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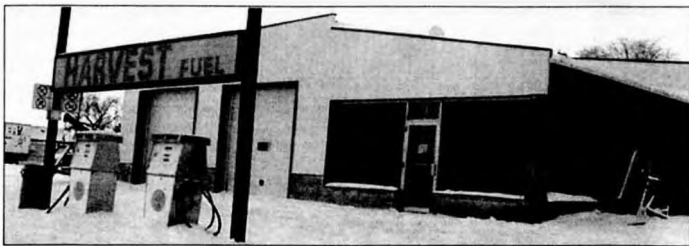
Fire temporarily closes business in Lac du Bonnet

by Toni Bruneau

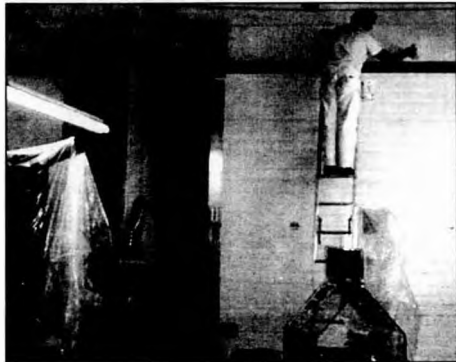
Sometime during the evening of December 22 and the morning of December 23 an electrical short in the tow truck parked inside Augustine Bros. garage caused the Lac du Bonnet business to temporarily close its doors.

Although there was no actual damage caused by flames upon inspection, the interior and contents of the structure were subject to massive smoke damage.

Soot and fumes were discovered at approximately 8:00 a.m. Saturday morning, De-



Augustine Bros. in Lac du Bonnet is temporarily closed due to smoke damage.



Crews work on the clean up and restoration of the interior at Augustine Bros. after smoke damage.

ember 23. The tow truck had apparently been smoldering all night and layer of toxic oily carbon masked the entire contents and internal structure of the business. The batteries, booster cables and wiring harness on the truck all melted, as a result of the heat produced by the short.

Jill Augustine said that the fire department wasn't called although an inspection was done by Fire Chief Lloyd Howe.

Everything in the building

had to be removed and cleaned including computers, manuals, office supplies and equipment as well as parts, tools and supplies. Crews are presently working on cleaning and restoring the paint, floors and shelving.

"Sorry for the inconvenience - we're temporarily closed"

A sign on the front door reads "Sorry for the inconvenience - we're temporarily closed" and has been closed

for two weeks now, but Augustine said they're starting to see some progress with the clean up and painting and is hoping to reopen this week. "But I'm not sure how realistic that is," she said.

"It will depend on what happens and how quickly they get things done."

"We're hoping that people will understand and be a little patient," she said in reference to their customers whose appointments had to be cancelled, as well as all suppliers and staff.

DeGagne retires after long successful career

by V. Anderson

After 36 and a half successful years Al DeGagne owner/operator of the Pine Falls Unisex Hair Salon retires. DeGagne and his wife Helen moved to this area 37 years ago. The opportunity to buy an existing business, (the barber shop and pool hall) in the area was their drawing card. In 1964 DeGagne took over the barber shop and pool hall from George Abgrall, who previously took over from Mike Huhn.

The DeGagne's made Pine Falls their home and raised a family of three children, Brian, Donna, and Cheryl, and they

also have five wonderful grandchildren.

Al said, "I have certainly met a lot of people and made many good friends over the years."

Al's wife Helen agreed that "Pine Falls is a wonderful place to live, work and raise a family."

Al remembered back to when he first started out in the business, "In those days one had to go to school for one year and then apprentice under a shop owner for two years before you could earn your title of Master Barber." Al spoke of how times and styles have changed over the years. "The

hair styles today are a lot like the styles of the 1960's, it's funny how things come around again."

DeGagne first opened in 1964. He had both the barber shop and pool hall. "The pool hall was a great place for the young people to hang-out at," said Al, but in the early '80s "the liquor laws changed and the government lowered the drinking age to 18 and then it seemed all the young people went to the pub's to play pool, and as a result approximately 150 pool halls closed in Manitoba including mine".

The Pine Falls Unisex Salon remained opened for busi-



After 30 years of patronage, client Dan Polischuk receives his last hair cut from Master Barber Al DeGagne.

ness. Al spoke of how in the late '60's and '70's when the Beatles era became a big sensation and long hair was in, that certainly slowed business down. He worked part-time for the mill as a guard for a

short while during that time.

"When you have been in the service industry for as long as I have you get to meet a lot of interesting and good hearted people. I have had customers

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Bruins nip Wolfpack in OT



by Stu Evans

Well sports fans it's finally over. No more relatives, no more kids overdosing on Cream Soda, no more visiting and finally, no more eating. Yes, Christmas has come and gone with nary a waistline left untouched or unfed. But while we were deciding whether to pile our plates with white or dark meat from Mr. Butterball, the Winnipeg River Wolfpack were still playing hockey.

While this rage was shut-down for the Christmas break the Pack played a total of three games sandwiching a win between two losses.

On December 22, the Pack

got stomped in Pine Falls by the Stonewall Flyers in a 12-3 rout. The Flyers Andrew Kirk and Trent Proctor led the way with a hat trick each. Replaying for the Pack was Mike McAuley with two and John Dancyt with the single. For his two goal output, Mr. McAuley gets the Lunch Box Award.

The next night in Lac du Bonnet was a much better result as the Pack won their fourth game of the year with a hard fought 4-1 victory over the Warren Mercs. Jay Griffith was the Lunch Box winner in this one as he tallied up a natural hat trick for his team's cause. Mr. McAuley added another goal to his weekend total to round out the Pack scoring.

Netminder Remi Grenier lost

his shutout bid early in the second period at the 18:30 mark to put a blemish on a solid outing between the pipes.

And finally on December 30, the Pack travelled to Lundar where they lost 5-2 to the Falcons. The Falcons had period leads of 2-0 and 3-2 before putting it away in the third. This game was a mild one with the Pack being assessed only four minors to the Falcons eight.

Scoring for the Pack was Randolph Druzyk and Gareth Alexander. Alexander or "Stumpy" as he is lovingly referred to, got to take the Lunch Box home with him on the bus.

Now that we are all caught up, let's get to the present day or more specifically this past Saturday night. The Pack hosted the Bifrost Bruins at the Pine Falls Arena in a highly entertaining game that saw the Bruins prevail 6-5 in the overtime on a somewhat controversial goal.

This game started out quite nicely for the Pack who got on the scoreboard just 33 seconds in

when Mike Oman beat Bruin tender Jason Sutyla with a nice shot. Bifrost responded at 15:50 when veteran winger Lyle Loewen scored his first of the night beating Pack tender Remi Grenier.

Winnipeg River grabbed the lead back when newcomer Jay "Suddenly" Seymour scored his first goal as a Wolfpacker at the 12:53 mark.

In the second period, the Bruins scored three straight goals including a power play marker to take a 4-2 lead. The Pack did not fold their tents fighting back to get within one on a goal by Captain Cam Sokoloski with just under a minute left in the period.

In the third period the Pack carried most of the play but could not finish off a lot of their scoring chances due to some stellar goal tending by Bruin's Sutyla. They did manage to solve Sutyla and tie the game at 12:08 when another newcomer, Shawn Grunewald scored his first goal in a

Wolfpack uniform.

With just under six minutes left in the game, Oman notched his second goal of the night and gave his team a one goal lead heading into the home stretch. That lead lasted until 2:23 when Loewen scored his third goal of the evening to send the game into overtime.

The Pack found themselves starting the overtime frame down one man as referee Brett Evason had tagged the Pack's Jay Griffith for roughing with just 48 seconds left in the game.

Coach Alain Grenier certainly did not like the call voicing his concerns to Evason who promptly told voiced his game misconduct to the coach. Evason ended up having more of an impact on the game than I'm sure he had hoped for.

With just 22 seconds gone into the OT frame, Pack defenceman Ryan Chevrefils saw an opening along the side boards to clear the defensive zone. Evason was standing along the boards near the blue line as Chevrefils was bringing the puck up. For some reason Evason moved and ended up colliding with Chevrefils sending him sprawling to the ice.

Bruins Leon Bardarson jumped on the now loose puck, skated in on a semi-breakaway and blasted a slapshot from the top of the circle past a bewildered Grenier thus ending the game rather quickly.

The Lunch Box Award goes to newcomer Grunewald for his three point night and the fact that he is a fellow cop.

In the injury department, defenceman Jay Usakis is still out with double vision and is not expected back until the end of the month. The Pack next take to the ice with Bifrost Sunday at home in Pine Falls at 2:30 p.m.

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Wpg Hydro employee honored after 38 years

Bernadette Tanguay was honored at a luncheon in Winnipeg December 5 and sat next to Mayor Glen Murray from whom she received a beautiful momento, an inscribed pen set. "It completed my year," Tanguay said.

After 38 years with Winnipeg Hydro at Pointe du Bois, Tanguay says, "Now I can enjoy life a bit." For almost four decades Tanguay was in charge of the men's dining room as a staff house worker. She says she "peeled a lot of potatoes and did a lot of dishes" during that time but

"when you enjoy your work you'd be surprised how time goes. It was enjoyable."

At the early age of 14, Tanguay lost both of her parents and along with her ten siblings, was forced to relocate to an orphanage in Winnipeg. She said her career started at, "17 years old when I was released from the orphanage," 50 years in total, 12 of which she spent in Winnipeg, 38 at Pointe du Bois.

This sweet 67 year old says she's "proud of what I've accomplished - I did well."

She says she loved her job

and will miss it. Tanguay has seen many employees and employers come and go through the years. Her last boss she said, Mac Kinghorn "was always good to me and kind, I miss him cause he was a good guy. He was good to his employees."

Beatrice Nadolsky worked with Tanguay for a number of years and says she is "a very nice and kind person, she did her job well. She was very nice to all the guests, a good gal."

During her spare time at Pointe du Bois, away from



Bernadette Tanguay was honored at a luncheon with Mayor Glen Murray, December 5.

Record number of Christmas hampers delivered in 2000

by Toni Bruneau

This past holiday season the joy of giving was once again experienced by the heartwarming efforts of volunteers and the many Christmas hamper committees in the local area.

In the Lac du Bonnet area 52 hampers were delivered to less fortunate individuals and families including 96 adults and 73 children. This is the highest number of hampers ever prepared by the Lac du Bonnet Christmas hamper committee since its beginnings in 1976 when 11 hampers were required. This year's committee consisted of Emily Konopetski as president, Mel Mitchell secretary, Verma Emberley treasurer and Lil Kinghorn was in charge of toys.

Konopetski said, "There could have been more," referring to people who went without because of the lack of knowledge on how to apply for the hampers which are delivered December 18 or 19.

Each hamper is worth approximately \$115 and includes a chicken or turkey (depending on how many adults), stuffing, cranberry sauce, jam, oatmeal,

hot chocolate, mushroom and tomato soup, spaghetti, pork and beans, Hamburger Helper, orange juice, canned ham, elbow macaroni, canned milk, canned peas and corn, canned tomatoes, white sugar, tea bags, Kraft Dinner, rice, soda crackers, peanut butter, Cheez Whiz, margarine, hamburger, canned peaches, and Christmas candy and shelled peanuts as a treat. All children 15 and under also receive a toy.

"And I don't know if we'll be able to afford that next year," Konopetski said. Donations were down from last year, and the cost of food was up. Konopetski has been involved with the committee for 22 years, serving as president for 19. The last 18 years of production has been taking place out of her own garage with the help of her husband Frank and this year, a dozen volunteers.

Families were selected from applications which were available at the Town office, RM office, Pioneer Club and Great Falls Foods. Applications are selected according to factors such as income, sickness and unemployment. This year Jodene

Toews, the public health nurse in Lac du Bonnet, participated by forwarding names on behalf of some worthy recipients.

"That's great. That's the kind of people we need to be in contact with," said Konopetski, suggesting that some people's pride sometimes stands in the way of receiving what they need.

Recipients of the hampers are always grateful. "One recipient came right to my door," Konopetski said, and another volunteered to be involved with the delivery.

The Lac du Bonnet Senior School's members of parliament organized a huge program this year and collected over a dozen boxes of groceries. "They really helped out a lot," Konopetski said. She men-

tioned that she'd like to see more businesses' staff donate toward this cause, maybe instead of the traditional gift exchanges. If every business was to collect \$100 it would go a long way and may eliminate the need for donations.

She said, "It was really fulfilling," but next year hopes to acquire new facilities to coordinate

the endeavor and "for somebody younger to take over".

Participating in and endeavor such as the Christmas hamper program provides personal reward and a valuable gift for less fortunate families and individuals during the holiday season.

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The Lord has said He's going to use our church in a mighty way

by Charles Norman

Roman Catholics and Anglicans are working together in a new healing program. Hope for Healing in Christ Jesus. The program is a project of Sagkeeng's Christchurch Anglican Church. Also involved are the Sagkeeng Roman Catholic Church, St. Alexander, and the Pine Falls Anglican Church of the Advent. The program's annual operating budget of \$50,000 is funded primarily by the Anglican Church of Canada. Last fall the Pine Falls Church contributed \$3,000.

The program includes healing circle group sessions Thursday evenings and one-on-one counselling with professional counsellors at other times. The healing team includes four women and two men. Two of the women are Sagkeeng Roman Catholics and one man is from the Pine Falls Anglican Church. The other three are Christchurch members. They include a professional therapist, a certified therapist, an educator, an elder and two lay ministers.

The program is somewhat similar to Alcoholics Anonymous, except that it deals with other addictions and with victims of abuse and is based on the Christian faith, with a strong reliance on the healing power of

Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. Hope for Healing in Christ Jesus has adopted a nine-step program. The steps are:

Realizing powerlessness: I recognize that I am powerless to heal the damaged emotions resulting from my abuse and I look to God for the power to make me whole.

Acknowledging victory in Christ: I acknowledge that God's plan for my life includes victory over the experience of abuse and I look to God for the power to make me whole.

Experiencing freedom from shame and guilt: The person who abused me is responsible for the acts committed against me. I will not accept their guilt and shame resulting from those acts.

Discovering self-identity: I am looking to God and His Word to find my identity as a worthwhile and loved human being.

Shared feelings: I am honestly sharing my feelings with God and with at least one other person to help me identify those areas needing cleansing and healing.

Accepting responsibility: I am accepting responsibility for my responses to being abused.

Forgiving: I am willing to accept God's help in the decision and the process of forgiving my-

self and those who have offended me.

Maturing in relationship with God and others: I have determined to mature in my relationship with God and those around me.

Ministering to others: I am willing to be used by God as an instrument of healing and resto-

ration in the lives of others.

The program is the vision of Social Worker Grace Star, who is a member of the Christ-church congregation. During a Eucharistic service at the church to celebrate the beginning of the program last Friday she said during the development work there were often meetings where only three

people showed up. She said that she often felt like giving up but Lay Minister, Richard Bruyere, "who came to every meeting no matter how tired he was." Told her that "The Lord has said He's going to use our church in a mighty way." After that, she said, "It was impossible to even think about giving up."

New ownership for Pine Falls Unisex Hair Salon

by V. Anderson

Liz McDonald formally of Beausejour, has opened new doors as owner/operator of the Pine Falls Unisex Hair Salon as of January 2, 2001.

Liz is excited about her new business venture. This past September Liz visited Pine Falls and really liked the town. In mid-November she read an ad for the sale of the salon in Pine Falls, and took advantage of the opportunity. Liz felt that this was the right time in her life to make a change.

Liz brings with her 17 years experience as a stylist. She looks forward to meeting new clients and making new friends here in the immediate and surrounding communities. "I am a strong believer in providing good service and ensuring the

clients needs are met to their satisfaction" said Liz.

Some of the services that the salon will offer will be perms, colours, highlights, cuts for all ages, roller sets, up-do's, and many other styles. For the male clientele, some of the services provided are, cuts, moustache and beard trims, and colouring.

The salon hours of operation will be Tuesday to Thursday from 9:00 am. to 6:00 pm., Fridays to 9:00 pm. and Saturdays to 3:00 pm. Patrons have the

choice of calling to book an appointment or walk-in.

The salon is celebrating its grand opening from January 9 to 13, 2001. There will be discounts on all services offered at the salon. There will be free draws for customers, and coffee and donuts will be provided. Drop by just to say hello.

Liz would like to thank Al and Helen DeGagne for all the help and support they have shown her, they have helped make the transition easier.



Liz McDonald is looking forward to meeting new friends and clients within the surrounding communities.

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Powerview's 50th Anniversary Celebrations starts New Year



Elvis and Priscilla were spotted at the Powerview school gym, along with James Dean (background).

The Village of Powerview jump started their 50th Anniversary Celebrations with a rocking good time at the Powerview School this past New Years Eve. The committee, who worked very hard to ensure a good time was had by all, was very pleased with the outcome. A total of 132 tickets were sold and the atmosphere was enhanced by the 1950's decor and many excellent costumes. The pony skirts were a twirling and the saddle shoes were keeping the beat to those oldies but goodies.

The costumes were great, but the party was highlighted by the fact that Elvis not only lives but he has a twin. The committee members led the way with outstanding costumes as indicated by Co-Chair Danny Gelnas (Elvis) and Yvette Gelnas both dancing away with the prizes for best costumes. The band members were the judges and a difficult time they must have had.

The \$1000.00 tax rebate was won by Pat Watson, long time resident of Powerview and former councillor.

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Elvis, alive and well, and still a hit in 2001 wins best dressed at Powerview School gym.



NOTICE OF APPLICATION CENTRA GAS MANITOBA INC.

APPLICANT: CENTRA GAS MANITOBA INC.
APPLICATION: GAS RATE CHANGES

Centra Gas Manitoba Inc. ("Centra") has applied to the Public Utilities Board of Manitoba (the "Board") for approval of three gas rate changes

The customer's bill for natural gas consists of five cost components

- Primary Gas,
- Supplemental Gas,
- Transportation to Centra,
- Distribution to Customer, and
- Basic Monthly Charge

The Board intends to address Centra's applications through three hearing processes, as follows:

1. Primary Gas Sales Rates to be Effective February 1, 2001

Primary Gas is the component of a customer's bill that relates to natural gas provided from Western Canadian sources at the Alberta border.

The requested interim sales rates are calculated in accordance with the Rate Setting Methodology previously approved by the Board. Centra's last Primary Gas rate was effective November 1, 2000 at a rate of 0.196\$/cubic meter (\$4.97/cf) for Western Canadian Supplies). Due to the recent increase in the price of natural gas, Centra is proposing to increase the Primary Gas sales rate to \$0.3129/cubic meter (\$6.84/cf for Western Canadian Supplies)

The Rate Setting process provides for the Board to receive public comments on the application by January 22, 2001. After review of the application and the comments received from interested parties the Board will consider if there is a need for an oral hearing process, recognizing there will be a comprehensive gas cost hearing in March, 2001.

If approved by the Board, the requested interim sales rates will result in the following range of estimated annual impacts, depending on volumes consumed:

- Increases of approximately 31.3% - 34.4% for the residential customer, and
- Increases of approximately 33.0% - 42.3% for large general class customer, and
- Increases of approximately 40.0% - 44.2% for high volume firm class customer, and
- Increases of approximately 43.0% - 47.9% for medium class customer, and
- Increases of approximately 42.3% - 45.9% for interruptible class customer

2. Supplemental Gas and Transportation (to Centra) Rates Effective April 1, 2001

Included in this comprehensive gas cost hearing are Centra's requests for approval of:

- an overall revenue increase of approximately 5.2% as a result of increases in Centra's Supplemental Gas and Transportation Costs,
- the gas cost consequences of the changes to Centra's long-term gas supply contract,
- 1996 gas costs on a final basis, all Purchase Gas Variance Accounts, other deferral account balances and capacity management accounts, and
- interim Primary Gas orders, on a final basis.

The estimated annual customer class impacts of the requested rate increase will be included in a further public notice

3. Distribution Rates

Included in this General Rate Application hearing are Centra's requests for approval of:

- an overall revenue increase of approximately 1.8%, including consideration of cost allocation and integration issues resulting from the change of ownership of Centra,
- Terms and Conditions of Service, including removing the Buy/Sell Service and Summer Interruptible Delivery Options as of October 31, 2001, and final approval of the interim tariff in Order 58/00 to be charged to all Agents, Brokers and Marketers for the provision of the Agency, Billing and Collection Service
- ex parte Orders for franchise agreements (181/99, 109/00, 123/00 and 140/00) and amendments to Terms and Conditions of Service (154/00),
- to vary Order 89/97 by including, in plant, all capital expenditures for the St. Agathe expansion project, and
- to review the status of various directives from the Board.

The estimated annual customer class impacts of this requested rate increase will be included in a further public notice

FILINGS:

Centra filed material in support of these Applications with the Board, and intends to file subsequent material in due course. Anyone desiring copies of the material filed and subsequent material as it becomes available should contact:

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HEARINGS:

All persons, firms or corporations wishing to intervene in respect of Applications 2 and 3 above or of any amendments thereto, and participate in the examination of witnesses, provide evidence, or make submissions and final arguments, are required to attend a Pre-Hearing Conference to be convened by the Board in its Hearing Room, 400 - 330 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba on Tuesday, January 16, 2001 at 10:00 a.m. The objectives of the Pre-Hearing Conference are:

- i) to identify the intervenors, their reasons for intervention, and to avoid duplication of content,
 - ii) to establish the status of certain applicant intervenors, and
 - iii) to establish a timetable for the orderly exchange of evidence and information.
- Persons wishing to address the Pre-Hearing Conference or Hearing in French are required to notify the Board's Secretary as soon as possible.

The public hearing to consider Supplemental Gas and Transportation (to Centra) Rates is scheduled to commence on Monday, March 5, 2001 at 9:00 a.m. and continuing thereafter as necessary to be held at the Board's offices at 400 - 330 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

The public hearing to consider Distribution Rates (including cost allocation and integration issues resulting from Centra's change of ownership) is scheduled to commence on Tuesday, April 17, 2001 at 9:00 a.m. and continuing thereafter as necessary to be held at the Board's offices at 400 - 330 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

RURAL MEETINGS:

Based on the public's response to this notice, the Board is prepared to convene meetings in Brandon or such other locations as are warranted by the response in respect of Applications 2 and 3. People who intend to appear are to write the Board Secretary confirming the location where they wish to appear. Notice of intention to appear should be mailed to the Board by February 1, 2001.

PROCEDURE:

The Board has adopted Draft Rules of Practice and Procedure that will apply to the conduct of these hearings. All intervenors must familiarize themselves with the Board's requirements, which will be reviewed at the Pre-Hearing Conference. Copies of this document are available upon request to the Board by writing to the Secretary or by calling (204) 945-2638. Upon any application to it, the Board may make an Order granting the whole or part only of the Application or may grant such further or other relief in addition to or in substitution for that applied for, as fully and in all respects as if the application had been for such relief, or further or other relief.

INTERVENOR COSTS:

Board Order 163/87, dated November 12, 1987, provides for, among other things, the possible award of costs to participants and the guidelines for so doing. Any party contemplating making an Application for an award of costs should familiarize themselves with this Order.

DATED this 4th day of January, 2001

H. M. Singh
Acting Secretary
The Public Utilities Board



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RM of Alexander announces changes in garbage disposal

by Charles Norman
Two bag limit

The RM of Alexander has announced that all three of its waste disposal grounds now have operating permits under the new regulations. The last to obtain a permit was the Traverse Bay site which received a permit on December 22.

Operating permits stipulate that solid waste is compacted at least once per month and covered with 15 centimetres of earth. Permits also control the burning of solid waste and the operation of waste oil recycling facilities.

The RM is also implementing a program to restrict the use of waste disposal facilities

to taxpayers of the RM, Powerview, Pine Falls and Victoria Beach, (required by operating permits), to limit the free use of the facility to two bags per taxpayer and to introduce a charge of \$1.00 per bag for additional bags.

Notices will be sent to taxpayers informing them of the changes.

Powerview sewage project delayed

by Charles Norman

The contractor installing Powerview's sewage project has asked for another 15 working days to complete the project. It is now scheduled to be completed by the end of January. The project covers the provision of sewage services

to residents of the recently annexed areas from the RM of Alexander.

Total cost of the project is around \$200,000 but Powerview Mayor Henry Ostrowski told the Echo that he is working to reduce that amount.

The dessert - one huge sandbox

Message from Kuwait

Dave Penner, on leave from Centennial School in Lac du Bonnet, is currently teaching Grade 4 at the American School of Kuwait. His wife Janet is also employed at the same school in resource/guidance. They have agreed for us to publish their experiences, via email to Toni Bruneau, in a weekly column, Messages from Kuwait.

Dear Toni:

It is during this winter time period that many families head out to their camps in the desert. Family camps include several large tents complete with air conditioning, water tanks, satellite dishes, soccer fields and volleyball courts. Each camp is surrounded by many vertical fluorescent lights. It is a beautiful sight at night, almost like a second city out in the desert. Mobile stores set up along the roadways out in the country.

These are basically trucks with boxes that open up and from which every kind of merchandise is sold. Five or six trucks selling different kinds of goods park side by side in an area near the winter camps providing a convenient "corner store" out in the middle of nowhere. They too are brightly lit with the vertical fluorescent lights. The desert in Kuwait is an interesting place. The ecosystem has been so disturbed by the war and recreational vehicles that it is one huge sandbox.

Vegetation is hardly visible anywhere except where the scientific research people are trying to reestablish the original ground cover. The only evidence of vegetation in most places is a very fine green carpet after a rainfall and the fact that herds of camels and sheep actually have their heads down and are eating something out there. It's almost surreal to see a Bedouin encampment under huge power-line poles which stretch endlessly out towards Saudi, with oil pipelines in the distance and camel herds and flocks of sheep scattered in

between.

A really neat place to visit is the Iraqi tank graveyard. After the invasion all the destroyed military equipment was sorted and piled in dump sites in the desert. The tank graveyard covers a huge area. It is an eerie place. One can hardly imagine the "hell" that must have taken place in those tanks. The heat in the Kuwait desert, in summer, in a tank must have been something. The Americans used a new tank piercing shell on these things and they were very effective. Tank crews didn't have a chance.

Our media didn't give us any idea of the destruction out here. Tanks upon tanks! When you climb up onto the wrecks you can see many of these huge dumping areas all around. One with just guns saluting obscenely out in the distance, others with military trucks, missile launchers. You name it. Literally square miles piled with these weapons of destruction. Already the desert is slowly covering these remains. Some of the guys at school have taken shells home (three feet high and about 70 pounds each) and made candle holders out of them. Whoa! Massive and radioactive, glowing with their own little light.

There are a lot of interesting places in this seemingly barren land. The farms of Wafra, the Burgan oil fields and the islands of the Gulf. Got to go for now, Toni. We'll talk again soon. Keep in touch.

Another little "hard to get used to" tidbit. The other day while I was teaching a class there was a knock at the door. I opened it to find one of our librarians armed with a pail of permanent black markers and instructions from the ministry. She informed me that her instructions were to make sure the words Israel and Tel Aviv were blacked out on all my maps and globes. She came right in and proceeded to strike these names off right in front of all of us. All of our books and atlases are censored in this way. You can imagine the questions I got from the kids.

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The first disciple



by George T. Lalor

It had grown dark when twelve-year-old Boli, the little thief, slipped silently into the cavern in the mountainside that served as stable for those travellers who spent the night at Simon's Inn. As Boli scrambled up the wooden rails into the loft a donkey tethered to the manger raised its head and brayed in irritation. But the youngster did not mind for he was grateful for the animal's presence. The heat that radiated from its furry back would help to warm his ill clad body as he curled up in his nightly hiding place beneath the hay.

For the little thief, that winter day had started out with promise. The town had filled with people who had come to Bethlehem to pay their taxes; many of them had grown drunk on zibzib and were easily robbed. How many pockets he had picked he could not count. He only knew that he gained sufficient coin to keep his belly full of figs and bread for several days. But then before he'd reached his hiding place within the stable, he had met with older, bigger thieves who had demanded toll from him. Now Boli's belly and the carrying bag he kept concealed beneath his ragged cotton shirt were empty.

But Boli did not weep nor feel regret or even anger. For, to him, it was the way of life: The biggest and the strongest ruled. The smaller ones like him must either use their wits or perish. And today, he had not used his wits. He should have waited until darkness fell before he

dared to cross the street where Nathan and his henchmen worked. But evening had turned cold; the wind that whipped against his naked legs had made him think too hard about his bed of hay.

He burrowed down into the stack and heat the dusty mass to drive away the mice and insects then, to ease his hunger pangs, he curled up with his thighs pressed hard against his stomach. He was almost sleeping when the sound of voices roused him into wakefulness.

Boli felt no nervousness for it was not unusual for a traveller to arrive during the night. Sometimes a man who was alone would sleep there in a manger. But, although he could have done so easily, Boli never robbed the sleeping men. To do so would be foolish... might alert the stable owner to his hiding place. The sound of voices had grown closer and he heard the clack of donkey's hooves upon the hardpacked floor.

One of the people had an oil lamp and its flickering beam reached up to penetrate between the floorboards of the hayloft. Boli spread aside the grassy mat beneath his face and peered into the lower reaches of the stable. There, he saw two men. One of them, who was the landlord bore the lamp. The other was a tall, broad-shouldered youthful figure in a dusty robe who led a donkey, riding on its back a girl whose clothing also bore the marks of travel. The pudgy landlord held the lamp above his head; its feeble rays reflected from the donkeys backs. "I am sorry young fellow but this is the best I can do for you and still afford you any privacy. My place is full to overflow-

ing."

The young man nodded worriedly. "We understand. But should an opening occur, would you be kind enough to let us know. My wife is heavy with her first child... She is expecting hourly."

The landlord turned to go but the young man called after him. "Should my wife give birth, we cannot be without a light. Will you be kind enough to leave the lamp?"

The landlord paused and looked annoyed and, for a moment, Boli thought he would refuse the man's request. But then he mumbled, "Well.... I suppose. If you will promise to return it in the morning."

The young man took the lamp and set it on a wooden stool beside the doorway. Then, as the landlord departed, he went to the girl and gently, carefully, as though she were composed of something breakable, he lifted her and stood her on the floor. "Oh my beautiful Mary," he said softly, "I had wanted something more than this for you."

Boli had never seen such gentleness toward a woman. It was curious behaviour for a man and so he strained to hear what her response would be. "Please do not worry," she replied and smiled into the young man's worried face. "We are in good hands. Whether I give birth in an inn or a stable does not matter. We are safe from harm."

Boli felt bewildered. The girl's belly was swollen with child and yet she was happy. He had seen many women in her condition... Young girls on the streets and in the brothels of EL Berka. He had heard their cries of anguish and their cursing as

they strove to rid their bodies of the source of their distress. He had seen the small, unwanted infants thrown into the river and had watched his mother, Sarah die in childbirth in the soldier's brothel where she had worked. As Boli saw the smile of happiness upon the woman's dusty face, he wondered: Had the Roman soldiers who had caused his mother's death said words of love to her, would she have smiled? Boli had never seen a smile on Sarah's face.

He watched the couple as they made their preparations for the night. The girl removed her outer garments and, the young man carried water from the well. He helped her bathe her face and arms and then assisted her too climb into the manger where the donkey's saddle blanket lay in waiting on a bed of hay. The young man bent and kissed her cheek. "Sleep well," he said. "I'll stay awake and guard you."

Boli closed his eyes but could not sleep. As he observed the young man seated with his back against the manger and the woman radiant in sleep, a strange excitement filled his heart... a feeling of belonging he has never known before. It was as though he glimpsed a different kind of world where everything was opposite to the one he'd always known... Here was a world of tenderness and sympathy and love. Suddenly, he did not want it to be taken from his sight and hearing. It was why he had to stay awake. The tall young man was very tired and might drop off to sleep and danger lurked among the darkened streets of Bethlehem. He, Boli, must remain alert to warn the young man should his beautiful world be threatened.

The night wore on, its silence broken now and then by distant sounds of human revelry or



jackals quarrelling in the nearby hills. The happy woman slept: The young man and the little thief called Boli guarded her. And, as he kept his vigil, Boli wondered what it would be like to have someone who cared about you... worried for your safety and comfort. He had always been alone... Knew no one he could dare to like or trust. And, somehow, it had never upon the earth. During the darkest hour that comes before the dawn, the girl called out: "Joseph, my dear, the child is coming."

Boli held his breath and tried to still his heart as Joseph quickly rose and turned toward the manger. He watched the girl remove the clothing from her lower body... Knew what was about to happen; he has seen it many times before but never with such speed and ease. For, suddenly, the child was there upon the donkey blanket and the man was severing the cord that held it to the girl. The mother wiped the squalling infant clean with cloths that Joseph handed her ten bound the squirming body in a bandage made of cotton cloth. Before the oil lamp flickered and went out, he saw the woman press the child's mouth to her breast. "It is the promised boy," she said.

The look of worry had departed from the young man's face and Boli shared his triumph

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continued from previous page as he raised his hands and eyes toward the sky. "He is the promised one, my love."

At dawn, the landlord came and called to Joseph in a worried voice. "What strange thing happens here? For several hours a ball of light has hung above this place and, now the grounds are full of filthy shepherds shouting out that they have seen and heard an angel. That a new king for The Jews was born here in this stable."

Joseph stepped toward the worried man and took him by a trembling hand. "Come, look," he said, "He is the king of all the kings on earth. He is the son of God."

There was the sound of turmoil from the stable door and Boli saw the entranced blocked with barefoot shepherds carrying crooks and peering out from hairy faces. The landlord rushed at them and waved his fleshy arms. "Get out of here," he yelled hysterically. "Emshi Yalla". But, as though they could not hear the landlord speak, the shepherds pushed their way into the room and one by one, fell on their knees upon the floor.

A crowd had gathered in the courtyard; people pushed and jostled to gain entry to the stable. The landlord's pudgy face became a mask of anguish as he

turned to Joseph. "Please leave this place," he begged. "This talk of angels and of kings will bring destruction on my business. The Roman officers will not like this kind of talk, will send the soldiers to disperse the throng. Please leave at once before you cause me further grief."

Joseph looked at Mary who had wakened and was holding up the child for all to see. "My wife has only given birth. She is not strong enough to travel yet. Would you be good enough to bring us food. When she has eaten and feels well enough to do so, we will go upon our way."

Boli did not understand the talk of Angels, God and Kings. Nor could he comprehend how such a tiny, squalling bit of human life could be of such importance as to make the unclean hated shepherds risk their very lives by coming to the town. But he was worried for the young man and the girl. They had done something that The Romans did not like. And though the thought of losing them brought sadness to his heart, he wanted them to find a safer place.

The shepherds had departed but the stable was still filled with people when a servant brought a basket filled with food and wine. He pushed his way into the throng and handed

it to Joseph. As he reached above the heads of those who prayed, he called. "There are three Magi waiting in the courtyard who desire an audience. They say they have been sent here by King Herod to pay homage to this baby."

But the crowd of visitors did not diminish and the say was waning when The Magi came into the stable. They were tall men, finely groomed and dressed expensively. Each carried on his arm a present which he lay upon the straw before the mother and her child. They knelt and bowed their turbaned heads then rose again. "The King called Herod said that he, himself, will come to see this king of kings."

The Magi bowed then left the stable and the Roman soldiers from the nearby barracks came and Boli heard them shouting at the people to go home before they were arrested. Soon, the young man and his wife and baby were the only ones remaining in the lower stable. Above them in the hayloft, Boli lay and nursed and aching belly. It was long since he had eaten and the smell of figs and cheese and goat meat still remaining in the basket came to him above the odors of the stable gutters and the gathering piles of donkey droppings. He put his fingers to his nose to block the smell. Per-

haps when Joseph and the girl departed, they would leave the scraps. It was dusk when Boli heard the voice that came from nowhere: "Joseph, Joseph," it called softly.

Joseph who had been reclining at his place before the manger jumped to his feet and held and ear toward the sound. "Joseph, Joseph," the voice called out again. "King Herod sees the baby as a threat to his security and he is sending men to kill the child. Do not go north to Galilee but travel west to Egypt. Do not tarry. You must hurry on your way."

Mary too had heard the voice; had risen and was gathering her few belongings, packing them into a travelling bag. Joseph took the goatskin water jugs and set out for the nearby well. "We will slip out with darkness for we do not want the people at the inn to see the way we take. I know a man called Benjamin The Leather Maker at a little town called Mersa on the road to Egypt. He will give us shelter for a day or two."

When darkness fell, the young man lifted Mary to the donkey's back and placed the sleeping baby in her arms. The animal's hoofbeats sounded as it followed Joseph out into the night.

For just a moment Boli felt enveloped in a pall of loneli-

ness. He wanted to call out to them. "Don't leave me here alone. I want to be with you." And so, to still his voice and tongue, he clamped a grimy hand across his mouth. The young man and the girl were unaware of his existence. Well they might be angry if they knew that he had spied upon them. And, he reasoned, it was not as though he would not see them soon again. He knew the road that led to mersa and would find them at the house of one they knew as Benjamin the Leather Maker. But, as Boli's belly cramps reminded him: Before he travelled, he must eat.

Beside the manger, sat the landlord's basket with its few remaining scraps of cheese and meat. He scrambled down the wooden railing and commenced to cram the savoury food into his mouth. When he had swallowed all of it, he took the nearby jug that still contained some wine and poured the warming liquid down his throat. Too late he saw the beams form an approaching light and heard the tramp of heavy footsteps in the courtyard at the inn. Too late, he bounded for the railing.

Boli had ascended halfway to the hayloft when a powerful hand closed on his slender an-

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Crystal's Top 10 Picks of 2000...

by Crystal Rattai

10. **Picnic in the Park.** Oh to be back in the sunshine. We spent some great summer days in the Village Green this July munching on pretzels and playing on the swings. Fruit salad anyone?

9. **Addictions Awareness Week.** A presentation was done for the students at Powerview School on binge drinking and alcohol poisoning. We did a poetry contest and received one entry which was very well done. Congratulations Charmaine! She received three very cool CD's for her effort.

8. **Adolescent Parent Support Group.** This was really a

team effort. We had some really great presenters come out and talk with the class on various topics. A big thanks goes out to all involved for their support of the program.

7. **Christmas Party and Visit from Santa.** It was a great party for me personally, having been in the community for just over a year, I was glad for the opportunity to visit and share the Christmas spirit with friends at Wings of Power. And of course the visit from Santa was a highlight for all the kids - and Santa you were wonderful!! Thanks for stopping at Wings of Power, and taking time from your busy schedule we really

appreciated it!

6. **The Scariest Halloween Party Ever!** The only time of year I get to dress up in a monkey suite - well in public anyway!! It was so much fun to see all the kids dressed in their costumes.

5. **Playground Safety Puppet Show and Poster Contest.** First prize was a bike given to a grade one student at Powerview School and we also distributed 100 ice cream cones - need I say more!

4. **The Baby-sitting Course.** 18 teenagers gave up three days of their summer holidays, no small sacrifice, to better themselves as caregivers. It was a great

experience for me and I really enjoyed being a part of it.

3. **Three and Four Year Old Wellness Day.** There was a great collaboration of resources. A little bit of everything was available for children and their parents such as speech and language, ear and eye testing, growth and development, dental health, and more. It was a great day and we had a super tum out.

2. **The Turn Off Your TV Winter Carnival.** One of the highlights of the year for me. A lot of planning and organizing went into this event and the support from local businesses and the town was overwhelming. Many activities were planned for the kids like a fishing pond, pinnafe, a puppet show, and games. We had a lot of fun and even though the weather didn't cooperate, the turn out was still very good. A big thank you to all who helped out that day.

1. **The Second Anniversary Party.** This event blew me



away. There was over a 100 people who attended and supported Wings of Power. It was really quite overwhelming. A great deal of hard work went into organizing this. A great job by the coordinators. ("Amelia would like another hot dog?")

Well it's been quite a year and we've been so fortunate to have such wonderful people to share in the memories! We hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday. We will be resuming our regular schedule, so please stop by and have a coffee.

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Before taking any other non-prescription pain, cold or allergy products, check with the pharmacist or read the product label to make sure it doesn't contain ASA; large doses of ASA can be toxic.

Before taking any other prescription medications, remind your physician and pharmacist that you are taking ASA on a regular basis.

Do not take ASA products if you have asthma, peptic ulcer disease or a history of nasal polyps, except on the advice of a physician.

If the bottle has a vinegar-like odor, throw it away; the ASA has declined in its potency.

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"What surprises you most about mankind?"

God answered: "That they get bored of being children, are in a rush to grow up, and then long to be children again.

That they lose their health to make money and then lose their money to restore their health. That by thinking anxiously about the future, they forget the present, such that they live neither for the present nor the future. That they live as if they will never die, and they die as if they had never lived..."

God's hands took mine and we were silent for awhile and then I asked..."As a parent, what are some of life's lessons you want your children to learn?"

God replied with a smile: "To learn that they cannot make anyone love them. What they can do is to let themselves be loved.

To learn that what is most valuable is not what they have in their lives, but who they have in their lives. To learn that it is not good to compare themselves to others. All will be judged individually on their own merits, not as a group on a comparison basis! To learn that a rich person is not the one who has the most, but is one who needs the least. To learn that it only takes a few seconds to open profound wounds in persons we love, and that it takes many years to heal them. To learn to forgive by practicing forgiveness. To learn that there are persons that love them dearly, but simply do not know how to express or show their feelings. To learn that money can buy everything but happiness. To learn that two people can look at the same thing and see it totally different. To learn that a true friend is someone who knows everything about them...and likes them anyway. To learn that it is not always enough that they be forgiven by others, but that they have to forgive themselves."

I sat there for awhile enjoying the moment. I thanked Him for his time and for all that He has done for me and my family, and He replied, "Anytime. I'm here 24 hours a day. All you have to do is ask for me, and I'll answer."

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Lac du Bonnet Police Report



The following constitutes the police report for Lac du Bonnet detachment for the period of December 23 to January 4.

On December 23 a report was received of an under-age female going out of control at her residence, assaulting her younger brother and leaving the residence. The subject was subsequently located by police at her father's residence.

On December 27 a report was received of vehicles clipping mirrors on the Winnipeg River Bridge on PR 313. One of the vehicles did not stop on the other side.

A report was received of an intrusion alarm at a business in Pinawa. Police attended and found all to be secure.

A report was received December 28 of a dark red four-door vehicle sitting on the side of PR 317 near Lowland Road with a subject apparently passed out inside the vehicle. Police patrolled to the area, however, the vehicle in question had departed and was not located.

A report was received of an intrusion alarm at a cottage at Big Whiteshell Lake in the Whiteshell Provincial Park. Police attended and found same to be a false alarm.

A report was received of a snowmobile going through the ice near the second boat launch at Pinawa. Both driver and machine emerged unscathed. This was subsequently determined to be slush, rather than open water, and same was marked ac-

cordingly.

A report was received of an adult male missing from his residence in Winnipeg and possibly at a cottage in the RM of Lac du Bonnet. Police checked the cottage, and found that non one had been at the premises.

On December 29 a report was received of a break and enter to a fishing lodge at Bird Lake with a TV, two chain saws, a gas can and tool kit being stolen.

A report was received from a motorist on PR 317 of snowmobiles crossing in front of his vehicles and creating a hazardous situation. A licence plate number was obtained and follow up done with the registered owner in accordance with the wishes of the complainant.

A report was received of an adult male threatening suicide at a residence in the RM of Whitemouth. Police attended, however, the subject had departed. Efforts were made to locate him, and he was in fact subsequently located back at his residence, where he was determined to not be suicidal.

A report was received December 30 from a resident of the RM of Lac du Bonnet of a neighbor calling her on the phone to complain to her about her dog getting into the neighbor's yard. Follow up was done with the neighbor in accordance with the wishes of the complainant.

A report was received from a resident of the RM of Lac du Bonnet of a hoax phone call being made to another location and

the complainant being blamed for making the call. Police contacted the mother of the subject suspected of making the call in order to make her aware of his actions.

December 31, a report was received of snowmobiles being driven on private property along PR 433 near PR 313. No licence numbers were obtained and police patrols did not locate any offenders.

A report was received of snowmobiles being operated illegally on roadways at Pointe du Bois.

A report was received from a resident of the RM of Lac du Bonnet of being prevented from entering her residence due to the presence of a strange dog. Police attended and distracted the dog, so that the subject could enter the residence.

A report was received from a cottage at Wendigo of a young person coming to the cottage on a snowmobile after getting separated from three other snowmobiles and becoming lost. The subject was eventually reunited with the travelling companions.

A report was received January 3 from Great Falls of an adult dog and a puppy being left at a residence by the owners who were apparently away for Christmas. The dogs were running at large and the dog catcher was called and took the necessary action.

January 4 a report was received from Pinawa of a tire be-

ing slashed on a vehicle while parked overnight at a residence on Prescott.

A report was received from Seddon's Corner of service of an eviction notice being met with a

minor assault at a residence. Police attended and served the notice on behalf of the complainant and resolved the situation for the time being.

DDs valuable during busy holiday season

The Lac du Bonnet, Pinawa and Whitemouth RCMP conducted 25 checkstops during the December 12 to January 2 period. A total of 404 vehicles were verified and one suspended driver and one im-

paired driver were detected during the checkstops and patrols over the Christmas season. Once again the designated drivers program has shown it's value that DDs play during the busy holiday season.

Winnipeg River RCMP report



At 9:36 a.m. December 29, 2000 Pine Falls Fire Department received a complaint of a house fire at Dufour Trailer Court located in the Rural Municipality of Alexander on the north side of the Winnipeg River. Pine Falls Fire Department arrived at the scene at 9:40 a.m. and immediately began to fight the fire. Once the fire was under control fire fighters conducted a room by room search for any victims. One life was lost in the fire.

Manitoba Fire Commissioner's Office attended the

scene and determined the origin of the fire to be the kitchen stove. Electricians later determined that the stove was left in the "ON" position.

Catherine Gladys Kennedy, 22 years of age, was located in the living room of the trailer. She was removed from the trailer and life saving measures were attempted by fire fighters and police. She was transported to Pine Falls Hospital where she was pronounced dead.

2001 - International Year of the Volunteer

Recreation Ramblings

by Michelle Chudd, Recreation Director
Winnipeg River Recreation District, 753-2639/345 8816
Email: reccomm@granite.mb.ca

United Nations has proclaimed this New Year as the Year of the Volunteer. So what does that mean? That means that everyone who has given time to volunteer is being recognized for their efforts. **THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS...** you are the heartbeat of the community!

What's happening soon...

Yoga: every Tuesday starting January 16 for ten weeks from 7:15 to 8:15 p.m. at Gilbert School gym in Pinawa.

Creative writing: with accomplished writer Gerard Beime. Wednesdays, January 17 to February 17, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in Pinawa.

Magic clinic: February 4 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in Lac du Bonnet. Learn some magic with Christopher!

Self hypnosis for personal development: February 10

from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Pinawa with Gerard Beime.

Mother / daughter gym night: every second Thursday starting January 11 to April 26, 7:00 p.m. at LdBSS gym.

Creative movement for preschoolers starts again in 2001: back again... by popular demand... the creative movement for preschoolers program running every Tuesday night from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. at Gilbert School gym. A great program designed for parents and children ages two to four years. Learn and explore through creative movement games and activities. Maximum of 12 participants. Call the rec office today to register. Program commences on January 16.

Ball hockey tournament: grab a team of five and get ready to play during Ten Days to Play. The rec district's ball hockey tournament takes place Tuesday, January 26 at 2:00 p.m.

GAME ON!

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 January 17.

Hallwalking... at Pinawa: for those of you who 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 morning (8:00 a.m.) and after school (4:00 p.m.). You can walk the quadrant the links to the Community Centre. Happy walking!

Event updates

Hall walking: every Monday to Friday from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. at LdBSS 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 Tara 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 LdBSS gym.

Come on out!

Pinawa's Ten Days to Play: starting January 26 until February 4.

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'Round and about the Beaches

Happy belated New Year!



by Monika I. Evans

Well the debate is on as to whether we are into the new millennium for a year now or if this is the brand new one. I say, who cares, it's going to be a new year no matter what and I hope that it will be a good one for us all.

Christmas and New Years was very quiet. The only major excitement that I've had is

dragging in wood every two days to keep the house warm. I sometimes long for those long ago days when all I needed to do was turn up the thermostat and voila, instant heat! When I hear about the constant rate increases for natural gas, well, I guess a little extra exertion never hurt anyone (besides that, it is good for the waistline to get rid of all of those extra Christmas

treats).

The cold weather has wreaked havoc with my plumbing. I have been solidly frozen since Christmas morning and finally got sick and tired of emptying the port-a-potty every day. I called for help and as I am writing this, the plumber is pouring gallons of hot water down the offensive holes to open me up.

Now before you say, why didn't she call sooner, well, I figured with the change of the weather, it should have melted by itself - wrong! I tried all of the suggestions given by friends as to how to unplug. First came the hot water when the toilets started burping. All that did is add more ice to the problem. The next suggestion was put in antifreeze to get things running - done that, still no flow. Another friend told me that salt will send the problem down the tubes not. Tried all three and only ended up

with more yucky water that had to be bailed out and carried outside to dump into the holding tank. The only suggestion I did not follow was to climb up on the roof and pour hot water down the vent pipe. I even went as far as putting a light bulb into the holding tank. It is so nice now that I have two toilets, rather than just one, to plug up. Ah, sweet smell of success, the toilets are free and running! The plumber just told me that I am back in business.

On January 13 the Seniors Scene will be having our monthly dinner and dance. This month the theme is one that makes you think of warm weather, sun, white sands and blue ocean and Mariachi Bands. If you guessed Mexican, you win. It should be great fun and I know the decorations will be very special. Arriba, and "una cerveza, por favor" - only Spanish I know.

Beaches library update

Do you like to read certain authors and find it frustrating that you have no one to discuss the book with? Well, cheer up, we have a cure for you. Do you miss going to places like those two giant hook stores where you can sit and enjoy the ambience of being surrounded by books, well, come and see us at the library. We're not big, but books we got and ambience we've aced. We want to start up a book club where we will discuss our favourite authors, books, of just get together for an inspirational few hours while outside the weather can be frightful but the company will be delightful. If you are interested in joining up, please call Joanne at the library at 754-4007 and put your name down. We look forward to seeing you. Joanne will be putting up posters so look for them and then join us at our Library.

DeGagne retires

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that span over four generations, from grandfathers to great grandchildren. The Peter Parisian family, the Keith Fontaine family, and the Aime Pepin family to mention a few," he said.

DeGagne truly enjoyed running the shop for all these years, he said, "you get a chance to become close to a lot of the customers, you get to hear a lot of good humour, stories of families and friends, and the odd tall taled fishing story."

"Yes," Al laughingly admitted, that his customers kindly referred to him as 'Soft Hands'. When asked, if he had any advice that he could pass along to new business owners he said, "Treat your customers well and cater to their needs and you will have done a good job."

Al and his wife Helen have some plans to do some travelling, but also want to spend much of their free time enjoying their five wonderful grandchildren.

Customer Darrell Parisian said, "My sons and I went to

see *Soft Hands* for their last hair cut and it was an emotional time for them all." Darrell and his son's admitted that they were both happy and a little sad to see these visits come to an end and they wanted to thank Mr. DeGagne for all the great hair cuts and the kind friendship offered over the years.

The Pine Falls Town-site council would also like to thank Mr. DeGagne for his many years of service as a business owner and his many contributions to the community over the years.

The DeGagne's expressed their thanks to all of their customers, friends, and family who patronized the Pine Falls Unisex Hair Salon over the past 36 and a half years, "Your support and friendship is greatly appreciated. Mr. and Mrs. DeGagne also would like to wish Ms. Liz McDonald much success in her new endeavour as the new owner/operator of the Pine Falls Unisex Hair Salon.

Congratulations and best wishes for health and happiness in your retirement years.

A much deserved reward - Best wishes!

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work, Tanguay kept busy with her favorite and famous past time, knitting. Countless employees at Pointe have received her work in the form of socks, mittens, scarfs and toques. She also kept busy with other various craft work, embroidery and at times took advantage of the natural surroundings during blueberry season.

Her special outings away from Pointe du Bois were to Lac du Bonnet, where she stayed at Casey's Inn on weekends, on and off for over 20 years. "Just to get out and enjoy meals, just to have a weekend," she said.

Mrs. Tanguay's last day at

Pointe du Bois was February 16 of last year when she was honored by the entire staff and management at a surprise reception held in her honor at the Pointe du Bois hall.

Many people made presentations and presented her with gifts. On behalf of the staff and management Mac Kinghorn paid tribute to the woman who basically was a mother to all who lived at the staff house through the years. He said, "She's really earned her retirement after 38 years. A much deserved reward," and offered best wishes for her retirement.

She has been living in Lac du Bonnet since February 17. "It's a different lifestyle here," Tanguay said.

"Everybody's been kind to me in Lac du Bonnet, I've never known so many people," she said, "I'm relaxed here." She especially enjoys the company of her special friend Barbara in Pinawa, whom she met a few years ago while in hospital with pneumonia. "She was the biggest help. A very lovely lady. We have a beautiful friendship. She's been a big help to me so I appreciate her for that."

Christmas this year was particularly enjoyable. Tanguay said, "I've been pretty busy for Christmas, but I enjoyed that." She started with her Christmas knitting orders in August and has made friends visiting at the Personal Care Home, she even took some time to help out with the Christmas Hamper program.

"This Christmas was beautiful here and I had a beautiful New Year's."

Powerview's 50th

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The committee for the 50th Anniversary, which has been meeting since last fall, are also working on a beautification plan for the Village of Powerview and a dinner/dance on the August long weekend. The committee would welcome in-

put from the ratepayers regarding these activities. The committee members are Danny Gelinas and Bev Dubé as Co-Chairs, Ted Pichor, Cheryl Pichor, Yvette Gelinas, Yolande Fenez, Gord Watson, Dorinda Watson and Frank Thibedeau.

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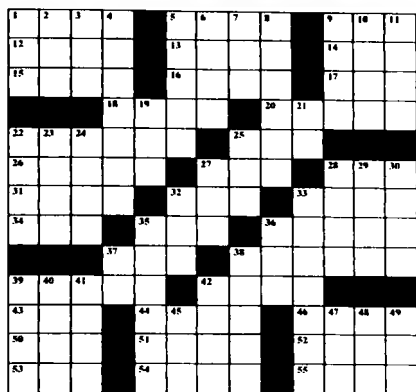
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WEEKLY CROSSWORD



Ms Canada

ACROSS

- 1. _____, Ontario
- 5. Small lake
- 9. Japanese sash
- 12. _____ Lake, Saskatchewan
- 13. Logging tools
- 14. Golf score
- 15. Arab oil org.
- 16. Rampage
- 17. Limb
- 18. Death notice
- 20. _____, Alberta

- 22. _____, Ontario
- 25. Jinx
- 26. Mouton _____
- 27. Hill
- 28. Desire
- 31. Help a crook
- 32. Dobbin
- 33. Extinct bird
- 34. Mother Teresa, for one
- 35. Small island (British)
- 36. Lobby

- 37. Tape to tape transfer
- 38. _____, Alberta
- 39. _____ Lake, Alberta
- 42. Greek portico
- 43. Conger or lamprey, e.g.
- 44. Moon fish
- 46. Tempt
- 50. Meadow
- 51. Part in a play
- 52. Damn it!
- 53. Motor or partne preceder
- 54. Auto part
- 55. Bet

- 32. Pen part
- 33. _____, Alberta
- 35. _____, Ontario
- 36. Florence, to her friends
- 37. Lady _____
- 38. _____, Ontario
- 39. Gaul or Briton
- 40. Ogle
- 41. Jai _____
- 42. Mall event
- 45. Small _____
- 47. Vessel
- 48. Informer
- 49. Summer, in 1. Brioux

DOWN

- 1. Civil defence org.
- 2. Knock
- 3. Rage
- 4. _____ Lake, Quebec
- 5. _____, Quebec
- 6. Departure
- 7. Classic car
- 8. _____, Alberta
- 9. Birthstone
- 10. Poet
- 11. _____, Alberta
- 19. Sandwich initials
- 21. Roman 9
- 22. Survey, in a way
- 23. Forbidden
- 24. _____, Manitoba
- 25. Pig
- 27. Create with fibres
- 28. Recurring craz/?
- 29. German river
- 30. _____, Saskatchewan

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


SW SLT LXX CSW QMDCYWT M JMTXMRW
L.PJ PBPW BN CSW QMGWT M LJKMDW
- TMD SMPTCBP GSYDGSMMX


Last Week's Solution


"I LOVE MICKEY MOUSE MORE THAN ANY WOMAN I HAVE EVER KNOWN"
- WALT DISNEY


WEEKLY ECHO HOROSCOPE for the week of January 8 to 14


Aries - March 21 to April 20
 Someone in position of power may be putting a damper on your advancement. Don't give up. Use diplomacy and unleash your creative talents in order to make your work unique and original. Partnership opportunities are present but you will have to get everything in writing.


Taurus - April 21 to May 21
 Social events will open doors to new and exciting friends and possible romance. Join organizations you believe in. Your dedication will enhance your reputation.


Gemini - May 22 to June 21
 Little white lies will backfire on you. You're likely to get blamed for something you didn't do. Concentrate on getting your work finished. The less you say the better. Try to take advantage of your imagination by putting your creative thoughts on paper.


Cancer - June 22 to July 22
 Your excellent memory will help you today. Remember important facts regarding investments and legal matters that you have been involved with in the past.


Leo - July 23 to August 23
 You can stabilize a relationship if you are willing to make a few concessions. Hidden assets will come in handy if you wish to get involved in an innovative business venture. Don't overact to situations concerning your partner. Get all the facts before you take action.


Virgo - August 24 to September 22
 Your hard work can pay off if you refrain from being too cynical. Present your ideas with a positive attitude and don't be afraid to cut someone who might be trying to steal your thunder.


Libra - September 23 to October 23
 Don't let others talk you into spending money you can't really afford. Visit friends and ask their opinion regarding your present situation. Don't make hasty decisions. You must rid yourself of people and things that are no longer to your advantage.

Scorpio - October 24 to November 22
 Be sure to get enough rest. Minor infections and colds will set in if you're burning the candle at both ends. Be careful while operating equipment or machinery. Don't expect too much from co-workers.

Sagittarius - November 23 to December 21
 Your interest will be sparked by an interesting individual who pushes all the right buttons. Go with the flow and see where it leads you. You're outgoing attitude can win anyone's heart. Work at making yourself the best that you can be. Compliments must not lead you astray.

Capricorn - December 22 to January 20
 Travel opportunities should be your first choice. Try to make arrangements with close friends or relatives to spend a few days away. Romantic encounters will take you by surprise. Don't let others talk you into donating to causes you know nothing about.

Aquarius - January 21 to February 18
 Someone close to your heart may disappoint you. Try not to be vengeful. Your best bet will be to listen, quietly make your decision, then act upon it. Be prepared to make changes if necessary.

Pisces - February 19 to March 20
 Female co-workers or relatives will be difficult to get along with. Do not discuss your personal situation or secret matters with others. Figure it out yourself. Past romantic partners may come back into your life. Don't be afraid to give it another go.

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CHANGE OF MEETING NOTICE

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JANUARY 9
at the Administration Office and

JANUARY 23
at Centennial School in Lac du Bonnet

AGASSIZ SCHOOL DIVISION #13

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION for 2001-2002

If your child was born in 1996, he/she is eligible to attend Kindergarten during the 2001-2002 academic year.

Parents/guardians are asked to register their children at any time between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on January 16, 17 or 18, 2001 at one of the following schools in accordance with attendance areas:

- Powerview School (including French Immersion)
- Lac du Bonnet Centennial School
- Whitemouth School
- Reynolds School
- Beausejour Elementary School (including French Immersion)
- Garson School
- Huttente Colony Schools (Greenwald, Springwell, Whiteshell)

Proof of age (birth certificate or similar documents) should be provided by the parents/guardians at the time of registration.

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In Memoriam

Remembrance in loving memory of Joseph Malo

Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow
I walk alone now on life's path of shifting sand.

Where once we walked hand in hand.

I constantly think of you as lonely hours go by. Things we used to do and say. Just you and I. Some of these memories make me smile. Some make me cry. But all are precious to me alone. Memories of you and I. Memories are treasures no one can steal. Just as a heartache no one can heal. I will always love you and remember the memories of you and I. I will always live on. But it's all the more this time of year. Our first Christmas without you. One day, that special day will come when we will walk hand in hand again. You and I.

Forever loved and greatly missed, Bella and family

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Cards of Thanks

We would like to express our thanks to everyone who helped in any way during our recent loss of Mabel Bruneau. Special thanks to Cecile Peterson for being at her side, the ambulance attendants, the nursing staff at Blue Water Health Complex and to Dr. VanRouyen and Dr. Neiman for the special care given to Mom in her last days.

We would also like to thank all her home care workers over the last few years. You gave her excellent comfort and care. Special thanks also to the Adult Day Care, Rita Kulik, Helen Trambley, Doris Popeil, Renada Johnson and all Mom's special friends. To all her many friends from Foyer Chateauguay, thank you for always being there for her.

And to all those who contributed to the lunch. Thank you for the gifts of food brought to our home.

Special thank you to Father Belanger for giving Mom the last rites of the church and for officiating at the service. Special thank you to Maryanne Chartier and the choir. Your beautiful music and voices were a special last request of Mom.

Sincerely,

The family of the late Mrs. Mabel Bruneau
Cid and Lucille Bruneau,
Ken and Maureen Hlady and Edward and Yolande Bruneau and family

We would like to thank our relatives and friends for their offerings of prayers, food and sympathy at the time of the death of John Coulombe. A big thank you to the choir, honorary pallbearers, pallbearers, mass servers, the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #64, the readers and the St. Georges Ladies Auxiliary for the delicious lunch served. Thanks especially to Fr. Rejean Belanger for the prayers of the mass for John – husband, father and brother.

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"Pay phone? Hospital! What's going on, Gordie?"

"Well, just as I was teeing off at the fifth hole, my driver broke and the base blashed the back of my head in my follow-through. But don't worry, that golf towel you and the kids gave me saved the day."

"If that happened on the fifth hole, why are you so late in calling... and how did a towel save the day?"

"Well, I stuffed the towel in the back of my cap, and the pressure stopped the bleeding."

"Until you got to the hospital?"

"No. So I could finish the 18 holes."

– Pam MacArthur

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kle. Though he struggled to be free, the one who held him took him by his tousled hair and flung him to the stable floor. He shook with terror as he looked up at his captors.

They were horsemen by the pantaloons they wore to shield their legs; their robes were rich and heavy with the smell of horses and they carried scimitars on leather belts. He saw the faces set in stony lines and eyes as merciless as those of Roman hunting falcons. Boli knew that these were Herod's men... That they had come to kill the newborn child.

"How long have you been in this place?" A horseman shouted.

"Two days," The words were spoken in a whisper.

"Speak, little gutter rat." The horseman struck him on the face and Boli tasted warm blood in his mouth.

"Two days," he said more loudly and was instantly regretful that his fear had made him tell the truth.

"Then," said the horseman, "you have seen the man and woman who were here... the people with the newborn child."

"I did not see them."
"Yes, you saw them and you doubtless heard them say where they were bound. So tell us now: Where did they go?"

But Boli did not answer and the horseman struck him on the buttocks with a studded riding whip. "Where did they go?," he shouted, brandishing the crop above his head.

Boli thought that they would kill him for he would not ever tell them where the kindly man and smiling girl had gone. He clenched his teeth and waited for another blow to fall. But, then, from somewhere in his scrambled thoughts, the words he'd heard the strange voice say returned to him. "Do not go back to Galilee... Do not go back to Galilee."

"To Galilee," he called out to King Herod's men. "They went back north to Galilee."

"Of course they did," said Simon who stood near the entrance with an oil lamp in his hand. "I told you that the trouble maker is a Galilean. You will catch them on the road to Nazareth."

The horseman laughed a cruel laugh. "You'd better hope we do, my fat and feathered friend. For, if this dirty little lump of dog manure has lied to us, we'll take his eyes and tongue out with a red hot iron. And you, my landlord will receive the same. Have you a place where we can lock this jackal up until we have a chance to check his story?"

The landlord bowed and bowed again. His pudgy fingers trembled as he held the lamp and rivulets of sweat ran down his nose into his beard. "I have, I have. There is a storage shed behind the inn that has a door of iron bars. I keep it locked. The little jackal cannot get away from there."

The landlord led the way across the courtyard and the horseman followed, holding Boli by the hair. But, though his scalp and buttocks throbbed with pain, Boli would not groan or cry. The iron-barred door swung open and he felt himself propelled into a room that smelt of cloves and vinegar. The door slammed shut; he heard the key turn in the lock. But, though the horseman walked away and Boli heard the whinnying of horses as King Herod's searchers left the inn, the landlord still remained outside the iron-banned door. "Come here, my boy," he called to Boli in a pleasant voice.

Boli stood before the door and looked into the face still wet with sweat; The landlord's eyes reflected worry and his voice was weak and pleading when he spoke. "Please reassure me boy,

that what you told King Herod's soldiery is true. The King is furious and should these people not be found, I'll pay the price as well as you."

Boli reached between the bars and took the landlord by the sleeve. "Please let me go," he begged. "If you will let me go I'll be your slave for life. I told the truth. Please let me go."

The landlord jerked his arm until his sleeve fell free of Boli's grasp. "You dirty little scorpion," he snarled. "Would I be fool enough to bring more trouble on myself?"

As Boli watched the landlord walk away, he thought about the young man and the girl. Soon, he would tell them how he'd fooled King Herod's soldiery. The tall young man would say kind things to him and Mary would reward him with a radiant smile. Despite his pain, he giggled as he reached between the iron bars and slid the key into the lock. The frightened landlord had been so distracted by the hand that grasped his sleeve that he had failed to feel the other groping in his pocket.

Boli limped across the darkened courtyard toward the shelter of an olive grove.

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