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## Health Canada initiates legal action

**Measures being taken to suspend scheduled payments and transfer of patients of the Virginia Fontaine Addictions Foundations Inc.**



The Virginia Fontaine Addictions Foundation Inc., located at Sagkeeng First Nations raises concerns with respect to use of Health Canada funds.

Under the terms of recently-signed agreement, Health Canada provided funds to the Virginia Fontaine Addictions Foundation Inc., in Manitoba, for alcohol, drug and solvent treatment to First Nations and Inuit people in need of help.

As a result of concerns raised with respect to the use of these funds, Health Canada had attempted to have an audit conducted into the Virginia Fontaine Addictions Foundation Inc. Independent forensic auditors have advised Health Canada they are unable to complete this audit because of restrictive conditions imposed by the Foundation.

Health Canada has now initiated legal action to enforce its right to audit, suspended scheduled payments and is making arrangements for the transfer of patients.

Attached is a copy of a letter recently sent by Health Canada to the Virginia Fontaine Addictions Foundation Inc.

Dear Mr. Fontaine:

Health Canada has received a letter from the firms of Kroll Lindquist Avey and KPMG. The letter states that the conditions stipulated in a letter dated November 27, 2000, from your legal counsel to them, so restrict the scope of the audit that it would render it impossible for the auditing firms to properly conduct the audit requested by Health Canada.

After many efforts by both Health Canada and the auditing firms to obtain the Foundation's full cooperation to conduct the forensic audit under Article 19 of the July 1, 2000 Transfer Agreement, it

has become evident now that a full audit cannot take place due to circumstances created by the Foundation.

In addition, public statements, made on behalf of the Foundation, have heightened concerns regarding the use and

accountability of public funds. These statements raise the See ACCOMMODATION/ page 15

## Winter's here!



Strong winds, blowing snow and icy road conditions contributed to a traffic accident early Monday morning in Pine Falls. The driver of this vehicle did not receive injuries. Motorists are encouraged to use caution and always take into consideration winter driving conditions.

# Wolfpack WIN

# Sagkeeng Adult Education Centre promoting life-long learning in a unique environment



Instructor Myrelene Ranville (right front) and students of the Sagkeeng Adult Education Centre with some of their crafts produced for their Christmas sale.

by V. Anderson Sagkeeng Adult Education Centre is located in the Sagkeeng Multiplex Arena. September of this year. The Centre is currently 23 full-

time students participating in these years classes.

The Sagkeeng Adult Education Centre is working in partnership with the Sagkeeng Anicinabe High School and the Sagkeeng Human Resource Development Corporation. This partnership was established to deliver a Adult Education Centre within Sagkeeng First Nation.

There are at present two instructors at the centre, Myrelene Ranville and Patrick O'Laney who work with the students. The centre is open for classes Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.. The Sagkeeng Adult Education Centre is geared towards helping adult learners achieve their Mature High School Diploma. The courses that are currently offered at the school are: Mathematics, English, Science, Social Studies, Aboriginal Law, Anicinabe Language, and Cultural Awareness.

"The Sagkeeng Adult Education Centre is an inviting place to learn" said instructor Myrelene.

"The students contribute to

their learning by working with each other to help bring everyone along."

The students agree that this school provides a unique and supportive place to learn. The students have formed a student council. This council works toward fund-raising, and as a student support group. The council is as follows: Val Letander - President, Lonny Bruyere - Vice-President and Roxanne Green - Treasurer.

The instructors and students work together both in a group and on a one-to-one basis to achieve the students educational goals.

"We are the first students to go through this education centre. I see us as the first rock in building bridges for the future," said student Frank Tyance.

Student Roxanne Green said, "I came to the Sagkeeng Adult Education Centre to achieve a better education so I can provide more options for my children."

The students in their spare time are working towards fund-raising for their graduation in June. This past week

they all got together to make crafts for a Christmas sale fund-raiser. There were some beautiful crafts made and on display at the arena.

In the spring of next year the students plan to have a Regional Art Show. Most of the art work that will be at the show will be made from natural products such as Birch bark, rocks, feathers quills, moosehair, Red Willow, and leathers.

"I have been making jewellery and painting since I was a little boy. My grandfather (Pete Sinclair) was a painter and he taught me my crafts," said student Lonnie Bruyere.

"We hope to make this regional art show a real success, not only to raise money but to further promote native art within our community."

Education is a life long learning process and the Sagkeeng Adult Education Centre is working within Sagkeeng to help meet those educational needs. If you are interested in further information please call the centre at 367-4760.

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# Wolfpack chew on blades



by Stu Evans

If the Winnipeg River Wolfpack had their way, they would play the Fisher Branch Blades every second game. The Pack won their second game of the year last Friday night at Pine Falls nipping the Fisher Branch squad 4-2.

The Pack obviously have

the Blades number as their first win this year was also against Fisher Branch. This game was a hard hitting affair with very few penalties which is generally unusual in Senior hockey. Referee Richard Mikoluff let the boys play, assessing only six minors to each side.

The first period was a scoreless affair only due in part to the Blades netminder Adam Ross. If it wasn't for Ross, the Pack would have filled the Blades net with more pucks than there were ballots recounted by the Democrats.

The second period was a lot more interesting as the Ross riddle was solved by the Pack when Jay Griffith scored the first of his two goals of the night at 18:55. Strangely enough though, it was the Blades who took a 2-1 lead

into the third on goals by Duane Dandeneau and Steve Ferris (powerplay).

The third period however was all Wolfpack as they slipped three past Ross to seal the win. Scoring for the pack was Mr. Reliable, Jay Usakis, Griffith and Shawn Tardiff.

The Blade forwards were punished all night against the boards by the defensive duo of Warren Zirk and Ryan Chevrefils. Chevrefils was consistent all night throwing out numerous licks (old football term) on the "gotta keep

my head up" Fisher Branch ofensive units.

With his efforts, Chevrefils earns the Lunch Bucket Award which had suddenly returned after it went missing after the Pack's last game.

### Upcoming games

This weekend sees the Pack heading out on the road for a couple of contests against Bifrost and the Warren Mercus. In other games played last weekend, Fisher Branch got past 12-3 by the Beausejour Stars to complete their unsuccessful road trip. A home

and home series involving the top two teams Lundar and Stonewall saw the Flyers maintain their dominance taking both from the Falcons 6-4 and 9-4.

The Stars completed their 23 goal weekend by trouncing Teulon 11-4, Warren nipped Bifrost 6-5 and Bifrost saw the losers column once more when the busy Falcons tripped them up 7-4.

The Pack's next home game is in Lac du Bonnet against Beausejour on December 9. That one should be a doozy.

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## Construction begins on Powerview sewer system

Construction began early last week on the low-pressure sewer system for those properties in the areas recently annexed from the Rural Municipality of Alexander. Cost of the project is \$145,000 for the installation and roughly \$40,000 for materials. The Village is supplying materials rather than pay the contractors mark-up. Completion is scheduled for 20 working days after start of construction. The system should be finished just before Christmas.

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*Season's Greetings to all!*

# Powerview RCMP report

## 150 calls in seven days

Powerview RCMP had a busy week — with a total of 150 calls during the last seven days — many of them assault and/or intoxication. The holding cells were busy over the weekend.

### November 28 and 29

At 8:42 a.m. Tuesday, November 28, and again at 8:00 p.m. Wednesday November 29, Powerview RCMP received reports of two white males dealing in illegal firearms. They were driving a dark blue or black Camaro. The two incidents are under investigation.

### November 30

RCMP received a complaint of sexual touching of a minor — an investigation is underway.

The detachment also dealt with a young intoxicated male with a gun who was threatening to harm himself. After being disarmed he was handed over to Child and Family Services.

### December 1

There was a disturbance at a house party Friday, December 1 on the Sagkeeng South Shore. An intoxicated male with Hepatitis C was spitting at people and trying to start a fight with everyone. He was arrested after a brief struggle which included spitting at RCMP officers. There were outstanding warrants for his arrest from Toronto, Calgary and Whitby, Ontario.

Also on December 1, the RCMP were called to the Sagkeeng band office sit-in. Because it was a peaceful demonstration no action was taken.

### December 2

RCMP officers were called to the Sagkeeng Alcare centre Saturday night to pick up an abandoned baby. The mother was located — in an extremely intoxicated state — and taken into custody. The baby was taken to the Pine Falls Hospital.

The same night a motor vehicle went through the stop sign on Highway 304 at Pedden's Corner and ended up in the ditch on the east side of Highway 304. A male and female were seen getting out of the vehicle, changing jackets and leaving the scene in different directions. They were picked up by the RCMP and

the male was determined to be driving.

About 40 minutes after the accident the vehicle was reported stolen. The driver was taken to the Pine Falls Hospital for treatment of injuries received in the accident. A blood test was

taken. He is facing charges of dangerous driving, impaired driving and theft of a motor vehicle.



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# Lac du Bonnet Police Report



The following constitutes the police report of the Lac du Bonnet detachment for the period of November 23 to 30. **November 24**

A report was received of an attempted break and enter to a residence on Grouse Road in the RM of Lac du Bonnet. Pry marks were noted on the door, but no entry was made.

A report was received of

the theft of a homemade utility trailer which had been secured by a locked chain at a location on Acres Crescent at Bonnet Oaks South in the RM of Lac du Bonnet.

A report was received of gravel trucks turning out of the gravel pit on PTH 44 near Seddon's Corner and cutting off an on-coming vehicle.

A report was received from

a resident of Lac du Bonnet of receiving nuisance telephone calls in which the caller hung up as soon as the phone was answered.

A report was received from a resident of Beausejour who was hunting in an area off PR 214 of seeing another hunter pointing a firearm at the complainant. Follow-up with the person in question revealed

that a rifle with scope was being used to "scope out" the field in question.

**November 27**

A report was received from a resident in Pinawa of receiving two death threats over the phone from his estranged spouse in Winnipeg.

A report was received from a resident of Pinawa of being bitten by a cat while out walk-

ing her cat.

A report was received of an unknown vehicle spinning tires and damaging the lawn at a location on Pine Avenue in the RM of Lac du Bonnet.

**November 29**

A report was received from a business in Lac du Bonnet of receiving a counterfeit \$50 bill. Unknown suspects.

## From the Lions's Den

by Dan D. Lion

At the last meeting in November it was brought to our attention that the Christmas tree at the Personal Care home had seen better days. Rumour had it that the tree was at least 15-years-old and had started to show it's age. Its bones had become brittle and its needles were falling off. The membership immediately voted to remedy the situation. The care home was instructed to go out and buy a new eight and a half foot tall artificial tree and to bring in the bill to the Lions. You can see the tree and help

decorate it by bringing an ornament to the Personal Care Home December 7 and placing it on the tree in memory of a departed friend or relative.

December will be a very busy month for the Lac du Bonnet Lions. They have two very big events coming up. The first is the senior's supper that will be held Wednesday, December 13. All senior's 65 and older are invited to attend. If you have not received your written invitation yet, contact Norm Weiss and he will mail you one as soon as possible. Included in the supper is entertainment and lots and lots of door prizes. The big event of the evening will be a visit from Santa Claus and the drawing of the \$1000, \$500 and \$250 prizes in the raffle. If you don't have a ticket yet you can get some from any Lion's Club member. Remember that this raffle is the fundraiser we use to pay for the senior supper every year, so even if you aren't 65 yet, just remember your turn is coming.

The second large event for December this year is the New Years Eve gala. This event is

being run by the Lions as a fundraiser for the community centre. The dinner will be catered by John Enright, and everyone will receive party favours. Road Show Sound will provide a wide selection of tunes to boogie into the wee hours of the morning to. The Lions will also be providing designated drivers for those wise people who do not wish to become entangled with the local constabulary. All proceeds from this dance will be used to help pay down the loans that are outstanding on the community centre so that in the near future our community centre will belong to the community of Lac du Bonnet and the surrounding area. Tickets can be obtained from any Lion's Club member and remember that they are going fast, so get one while they last.

Squeezed in between these two events will be our Lions Christmas party. At this event we are able to invite friends and prospective members to give them a chance to see our club in action and have a little fun. Being a Lion is lots of work but we also have our

good times as well. One thing we would like to see is some of the younger members of our community joining up to help make our community an even better place to be. Some of our current members are getting a little long in the tooth (not me) and it would be great to have some younger arms and legs around. Incidentally we are a nonsexist organization and would love to see a whole

hunch of ladies as well as gentlemen join up.

Well, that's all for this week. Remember it is a time for giving to those less fortunate than yourselves. We as Lions try to do it all year. If you would like to help us come out to one of our meetings. If you can't then remember it is the season of charity, help someone out. It does your heart good.

## Minor hospitalized after ORV accident

At approximately 11:20 p.m. on December 1, a 15-year-old Winnipeg youth was the victim of an injury snowmobile accident near the intersection of Bald Road and Dobals Road in the RM of Lac du Bonnet. The youth lost control of the snowmobile and was projected over a distance of 11 yards after the snowmobile struck an immovable object. The victim narrowly missed a utility pole and landed in a small clearing in the bush. The victim was

transported to Pinawa Hospital by Lac du Bonnet Ambulance services and then transferred to Health Sciences Centre in Winnipeg for treatment of a fractured arm and fractured pelvis. The victim was discovered by his father who was following a short distance behind the victim.

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## With release of movie - comes a warning!

Dear Editor:

Before you go out and see the Disney's new *102 Dalmations* movie and decide you want to buy one of these cutest puppies every, our family really wants potential owners to consider this warning. We don't claim to be experts but we own to dalmations and have a lot of personal experience with the breed. Both our dogs, Spooky and Sadie, were Humane Society products, neglected by their previous owners once their initial cuteness wore off after the last dalmation movie craze. Once again Humane Society and kennel clubs are bracing for another surge of interest in dalmations and backyard breeding to meet the demand.

Dalmations are notoriously a high strung and disobedient breed of dog. We were forced to spend almost two hundred dollars on a personal dog obedience trainer who came into our home to help us train our



Teghan and Samantha of Powerview with their dalmations, Spooky and Sadie

first dog, Spooky. When we got Spooky, he was eight months old and completely out of control. He was housebroken at least but, he chewed absolutely everything despite having a zillion dog toys; he jumped on all of our furniture and beds; demanded our constant attention; he barked uncontrollably at everything that moved; he growled, barked and jumped all over guests; stole food from the

baby, the table or the countertop; got into garbage; dug holes in the yard and destroyed the garden; nipped at adults; pulled the kids' mitts off or knocked them down to get where he had to go; he ran crazily around the house all day; escaped every time the door or gate was open for even a second; got into neighborhood mischief; and do I need to go on?

Needless to say, we were completely at our wits end. It

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was either train him or he'd have to go. We had thought having this handsome dog would be manageable, but soon felt like a complete failure. Everyone was telling us to get rid of the dog because it seemed crazy. I thought I had made the worst mistake of my life because it was going to break my heart to take him back to the Winnipeg Humane Society, as I am a true animal lover. In time, fortunately, everything worked out with the professional training and eventually we even added another abandoned dal to our family (we're suckers for the spots - I guess).

Other things you should know about the dalmation (of course there are always exceptions):

- short coat continually sheds small, white, barbed stands year round;
- primarily an indoor animal that does not tolerate extreme cold or heat;
- go through days of extreme

anxiety and excitement alternated with days of rest:

- a real "pack" animal dedicated to family and close friends, not always so receptive of "outsiders";

- highly distracted and tempted by other animals, food;

- a wanderer - not usually the lazy type of dog who will stay nearby unleashed.

- prone to deafness, uric acid bladder stones, skin, coat and ear problems;

- require intense physical activity, must have access to a run or fenced yard as they do not tolerate being tied up.

- puppyhood seems to go on forever lasting up to three years before they really mature.

So please, don't buy impulsively. If you really thing you want a dalmation, wait eight months and then visit the Humane Society where, unfortunately, you're sure to find it dumped full of rejected ones once again.

Oakley-Martin family

## Graduated licences

Dear Editor:

For those people who don't know what a graduated licence is, it's a process in which adolescents go through to attain their full licence. There are three steps and each step is 12 months.

The first step would require new drivers to have a supervising driver with three years experience in the car at all times. No passengers would be aloud.

The second would include certain restrictions on driving between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 5:00 a.m.

At the final step, if free of

any at-fault accidents or violations, the driver would then be granted a full licence.

The Province of Manitoba has decided to introduce into legislation a graduated licence bill. This legislation will be decided in the next legislative session.

How old are the people making this decision? The average age is probably 45 years and us young people that it affects have no say in this at all.

There are two major organizations supporting the graduated licencing bill, MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Drivers) and Manitoba Public In-

surance. These organizations are also made up of older people. How can they understand how we as adolescent teens feel?

"Sweet Sixteen" will no  
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## Notice to pet owners

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## Sweet sixteen no longer a highlight

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longer be a highlight in your life. Why should we pay for what others our age have done in the past? There must be another alternative not so harsh.

How can you possibly learn how to drive at night when you won't get any experience? How can you be a designated driver when you can only have the one experienced driver in the car with you at all times? Will there not be more over age drunk drivers if there is no

responsible designated drivers with nothing better to do such as young adolescents?

For us members of a small community, with nothing to do, a drive to the city with a few friends is a big thing.

Some adolescents are involved in activities which involve driving. Do you think our parents like driving us every time we have a game/meeting in the city when they have other siblings to worry about. What about when we

graduate from high school and go to university in the city and we are only going to be 17 or 18 years of age and live out in the country, how will we get to the city and back home again on weekends? I don't think our parents are going to drive us on Sundays and pick us up again on Fridays.

If this legislation passes the

graduated licencing bill, and we think we speak on behalf of our generation that they will not have our votes when we're at voting age.

The responsibility of not drinking and driving is not solemnly the teens. It is their parents responsibility to educate their children and the police to set a good example.

We believe this is an unfair injustice on the teens today. We are not speaking out as three teenage girls that this applies to, but as a generation of youth.

Sincerely, Jenna McLellan,  
Dana Gauthier, Amanda Cyr  
Grade 9

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## Agassiz Horticultural Society

The Agassiz Horticultural Society's annual Christmas craft meeting was held Tuesday, November 14. Donna Wold had all the materials ready for members to make a selection of snowmen Christmas ornaments. One was molded from a mixture of Ivory soap flakes and water. Another was made of felt and blanket stitched and the third from two baby socks. Our craft evening is a great motivator to get us started on our own Christmas projects.

The Manitoba Horticultural Association Convention is coming up February 1 to 3 in Neepawa. It's the winter getaway for the gardening crowd. Featured speaker is Ken Beattie of Regina and the topic of his address is *What's New on the Horizon for 2000?* Some other

topics to be discussed are: wildflowers, *Communities in Bloom*, potato and tomato blight, and flora of the spirit sands. There will be a seed exchange again this year for those who enjoy saving their own special varieties of garden seeds. Take a package of seed and exchange it for a different one. This is great way to ensure the preservation of heritage seed.

This convention is open to anyone with an interest in meeting fellow gardeners. For further information and to register, call Carol Clegg at 345-8419. Society members must register for the convention and return their MHA pull tickets at the December meeting.

Lynda Wilke is already starting to plan a spring garden semi-

nar. She reported to the meeting that she has contacted a lily expert for a speaker.

Volunteers from our group worked the first two weeks in November at Mrs. Lucci's store.

Phoners will be contacting members about the society's Christmas bake sale and raffle which will take place Saturday, December 9 at 10:00 a.m. at the Pioneer Club. This annual event has been going on for 30 years and some of our members have baked for it every year.

Tuesday, December 12, 7:00 p.m. is the Christmas meeting and party at Centennial School. Everyone brings snack, food or dainties for lunch and there will be a fun exchange of "garden gifts". Bring your spouse or a guest.

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## Royal Canadian Legion Pine Falls Branch #64

by Sharon Mignon

Our Grey Cup party was a real success with 70 people in attendance. The winners of our Grey Cup raffles are listed in this week's paper. Congratulations to all of the winners and thanks to all who helped make this event such a success.

Our December meetings for both the Branch and Auxiliary will be held on Thursday, December 14. The meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. Following the meeting, we will host our Christmas party. An invitation is extended to all Branch and Auxiliary members along with their spouse or guest. Please bring a gift (value \$7 to \$10)

for Santa to give out at the party. Mark your gift if it has to be given to a man or woman. Also all persons attending the party are asked to bring something towards a light lunch that will be served at the party.

We will have our Christmas giveaway night Friday, December 22 after the meat raffles. The Branch has various Christmas goodies to give to the lucky winners. Tickets are now on sale for our Legion New Year's Eve party at and the Maple Creek Band will be providing entertainment. Tickets can be purchased in our clubrooms and there is a limited amount being sold - so don't wait too long to get your ticket.

## New legislation for Highway Traffic Act

The Highway Traffic Act has recently been amended by way of Bill 33. The effective date of this new legislation is December 1, 2000.

Bill 33 provides for:

- Increased periods of impoundment for the first time offenders on certain offences.
- Extended periods of impoundment for repeat owners.
- An increase, from two years to five years. In the time frame for which an owner is considered to be a repeat offender.
- A first time owner will now have their vehicle seized for the following length of time:

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  - d) if the driver refuses a breath sample - 60 days
- An owner who has had a

second or subsequent seizure of a vehicle within a five-year period will now be subject to an extended period of impoundment. This period can range anywhere from 90 days up to 360 days or more, depending on how many times they are considered to be repeat owners.

## Ask your Pharmacist Signs of sinusitis

As if cold and allergy symptoms aren't bad enough, you may also have to worry about a condition called sinusitis. This is a bacterial infection in the sinuses (little pockets that are found on either side of your nose, and above your eyebrows). The signs include pain around the area of the sinuses, as well as fever, chills, stuffy nose and severe headache. The areas just about the sinuses may also be red and swollen.

Your doctor may need to order

an x-ray to see whether you have sinusitis. He or she may suggest acetaminophen tablets if the sinus congestion is giving you a headache; and may also prescribe antibiotics to clear up the infection. Remember that if you are given a prescription for antibiotics, it's important to keep taking the medication until it is finished; don't stop taking it as soon as you feel better. If you do, the infection may not be completely cleared up, and it may come back

to haunt you.

Patients may develop chronic (or long-lasting) sinusitis if they don't look after it the first time, or if they have uncontrolled allergies, nasal congestion that has lasted for a long time, or are exposed to irritants such as smoke.

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## BOOK NOOK

Now that the snow is starting to fly and back to school and sports routines have been established, you may find this to be the perfect opportunity to catch up on your reading. Our children's displays have been set out with winter and snowy books such as, *The Wish Wind* by Peter Eyvindson, *Winter Sledding Day* by Kazuo Iwamura, and *The Mitten* by Jan Brett.

Don't forget to check out

our Christmas cooking and crafts books as well. They are sure to please everyone with their scrumptious recipes and unique craft ideas for gifts or home decorating. For those inclined to leave the Christmas baking to someone else and enjoy the great outdoors, we have many books on winter sports, such as snow-boarding, skiing, curling and of course, hockey.

Here's another thought for

## Happy Tots Place Inc.

by Kathy Duff

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to the rest of the staff who work at the Happy Tots Place learning centre.

Debbie Houston ECE I is presently taking courses to obtain her ECE II. Debbie has six years experience and presently works with our infants, she provides and carries out a daily program with the infants attending our centre.

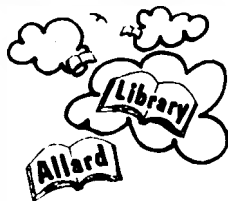
Zelma Guimond is a ECE III who has eight years experience. Zelma plans and carries out a daily program with the preschoolers attending our centre.

Linda Wilkinson a ECE Assistant is temporarily replacing our cook. Linda works to plan daily snacks and lunches which are nutritious, the menu is planned following the Canada Food Guide which is required for day care. Linda also plans for special occasions such as Halloween, Christmas, birthdays etc. This helps make special occasions memorable for the children attending our centre.

June Kush is employed through Healthy Child Initiative as a home visitor for the Early Start Program. June continues to take training for this position and has valuable resources for our parents.

Part-time staff are hired to ensure that we maintain the proper child-staff ratio daily. These staff fill in for regular staff when they are sick or on holidays. Part-time staff include: Gerri Simard, June Papineau, Suzanne Shultz, and Roxanne Green.

My name is Kathie Duff, I am a ECE III and I have approximately 16 years experience. I



anyone who would rather cuddle up to a good book and a cup of cocoa, we have many new adult fiction books, such as the continuing epic of Lauraine Snelling's *Red River of the North*; *Temptation* by Jude Deveraux; or for all you Robert Ludlum fans, his newest, *The Prometheus Decep-*

*tion*. Be sure to get your name on the waiting list for Tami Hoag's new one called "*Dust to Dust*" a definite thriller to keep you up at night. For anyone interested in the frontiers of technology, Michael Crichton's new release is entitled *Timeline*, in which he combines the computer sciences of the future with journeys into the past. This is said to be Crichton's most magnificent adventure since *Jurassic Park*.

Some of our new videos are *A Red Green Christmas*, *Scooby-Doo and the Alien Invaders*, *Toy Story 2* and of course *The Toy that Saved*

*Christmas* - another release in the Veggie Tales series.

While getting your supply of reading materials, you may notice a different face at the Library. After 14 years at the Library Janet Robert has decided to switch careers - stop and say hello to her at her new job at the Pine Pharmacy! We wish her the best of luck at her new endeavour.

Julie Lavoie has recently started working here at Library Allard and has been a great addition to the staff. Come on in and meet her while you're picking up the latest best seller or a treasured book from your past!

## The Christmas sprint... Recreation Ramblings

by Michelle Chudd, Recreation Director  
Winnipeg River Recreation District

Now that we are beginning the countdown to Christmas break...the month of December (eek!) seems very overwhelming. Christmas shopping, menu planning, baking, Christmas parties at work, school Christmas concerts... I WANT TO RUN AWAY! If that describes you right now I think there's a lot of people in that same boat! So how can you conquer the upcoming stress of the sprint to the Christmas holidays? Here's some helpful suggestions:

- walk it off... take some time in the evening and go for a brisk walk - let off some steam and collect yourself.
- try meditation
- light some candles - they sooth your soul
- delegate some of the chores to the rest of the family
- put some music on and dance... like no one's watching!

Remember Christmas isn't about stress and commercialization - it's about taking time for you and your loved ones... so be like the Sopranos and "fuggitaboutit" and enjoy yourself and don't dread the month of December.

### Home basketball games

Please note that due to home games for the LdBSS Chargers - there will be **NO WEDNESDAY** night rec volleyball and basketball on December 20 and January 17.

### Winter programs... instructors needed

I am in the midst of planning the Winter 2001 slate of programs and special events. At the moment I am in need of an instructors for the following:

- ethnic cooking classes, heart smart cooking and vegetarian cooking
- aerobics
- gentle fitness classes
- creative writing

If you know of anyone that is interested - please contact the Rec office.

Hallwalking at Pinawa Secondary School

For those of you that do not enjoy walking outdoors during the "crummy weather season" we have the answer for you! The Pinawa Secondary School has given the go ahead for walking in the halls prior to

school in the am (8:00 a.m.) and after school (4:00 p.m.). You can walk the quadrant the links to the Community Centre. Happy walking!

### Coming up

**Hall walking:** Every Monday to Friday from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. at LdB Senior School hallways and at Pinawa Secondary School.

**Pinawa Basketball Night:** Every Monday from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. at the Community Centre. For more info contact Lara Lotz.

**Adult rec volleyball and basketball:** Wednesdays, (16 and over) Rec night out with volleyball from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. and basketball from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. at the LdB Senior School gym. Come on out.

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## Pineview Recreation Association update

submitted

At the annual general meeting of the Pineview Recreation Association October 3, about 25 concerned community members attended. Treasurer Melinda Pluchinski presented the financial report. PRA incurred an operating loss of approximately \$10,000. This loss was offset by funds raised

through the two arena canteens.

PRA continues to be viable operating two arenas, a curling club, a pool and maintaining the tennis courts. This is attributed to the membership fees community members pay, funds derived from the two arena canteens that community members volunteer in and

through revenue from the Sports Bar.

Elections for the executive were held that night as well. Elected were: president Paul Magnan, vice-president Paul Gauthier, secretary vacant, treasurer Melinda Pluchinski, fundraising Janice Thevenault, facility manager, Village of Powerview representative

Allan Tardiff, canteen Tammy Kunz, Powerview representative Debbie Lagasee, Pine Falls representative Glen Hibbert, Town of Pine Falls council Vacant

If anyone is interested in booking the arenas or curling club for a social event please call Allan Tardiff 367-8027. If people are looking to book ice time at either arena please call Arnie at 367-2703. If anyone is looking to book times for the Curling Club ice please call Reece at 367-2642.

PRA has a number of projects currently underway. Pine Falls Arena and Curling Club are having new lights in-

stalled as well as the zamboni area is being paved. At Powerview arena the Powerview Old Timers are replacing the old rubber flooring, renovating the washrooms and storage rooms, paving the front entrance and a sign at the front entrance is being installed.

PRA will be participating in a membership drive this year to get more community members paying PRA dues. These dues help us maintain our facilities. If you have any questions please do not hesitate Paul Magnan 367-8870.

Let's work together to build a healthier and fit community.

## Pinawa Survival contest

Pinawa will be hosting a grueling Survival contest January 26 to February 4. In the dead of winter, ten contestants will attempt to survive ten days on Survival Island. Grand Prize is a gorgeous lot in Pinawa's newest subdivision. Pinawa Landing, currently listed at \$15,000.

With only the bare necessities required to survive, our contestants will sleep, cook and eat outdoors on Survival Island while competing in challenging events daily and partaking in a ritual vote every evening to remove one player from the game.

A web site is already avail-

able for further details: [www.pinawa.com](http://www.pinawa.com) and follow the survival link. A videographer will be obtaining footage from the island. All media are welcome. Registered media personnel will receive free accommodations while covering the event.



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## Pine Falls Bowling League news

Week #7

by Janelle Carlson

Ladies high games were: Heather Adams 242, Amy Papineau 237, Sharon Mignon 208, Sharon Tremain 202, Doris Kahle 200.

Men's high games were: Todd Jesseau 259 and 216, Graham Gauthier 231 and 225, Jerry Gauthier 223, Lawrence Abraham 217, Ron Bunn 207.

Female bowler of the week

was Amy Papineau for her game of 237 which was 97 pins over average.

Male howler of the week was Graham Gauthier for his game of 231. 72 pins over average.

The Legion Special was won by the Lane Jumpers for their three game total of 3398.

This week's high triple's were Todd Jesseau 664 and Graham Gauthier 619.

## New Friends News

by Barbara Sabanski

The past is history, the future is a mystery and this moment is a gift. That is why this moment is called 'the present'. Have you made your decision to be a 'present' for a lonely child this year? All it takes is a commitment of three hours per week. The Lac du Bonnet Senior School 2000 graduates have given New

Friends a pre-Christmas present. Grads—thank you for your generous donation to our program!

Match of the month

Our match for the month of December is Mrs. Eileen Mestery and Shandy Murray both from Pinawa. You'll probably see them at the Pinawa Public Library selecting books or out and about walking Eileen's dog. Many of the men-

tors and mentees will be enjoying their monthly group activity at the Pinawa Players production of *Jack and the Beanstalk* Sunday, December 10. See you there! For more information about becoming a mentor please call 753-2406 or 345-2867. Remember, a child cared about today, is an adult caring about tomorrow. Best wishes for a peaceful Christmas.

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## Hearing impairments

by Crystal Rattai

Last week at Powerview School there was a Wellness Day for three and four-year-old children, including activities such as: vision and hearing testing, speech and language and growth and development. If you missed this op-

portunity but are still interested in having your child's hearing or vision tested please call Debbie Viel at 367-5406, or speak to your family doctor.

### Up and Coming Events

December 14th: Fibromyalgia support group will meet at 7:00 p.m. at Wings of Power. If you are interested or have questions please call Doreen at 367-9641

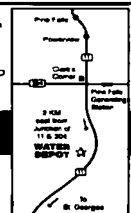
December 18th: Women's Sharing Circle will meet at Wings of Power at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested or need details please call Crystal at 367-9641.

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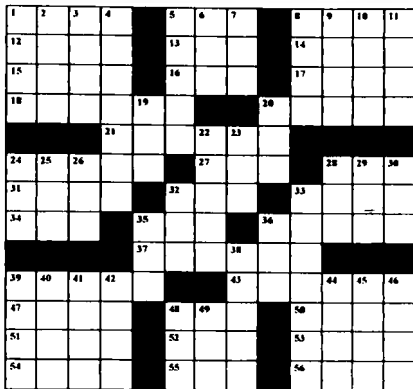
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- 32. Child
- 33. Canine companion of 43 Across

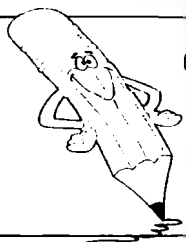
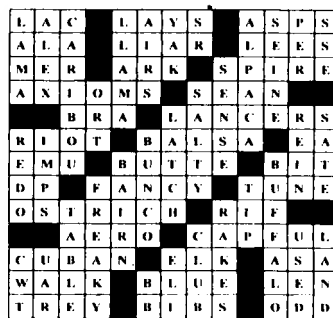
- 34. Potable
- 35. Cut the grass
- 36. Rhymes
- 37. Toughen
- 39. Weight units
- 43. Man about Hockey Don
- 47. Communist parliamentarian Fred
- 48. Blue Jays' head honcho Gord
- 50. 20 quires
- 51. Initates
- 52. Aussie mammal, familiarly
- 53. Pertaining to odes
- 54. Yeses
- 55. Touchdowns, for short
- 56. Pop

### DOWN

- 1. Seaman's ration
- 2. Scowl
- 3. Comfort
- 4. Accord
- 5. Computer connector
- 6. By way of
- 7. Strand
- 8. Libran birthstone
- 9. Turner, for one
- 10. Larger than life?
- 11. Polio vaccine discoverer
- 19. Near, in Newcastle
- 20. Pallet
- 22. NDP leadership aspirant Rosemary
- 23. Landed
- 24. Armed combat
- 25. Livestock lunch
- 26. Anger

- 28. Calgary Stock or India Pale
- 29. Silent
- 30. Aye
- 32. 2000 pounds
- 33. Spanish dances
- 35. Mothers
- 36. Expression of disgust
- 38. Reverberations
- 39. Political warhorse Herb
- 40. Lariat, e.g.
- 41. Not in port
- 42. Muddle
- 44. Make over
- 45. IncurSION
- 46. Christian org. for men
- 48. Graphics
- 49. Turf

### LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS



## CRYPTIC PUZZLE

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

R NX DKZ CKJDQ LDKJQB ZK PDKS  
LFLGCZBRDQ

-KVTNG SRWHL

### Last Week's Solution

"THERE IS NO SINCERER LOVE  
THAN THE LOVE OF FOOD"  
- GEORGE BERNARD SHAW

## WEEKLY HOROSCOPE

for the week of December 4 to December 10

### Aries - March 21 to April 20

The changes you make at home will have an emotional effect on you. Don't be content to sit and watch others make money. Join in and invest if the deal appears to be solid. Financial gains can be yours. Don't get backed into a corner by individuals looking for a fight.

### Taurus - April 21 to May 21

If you mix your wit and creative talents together, you will have a lot to offer groups that interest you. Don't join to become one of the crowd; your intent should be a leadership position.

### Gemini - May 22 to June 21

Your energetic approach to life will bring you popularity. You should be joining a drama club or some kind of intellectual support group. Avoid gossip at work. You can't let colleagues bully you into doing things their way.

### Cancer - June 22 to July 22

Don't let the people you live with put a damper on your day or your plans. You need to get out and have some fun, socializing with close friends or lovers. Let your imagination flow and follow your intuitive guide.

### Leo - July 23 to August 23

Financial limitations may stand in the way of your social plans, but if you are willing to open your door and invite friends over, everything will work out just fine.

### Virgo - August 24 to September 22

You and your mate should be trying to get away. You need to spend time expressing your love for each other. It's time to start doing the things you used to enjoy doing together. The end result will be favorable.

### Libra - September 23 to October 23

You may find yourself putting in some extra hours. Don't be upset, take this opportunity to get to know your boss or colleagues better. You can turn some of these connections into friendships. Socializing with entrepreneurial individuals will allow you to pick up sound advice.

### Scorpio - October 24 to November 22

Take a long hard look at your personal papers and any pending legal problems. It's time to tie up loose ends. Don't get emotionally tied to someone you work with. You will have a hard time justifying your actions if this individual is married. Think twice, your reputation and your job may be at stake.

### Sagittarius - November 23 to December 21

Be sure not to overload yourself with responsibilities you just can't handle alone. Spend time with your friends, arrange to meet for a competitive match or any other physical activity that you enjoy. Ask friends for their opinions regarding your personal situation.

### Capricorn - December 22 to January 20

Catch up on household chores. Don't leave yourself too much idle time or confrontations are likely to break out with someone you live with. Discard will lead to isolation.

### Aquarius - January 21 to February 18

In-laws, relatives, or friends will cause problems for you. Don't let them twist your words. You will have to stand up for your rights and protect the ones you love.

### Pisces - February 19 to March 20

You will meet people who will interest you emotionally. Be careful not to let them cost you money. You don't have to pay in order to impress. Just be yourself and if they don't share, move on. It's time to make some changes.

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### Congratulations



### Congratulations!

Constable Trevor Jenvenne

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Family and friends

### Happy 20th Anniversary



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### UNDER THE PLANNING NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING BY-LAW 14/00

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Alexander under the authority of The Planning Act will hold a PUBLIC HEARING at the office of the Municipality at St. Georges, Manitoba on the 12th day of December, 2000 at 11:00 a.m., at which time and place the Council will receive representations and objections from any persons who wish to make them in respect of By-Law No. 14/00 to amend the RM of Alexander Zoning By-Law No. 08/98 as amended.

A copy of the above noted by-law of the Rural Municipality of Alexander and supporting material may be inspected by any person during regular office hours from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday at the office of the Municipality at St. Georges, Manitoba.

The general intent of By-Law 14/00 of the Rural Municipality of Alexander is to amend RM of Alexander Zoning By-Law No. 7-29 in order that that area described as follows:

- 1) Parcels A, B and C all of Plan 27380 located in R.L. 20-18-10 at present designated "OS" Open Space Shoreland Zone be redesignated to "HC" Highway Commercial Zone.
- and as shown outlined by a heavy broken line on Appendix "A" below; and
- 2) To establish a Helicopter Pad/Heliport conditional Use Provision and Requirements under Table XI - "CH" Highway Commercial Zone

**APPENDIX "A"**  
 Attached to By-law No. 14/00 of the Rural Municipality of Alexander Amending Map 7-29 of Bylaw No. 8/98 Being the Rural Municipality of Alexander Zoning Bylaw as amended.

**LEGEND:**  
 HC - HC Highway Commercial Zone  
 --- Limits of area affected

Rose-Marie Blancheffe, Chief Administrative Officer, Rural Municipality of Alexander

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We thank all applicants for their interest. However, only those candidates being considered for an interview will be contacted.

### Cards of Thanks

We wish to thank all those who sent cards, flowers and food trays to our family during the recent loss of our father. Your generosity was overwhelming. Special thanks to the Pine Falls Royal Canadian Legion for allowing us to serve the funeral lunch in their clubrooms and to Rita Morrisette and Angeline Dufour for serving the lunch. Thank you to those who sent donations to sunnywood Manor Personal Care Home in dad's memory. An extra special thank you to Father Chartier for the compassion and care he gave to our family during this difficult time.

Your kindness will always be remembered.

The Mignon family  
 Sharon, Pat and Angela

Thank you to all listed below for your kind donations to the St. Georges Church bazaar on November 25, 2000: Irma Nolin, Lila Dube, Jeanne Lavoie, Rose Chevretils, Suzie Dube, Paul Boulet, Gerry and Donna Dupont, Armand and Lucille Boulet, Jenn M. Vincent, P&H Contracting, Rene Vincent, Monique Boulet, Simone Lavoie, Anita Vincent, Dave Savard, Andre, Marie Fontaine, Rita, Doreen Pelletier, Norther Stores, Celebrations, Caisse Populaire, La Verendrye, St. Georges Museum, Papertown Motel, South Interlake Credit Union, Mr. Pics Restaurant, Rene Papineau, Pine Pharmacy, Jeanne Dupont, Diane Dube, Papineau Motors, Sylvia Chevretils, Maurice Nault and Serge Petrus.

Your support was greatly appreciated.

The committee

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## Nouvelles de l'École communautaire Saint-Georges

Pendant le mois de novembre les étudiants de la cinquième année au secondaire quatre ont pratiqué le sport du tir à l'arc. Ce fut tout un défi d'apprendre les notions de base. Certains étudiants, cependant, sont devenus très habiles à frapper le cible. En plus de viser pour le cercle jaune du centre, les archers ont aussi eu l'occasion de faire éclater des ballons lors de leurs tirs précis.

Le 30 novembre les étudiants de la maternelle et la première année sont allés visiter le village du Père Noël au Centre culturel franco-manitobain à St-Boniface. Ils ont vu une pièce de marionnettes, fait des biscuits magiques, joué des jeux et jase avec le Père Noël. Bien sur ils ont promis au Père Noël qu'ils seraient tous très sages d'ici le 25 décembre.



Richard Barnett, Christina Nault, Michelle Nault and Stephanie Godard practice their archery skills.

## Saint Georges School News

During the month of November the grade five to Senior 4 students practiced their archery skills in physical education classes. It was quite a challenge to learn the basic techniques required to successfully shoot an arrow. Certain students became quite

skillful at consistently hitting the target. In addition to aiming for the bull's eye, students were also given the opportunity to bust balloons with their accurate shots.

Kindergarten and Grade 1 students visited Santa's village at the Franco-Manitoban Cul-

tural Centre November 30. During their visit the students attended a puppet show, played games, baked magic cookies and visited with Santa. No doubt, as promised, the students will be well behaved from now until the Christmas break.

## Accommodations being sought for patients

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question whether public funds are at risk.

Accordingly, Health Canada is seeking enforcement of our right to audit through the courts. The department has also taken the necessary measures to suspend scheduled payments to the Virginia Fontaine Addictions Foundation Inc.

In order to ensure that patients continue to receive necessary treatment, measures are being taken to accommodate the patients in other facilities. Details about this arrangement will be shared with you by my officials. I would ask for your full cooperation in facilitating this.

We intend to proceed as quickly as possible to transfer patients. It is important that their treatment continue with as little interruption as possible. Therefore, the Department is asking you to continue providing all necessary treatment and operating services required until the transfer can be completed. Health Canada will reimburse the Foundation for these necessary expenditures on a direct basis upon proof of payment until the transfer of patients is completed.

I am certain that we all have the best interest of the patients at heart. I look forward to your full cooperation to complete the implementation of the

measures described above.

In the interest of transparency, I intend to make this letter available to the public.

Yours sincerely,  
David A. Dodge

Health Canada Press Release  
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