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## Powerview RCMP Detachment under-manned



by Charles Norman

Both the Powerview and R.M. of Alexander Councils are concerned about the level of policing in their municipalities. It was discussed at last Tuesday's R.M. council meeting, and raised by Powerview councillor Ted Pichor at Powerview's Council meeting Tuesday evening.

Powerview will be asking for a meeting with Lac du Bonnet MLA Darren Praznik and RCMP Staff Sergeant Gord Liebrecht for Saturday afternoon, May 15. R.M. Reeve George Harbottle said staffing levels are organised on a per capita basis and are under federal jurisdiction. The R.M. will be meeting with federal representatives April 27.

Staff Sergeant Liebrecht told The Voice the real way of determining the need for staffing was by the number of criminal code offences each RCMP officer has to handle. He said the number of criminal cases handled by the Powerview Detachment is steadily increasing. It has increased from 1613 in 1993 to 2533 in 1998. A ratio of 133 per officer for the year.

For the first three months of this year the ratio is 40.5 criminal code offences per officer, equivalent to 162 per year.

In other areas Liebrecht said Lac du Bonnet had 258 criminal code offences in the first three months of the year. With 14 members the ratio was 18.4 per officer, compared with Powerview's 40.5. Steinbach Rural 23.4, Steinbach

Municipal 23.4, Beausejour had a ratio of 18, Selkirk Rural 16.2, Stonewall 15.6, and Gimli 10.7.

Liebrecht said the Powerview Detachment is too busy to do anything but react to events, and has no time to undertake any pre-emptive policing.

As one example of the level of work carried out by the Powerview Detachment, Liebrecht showed The Voice a small armory of seized weapons locked in a back room at the Powerview Headquarters. Close to fifty weapons have been seized either in conjunction with an offence or discovered in investigating an offence. A few are awaiting destruction but most of them are held as evidence for a pending prosecution. Weapons included hand guns, sawed off shot guns converted to a pistol grip, high powered rifles and 12 gauge shot guns.

Last years 2533 criminal code offences included; sexual assault 36, other assaults 462, break and enter 497, vehicle theft 89, theft over \$5000 -15, Disturbing the peace 208, obstructing a police officer 5, bail violation 82, other criminal code offences 460.

The amalgamation of Powerview and Grand Marais detachments at the beginning of this year has had no impact on staffing levels. There are still three officers operating out of Grand Marais and fifteen out of Powerview. Only the administration, which was moved to Powerview was affected.



Powerview Council (l-r) Gord Watson, Allan Tardiff, Danny Gelinac, Ted Pichor. In the background Administrator Janice Thevenot. Mayor Henry Ostrowski was on vacation in Puerto Vallarta. The council will be negotiating with the PFPCo. on the amalgamation of Pine Falls and Powerview. This council will be the council for the amalgamated municipality until the next municipal elections in October 2002.

## Powerview begins negotiation process

Powerview Council is setting up a meeting with the Pine Falls Community 2000 Committee Monday April 19 to begin the negotiation process with the Pine Falls Paper Company on the amalgamation of the two communities. In common with most negotiations the meeting will be closed to the public, as will subsequent meetings. Powerview residents will, however be consulted early in the process so that Powerview council can take their input and concerns into account during the process. A public meeting will be arranged for this purpose within the next two or three weeks.

There were five delegations at last Tuesday's regular meeting. Gary Berthelette successfully appealed his property tax assessment recently but was too late get it included in the

1998 tax year. His taxes will be reduced by approximately \$1,400 in 1999. He made an impassioned plea to council to back date his tax bill to 1998. Council responded by saying that they would only do so if he could get the Municipal Board to revise his assessment for 1998.

Bev Dube appeared on behalf of The Powerview School Reunion Committee asking for the Village to contribute towards a \$26,000 electronic highway sign being sponsored by the reunion committee.

Yvette Gelinac appeared before the council with a petition of 250 signatures calling for the re-opening of the Powerview Post Office. Powerview is trying to arrange a meeting with Canada Post to discuss the issue.

Maryanne Chartier asked Powerview to consider joining

the Library Allard.

Tanya Magnan presented a detailed proposal for a summer recreation program and asked for a contribution from Powerview towards the estimated cost of \$21,260. Council later agreed to contribute \$2,000.

Later in the meeting, councillor Ted Pichor, commenting on the consolidation of the Powerview and Grand Marais RCMP detachments, citing thefts of ATVs and speeding along Art Street South of the Rusty Nail, said policing is inadequate. He said the Powerview Detachment needs 26 constables not 15 as at present. Council set up a meeting with RCMP Staff Sergeant Liebrecht and Lac du Bonnet MLA Darren Praznik for Saturday May 15 to discuss the issue. (See separate story on this page)

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## Letters

# YOUR VIEW:

## Letters to the Editor

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## School day long enough

Re: Powerview School proposal to change the current school year. As concerned parents of students attending Powerview School, we are writing this letter to share the "other side" of the proposal in question.

For those of you that are not aware, the Administration of Powerview School is proposing the following change in the current school year: "To start the school day for all students from K-12 at 8:40am and ending at 3:30pm. The school year will then end 2 weeks earlier in June. The 20 minutes added to each day will replace the last 2 weeks of June and provide an estimated additional 9 hours of class time throughout the year."

Administration for Powerview School has been asked countless times as to what the benefit(s) is/are for the "STUDENTS". To date we have not received a clear and concise answer to our question. It is the Administrations goal to have this proposal implemented for the 1999-2000 school year, with or without the support of parents. Our views and opinions have undoubtedly fallen upon deaf ears and we feel that the administration is "pushing" this change through without providing full details to those that it will affect.

This issues that parents have raised include busing of students that do not live in town. To add and extra 20 minutes to a child's day earlier in the morning that already have up to just over an hour bus ride in the morning will only bring on fatigue earlier in the day. Teachers already say that students are mentally drained

by 3:30pm each day, so this tells us that the students will have done their learning at 2:40pm. What affect will this have on student's extra curricular activities, such as sports, music, clubs, jobs, etc., the school system is not the students ONLY form of education. There are stats available that show that More is Less. Children and adults alike are capable of absorbing only so much information in a day. Attention spans for learning are not fostered by longer days. Stats also show that the longer students are off between breaks in the school year, the Lower the retention of previously learned education, -going from an 8 week summer breaks to a 10 week break is a definite pitfall to this proposal. Is 9 hours of extra class time really going to increase the results of the Provincial Exams? Exams that are of only use to administration? These exams were implemented to tell government officials of how our system is failing against others. The teachers also feel that they need more teacher-student contact time on a day to day basis to implement new programs, such as the U.S.S.R. (Uninterrupted Sustained Silent Reading) Program, which is already in place at the school. They are also looking at adding the Lions Quest program that features respect and responsibility - Is this not the parents' responsibility? If as a parent I am expected to put my child to bed earlier, we then lose that time in the evening for quality family time that is an integral part of any child's life. This time is normally used for teaching them the respect and responsibility associated

in ones day to day life for reading and other educational issues that as parents we are required to do. This is the responsibility we chose when we decided to have children. Do we want to experiment with our children's education, as the Administration of Powerview School is asking, with their most recent letter to parents and students? I think not, at least not based on the information and way that this whole issue has been handled by the Administration of Powerview School. Not once have they offered our side of the issue to other parents. Perhaps there is an alternate motive that is pushing the Administration of Powerview School to push forward in this fashion! Who knows, we never seem to get a straight answer to any of our questions brought forward.

The proposal put forth by Powerview School Administration does have some merit, but unfortunately very little, of any for the students and these merits are heavily outweighed by the views and opinions indicated above. We could continue to go on with other reasons, but this paper is only a sob. Parents of students in Powerview and now Pine Falls, (as we understand you are likely to vote in favour of joining Agassiz School Division), give some thought to this proposal being presented by Powerview School Administration. Remember, as taxpayers, we are in control of our school system and the school system is for our children!

Rochelle Vinck, on behalf of Concerned Parents of Students attending Powerview School.

## 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 MASONIC 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.  
**P.A.A. 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 Palischuk. 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. Thursday 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  
**SENIOR SCENE INC. #1 Ateah Rd., Victoria Beach.** General Meetings every 2nd Tuesday of the month. Art Classes Wed. 10 am, Wood Carving Wed. 1 pm, Movies Tue. 7 pm, carpet bowling, Fri. 2 pm, Bingo Fri. 7:15 pm. Call 756-6468 for more information regarding activities.  
**MENTAL ILLNESS SUPPORT GROUP:** Meetings held every 2nd Wednesday at 7pm at the Wings of Power office. Next Meeting April 21, 1999.  
**LAKESHORE AL-ATEEN GROUP:** Meets Thursdays 6:00pm - 7:00pm. 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**  
**POWVIEW PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL:** Meetings. 1st Thursday of Every Month

## Church Services

**NOTRE DAME DU LAUS: POWVIEW:** 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 Rountree. 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, Greenwood on 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 635-2625 or 254-8682.  
**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. May through October Mass 10am Sunday  
**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 Hollow Water.

## Community



## The Police Beat

C.J. (Carl) Dinsdale, CST.  
Powerview Detachment

### Comments, Questions and Queries

This week I have two questions to address and an addition to a previous comment made two weeks ago. Let's get right to it. Q - Is it legal to park an unregistered car on the street? - anonymous in Powerview  
A - No it is not, no unregistered vehicle or trailer may be parked on any road accessible by the general public, as stated in the Highway Traffic Act. This includes all municipal streets, back lanes, provincial roads and highways. That answers your question, now my question is how did the car get on the street? On top of the illegal parking was someone driving an unregistered vehicle? There are lot's of things to think about based on this question, such as how to move the unregistered vehicle from the street, as we know it can't be driven. At any rate, I'm assuming this question is based on a hypothetical situation, so now we know not to let our registration expire if our car breaks down on the street in front of the house.  
Q - What constitutes cruelty to animals? - curious, Powerview, MB

A - Cruelty to animals under the Criminal Code of Canada includes a whole spectrum of actions or in some cases lack of action. The following is the Cole's Notes version of criminal acts against animals:  
Everyone who wilfully and without lawful excuse  
- kills, maims, wounds, poisons, or injures dogs, birds or animals kept for a lawful purpose.  
- causes or permits to be caused unnecessary pain, suffering or injury to an animal or bird.  
- by wilful neglect causes damage or injury to animals or birds while they are being driven or conveyed.  
- abandons in distress or fails to provide suitable and adequate food, water, shelter and care to animals or birds in their custody or control.  
- in any manner encourages, aids or assists at the fighting or baiting of animals or birds.  
- wilfully administers a poisonous or an injurious substance to an animal or bird in the custody of any person or permits that it be done.  
The terminology I used above is from the Criminal Code and can

be a little overbearing but the bottom line is to use your common sense. If someone is beating a dog like a rented mule, as my grandfather used to say, it is safe to assume it will make up the offence of cruelty to animals. Two weeks ago I received a comment, actually more like a letter, criticizing the Courts for treating persons charged, specifically young offenders, with kid gloves, pardon the pun. After reading my response a co-worker pointed out to me that if people want more involvement in how the Court operates, they should be attending Court. Court sessions, unless otherwise dictated by the sitting Judge, are public forums and any member of the public can attend. If the Crown Attorneys and Judges started seeing more interest in Court proceedings from the public, especially the victims of crime expressing their

displeasure at lenient sentences, perhaps they will begin to try these charges with more vigour. If you wish to know when Court sits, call the Detachment and attend if you can, this at the very least will permit you to see how the Court proceeds.

### Ramblings

I've got nothing specific to write about this week so I'll just give you a few things to think about as you go about your business. Grass fires seem to be a rite of spring in these parts and without careful management can become hazards to forest and homes, as some people have already found out this year. It would be tragic and more than a little embarrassing to lose your house to a grass fire you had started, so please be careful when burning off old growth. It would appear from the results of the Pine Falls vote that it will

soon be amalgamated with Powerview and that being the case may incorporate some of Powerview's bylaws, including pet control. This may be something people should become aware of before they are paying bail to the dog catcher. With spring here the big boy's toys are changing from snowmobiles to dirt bikes and ATVs. Keep in mind that the Off Road Vehicle Act applies to them in the same manner it does to snowmachines. Also, and here's that dead horse, do not drink and ride! I'll keep pounding this in until I start to see a decline in the number of impaired drivers we pick up and believe me that is not happening yet. That's all I have this week, in the future if you would like me to address a specific topic in my weekly preaching, pass it on and I'll get right on it. Play Safe

## NDP calls on Premier to support fight against Supreme Court ruling

April 13, 1999 - At the Manitoba legislature NDP MLA Eric Robinson today asked the Premier to get involved and support efforts to have the February 17th Supreme Court ruling on custody of a four year old Aboriginal child reheard. The Court ruled that the child should be awarded to adoptive grandparents in Connecticut who were financially better off. The child had lived with his biological grandfather from Sagkeeng for over three years and has a strong bond with relatives and residents of Sagkeeng. The decision is widely considered a return to the Sixties Scoop. As the Pine Falls Community Voice put it in an

editorial last month, "The Supreme Court's decision is a direct attack on the family." Opponents of the decision have included the Assembly of First Nations, Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, the Manitoba Metis Federation, other Aboriginal and First Nations organizations along with numerous social agencies and ordinary Canadians across the country. The biological grandfather with support from the Sagkeeng First Nation is attempting to have the case reheard by the Supreme Court on the basis that Sagkeeng was not asked whether it could be an intervener and that no psychological assessment was

done of the child. Given the large costs of such a challenge Robinson asked the Premier to have the provincial government assist the effort. This case is of fundamental importance to any parent living in poverty. It is not acceptable that children be adopted on the basis of income. Already there have been attempts to have the decision used in a court case in British Columbia. Manitoba rightly banned adoptions out of province more than 15 years ago. The provincial government should be supporting efforts to have the decision reheard. Transferring the child to Connecticut was not in the best interests of the child.

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**Sports**

**Ontario and Alberta Split Gold Medals at Canadian Ringette Championships**

Halifax- Nova Scotia-April 10, 1999- While teams from Alberta were represented in all four finals at the 1999 Canadian Ringette Championships today, they only managed to take home two gold medals. Ontario picked up the remaining two gold in Belle and Deb division play.

Defending Belle Championships from Gloucester(Ontario)remain on top after a 5-4 overtime victory against Alberta. Ontario, who received a first place bye into the finals, went undefeated during round robin play throughout the week.

"We were really prepared and we know we could do it," said Colleen Hagan from Gloucester who scored the winning goal just under seven minutes into overtime play. "We believe in each other and we knew we could make this happen."

In an exciting Deb final, Lesley Russell from Scarborough got an early birthday present when she

scored the winning goal just 2 minutes and 48 seconds into overtime play. Lesley turns 22 tomorrow. The 6-5 win put defending champion Alberta in silver position.

"After losing to Alberta in the round robin, everyone stepped up and played well today," said Sarah Miller, from Windsor (Ontario), who scored the goal that tied things up with 28 seconds left in regular play. "Our whole team played excellent."

In the Junior final, Amanda Wojtkiw scored the winning goal with just over eleven minutes remaining, leading Alberta to a 5-4 victory over British Columbia. Brandi Krasowski added two goals and an assist for the winners who were down 3-2 at the half.

Alberta are now the Intermediate Champions after downing Quebec 6-4. Michelle MacKinnon and Jennifer Willan, both from Edmonton, had two goals each.

More than 600 athletes, representing 35 teams from every province except Newfoundland, competed in 155 round robin games throughout the week in Halifax. The 2000 Canadian Ringette Championships will be held in Prince George, British Columbia from April 3 to 8.

Saturday's results at the 1999 Canadian Ringette Championships in Halifax: Junior Division (Age 14 and 15)- Finals Alberta 5-B.C, bronze medal Ontario.

Belle Division (Age 16 to 18)- Finals Ontario 5- Alberta 4, bronze medal- Saskatchewan.

Deb Division (Age 19 to 23)- Finals Ontario 6- Alberta 5, bronze medal- British Columbia.

Intermediate Division (Age 21 and over)- Final Alberta 6-and Quebec 4, bronze medal- Ontario.

Please note that game summaries can be found on the Ringette Canada's website at [www.ringette.ca/events/1999CRC.html](http://www.ringette.ca/events/1999CRC.html)

**OCN and Estavan Bruins Will Battle for the Anavet Cup**

The OCN Blizzard of the MJHL and the Estavan Bruins of the SJHL will begin the best of seven series for the Anavet cup on Saturday, April 17, 1999 at the Gordon Lathlin Memorial Arena in The Pas, beginning at 7:00pm.

The Anavet Cup was presented to the Canadian Hockey Assoc. in 1974 by the Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans Branch #151 in Selkirk, Manitoba. The Selkirk Branch also presents gold and silver medals to the winners and runners-up. Further to this, they will present an Anavet MVP Award to the most valuable player of the Manitoba-Saskatchewan series.

The Blizzard has proven its worth, conclusively, within the province and is preparing for the next big step. OCN (the Opaskwayak Cree Nation) swept the Winnipeg South Blues in the best-of-seven Anavet Cup.

The Blizzard will play the Sask. Junior Hockey League championship Estevan Bruins in the Anavet Cup, scheduled April 17-27. The prizes is a berth in the Royal Bank Cup national junior A championship May 1-9 at Yorkton, Sask.

"We've had a really good season," said OCN general manager Leonard Strandberg. "We know we

have a good team.

"Until you play somebody else, you don't know how good you are. We're curious to see where we stand."

OCN dominated the MJHL with 53 wins, seven losses, one tie and one shoot-out loss for a record 108 points during the regular season. The Blizzard finished 20 points ahead of the Portage Terriers in the Allard Division and won 12 of 13 play-off games against the Dauphin Kings, defending champion Winkler Flyers and Winnipeg South.

The Estevan Bruins on the other hand have won their first Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League championship in 14 years and will carry SJHL pride into the Anavet Cup.

Estavan finished first in the South, and overall, with a 44-14-8 regular season record. The Bruins improved their overall record to 56-15-8 with their exceptional league play off run.

"Different guys are scoring," said Watson. "Our defence is pretty strong and (goalie Dave) Guerrero is playing well."

Estevan outscored the opposition 60-29 in the play-offs and has outscored the opposition 348-220 over 79 regular-season and play-off games. The Bruins had an eight-point advantage over the runner-up in their division and finished three points ahead of the league runner-up.

**News**

**PFPC President to Receive '98 Canada's Top 40 Under 40 Award**

Kapuskasing, Ontario, April 22, 1999- Spruce Falls Inc. is pleased to announce that Mr. Denis Turcotte, President and Chief Executive Officer of Spruce Falls Inc., and Executive Vice-President of the Newsprint and Publishing Papers Group of Tembec, has been chosen as a recipient of the 1998 Canada's Top 40 Under 40 Award. Winners were published in the April 7 edition of The Globe and Mail Report on Business section. Mr. Turcotte will receive his national award at an awards ceremony to be held at the Metro Toronto Convention

Centre on Thursday, April 29. Turcotte is the President of the Pine Falls Paper Co.

Canada's Top 40 Under 40 awards program was established in 1995 to recognize the achievements of outstanding Canadians under the age of 40 in the private, public and not-for-profit sectors. The program draws from a broad spectrum of industry and community sectors across Canada in its

search for talented individuals who are Canada's present and future leaders.

Mr. Turcotte was nominated by Frank Dottori, President and Chief Executive Officer of Tembec.

Spruce Falls Inc. is a Tembec Company which operates an integrated newsprint and lumber manufacturing operation in Kapuskasing, Ontario.

**Second Edition of the Manitoba Caisse Populaire Photography Contest**

(Saint-Boniface, April 9, 1999): As a result of the outstanding response we experienced last year to our first initiative, the Manitoba Caisse Populaire Network has once again organized a Photography Contest. The winning pictures will be included within the Caisse Populaires' Year 2000 wall calendar contest that will be made available later this year.

Between April 1 and May 31, 1999, all Caisse Populaire members, administrators and employees are eligible to win prizes totalling \$1500. It's simple... and some of the conditions are:

- Only one (1) color photograph per participant will be accepted and the photo must be in a horizontal format (min. size: 4" x 6" or max size 5" x 7"). The first photo submitted to the contest's independent jury.
- All photos entered into the contest become the exclusive property of

the Caisse Populaire Network and cannot be returned to participants.

- Twelve (12) photos will be selected, of which three (3) will come from each of the four (4) following categories or regions:
  - 1) Southeastern residents
  - 2) Red River residents
  - 3) Northwestern residents
  - 4) Urban residents

- Twelve (12) prizes consisting of a \$100 Term Deposit will be given out and the Grand Prize winner selected from the twelve (12) finalists, will win an additional \$300 Term Deposit.

- The twelve (12) winning entries will be returned elegantly framed with proper recognition of all winning entries on or before June 30, 1999.

Contest rules and the mandatory entry form that must accompany each entry in the contest are available at your participating Caisse Populaire.

Good luck to all participants!



President, Pine Falls Paper Company, Denis Turcotte.

**5 Pin News-Week#23**

The ladies high games were: Evelyn Dodds 253&223, Kathleen Coss 248, Shirley Adams 231, Doris Kahle 224&212, Diane Johnson 224, Mandy Dankowski 223, Carol Griffin 219&215&208, Heather Adams 217, Jeannine Lavallee 211, Janelle Carlson 210&206, Neila Ryall 204.

The men's high games were: Pat Papineau 326&254&221, Bill Lavallee 274, Jerry Gauthier 261&216, Pete Richardson 254&254&208, Todd Jesseau 224.

The female bowler of the

week was Kathleen Coss for her game of 248 which was 85 pins over her average.

The male bowler of the week was Pat Papineau for his game of 326 which was 114 pins over his average.

The Legion Special was won by the Richardson Team for their 3 game total of 3600.

Other comments: This weeks High Triple Games were: Pat Papineau 801, Pete Richardson 716, Jerry Gauthier 669, Evelyn Dodds 649, Carol Griffin 642, and Bill Lavallee 640.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ALEXANDER  
CHANGE OF COUNCIL MEETING DATE

The Public is hereby advised that the Rural Meeting of Council scheduled for April 28, 1999 will be held on April 22, 1999 at 10:00 a.m.

BY ORDER OF COUNCIL OF THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ALEXANDER

**RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ALEXANDER**  
PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to subsection 162 (2) of the Municipal Act that the Council of the R.M. of Alexander intends to present its financial plan for the fiscal year 1999 at a public hearing in the Council Chambers of the R.M. of Alexander on the 19th day of April at 7:30p.m. Council will hear any person who wishes to make a representation, ask questions, or register an objection to the financial plan, as provided.

A copy of the financial plan is available for review and may be examined by any person during the regular office hours of the Municipality at #16 on Highway #11 in St. Georges, Manitoba.

Dated this 26th day of March, 1999.  
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## Community



Andrea Ayotte(left) receiving a cheque for \$12000 from Judy Habing of PFPC. (right) Rhonda McIvor Director of Support Services

### Wings of Power receive \$12,000

Pine Falls Paper Company has made a \$12,000 donation over two years to the Wings of Power Program. Wings of Power received the second half of this generous donation in March 1999. The mill's philosophy about its social responsibility is consistent with Tembec's

corporate philosophy which is to "promote health, education, culture and recreation that contribute to improving the individual and collective quality of life..."

With the support of the PFPC, the Wings of Power's Breakfast Program is running

successfully. The Breakfast Program provides nutritional snacks each week day morning to students from kindergarten to grade eight in Powerview School. It is essential that children have food in their bellies for them to concentrate and learn. By ensuring that young students are not hungry and have proper nutrition the end results is that they will learn better.

Wings of Power is a community based grassroots program comprised of local people from all walks of life who have come together to find ways to empower families to enhance wellness, learning and growth opportunities for children in our community. Our services fall under four Pillars, Nutrition, Literacy & Language, Early Intervention, and Parenting, and are available to everyone in our community. If you have any questions about Wings of Power please feel free to call Andrea at 367-9641.

### Branch 64 Legion

by Phil Cyr

Activities within our new premises has certainly been active in these past few months. With Comrade Ross Halpin and his band playing lively music on March 17, gave the new dance floor its first initial work out. The square dance club presented us with a few numbers, Ross as usual sang a variety of songs, and of course a few clean jokes. We expect to invite them back again. This past Saturday we enjoyed a band of local individuals who have just got together, presented us with music that certainly was entertaining to my point of view. Invited by Wolly Parisian to perform their first show Wolly played and sang

his reporter of melodies we always like to hear. Guest players and singer also provided some entertaining music, Cy Nimchuk with his accordion Cameron Pachkowsky, Norm and Roxanne Vezina, Sandy Dan's sister. The band itself consisted of Mel Humphrey, Mel Smitzniuk, Guy Lavoie, Dan Polischuk, Bill Johnson, Claude Bowman, Richard Papineau, and drummer Rob Deseauteil. The packed house certainly enjoyed the entertainment, I know I did. It's really not surprising to see that we have such good talent within our own community. Thank you Wolly, and your guest band. It was much appreciated! Come back again. Please.

### Notre-Dame-Du-Laus Parish News

First Reconciliation Celebration

This Sunday, April 18th, at 3:30pm, at the N-D-du-Laus Church (Powerview). All the children who are preparing to receive Holy Communion for the first time this June and their parents are to attend this Special Celebration. Everyone is welcome to attend and may receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation if they wish. The celebration will be followed by a potluck supper in the church basement.

Meeting in Preparation for the First of Communions

All the parents of the children who are to receive Holy Communion for the first time this coming June, are urged to attend an important meeting, Wednesday, April 21st, at 7:00pm, in the N-D-du-Laus Church basement. It is important

that all parents concerned attend. This meeting will touch on the Holy Eucharist. All who are interested are also welcome to attend!

Keep in mind the youth retreat which is scheduled for April 23, 24 and 25. This retreat, which is for all young Christians 12 yrs. of age and up, will be held at the Powerview School. The retreat will begin on Friday, April 23rd, at 7:00pm, with the registration, and end on Sunday, April 25th, with a 3:00pm Mass at the church, followed by a potluck supper in the church basement. Registration cost per youth is \$35.00. Want to attend? There is still room! Don't delay. Register now!

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# Looking for Mr. Sandman

Marilyn Zarecki,  
Home Economist  
Manitoba Agriculture,  
Beausejour, 268-6015

Though eight hours is a rough estimate of how much sleep humans need, this varies from person to person, and even for the same person, depending on age and other circumstances. Many things can disrupt your sleep—taking care of a baby or child, anxiety, depression, travel, illness, noise from a neighboring house or apartment, a snoring partner, heat, caffeine, alcohol, or the symptoms of menopause. Enough sleep is whatever makes you feel fit and alert the next day. Most people can recall feeling quite well on six or seven hours sleep—or listless and headachy after nine. Most of us, of course, don't do well on a steady diet of six-hour nights, or sleep that comes in short segments.

It's a myth that the older you get, the less sleep you need. As you age, you continue to need as much sleep as ever, but you sleep less soundly and tend to fragment your sleep. One in four adults suffers from insomnia, according to estimates from the World Health Organization, and the incidence increases with age. Chronic insomnia puts you at

risk for depression (and vice versa), car crashes and other mishaps, daytime drowsiness, and burning eyes. It can muddy your thinking and interfere with your enjoyment of life.

## Strategies for Dealing With Insomnia

- Go to bed at the same time and get up at the same time, no matter how little you sleep. This is called "sleep restriction" therapy—a measure you may think you hardly need. But some sleepless people compensate by staying in bed beyond their usual schedule, trying to sleep. This defeats the purpose.

- Avoid all alcohol if your insomnia is severe, or at least keep consumption moderate (one or at most two drinks daily). Don't drink after dinner. Alcohol is a false friend. It may help you fall asleep at first, but it reduces the quality of sleep and may wake you up in the middle of the night. The older you are, the riskier this is, because older people achieve higher levels of blood alcohol from an equivalent "dose" than younger people.

- Avoid heavy meals late in the evening. A light snack, however, helps some people sleep.

- Avoid coffee or tea late in the day or after dinner.

- Don't smoke. Nicotine, like caffeine, is a stimulant.

- Don't nap in the daytime, even if you are tired. If you don't have trouble sleeping at night, however, there is nothing wrong with a half-hour (or shorter) nap.

- Exercise regularly to improve your sleep. However, avoid strenuous exercise within two hours of bedtime.

- Try taking a warm bath before bedtime. When you emerge from a hot tub, your body temperature will drop. This may help you fall asleep when you do get in bed.

- Worrying about not sleeping can keep you awake. Try not to give way to anxiety about how bad you're going to feel tomorrow. Don't keep checking the clock.

- If you cannot fall asleep after 20 or 30 minutes, get up and read or listen to music in a darkened room. Go back to bed when you feel sleepy. If waking in the middle of the night is your problem, try getting up and reading or having a glass of milk—the same methods you'd use when you can't fall asleep upon retiring.

— Taken from Wellness Letter—April 1999, University of California, Berkeley

# 'Round and About the Beaches

by Monika L. Evans  
Belated Happy Easter

Well, all I can think is that, the Easter Bunny must have been surprised on Easter Morning, as we all were. Here we had been enjoying mild weather and little green plants were starting to show and bam, we were drowned in snow. I mean, we had more snow overnight than we did all Winter long. Must be Mother Nature's last little reminder that it ain't over quite yet. I took a whole bunch of pictures of the heavy-laden trees. It was beautiful to see, but also scary.

I was glad that I didn't have to go anywhere since the roads were totally impassible until early afternoon. Some of our neighbours had friends visiting and they had a terrible time just getting up a little hill. It took them almost half an hour to go around the block. Once they were parked in the driveway, they stayed there until the next morning. By then most of the snow had already disappeared and we actually had the roads plowed.

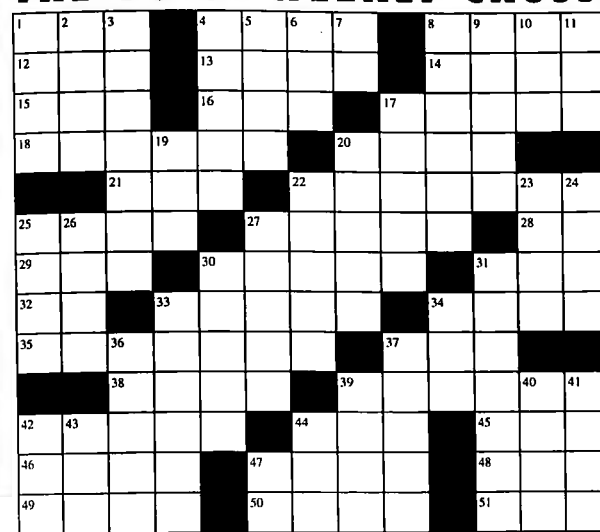
That was the best packing snow that we've had. It weighed a ton and broke many a branch and also downed some trees. A few enterprising cottagers built rather strange snowpersons which are now melting. One was put right on the Lakeshore Road by the entrance to Belair Properties. I wish I would have had my camera, it was very comical.

This morning I saw my first Robin. Surely this is a sign that Spring is here to stay. I've seen geese heading north and the seagulls have returned. Now if Mother Nature cooperates and stops dumping snow on us, just maybe we'll be enjoying Spring soon. Let's hope so.

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# THE VOICE WEEKLY CROSSWORD



- 38. All, individually
- 39. With 35 Across, the national language
- 42. Fidelity
- 44. Sailor
- 45. Macaws
- 46. Not narrow
- 47. About aviation
- 48. Partner of dash
- 49. Portent
- 50. The national blanket
- 51. Imitate

**DOWN**

- 1. Bridge part
- 2. Mafia General
- 3. Educator
- 4. Boy soldier
- 5. Submit
- 6. Zodiac sign
- 7. Asatine symbol
- 8. The national animal
- 9. Made of oatmeal
- 10. Crumb
- 11. Deceitful

**LAST WEEKS ANSWER**

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**ACROSS**

- 1. Do something
- 4. Pepsi or Coca follower
- 8. Bronx cheers
- 12. Ontario Premier, once
- 13. Assist a wrongdoer
- 14. British Title
- 15. Certified Public Accountant, abbr.

- 16. The Diety
- 17. Spiteful
- 18. The National Sport
- 20. Surface a road
- 21. Punch
- 22. Mothers and fathers
- 25. Regular
- 27. Not a winner
- 28. Exclamation of surprise

- 29. Household god, Roman
- 30. Respond
- 31. Wood sorrel
- 32. Yes, in Pamplona
- 33. Orchard fruit
- 34. Frieght boat
- 35. With 39 Across, the national language
- 37. Cry of triumph

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

**LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION**

I THINK, THEREFORE I AM

-RENE DESCARTES

BZCYDVFWG FQ D HJWKJBQQFLB ZFQYWLBJM  
WN WCJ WPG FKGWJDGYB.  
-PFRZ ZCJDGV

**HOROSCOPE** (April 15 - April 21)

**ARIES** March 21 - April  
Your schedule this week is going to be really busy. Try to keep your calendar close at hand so you don't miss an important occasion. Don't forget your promise to family members. They are counting on your help and support.

**TAURUS** April 20 - May 20  
Be as productive as possible and set a good example for coworkers. Finish a project that has been lingering before you move on to the next major project in the near future, expect an old friend to contact you. They will need your support.

**GEMINI** May 21 - June 20  
Are distractions interrupting you? Maybe you should step away from them so you can concentrate and get things done. Even though you have some cumbersome projects to finish at home. It should turn out to be a great weekend.

**CANCER** June 21 - July 22  
It would be very beneficial to you and your peace of mind if you find ways to cut some of the demands on your time. Think about some changes in your personal goals: that might be a big help to you and make you feel more fulfilled.

**LEO** July 23 - Aug. 22  
A tough week at home is not an excuse to be such a grouch at work. Leave your family problems at home. Your coworkers will really appreciate it, and everyone will start working together better. A change of attitude can be a boost to morale and productivity.

**VIRGO** August 23 - September 22  
Is there something you have found that you don't like about yourself? Maybe it's time to do something about it. Changes can't happen overnight, but you can make an effort. Take a break from everyday routine and celebrate spring.

**LIBRA** Sept. 23 - Oct. 22  
You have a lot going on this week. Get it out of the way so you can enjoy a special weekend. Avoid risk for a while. Don't get into any risky investments, and it would be best for you to stay away from gambling or playing the lottery.

**SCORPIO** Oct. 23 - Nov. 21  
This is the week to be more assertive when trying to push your pet idea or project. Don't let a coworker's opinion get you down. It's likely he/she is envious of your great idea. Hold your tongue when it comes to a neighbor.

**SAGITTARIUS** Nov. 22 - Dec. 21  
What an exciting week. But don't let an argument with a close friend ruin it for you. Go ahead and bask in the glory! You deserve it with all the hard work you've been doing lately. Don't forget the special occasion ahead for a relative.

**CAPRICORN** Dec. 22 - Jan. 19  
You do this every year. And once again, you have waited until the last minute to do your taxes. It's time you changed the way you handle your taxes and get them done before the last minute. Avoid idle gossip going around at work.

**AQUARIUS** Jan. 20 - Feb. 18  
Before you go through with your activities this evening, remember that it's almost April 15, and your taxes are due. Make sure all your records are in order and your tax forms are completed before you get involved with something else.

**PISCES** Feb. 19 - March 20  
Conservative is your key word this week. Be conservative in your ideas and actions at work. Off the wall will not impress superiors who are set in their ways. A professional attitude and demeanor will take you far. Be careful how you deal with money, too. A sure thing might not be so sure.

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AGASSIZ SCHOOL DIVISION NO. 13  
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## History

## The Abitibi - The Grand Old Magazine Which United Towns and Employees

By George Bayly

Naturally, the history of Pine Falls is tied closely to the Abitibi Power and Paper Company which was formed prior to World War I, with the founder and head of the company, a man named Frank H. Anson. William H. Smith was hired as Chief Accountant before the completion of the mill at Iroquois Falls in 1915. In those days, accounting methods were 'primitive'. For example, payment to men working for contractors in the bush was made by draft assuring payment on demand; so if contractors paid all their men at the same time, a flood of these slips would arrive at the Company's Montreal Bank, giving the company accountant a strong urge to escape by the back door. After World War I, the Iroquois Falls mill grew to seven paper machines by 1921, and the price of newsprint for shipment to New York rose to \$130 per ton. (During the depression, it fell as low as \$40 per ton and in 1953, the price in New York was \$126 per ton delivered.)

When founder F.H. Anson died in 1923, he was succeeded by Alexander Smith, and under his leadership, it was decided that many individual mills could be grouped and operated more economically. So, in 1927, Smooth Rock Falls was brought from Mattagami Pulp Co., and in 1928, the year of the big merger, the Manitoba Paper Co. at Pine Falls, the Spanish River mills at Sturgeon Falls and Espanola, the Lake Superior mill at Sault Ste.

Marie, Fort William Paper, Kamistiquia Power Co., Ste. Anne Paper Co. at Beaufre, Provincial Paper at Port Arthur, and the Murray Bay Paper Co. all were required. The Thunder Bay Paper Co. came into the group in 1929.

In July of 1929, Company foresters Alex MacKenzie, Rupe Rigg, and Goff Bayly were sent to Beaufre to do survey work for the St. Anne Paper Co. until the end of August. While cruising in the Lac Brule region, Goff Bayly was presented with a bottle of "Whoopie" by Company President Alex Smith who was on a visit to the area. (In the photo, you can see the word "Whoopie" written on the improvised label.)

In 1930, it was decided to move the company head office from Montreal to Toronto, and as the depression worsened, the company began to experience financial difficulties. In 1932, Pine Falls and other mills shut down, and on September 10, 1932 Abitibi Power and Paper Co. went into receivership where it remained until April 30, 1946. Publication of the Abitibi magazine resumed in September, 1946, after 16 years



Poet McKew and favourite bobcat

of silence. 13 years after resumption of operations, The Abitibi Magazine Editors' Conference was held in Pine Falls in the early autumn of 1959. It was only the third time that the conference had been held outside of Toronto and the first time at a Company Division. From Head Office Toronto came President D.W. Ambridge, V.P. Ernie McBride, and Abitibi Editor Dorothy Hatton. The guest speaker was

Free Press columnist Gene Telpner who gave a workshop on writing techniques. In a letter to Pine Falls Editor Ian Davies, Mrs. Hatton thanked the people of Pine Falls for their hospitality and Mr. and Mrs. G. Mulligan for the service that they receive during their stay at the Manitou Lodge. During the three day conference, the divisional editors toured the mill led by guide Control Engineer Ken Neal, and then travelled by bus to Camp 25 where they were conducted on a tour by Logging Supt. Rupe Rigg. In camp, they enjoyed a steak dinner served by the dining hall staff under Head Cook, Mrs. Erna Meisner.

In the March 1953 issue of Abitibi, President D.W. Ambridge in his Annual Report to Employees for 1952 noted the following progress in Pine Falls: "Working conditions were improved by the installation of a modern ventilation system, sub-station switching equipment was upgraded and more power was made available for the electric boilers; the town-site office and shops were consolidated into one building and the old construction and camp buildings, formerly occupied, were demolished. The hospital was enlarged by extending one wing to provide 17 additional beds. None of the ten houses built by the company have been sold, so they are being rented. However, two employees have almost completed building homes on lots purchased from the Company.

On February 1, 1953, Mr. Ed Wilson of the Pine Falls Police Dept. retired. Originally, Mr. Wilson came from County Down, England, where he served with the County Down Constabulary. In 1923, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson arrived in Canada moving first to Saskatchewan where they started up a farm, then coming to Pine Falls in January of 1942. Their residence was in "the Rock Area", where they raised their daughter Nancy (Mrs. Laverne Taylor). Mr. Wilson first joined the Pine Falls Police as Night Watchman.

Three years earlier, on July 26, 1950, Mrs. Wilson, daughter Nancy, and granddaughter Karen (age three), sailed on the ocean liner "Ascania" to Newcastle in Tyne, England, where they visited with Mrs. Wilson's sister, Mrs. Lucas. They hadn't seen one

The strong community spirit always evident at Pine Falls was responsible for the organization of a Ladies' Hospital Auxiliary to care for hospital linens, set up visiting committees, and supply additional equipment and comforts for patients. In the Woodlands, work done at Pine Falls a few years ago, with experiments in using jackpine for groundwood pulp, has enabled us to produce it at practically all divisions."

After the Company instituted its "Build-your-own-home" plan in 1951, a few Pine Falls residents began to construct their homes: Townsite Supt. Bill Jackson, Dr. K.I. Johnson, Mill Acct. Art Kruger, Mill Stores man Fred Harrison, Mill Stores Supt. Ed Kahle, and Stone Sharpener Jack Beatty. In following years, employees began to purchase the original houses and renovate them.

On February 1, 1953, Mr. Ed Wilson of the Pine Falls Police Dept. retired. Originally, Mr. Wilson came from County Down, England, where he served with the County Down Constabulary. In 1923, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson arrived in Canada moving first to Saskatchewan where they started up a farm, then coming to Pine Falls in January of 1942. Their residence was in "the Rock Area", where they raised their daughter Nancy (Mrs. Laverne Taylor). Mr. Wilson first joined the Pine Falls Police as Night Watchman.

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another for twenty-six years. They departed on the return voyage to Canada on Nov. 16. Today, Nancy and Laverne Taylor maintain a summer residence on the Winnipeg River.

In January of 1955, the Editor of the Abitibi announced that the Magazine would be starting its tenth year of publication. However, if 1929 and 1930 are to be considered, it would in fact be the twelfth year of publication. The first Abitibi Magazine was printed, I believe, after the big merger of 1928, when the many paper companies joined to form the larger Abitibi Paper Company.

As I had previously mentioned, Company office employees were divisional editors for the Abitibi magazine, but employees from other departments contributed many interesting articles, photos, and items such as sports, legion news, retirements, promotions, and poetry. Mr. T.W.E. McKew of the Electrical Dept. became known as the "Poet Laureate" of Pine Falls because of his contribution of poetry to the magazine.

In 1952, when rising water levels submerged Silver Falls, Mr. McKew delivered a 'eulogy' in the form of a poem. Here are some lines that he was moved to compose on the loss of that beautiful site.

What a dreadful price to pay

All that grandeur swept away,

Forever drowned, the silver-white of leaping spray at full moon's height;

That puny man may proudly boast- "My captive makes my morning toast."

Could he not achieve this goal obtaining power he needs from coal? Extracting with his skilful ease

His BTU's from long-dead trees?

Why these scenic gems destroy

That tens of thousands might enjoy?

T.W.E. McKew

Mr. T.W.E. McKew was born at Hamilton Barracks, Hamilton, Scotland in 1904, where he sang in the Hamilton Select Choir, drawn from a population of 200,000 in Lanarkshire. He came to Canada and Pine Falls in 1926 to work in the Electrical Department. He and Mrs. McKew, in their home across the street from Ste. Theresa's Catholic Church, raised their children Harland, Edward, and Margaret. In an interview, the Abitibi found that Mr. McKew "likes Gilbert and Sullivan, bagpipes, cats, rye, and thinks that Canada will be a great nation like Scotland some day."

## IN MEMORIAM

Sokolaski, Joan

April 16, 1998

A heart of gold stopped beating, Hard working hands went to rest, God took you home to prove to us, He only takes the best. We'll hold you close within our hearts, and there you will remain. To walk with us throughout our lives, until we meet again.

Greatly missed by  
Gaylene, Ronald, Patricia,  
Garrett & Derek.

## CARD OF THANKS

We would like to send out a special thank you to Marc Nolin for the lovely hot meal he provided for us after our recent loss. Your kindness was greatly appreciated and will always be remembered.

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Monday, April 18  
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Wed., April 21  
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## CARD OF THANKS

We the family of the late Fred Mastin Jr. of Pine Falls wish to thank all who donated food to the family over our bereavement. Also many thanks to each and everyone of you who sent flowers and who expressed their condolences and prayers on our great loss.

Thank you, Fr. Chartier for the beautiful mass for our loved one "Bud". And to the Choir for their lovely musical contribution, it was so touching.

The lunch served after mass by the ladies of the church was much appreciated.

Thanks to all who gave during mass for masses to be said for Bud and to those who have sent mass cards or money for masses. Last but not least many thanks to the Royal Canadian Legion for their expression of farewell to one of their fallen members, PTE. Fred Mastin, Korean War Vet # S.H.455.

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2. To control mosquitoes. The proposal dates of application for these programs will be from May 15, 1999 to October 31, 1999. The pesticide to be used is:

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