable. Also have them collect your papers or mail and check the house on a daily basis. Utilize timers so lights, radios or TVS are on at different times of the day.

- Security lighting, such

as motion sensor activated yard lights are useful and should be mounted to light up covered approaches to your house.

- If all this fails and you are broken into, be sure you have detailed records of all your valuables. Record make, model and serial numbers of all electronic equipment, tools and power equipment. If it does not have a serial number, obtain an engraver and mark it yourself. Do this in a spot that is not obvious or easily removed.

I hope I'm not instilling paranoia in anyone, all I'm saying is that with a little time, money and foresight you can lower the chances of a break-in. At the very least you won't be kicking your own behind because you didn't do anything.

Play Safe.

WINGS OF POWER

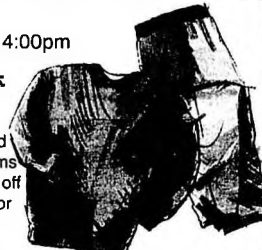
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Our employee, public stakeholder and supplier relationships are very important to us and this person will be asked to have daily interaction on a broad range of issues with people from all three groups. Abilities to listen, understand, problem-solve and collaborate are necessary for these relationships to grow.

This is a senior administrative position which is reflected in the amount and types of responsibility assigned to the person. If you are interested in applying, please feel welcome to submit your resume and covering letter to Kathy Oakes, Human Resources Department, Pine Falls Paper Company, Box 10, Pine Falls, MB, ROE 1M0, Ph: 367-5205, Fax: 367-2442, E-Mail: koakes@pfpc.mb.ca

Deadline for receiving applications is February 10, 1999.



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Sports

HOCKEY STANDINGS

MJHL Standings

ADDISON DIVISION	W	L	I	OTL	F	A	P
St. James	29	19	0	1	212	179	59
Selkirk	23	23	0	2	188	201	48
St. Boniface	22	24	0	2	192	235	46
Winnipeg South	22	24	0	1	170	210	45
Southeast	18	31	0	1	183	215	37

ALLARD DIVISION	W	L	I	OTL	F	A	P
OCN	40	7	1	1	295	122	82
Winkler	36	12	1	2	240	155	75
Portage	31	15	2	1	240	174	65
Dauphin	15	30	0	4	176	245	34
Neepawa	8	44	0	0	144	304	16

Scoring Leaders

PLAYER	TEAM	G	A	PTS
McGill	Winkler	39	56	95
Harrison	Portage	43	39	82
K. McKay	OCN	27	49	76
Rose	OCN	30	43	73
Pachal	Dauphin	33	35	68
Duchesne	OCN	27	41	68
Fay	Selkirk	25	40	65
Ryan	OCN	24	37	63
Kuharski	Neepawa	36	22	58
Soares	St Boniface	31	27	58
Odut	Dauphin	26	32	58

HTHL Standings

TEAM	GP	W	L	I	F	A	PTS
Ile des Chenes	20	18	2	0	161	61	36
La Broquerie	20	15	5	0	135	65	30
59ers	23	11	11	1	117	100	23
St. Jean	17	8	8	1	106	93	17
St. Adolphe	19	9	9	1	117	104	19
Grunthal	18	5	12	1	60	115	11
Pine Falls	20	3	16	1	67	160	7

Scoring Leaders

PLAYER	TEAM	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
Chaloner, Kane	Ile des Chenes	19	22	21	43	10
Gauthier, Paul	La Broquerie	19	18	21	39	32
Eastman, Garth	Ile des Chenes	15	10	27	37	6
Gosselin, Maurice	59ers	19	20	17	37	92
Both, Mike	St Jean	18	10	26	36	130
Anderson, Paul	La Broquerie	17	17	18	35	60
Beauchemin, Joe	Ile des Chenes	19	15	20	35	6
Friesen, Curtis	Ile des Chenes	14	18	17	35	54
Paull, Kalum	St Jean	15	13	21	34	43
Hebel, Carey	La Broquerie	19	18	14	32	22
Saurette, Pat	59ers	13	12	20	32	16

Week's Scores

January 17	St Adolphe	Ile des Chenes	PP
	St Jean	59ers-St. Pierre	7
January 19	La Broquerie	Grunthal	2
	59ers	Ile des Chenes	5
January 22	Grunthal	Ile des Chenes	13
	St Adolphe	Pine Falls	3
January 23	Pine Falls	Grunthal	5
	59ers	St Adolphe	5
	La Broquerie	St Jean	3
January 24	Ile des Chenes	59ers-St. Malo	0

Coming Games

January 28	Pine Falls	at	St Jean	8pm
January 30	Ile des Chenes	at	Pine Falls	8pm

USACKIS, BUHAY, WORONA & STRONG, of Lac du Bonnet win 50th Men's Bonspiel



Skip, John Usackis, third - Gary Buhay, second - Randy Worona, & lead - Gordon Strong of Lac du Bonnet were the A-Event winners in the 50th Men's Bonspiel held at the Pine Falls Curling Club last weekend.



Don Hills, of Pine Falls received a special award last Saturday evening at the annual men's bonspiel dinner. He has played in every one of the men's bonspiels since it began fifty years ago. Hills played lead for Tom Allison's rink this year. Allison won the second event.



B-Event Winners - Skip - Tom Allison, third - Lou Charboneau, second - Gilles Fiset, lead - Don Hills



C-Event Winners - Skip - Randall Foubert, third - Dave McCaldar, second - Bruce Chapman, lead - Norm Feeblekorn

Carillon League Pee Wee 'A' Hockey Standings

TEAM	GP	W	L	I	F	A	PTS
Oakbank	14	10	2	2	96	38	22
Pinawa	15	10	3	2	69	52	22
Sagkeeng	10	9	0	1	116	18	19
Landmark	13	7	4	2	78	54	16
Pineview	14	7	5	2	54	48	16
Ile des Chenes	13	6	6	1	63	67	13
Lac du Bonnet	14	4	9	1	56	92	9
Steinbach Blue	13	2	9	2	42	82	6
Steinbach W	11	1	7	3	34	73	5
Beausejour	13	1	12	0	36	92	2

Bonspieling for 50 years

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Sandbag News

TEAM POINTS:

1. Philip Bouthillier	53
2. Jeanne Lavoie	34
3. Jos Vincent	25
4. Eliane Boulet	24
5. Victor Vincent	15
6. Edgar Vincent	14

HIGH SCORE MEN:

1. Alex Kalynchuk	8760
2. Victor Vincent	7520
3. Edgar Vincent	7060

HIGH SCORE WOMEN:

1. Ginette Vincent	7220
2. Flo Windsor	6950
3. Jeanne Lavoie	6900

300's:

Lindsay Kaminawaish	11
Colette Vincent	7
Darren Dufour	7
Heather Dufour	6
Sam Kush	4
Andrea Frechette	4
Honore Dupont	2
Marguerite Boyer	1
Eugenie Vincent	1
Ginette Vincent	1
Jeanne Lavoie	1
Erik Kesanen	1
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Sports History

Hockey Heroes of 1930

By George Bayly

In my previous article, I told you about the exploits of the Pine Falls Hockey Club in the winter of 1929. The following year, 1930, was also an exceptional year for the Pine Falls pucksters as they advanced to the semi-final play-offs, a two game total point series against the Native Sons of Winnipeg. The winner would advance to the final series against Boissevain to battle for the Manitoba Intermediate Championship.

The first game at Pine Falls was witnessed by the largest crowd ever to attend a hockey match in the town and they were not disappointed with the team's performance. The game opened at a vigorous pace with end to end rushes by both sides. Then, halfway into the first period, Native's speedy forward, Harry Benson, picked up a loose puck and fired it past Buck Hay who had no chance. The Winnipeg squad led 1-0 after one frame.

The Papertown boys came out like rockets at the beginning of the second stanza, with Taft the first to rest the Native's goalie Gilles, who handled the shot. Then, the second string line Armand Menu, George Dack, and G. Galbraith, put on a puck handling show, especially Armand Menu. At the ten minute mark, "Squee" Heard, Gar Leech, and Ted Darcy's streak broke through the opposition defence, and after precision passing, Heard flipped the disc into the net past Gilles to tie the score at

one. With five minutes left in the period, Ted Darcy streaked down the ice and shot a bullet from the blue line. Gilles made his move, but too late. The puck deflected off his pads and into the net. It was 2-1 for Pine Falls. In the closing minutes of the period, Native forward Massey drove to the net while Buck Hay came out to cover the angle. Massey fired... save for Buck Hay! The Manitoba Free Press reported that "again the redoubtable Buck Hay came out of the net to save sensationally from Massey."

In the first few minutes of the third period, both goalies were tested several times. The score remained 2-1 until later in the frame when J. McDonald scored on another long shot from just outside the blue line, catching Gilles completely off guard. Pine Falls had won the first game 3-1.

At the conclusion of the game, most agreed that the brilliant goaltending of Buck Hay made the difference in the final score. The Free Press noted that Vic Lindquist, a top player for the Winnipeg team, did not play the opening game, but would be in the line-up for the final game. The reporter for the Free Press added the following quips to his article of March 10, 1930.

"In spite of the private party arranged by Mr. Joe Thibedeau, and Mr. Myron Turner, there was an overflow crowd at the game."

"Business Manager

George Harbottle was so busy counting the cash, that he forgot to keep track of the score."

"Charlie Krupp, well-known theatre magnate, acted as goal judge and certainly looked stunning with his new derby hat."

The article concluded by saying that "This Pine Falls team is a classy outfit. They claimed that the Native Sons deserved a better fate but were also of the opinion that the 'Canucks' (Native Sons of Canada) would hang up their skates after the final game."

The final game took place the next night at St. John's Olympic Rink in Winnipeg at 8:30pm. 300 Pine Falls fans including company officials arrived at the CN Station at 5pm and made their way to the Olympic Rink. This game, into which Pine Falls carried a two goal margin, proved to be a thriller. Early in the first period, "Squee" Heard sailed down the right wing and fired "a burning drive" into the net to give Pine Falls the first marker of the night.

In the second period, Otto Bjornson beat Buck Hay to make the total point score 4 to 3 for Pine Falls. An unfortunate incident in the second frame took Gar Leech out of the match. Pete Buddick, a tough winger for the Native Sons, smashed his stick down, with all his might, on Leech's arm. It was a nasty slash. According to the Free Press, this incident, which resulted in Gar Leech being carried off with a severe arm bruise, "provided an unsportsmanlike deed and

made a decided difference to the play."

Just seconds before the final buzzer of the third period, Harry Benson of the Sons fired a shot which deflected off Hay's pads into the net. The Free Press said "The goal was of the freakish variety," but regardless of the fact, the score was now tied 4-4, with the game going into overtime.

The first overtime period was scoreless, but in the second over-time session, Squee Heard deflected Pete Buddick's rebound into the Pine Falls net, making the total point score 5-4 for the Native Sons. With just several seconds left in the second overtime period, Lyndon tallied once more for the Sons and the Winnipeggers had won the series by a score of 6-4. The Manitoba Free Press noted: "The visitors forced the 'Canucks' to the last breath and it was only a timely break in the second overtime period

which decided their fate. They were beaten but by no means disgraced."

During this era, there were no sudden death overtime games, or game misconduct penalties. As far as the Leech-Buddick incident was concerned, the Free Press stated: "Pete will have to control his temper in future or his services will not be of much use to the Native Sons."

In the dying seconds of the third period, Jack Aseltine's team appeared to have the series won. They had come "within a whisker" of defeating a top ranked intermediate team in a series which garnered front page attention in the Free Press. Perhaps if Buddick had been ejected from the game, the outcome might have been different. These boys, who played for sport, not millions of dollars, were in their own right, pioneers of Canada's great game.



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Sports & Leisure

Local support key to Blades success

by M. Moore

Close to completing their second hockey season as the Southeast Blades, the local Junior A hockey club is still a little rough around the edges yet fighting hard to smooth them out. Facing many obstacles that are not always heard by the public ear, the team has traded, cut or lost players trying to stay afloat in the great saga of hockey.

"The first year was trying. It is a tough road to establish a good stable hockey club, and we need all of the support we can get," said Coach Bruce Schmidt.

Besides the common problem of financial resources that many teams lack, the coaching staff of the Blades feel the strain that is put on all Manitoba Junior hockey leagues... competition for players from the Saskatchewan Hockey League. The pressure of finding players good enough to ensure a strong team and then possibly losing them to injury piles up at the feet of the club.

"We are not financially able to compete with the rates that some of the other teams can pay their players, so we try to promote our team by offering other incentives. One thing that our club has going for them right now is the amount of ice time the players get," says Assistant Coach and GM of the Blades, Dan Bourbonnais. "We have practice everyday and that is what a lot of players look for in a team."

Today the team is combined with variety of players from a variety of places. From Russia and the US, to Canadian players as widely separated as British Columbia and Nova Scotia the coaching staff has searched far and wide to build a successful team. With exception to the wide search, two of their players are local talents, Chris Fontaine and Clayton Fontaine. Two of their

players, Chris Levesque and Jay Seymour, have been named the MJHL Hockey Hutch Player of the Week. Chris has received this honour twice.

Full of promise and talent, the team is still understaffed, with a lack of an executive, and has managed thus far with the combined efforts of volunteers. The billeting out of players to family homes in the area has been a tremendous success, some families have even opened their homes to as many as three boys each!

Taking care of most of the billeting arrangements, and also opening up her family's home to two of the players herself, Brigitte Delaquis is amused by the overwhelming care the boys receive from their billeting families. "All of the families have not only opened up their homes they have opened up their hearts, the boys are just like family. I have seen tears when a billeted player has been cut from the team, and sometimes ties are even kept with them after they are gone."

Each player is required to follow certain rules regarding their mannerism and team commitment. Players are fined sums of money, benched, etc. for breaking the rules. "The most important rules that I enforce is that they make curfew and act like gentlemen," says Schmidt. "At this calibre of hockey, the players must be committed to the team, and that means that it can't be a big party. They are all excellent athletes and they have to apply themselves."

Most of the players were either placed in jobs or went out and found them themselves. The players have volunteered at sporting events, participated in school functions, and put on a community social in order to fundraise for the purchase of team jackets. The formation of a Booster Club was the outcome of a billet meeting a few months ago where the idea was mentioned. It was then jumped upon by Marlene Watson.

The team has no "hired guns" and any Eastman player is invited to try out for the team. Certain players are scouted out and asked to try out for the team, but it is an open invitation to all. When asked what type of qualifications a player must have to play on a Junior A team the Blades coach said, "The players that we look for have to be in good shape, have to be committed, and have to be tough. A lot of these boys are going on to NCAA scholarships, and that means that they have to be good. This is a high calibre of hockey and a lot of the time the players have to develop their skills in the Midget or Junior B league before they can compete at this level of hockey on a regular basis. People can't be offended if their kids get cut, this is a tough league."

The year cannot be summed up just yet, play offs are not out of contention for the boys who just surprised their fans with a huge winning streak. Now facing the top teams in the league, they have been forced back a step and regain their strength, never losing the need for community support. Good Luck!



Cody-Lee Letander with a 10.5 lb pickerel he caught on Feb. 1 in the Winnipeg River. It's a great year for ice fishing.

Big catches expected for upcoming fish derbies

Cody-Lee Letander, age 16, son of Ken Fontaine, who is a certified guide. Cody has been fishing since he was knee high to a grass hopper. He also has the skills to trap and hunt. He likes to camp in remote places with his Dad and Uncle Howard who is also a guide. Guides run in this young boys family. Cody will be entering two fishing derbies this month, one in St. Georges and the big one in Sagkeeng, organized by Leslie Dorie's North Star Men's Fastball Club. This is only the beginning for this young man who also wants to become a guide and follow in his family's footsteps.

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Round and About the Beaches

By Monika I. Evans

The Pecking Order
In life, everything has its place and its natural order of procession. No more is this fact apparent than at the bird feeder. The chickadees and nuthatches are very orderly in their feeding habits. I see them arriving at our pine, they will land on a branch and politely await their turn. When the feeder is available, said bird will go and retrieve a sunflower seed and fly off to a branch to enjoy the treat. All this process is amicably repeated time and again. The nuthatches will eat their treat hanging upside down with the seed wedged against the tree.

Once in a while all this tranquillity will be shattered

with the arrival of grosbeaks. They will arrive causing a general commotion. The males in their bright plumage will chatter and squabble with each other and take over the feeder. While two males are loudly discussing their rights to the food, a third will sneak in for a feast. The duller coloured females will try to feed while the arrogant males are busy establishing dominance over the feeder. It is fun to watch. After the peaceful solitude, our feeder becomes a noisy centre of activity.

As quickly as they came, the grosbeaks disappear, and the feeder once again becomes peaceful and quiet and the shy chickadees and nuthatches return to their feeding.



Back Row: Paige Roy, Brittany Vinck, Sethe Malo, Tara Urssel, Chelsea Nault, Front Row: Amber Papineau, Rachael Murray, Kathryn Urssel, Kristen McLean, Missing: Darion Bruyere, Kelsie Cyr, Sarah Boyer, Coach, Wendy Urssel, Asst. Coaches: Colin Roy, Claude Papineau

Pineview Bunnies bring home gold

The Pineview Saints Ringette Team came out on top at the Steinbach tournament, that was held on January 31, 31/99. Pineview played Steinbach, St. Andrews, and Varsity View, winning all three games that put them in the gold game. They played They defeated St. Andrews in the gold medal game. Congratulations to the girls for all their hard work and team spirit. Also thank you to all the parents,

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The ladies high games were Evelyn Dodds 249, 242, 203, Doris Kahle 242, Shirley Adams 241, Rita Morissette 229, Diane Johnson 228, 227, Carol Griffin 224, Kathleen Coss 223, Neila Ryall 220, Mandy Dankowski 219, Heather Adams 214, Jeanine Lavallee 209, Kim Fisher 201, Sharon Mignon 201.

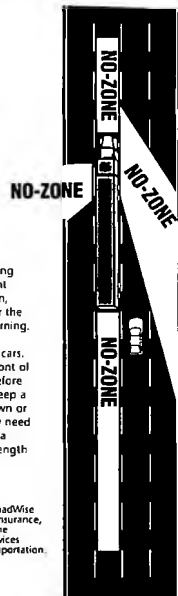
The male bowler of the week was Pat Papineau for his game of 314 which was 108 pins over his average.

The Legion Special was won by the Gutter Balls for their three game total of 3398.

This week's high triple games were; Pat Papineau 776, Todd Jesseau 734, Evelyn Dodds 694, Jerry Gauthier 663, George Dodds 604, 600.

Congratulations to Pat Papineau for being the first male bowler to break 300 this year!

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News

National Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week Feb. 14-20

For the twelfth consecutive year, Home and School Associations/School Councils across Canada are celebrating National Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week which will be held February 14-20, 1999. During this period, parents organize community events in recognition of the personal and professional contributions of teachers and school staff.

National Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week was started in 1988 by the national parents' organization, the Canadian Home and School Federation. It is a way to give parents and others concerned with children and their education the opportunity to join in nation-

wide demonstrations of support for Canada's schools and their teachers/staff.

Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week has become established as an annual celebration in support of teachers and other members of the school staff such as school secretaries, school nurses, teacher assistants, guidance counsellors, custodians and bus drivers. Home and School Association/School Council members know that, for good schools and excellence in education, the support and involvement of parents and community.

For further information contact Bernice Kralka 367-9185 or your local school.

Eating Disorder Awareness Week

Submitted by Health Educator Karen McDoagall, Winnipeg River Health District
Celebrating out natural sizes...

The week of February 1-6, 1999 has been designated as Eating Disorder Awareness Week across Canada. This event has been organized by groups concerned with the rising incidence of a variety of "disordered" eating patterns, primarily among girls and women (although the incidence among men and boys is also on the rise).

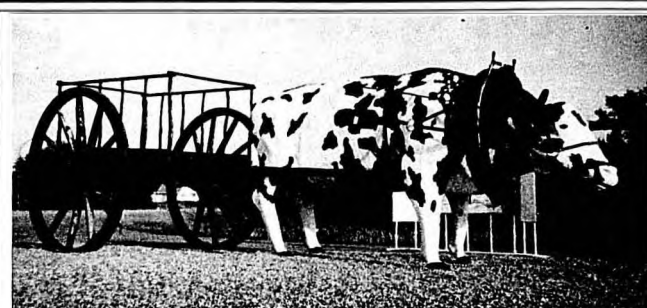
Eating Disorder Awareness Week is an opportunity to stop and evaluate the way our attitudes towards body shape and weight, impact the quality of our lives. It is disheartening to realize that most women, and a growing number of men in our society, struggle with food and weight issues. In fact, according to research, 90% of women experience body image dissatisfaction, 80% have dieted by the age of 18 years, and up to 15% have many symptoms of an "eating disorder".

The development of eating problems is strongly linked to sociocultural influences and pressures. As you well know, our society places enormous pressure on women and girls to be thin. Thinness is erroneously equated with beauty, happiness, and success. What we fail to recognize, is that these unrealistic beauty ideals are

physically impossible to achieve for the majority of the population. Striving to meet these impossible ideals can lead to numerous health concerns, ranging from low self-esteem, to malnutrition, to full fledged eating disorders, to death in the most extreme cases. In effect, our cultural obsession with thinness is sabotaging women's chances for healthy weights, healthy self-esteem, and healthy productive lives. The take-home message here, is that its not our bodies that need changing... it's our attitudes.

Eating Disorder Awareness Week, by raising awareness of weight issues, will help to decrease their prevalence in the future. Together, we can work towards healthy lifestyles which celebrate all of our attributes... intellectual, social, physical, and spiritual. The female segment of our population, deserve to have their value measured by much more than numbers on a bathroom scale.

Watch for the continuation of this topic in upcoming Health Connection columns. Part two will address signs and symptoms of eating disorders, and part three will address strategies for prevention of this socially manufactured health concern. Also watch for details of an evening presentation on this topic called Body Sense, an evening to explore women's approach to healthy weight and healthy food choices.



Recognize this?

Another landmark from Marcel Pire's photo library. If you know where this landmark is located, call us at the Voice at 367-4466. Sorry, no prizes, however the first person with the correct answer will have their name published in the following issue. Good Luck!

LAST WEEK QUICK CALLER WAS BOB EVANS IDENTIFYING: The home of the world's first UFO Landing Pad in St. Paul, Alberta. The landing pad was built in a mushroom shape to invite martians and other outer-space creatures to land on it. It has a map of Canada embossed in the centre of the back stop, made of stones that were provided by each province in Canada. This cooperation is a symbol of the intent of the landing pad itself. Allowing people to work together to create something so wonderful. When you look at the map outline you will likely feel close to home regardless of where you come from in Canada. The landing pad was completed in 1967 for Canada's Centennial Year.

Retirement Planning for Baby Boomers

The generation known as the baby boomers is a demographic anomaly that occurred during the post war period between 1947 and the mid-1960s. During this time period, Canadians were producing on average 400,000 children per year. This generation, which represents a disproportionate chunk of our population, has been the leading force behind social, cultural, and economic change during the last four decades.

In recent years, there has been much attention directed toward what is being called the "graying of Canada" - the observation that the bulk of the baby boom generation is heading toward retirement. Statistics indicate that by the year 2011, one in five people will be over the age of 65. Demographics also show that by the year 2025, the overwhelming majority of Canadians will be over the age of 65. Mass marketers everywhere are now focusing their efforts in order to cater to this generation.

This demographic shift has led to an increasing awareness of the need for retirement planning, and will undoubtedly place a huge strain on the Canadian Pension Plan/Quebec Pension Plan. With fewer people in the work force, the Canadian tax base will be smaller, which will further stretch pension programs and the health care system. With this forecast in mind, baby boomers are

beginning to realize the importance of taking control over their future by saving and investing wisely.

The Registered Retirement Savings Plan offers an excellent incentive for savings. This program was redesigned as a response to the aging population of Canada in anticipation of the future strains which are going to be placed on the Canadian Pension Plan and Old Age Security. The Government has increased contribution limits in order to help investors save for retirement.

Many Canadians however, don't start planning until it is too late. Statistics have shown that over 60% of the population will retire on CPP and Old Age Security (OAS) alone. This is a frightening statistic when you take into account the dwindling tax base and the negative forecast for social assistance programs in the 21st century. The solution clearly lies in proper financial planning. In addition, the OAS will change dramatically with the proposed "Seniors Benefit".

The traditional notion that the homes which boomers will buy before the end of the 20th century will provide a retirement safety net is no longer demographically supported. While purchasing a home remains as one of the most important investments one can make, statistics show that the largest segment of the population already own homes, a situation which research suggests may only provide single digit returns

over the next few decades. The booming real estate market of the past is not expected to be repeated in the near future, which undermines the potential for large returns. Again, the solution must lie in proper financial planning through retirement savings.

As a general rule, retirement planning begins with estimating the cost of the lifestyle you choose to lead upon retirement. On top of this, you must estimate your income needs, taking into account inflation, current assets, and the time remaining before you plan on retiring. Inflation is particularly important when you consider that it will erode half of your spending power over an 18 year period at 4% inflation rate.

Perhaps the best way of planning for your retirement is to sit down with a Financial Consultant to determine your future needs. Setting goals and making regular contributions toward those goals are the first steps. A Financial Consultant can help you determine what your investment strategy should be based on such factors as the time remaining before you retire and your present financial picture.

Remember, demographics are important - our population is aging. Both the government and the media are sending out a message to start saving for retirement. So, if you haven't already started planning - begin today!

The Lucky Bait

By George T. Lalor

It was that joyful kind of day that comes to Maskwa Lake in summer. From across the sunlit, deep blue water strains of western music mingled with the happy shouts of children swimming at the wooden warf. A gentle breeze made ripples on the surface of the bay and carried on its breath the smells of cooking in the cottages that lined the shore. But for the man who stood with hand upon the gatepost of a little plywood cabin overgrown by weeds and caragana brush, that morning held no joy.

For Arthur Kelsey, every sight or sound or scent was like an arrow stabbing at his heart. He clutched the post so tightly that his knuckles hurt. He did not want to let it go... to face a painful meeting with the past. Ellen, Arthur's wife, had been so right. He should have let her come with him... "Why should we both go through it," he had argued.

Ten years had passed since he had seen the cottage... ten years of trying to collect sufficient courage to approach the place... to do what must be done. The little plywood building with its stovepipe chimney and its low-pitched roof had been a happy spot... when Garry had been with them. He viewed with heavy heart the thick entanglement of elder bush that almost hid from view the weather-beaten walls. The Kelsey cottage had become a wooden tomb of broken hopes and dreams.

Garry had been everything to Ellen and to Arthur; all their planning for the future had been for his sake, their only child. That he was really gone still seemed to unbelievable: disposing of the cottage was a final act of resignation to a painful truth. He reached into his jacket pocket, found the key now flecked with rust. He took a long deep breath then placed a knee against the gate and pushed.

The wooden gate swung open with a squealing sound and Arthur found his way toward the cottage door. There was no need to use the latch key for the wood around the lock had rotted and the greying warping panel yielded to a gentle shove. He stepped inside and gazed about.

It was a gloomy sight, the window panes so coated with

accumulated spider's webs and pollen as to stop the light from entering. But everything seemed just as they had left it: pots and pans and dishes in their proper places and the raincoats carried when they went fishing hanging limply from their willow pegs beside the rusty woodstove. The fishing rods stood in the corner... his and Garry's... as though waiting. On the wall beside the window hung a heavy spinner... Garry's lucky bait. A terrible hurt welled in Arthur Kelsey's chest as he recalled the day the little lad had found it on the beach.

Garry had been five years old... or was it six? His eyes had shone and he had piped excitedly, "It's lucky Dad. I know that it's a lucky one."

Strangely, the old spinner had proven to be lucky. Somehow, it had never failed to lure a fish or two even on the worst of fishing days. But then had come that other day when Garry, tall and handsome in his uniform and wearing shiny wings upon his chest, had hung the spinner on the wall. "I'll be back to get you when the war is over," he had whispered jokingly.

Garry had not come back and for Arthur and Ellen Kelsey theirs had become a dark and lonely world. Now Arthur opened the front door of the cottage and looked across the sparkling water at the sandbar where for often they had drifted, fishing quietly or talking over things that they would some day do. Children played upon the beach; their laughter echoed hauntingly and Arthur heard in memory a young voice calling, "Daddy, Daddy watch me dive."

He wandered to the shoreline; sat down on an old spruce stump. It was the place where, burning with resentment, he had sat that evening during Garry's embarkation leave. "Ellen," he had asked peevishly, "why is that girl monopolizing all of Garry's time? Does she not realize that his parents are entitled to his company?"

Ellen had been angry too. "I don't know whom she is. Some silly local girl he met last summer, I believe."

Arthur had waited up for Garry. "You have spent for little time with us, my son.

Feature

Surely this person... whom ever she is... can't be more important to you than your parents."

Garry had blushed with embarrassment. "Sorry, Dad," he stammered, "I didn't mean to neglect you and mother but you see..."

Arthur hadn't let him finish. "I think she must be very selfish," he had snapped. And Garry hadn't answered.

The next day, Ellen had gone to see the girl and asked her to stay away from Garry. "She was reasonable," Ellen had explained. "She said she hadn't meant to cause unhappiness."

Garry has spent the rest of his time with them. his

father and mother, and seemingly, had forgotten all about the girl. Now, Arthur tried to recall her name.

He rose and made his way along the shoreline to the nearby tourist camp. As he approached the shore and its adjoining restaurant he noticed that the name of the proprietor had changed. He entered but could see no one he recognized. He was walking back toward the cottage, when he saw the boy.

He stood beside the big spruce stump, with eyes fixed on the cottage doorway... a lad of nine or ten years old, his clothes worn thin and much too small for him. And, for his height, the boy was very thin. As Arthur neared the stump, the youngster turned and gazed at him through dark brown eyes.

There was something startling about the eyes... something vaguely familiar. Arthur felt resentful... almost angry. Every little thing reminded him. "Is there something you want," he spoke curtly observing with distaste the boys need of a haircut.

The youngster's gaze remained unwavering. "Are you going fishing?"

Arthur scowled. The lad was being impudent. The boy continued: "I

looked after your boat. I kept it clean so that it wouldn't get rotten. Mother said that it would be alright."

Arthur glanced toward the boat rack where the little cedar craft lay upside down. The boy was right; the boat was well maintained. "You may have it," he called out in parting.

There were things to which he must attend but, first, he needed a drink. There would, no doubt be someone on the town who handled real estate. He reached into the glove compartment of the car and found a bottle then went back into the cottage. He had never used the stuff before the telegram... "Regret to Inform you."

"Regret", he thought bitterly, "to inform you that we have taken from you everything that matters. He used a lot of booze now... according to Ellen, far too much. He turned. The boy stood in the open doorway. The lad's thin arms were elbow deep in the pockets of his ragged trousers. He was gazing all about him. "Are you going to fix up the place?"

Arthur poured an ounce or two into a dusty tumbler. "No. I am about to sell it."

The boy pointed at the rusty spinner. "May I have that?"

"No, you may not." Arthur hadn't meant to shout and instantly, he was sorry. But it was too late. The boy had fled. Arthur felt that he must somehow, find the youngster... give him the spinner. To keep it would be foolish.

He checked in at the hotel then talked to the real estate agent "Sell it for whatever you can get," he instructed. "I'll clean it out tonight."

Back at the cottage, he carried out a pile of yellowing books and magazines; some mouldy blankets and the rain coats; threw them on the rubbish pile. Then gently, almost reverently, he plucked the lucky spinner from its perch and placed it in his pocket. Arthur took another drink then went into the cafe for a cup of coffee and a bite to eat.

The girl behind the counter was new to the town. "This is my first summer at the lake," she explained. "I don't know many people but I think the kid's name is Robert. He'll probably show up soon and when he does I'll send him over."

He returned to the cottage and was about to set fire to the rubbish. But somehow, he could not. He would wait until later then turn his back and walk away. In the morning, he would start for home.

The boy stood on the stoney beach observing him uncertainly. Arthur forced himself to smile. "Come here, Robert," he said kindly, "I have something for you."

Robert moved toward him slowly... cautiously... and Arthur handed him the tarnished spinner. "It's yours if you still want it. It is a lucky one, you know."

The boy reached out. "I know it is."

Arthur stared in disbelief... the eyes... the voice. And he could see young Robert properly fed and clothed. He groaned aloud. No no... it was the stuff... the bottle. He should never have come here alone.

"My mother told me," Robert said. "She told me all about the lucky bait."

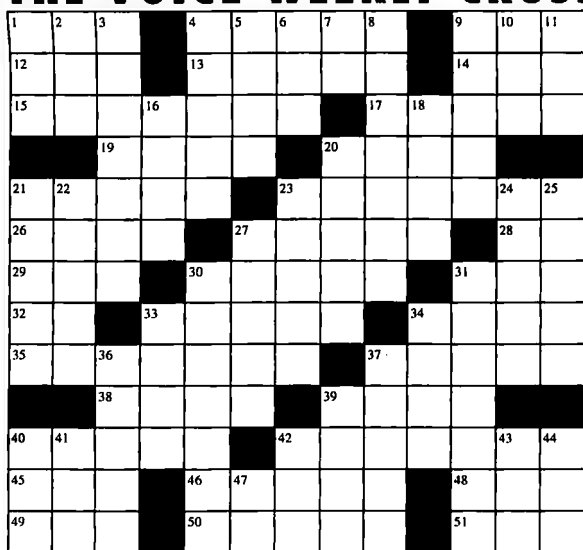
Arthur grasped the boy's thin shoulders. "Who is she, Robert? Who is your mother?"

A woman's voice came from behind him. "I am Mary, Robert's mother. Garry told me all about his lucky bait." He whirled to look at her. She was attractive... tall and slender in her faded jeans and threadbare blouse... still very young... with auburn hair that fell in waves about her shoulders. Her eyes were large and blue and there were tears upon her sunbrowned cheeks. When Mary spoke her voice was edged with nervousness. "I'm sorry, Mr. Kelsey, but I didn't know you had returned. I knew that I was pregnant shortly after Garry had embarked for England. I wrote to him and we had planned to marry when the war was over. Then, I saw the casualty list. I knew how deeply you resented me and didn't want to hurt you further."

That evening at Maskwa Lake the sky turned dark and heavy rainfall drove the children from their swimming place beside the wooden warf. A driving gale made whitecaps on the bay and blew the shingles for the rooftops of the cottages. But Arthur Kelsey had no time to think about unpleasant things. His world was bright... he had a grandson to be raised and educated and a brand new summer cottage to be built. But now, before all else... he had a wife to phone.

Relax

THE VOICE WEEKLY CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- 1. Female sibling
 - 4. Imitate
 - 9. Canadian Standards Assn.
 - 12. Metal bearing rock
 - 13. Dropsy
 - 14. King, in Quebec
 - 15. Captivity
 - 17. South Korean Capital
 - 19. Medicine container
 - 20. Wheel parts
 - 21. Fabric
 - 23. Body parts
 - 26. Steeplechase, e.g.
 - 27. Pennants
 - 28. Deutsche mark, abbr.
 - 29. Consumed
 - 30. Cloaks
 - 31. Sask. Govt. Insurance
 - 32. ___, myself and I
 - 33. Important artery
 - 34. ___ of Military Valour
 - 35. Supermarket department
 - 37. One time Prime Minister
 - 38. Uncommon
 - 39. Ill-behaved child
 - 40. Mythical monster

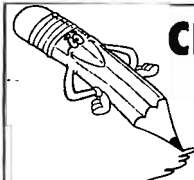
- 42. The Medal of ___
- 45. Shoe size
- 46. Plaster
- 48. Hawaiian garland
- 49. Armed conflict
- 50. Inspire
- 51. Japanese currency

DOWN

- 1. Distress signal
- 2. Anger
- 3. The Meritorious ___ Cross
- 4. The ___ of Military Valour
- 5. Graven image
- 6. 13th letter, Hebrew alphabet
- 7. I am, abridged
- 8. Sausage markings
- 9. The Victoria ___
- 10. French coin
- 11. Be unwell
- 16. Put away
- 18. Big Aussie birds
- 20. Lariat
- 31. Hobo
- 22. H2O
- 23. List of candidates
- 24. Poet Poe's first name
- 25. Simper
- 27. Power
- 30. The Star of ___
- 31. Imposing
- 33. Jewish calendar month
- 34. Middle European person
- 36. The ___ of Canada
- 37. Shipping container
- 39. Wine designation
- 40. Chop
- 41. Biblical affirmative
- 42. Scarf
- 43. Female ruff
- 44. Yang's opposite
- 47. Author Stevenson's initials

LAST WEEKS ANSWER

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CRYPTIC PUZZLE

Each letter represents another letter in the alphabet. See if you can break the code to figure out the famous quotation

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PCDZ CD RT JYKLCF PRGG TFBM JYKLCF
-TRQYZ HBQDNYZ

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

IT IS BETTER TO
BE DEFEATED ON
PRINCIPLE THAN TO WIN
ON LIES.

-ARTHUR CALWELL

HOROSCOPE

- ARIES** March 21 - April
It's time to show your leadership qualities. Time is on your side, so you will be able to perform all the tasks that are necessary for you to achieve the success you've been after. But be sure to put all your energies into becoming an important part of the team.
- TAURUS** April 20 - May 20
Start enjoying life! Use your ability to verbalize and communicate with others, and they'll start looking at situations from your point of view. It's time to take steps to end that old relationship that's been dragging on. It's the only way you can go forward.
- GEMINI** May 21 - June 20
Your sensitivity means that you listen well before taking sides. When you express your confidence to others, you'll gain their support. Be sure to devote time to your loved ones this week. It will be very important to one who is having a tough time.
- CANCER** June 21 - July 22
With a positive approach to the week, you will come to realize who really matters in your life. Maybe you should think about bending the rules a little so you can gain some financial backing on crucial ideas. Events should go your way at home this week.

(February 4 - February 10)

- LEO** July 23 - Aug. 22
Promote a positive influence by leading through example this week. And realize that you put more stress on yourself than others do. Let up on yourself some by lightening your workload. Learn how to delegate time-consuming tasks to free up a lot of time.
- VIRGO** August 23 - September 22
Changes are on the way in your life. With the positive flow of those changes, you'll feel stronger than you have in a long time. And you'll find new ways to grow on a personal level. Don't allow power struggles to deter your success.
- LIBRA** Sept. 23 - Oct. 22
With the right preparation, you will be able to overcome any adversity. By Friday, problems at work will seem to have been solved, so you'll have the weekend to tackle situations and chores at home. Devote yourself to that before taking a break.
- SCORPIO** Oct. 23 - Nov. 21
Don't become obsessed with trying to do everything at work. Let go of some of your tedious day to day affairs. This is a good week to start because you'll be able to communicate your needs and wants effectively. Don't let issues and tasks slide at home.

- SAGITTARIUS** Nov. 22 - Dec. 21
Be confident in your ability to communicate. Maintain confidence in professional matters by initiating discussions on topics of common interests. Work toward eliminating negative feelings concerning love and relationships. Learn new ways to express your love.
- CAPRICORN** Dec. 22 - Jan. 19
Think of innovative ways to relieve your stress. Start with exercise, or maybe meditation appeals more to you. If emotional times are wearing you down physically, try to stay clear of them this week while you work to ease up on stress in other areas.
- AQUARIUS** Jan. 20 - Feb. 18
Take a step back and a broader look at things, and you'll end up finding reasons for some of your recent emotional outbursts. Whatever you do, don't bottle up your feelings. Reading or writing may help ease hurt feelings from the past that keep creeping in.
- PISCES** Feb. 19 - March 20
Friday won't come too soon. But not matter what, continue to believe in yourself, and your romantic energy will prevail over those feelings of despair that have been plaguing you recently. Work harder, and you'll find your energy level will rise.

Education

Powerview School Pacer Report

Family Studies new to Powerview school (Terry Jones, Family Studies Instructor)

New at Powerview School this year is a Senior 2 course on parenting. This is a Family Studies course offered through the Home Economics department.

The students have been learning about all aspects of parenting. Topics such as prenatal development, effects of smoking, alcohol and drugs on the developing fetus and preparing for the baby/Es arrival have been covered to date.

Second term consists of child development, bringing the baby home, caring for and raising a healthy and happy child.

The students also had a hands on parenting simulation with the Baby Think It Over, a computerized doll.

The baby cried at all hours of the day and night and needed attending. Each student was required to care of the baby for a 48 hour period.

The parenting simulation proved to be an excellent learning experience for the students and most were glad when their time was up! Parenting is not as easy as some may think.

Keep Fit Walking Program

Ecole Powerview School has a Keep Fit Walking Program every school day between the hours of 6:30 - 8:30 a.m. Participants may walk in the gym or in the hallways. Vehicles are to be parked in the Powerview Arena Parking Lot. This is a joint opportunity to socialize while getting and keeping fit. For more information please contact Linda Wilcott at 367-2296.

Powerview School Grade 2 Writings

Il'hiver! by the Grade 2F

C'est l'hiver quand la neige tombe.
C'est l'hiver quand il fait froid dehors.
C'est l'hiver quand la neige couvre les toits des maisons.
C'est l'hiver quand le Père Noël vient nous visiter.
C'est l'hiver quand on fait des bonhommes de neige.
Youpi! C'est l'hiver!
by Evan Race

Les amis vont jouer dans la neige quand ils ont fini leurs devoirs.
C'est l'hiver quand on joue le hockey.
C'est l'hiver quand le Père Noël vient.
C'est l'hiver quand on fait les bonhommes de neige.
C'est l'hiver quand on descend les colines en toboggan.
Youpi! C'est l'hiver.
by Megan Graham

Christmas Stories by the Grade 2E
Harvey's Christmas Wishes

If I was Harvey, I would wish that I had a go-cart that could fly and break rocks. Then I would like a dog that loved me. When I am alone it can play with me. Then I would like lots of clothes and pajamas too. Finally I wish that I could have toys that I can play.

by Dylan Lavoie
One Christmas Harvey found a dog that was magical. One day it said, "I will give you five wishes if you will be good." He first wished for a go-cart and a friend who lived close. He shared another wish with his friend. He decided to save the last two wishes for when he was grown up.
by Dustin Wiebe
Harvey would wish for a monster truck. He would drive it all day long with his Dad and haul logs to sell for more money. They can work for a lot of people for more money to get more good

stuff. He can make a new friend when meeting these people.
by Denis Duff

Harvey was a poor boy living on top of Rolly Polly Mountain. One day it started to rain money. When he went outside he called his parents. They said, "Harvey, we do not have to eat just apples any more." Then they went up town. Harvey got a lot of toys, books, furniture and clothes. They went home to bed hoping it would rain money again next week.
by Heather Polischuk

Red Decorations, Red Decorations, What do you see? I see Baby Jesus looking at me.
Baby Jesus, Baby Jesus, What do you see? I see Santa looking at me.
Santa, Santa, What do you see? I see Christmas Snowman looking at me.
Christmas Snowman, Christmas Snowman, What do you see? I see a Shining Star looking at me. Shining Star, Shining Star, What do you see? I see everybody LOOKING AT ME!!



Manitoba Hydro: Preparing for the Year 2000 and Beyond

When Manitobans welcome the year 2000, they can do so with the confidence that their provincial electrical utility, Manitoba Hydro, will be supplying power in a normal fashion on January 1, 2000 and on into the foreseeable future.

Manitoba Hydro has been working diligently since 1996 to ensure that its facilities are prepared for any computer and equipment problems associated with the date change - the so-called millenium bug, or Year 2000 problem (Y2K).

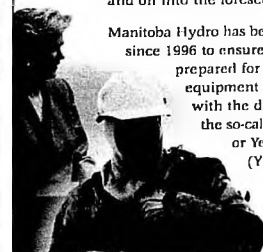
Over the past two years we have carefully inventoried our generation, transmission and business systems for hardware and software that might be date sensitive. We are busily testing each device and program deemed to be critical and ensuring that it will be capable of handling the date change without disruption to its primary function. This work will be complete in April, 1999.

Manitoba Hydro is also working closely with other essential service providers (gas, water, health care) to ensure that our Y2K plans are coordinated and that information is efficiently shared. As well, all major electrical utilities

in North America are working together towards ensuring the ongoing reliability of the interconnected power grids.

We bring you this important message so that you can have confidence that, whatever else occurs in the year 2000, your electricity supply will be available, just as it is today.

We look forward to serving you in 2000.



Minutes

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council of the Rural Municipality of Alexander held Tuesday, Dec. 08, 1998 at 10:00AM.

Present: George Harbottle (Reeve), Diane Sourisseau (Councillor Ward 1), Bill Pasaluko (Councillor Ward II), Ed Forsyth (Councillor Ward III), Len Trochim (Councillor Ward IV). Also present: Rose, Marie Blanchette (Chief Administrative Officer), Gary Ilakky (Public Works Foreman) arrived at 1:30PM.

Call to Order
With a quorum present Reeve Harbottle called the meeting to order at 10:00am.

Reports of Standing Committees
Ward I- Councillor Sourisseau reported in her attendance at the Public Works Committee Meeting held on December 2; the Pine Falls Committee Meeting also held on Dec. 2; the tour of Ward I and Ward III held on Dec. 7; and on her attendance at the Cottage Country Business Association Meeting held on December 7, 1998.

Ward II- Councillor Pasaluko reported on his attendance at the Public Works Committee Meeting held on Dec. 2; the Natural Gas Committee meeting also held on December 2; and on his attendance on the tour of Ward I and Ward III held on Dec. 7, 1998.

Ward III- Councillor Forsyth reported on his attendance at the Public Works Committee Meeting held on Dec. 2; the Pine Falls Committee Meeting held on Dec. 2; and on his attendance on the tour of Ward I and Ward III held on Dec. 7, 1998.

Ward IV- Councillor Trochim reported on his attendance at the Public Works Committee Meeting held on Dec. 2; the Pine Falls Committee Meeting also held on December 2; and on his attendance on the tour of Ward I and Ward III held on December 7, 1998.

Reeve- Reeve Harbottle reported on his attendance at the Public Works Committee Meeting held on Dec. 2; the Pine Falls Committee Meeting held on Dec. 2; the Natural Gas Committee Meeting held on Dec. 2; the tour of Ward I and Ward III held on Dec. 7; the Cottage Country Business Assoc. Meeting also held on Dec. 7; and on his attendance at the Blue Water Chamber of Commerce Meeting held on Dec. 8, 1998.

Hearing Resolutions
11:00AM- Rod Demoline & Leo Bretecher- Lac du Bonnet Community Hall- Mr. Demoline & Mr. Bretecher attended the Council Meeting as representative of the Lac du Bonnet Community Hall. The Committee is requesting a donation from the RM of Alexander to be used towards the completion of the Hall. Phase 1 of III is to be completed by late Feb. Council will discuss this matter at greater length.

11:15AM- George Ylonen & Walter Hunnicke- Radiation- URL- Mr. Ylonen and Mr. Hunnicke attended the Council Meeting to request that Council approve a resolution against the storage of nuclear material.

2:00PM- RM of Victoria Beach- RM of Victoria Beach representatives. Bill McDonald, Kevin Atch and Raymond Moreau attended the Council Meeting to discuss items of mutual concern:

- Traverse Bay Lagoon- CAO will make arrangements to meet with an engineering firm to discuss costs of a new cell.
- Fire Agreement- Present agreement expires Dec/98; RM of Victoria Beach will submit their rates for the 1999 fire agreement.

- First Responder Training- RM of Alexander has tentatively agreed to cost share the fees for training.
- Traverse Bay Nuisance Ground- To be operated in the current manner until receipt of additional information.

3:00PM- William Storsley- Drainage- 24-26-REPM- Mr. Storsley and his son attended the council meeting to request drainage improvements to be carried out on their property to lessen the re-occurring water problems.

Reception of Petitions
-None
Matters Arising From Minutes
-None
Communication
(From, Subject, Disposition)

1. RM of Lac du Bonnet Dec/98, Radio-Active Material Storage, Res. #586/98 A-6-98
Motion: Ed Forsyth- Len Trochim BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the RM of Alexander is strongly opposed to any temporary or permanent storage of radio-active nuclear material underground in the granite of the Canadian Shield within the jurisdiction of the RM of Alexander. ALL IN FAVOUR- Carried.

2. E. Dubray Nov 23/98, Proposal to Subdivide Tageson, Res. #586/98 S-7-10-98.
Motion: Ed Forsyth- Len Trochim WHEREAS Resolution No. 510/98 conditionally approved Proposal to Subdivide Pl. NW 1/4 & SW 1/4 12-17-13 (Tageson-Owner) Community Development Branch in Beausjour File No. 4600-98-4414; AND WHEREAS the Department of Community Economic Development has advised that the proposed development will require a 125' Public Shoreline Reserve dedication; THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the RM of Alexander amend Resolution 510/98 by adding a condition requiring that the proposal be revised to include a 125' Public Shoreline Reserve.

ALL IN FAVOUR- Carried.
3. Manitoba EMO Nov 23/98, Emergency Preparedness Update, Rec'd as Info E-6-98.
4. S. Phillips Nov 19/98, Public Reserve Closing 1-5-14233, Rec'd as Info PW-24-98.
5. M. Bruyere Nov 24/98, Emergency Preparedness News, Reply E-6-98.
6. C. Canlin Nov 9/98, Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Rec'd as Info GV-6-98.
7. N. Roman Nov 9/98, Drainage Work Ward II, Reply PW-10-98.
8. UMM Nov 13/98, News Bulletin, Rec'd as Info U-2-98.
9. UMM Nov 2/98, Salary Survey Rec'd as Info, U-2-98.
10. M.L. Mendon Dec/98, North Eastman Regional Gas Co-op, Res. #587/98 G-2-98.
Motion: Bill Pasaluko- Diane Sourisseau BE IT RESOLVED that the RM of Alexander agree to participate in the North Eastman regional Gas Co-op; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Ed Forsyth be appointed as the RM of Alexander Director & Representative on the Board of the North Eastman Regional Gas Co-op. ALL IN FAVOUR- Carried.

11. L. Derkach Oct 30/98, VLT Revenue Distribution, Rec'd as Info GV-30-98.
12. D&E Woodwiss Dec 2/98, Lot 1, Plan 19434, Reply B-12-98.
13. P. Siemens Dec 1/98, Labour Market Study Pinawa/NE Region, Rec'd as Info GV-6-98.
14. RCMP Lac du Bonnet Nov 30/98, Police Stats, Rec'd as Info P-14-98.
15. L. Dertach Nov 23/98, year 2000 Issue, Rec'd as Info GV-6-98.
16. M. Van Den Bosch Nov 24/98, Testing St. Georges Lagoon, Rec'd as Info N-2-98.
17. I. Murrell Nov 24/98, Speed Limit reduction, PTH 11 St. Georges, Rec'd as Info GV-20-98.
18. C. Dalrymple Nov 24/98, L. Selkirk School Div. Tax protest, Rec'd as Info S-6-98.
19. J. Robert Nov 27/98, Library Allard Board Appointment, Res. #588/98 L-4-98.
Motion: Bill Pasaluko- Diane Sourisseau BE IT RESOLVED that Brenda Guay and Wilhemina Patzer be appointed as Resident Members of the RM of Alexander on the Library Allard Board of Directors. ALL IN FAVOUR- Carried.

20. F. Thompson Dec 1/98, Board Appointment St. Georges EDC, Res. #589/98 C-2-98.
Motion: Ed Forsyth- Len Trochim BE IT RESOLVED that Reeve Harbottle be appointed as the RM of Alexander representative of the Board of the St. Georges Community Economic Development Corporation. ALL IN FAVOUR- Carried.

21. EIRRC Nov 27-98, Agenda- Dec 15/98 Board Meeting, Rec'd as Info R-4-98.
22. B. Andrews Nov 9/98, Manitoba Recreational Trail Assoc. See Unfinished Business R-2-98.
23. R. Menon Nov 27/98, Year 2000 Compliances

Committee Meeting of December 2, 1998 be adopted as circulated. ALL IN FAVOUR- CARRIED
4. Christmas Dance Donation - Lac du Bonnet Legion
MOTION: Bill Pasaluko - Diane Sourisseau BE IT RESOLVED that the RM of Alexander hereby approve a grant in the amount of \$100.00 to the Lac du Bonnet Legion Christmas Dinner. ALL IN FAVOUR - CARRIED

5. Coca Cola Falls - Nuisance Grounds
MOTION: Len Trochim - Ed Forsyth BE IT RESOLVED that the 1998 - 1999 Winter Hours of Operation for the RM of Alexander - Coca Cola Falls Nuisance Grounds be hereby established as follows:
Monday 11:00 - 6:00; Tuesday Closed; Wednesday Closed; Thursday 11:00 to 6:00; Friday 11:00 to 6:00; Saturday 9:00 to 4:00; Sunday 9:00 to 6:00 ALL IN FAVOUR - CARRIED

6. Notice of Motion
MOTION: Ed Forsyth - Len Trochim BE IT RESOLVED that Resolution No. 194/98 be hereby rescinded. ALL IN FAVOUR - CARRIED.

NOTICE OF MOTION - None
PERSONNEL & IN CAMERA ADJOURNMENT
MOTION: Bill Pasaluko - Diane Sourisseau BE IT RESOLVED that the meeting be adjourned (3:37pm) ALL IN FAVOUR - CARRIED

MWSB, Rec'd as Info W-6-98
24. H. Larsen Nov 30/98, Speed Limit Reduction PTH 11 St. Georges, Rec'd as Info GV-20-98
FINANCE
1. List of Accounts- Cheques- General & Payroll
Motion: Len Trochim- Ed Forsyth WHEREAS the accounts of the Rural Municipality of Alexander, for the period ending Dec. 7/98, have been examined and found to be in order; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that General Cheque Nos. 13445 to 13477, inclusive, for a total amount of \$41,860.01, be hereby approved for payment. ALL IN FAVOUR- Carried.

2. Indemnity & Expenses
Motion: Len Trochim- Ed Forsyth BE IT RESOLVED that the following Council expense accounts be approved for payment: Daine Sourisseau- November mileage- \$281.60 (cheque no. 13440); Edward Forsyth- November mileage- \$124.80 (cheque no. 13442); Leonard Trochim- November expenses \$379.21 (cheque no. 13443); William Pasaluko- November expenses- \$275.29 (cheque no. 13444). ALL IN FAVOUR- Carried.

3. Financial Statement
Motion: Len Trochim- Ed Forsyth BE IT RESOLVED that the Financial Statements, as at Nov 30, 1998, be adopted as present. ALL IN FAVOUR- Carried.

Unfinished Business
1) R. Ledin- Proposal to Subdivide, PT E1/4-17-13EPM -tabled until Spring
2) Manitoba Recreational Trail Association
Motion: Ed Forsyth- Len Trochim BE IT RESOLVED that the RM of Alexander supports the efforts to develop a portion of the Trans-Canada Trail network through the boundaries of the RM of Alexander. ALL IN FAVOUR- Carried.

3) Road Allowance Development- Lot 1, Plan 16704 (Rodych) -reply
4) Letter of Credit- Grand Pines Golf Course -tabled until Spring
General Business

1. Police Constable Services -Schedule Appointment
2. Attendance- Winnipeg River Futures Roundtable Meeting
MOTION: Bill Pasaluko - Diane Sourisseau BE IT RESOLVED that the Assistant Administrator be authorized to attend a meeting of the Winnipeg River Futures Roundtable in Winnipeg on December 8, 1998; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that he be paid mileage and expenses as per Council Indemnity by-law 1285. ALL IN FAVOUR - CARRIED

3. Public Works Committee Meeting of December 2/98 (Minutes)
MOTION: Ed Forsyth - Len Trochim BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the Public Works Committee Meeting of December 2, 1998 be adopted as circulated. ALL IN FAVOUR- CARRIED

4. Christmas Dance Donation - Lac du Bonnet Legion
MOTION: Bill Pasaluko - Diane Sourisseau BE IT RESOLVED that the RM of Alexander hereby approve a grant in the amount of \$100.00 to the Lac du Bonnet Legion Christmas Dinner. ALL IN FAVOUR - CARRIED

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MOTION: Len Trochim - Ed Forsyth BE IT RESOLVED that the 1998 - 1999 Winter Hours of Operation for the RM of Alexander - Coca Cola Falls Nuisance Grounds be hereby established as follows:
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6. Notice of Motion
MOTION: Ed Forsyth - Len Trochim BE IT RESOLVED that Resolution No. 194/98 be hereby rescinded. ALL IN FAVOUR - CARRIED.

NOTICE OF MOTION - None
PERSONNEL & IN CAMERA ADJOURNMENT
MOTION: Bill Pasaluko - Diane Sourisseau BE IT RESOLVED that the meeting be adjourned (3:37pm) ALL IN FAVOUR - CARRIED

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7. N. Roman Nov 9/98, Drainage Work Ward II, Reply PW-10-98.
8. UMM Nov 13/98, News Bulletin, Rec'd as Info U-2-98.
9. UMM Nov 2/98, Salary Survey Rec'd as Info, U-2-98.
10. M.L. Mendon Dec/98, North Eastman Regional Gas Co-op, Res. #587/98 G-2-98.
Motion: Bill Pasaluko- Diane Sourisseau BE IT RESOLVED that the RM of Alexander agree to participate in the North Eastman regional Gas Co-op; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Ed Forsyth be appointed as the RM of Alexander Director & Representative on the Board of the North Eastman Regional Gas Co-op. ALL IN FAVOUR- Carried.

11. L. Derkach Oct 30/98, VLT Revenue Distribution, Rec'd as Info GV-30-98.
12. D&E Woodwiss Dec 2/98, Lot 1, Plan 19434, Reply B-12-98.
13. P. Siemens Dec 1/98, Labour Market Study Pinawa/NE Region, Rec'd as Info GV-6-98.
14. RCMP Lac du Bonnet Nov 30/98, Police Stats, Rec'd as Info P-14-98.
15. L. Dertach Nov 23/98, year 2000 Issue, Rec'd as Info GV-6-98.
16. M. Van Den Bosch Nov 24/98, Testing St. Georges Lagoon, Rec'd as Info N-2-98.
17. I. Murrell Nov 24/98, Speed Limit reduction, PTH 11 St. Georges, Rec'd as Info GV-20-98.
18. C. Dalrymple Nov 24/98, L. Selkirk School Div. Tax protest, Rec'd as Info S-6-98.
19. J. Robert Nov 27/98, Library Allard Board Appointment, Res. #588/98 L-4-98.
Motion: Bill Pasaluko- Diane Sourisseau BE IT RESOLVED that Brenda Guay and Wilhemina Patzer be appointed as Resident Members of the RM of Alexander on the Library Allard Board of Directors. ALL IN FAVOUR- Carried.

20. F. Thompson Dec 1/98, Board Appointment St. Georges EDC, Res. #589/98 C-2-98.
Motion: Ed Forsyth- Len Trochim BE IT RESOLVED that Reeve Harbottle be appointed as the RM of Alexander representative of the Board of the St. Georges Community Economic Development Corporation. ALL IN FAVOUR- Carried.

21. EIRRC Nov 27-98, Agenda- Dec 15/98 Board Meeting, Rec'd as Info R-4-98.
22. B. Andrews Nov 9/98, Manitoba Recreational Trail Assoc. See Unfinished Business R-2-98.
23. R. Menon Nov 27/98, Year 2000 Compliances

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