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The spirit of Christmas was evident as children joined hands and danced to carols around Lac du Bonnet's brilliantly lit Christmas tree.

Holidays are near!

Lac du Bonnet Christmas tree lighting welcomes the season

by Toni Bruneau

Lac du Bonnet officially welcomed the holiday season last week with the annual Christmas Tree Lighting held Friday night, November 16. The corner of First Street and McArthur Avenue swarmed with delighted children and parents grateful to Mother Nature for delivering a balmy 14°C. Although Mother Nature wasn't into the spirit of Christmas, the children, to whom the magical season caters, could be seen dancing, playing and singing along to *Jingle Bell Rock* and *Frosty the Snowman* with ear-to-ear glowing grins.

Their anticipation grew with the news that Santa Claus was taking time from his busy schedule for an early visit to

the Lac du Bonnet Community Centre. Sirens could then be heard in the distance and even

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Lac du Bonnet craft sales draw record crowds

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John Kasian of Victoria Beach was one of many vendors at the Winnipeg River Recreation Districts annual Christmas Craft Sale. Kasian's interest in carving 'Tree Spirits' is seeing a face merge from a simple piece of bark. He says his carvings project a symbol of good luck.

Confusing road to amalgamation

by Charles Norman

Because Pine Falls is not eligible to incorporate on its own under existing legislation negotiations have been reopened with the Village of Powerview.

When Tembec purchased the Pine Falls Paper Company Tembec CEO Frank Dottori announced that Tembec was not interested in being in the municipal administration business and that the mill would divest itself of the town.

Since Pine Falls was too small to amalgamate under Municipal Affairs legislation Pine Falls residents were asked, after a series of public meetings, which of the two adjoining municipalities they would like to join. They voted

overwhelmingly to join Powerview rather than the RM of Alexander. They were not asked if they would prefer to "go-it-alone".

Studies were carried out which showed that it would cost eight million dollars to bring Pine Falls' infrastructure up to standard. (Infrastructure includes roads, sewer, water supply etc). The eight million dollar expenditure would be eligible for cost sharing programs under a Canada-Manitoba funding agreement. Net cost to Tembec, or taxpayers, would be about \$2.4 million. It was Powerview's contention that this cost should be borne by Tembec and not the taxpayers of Pine Falls since it was said to be the result of lack of

proper maintenance since Abitibi Price decided to divest itself of its Pine Falls operations in the early 90s. The expenditure would be spread over several years.

Negotiations with Powerview stalled. Why they stalled is not clear, but Tembec set up a Pine Falls advisory committee to operate Pine Falls as if it were a municipality. Because of a change in government the Pine Falls Advisory Committee decided to try to incorporate on its own, either under Municipal Affairs (now Intergovernmental Affairs) or Northern Affairs legislation. They were not successful.

The whole issue is complicated by the fact that the Pine
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Craft sales draw record crowds

by Tom Bruneau

Finding a parking spot in downtown Lac du Bonnet was a lot more difficult than usual this past Saturday. Did everyone have cabin fever? Was it

the weather? Cars lined the streets and filled parking lots, as people flocked in from everywhere!

Lac du Bonnet was host to two spectacular Christmas

craft sales this past weekend - The Winnipeg River Recreation District's 21st Annual Christmas Craft Sale and the Lac du Bonnet Farmers' Markets' Annual Christmas Craft and Bake Sale.

Rec District sale

Recreation Director Michelle Chudd was please with the turnout of district's event and was quite taken by the amount of people who stopped by.

"We had way more people through the door this year than other years," she said, adding that the gorgeous weather was a major contributing factor. The district's sale, which Chudd says is always well attended by the locals, drew visitors from as far away as Kenora and Gimli.

"We've always had a great turnout locally but [this year] we had people from all over," she said. It was a beautiful day, sunny and warm, a great day for a road trip. Chudd said she met some folks who had just



Patrons of the Lac du Bonnet Farmer's Market Christmas Craft and Bake Sale were treated to a wide selection of treats and homemade products of many talented vendors.

come from the Whitemouth craft sale.

"People were really traveling around," she said. It sure beat the snow storms and

freezing weather experienced in the past.

A total of 46 vendors provided many unique products, from woodwork and candles to rustic picture frames and originally molded chocolates.

Chudd said there was a really good mix of vendors and products this year, with something for everyone. And everyone was for sure buying something. One vendor had commented to Chudd that he had surpassed what he took in last year, in the first two and a half hours!

"That's kinda nice to hear," Chudd said.

The homemade food kitchen was again a great success selling out entirely by 1:00 o'clock. Shoppers could take a time out and enjoy lunch under the same roof. The chicken dumpling soup, pizza buns and perogies were the first to go, followed by wild rice, garlic cheese biscuits and

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Michelle Kinghorn and Jenn Monaster of XOXO Crafts, one of our local vendors, produce whimsical ceramic creations, which caught the attention of many attending the Winnipeg River Recreation District Annual Christmas Craft Sale.

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Tree lighting creates explosion of enthusiasm

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 the eyes of the adults began to grow wide. Finally the young ones' enthusiasm exploded as Mr. Claus appeared, chauffeured by Lac du Bonnet Community Centre President Russ

Preston, escorted by the Lac du Bonnet RCMP.

Santa greeted everyone and soon the mass of men, women and children streamed into the Community Center for snacks, hot chocolate, entertainment

and a chance to pass on this year's wish list to the man in red.

This event is in its third year running, organized by Terry Fisher on behalf of the Lac du Bonnet Chamber of Commerce.

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MP for Provencher Vic Toes, Town of Lac du Bonnet Glen Hirst, Lac du Bonnet MLA Darren Praznik and Rural Municipality of Lac du Bonnet Reeve Dorothy Bozmann joined forces to serve refreshments and greetings at this year's tree lighting.



Santa came to Lac du Bonnet for an early visit last Friday.

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Falls sewer system is a combined system, i.e. storm water and sanitary sewage are carried in the same pipe. Because the two are mixed, both have to be treated. If they were separate, storm water could go direct to the river. Two problems result. In periods of heavy rain

sewers back up into basements, and the lagoons are overloaded. The overloaded lagoons have resulted in the lagoons being discharged to the river before adequate time has passed to properly treat the sewage. Thus the river is being contaminated upstream of Sagkeeng's water treatment

plant intakes. Tembec is under an environmental order to have a solution to the problem by the end of this year.

Tembec has tried to negotiate an agreement with Powerview to send Pine Fall's sewage to Powerview's lagoon via a new pipeline south of the community. Powerview wanted the cost of an extension to their lagoon covered, and a levy on the amount of sewage going into the lagoon. Pine Falls appears to have been of the opinion that the capital cost is acceptable, but the levy is not. It does not appear that there will be an agreement before the December 31 deadline.

In the meantime the Pine Falls Advisory Committee has come up with its own proposal as part of an application for funding under the Canada

Manitoba infrastructure agreement.

Since applications under this agreement have to take future needs into consideration, their proposal includes a water treatment plant upgrade to include ultra-violet light treatment; the installation of a separate storm sewer system, and repairs the existing sanitary sewers; roads and sidewalk improvements; a library, firehall, public works equipment, docks and cemetery work; and a new quite large lagoon. Total cost, without the lagoon, would be approximately \$3.5 million, of which \$2.15 million would be covered under infrastructure funding agreements leaving a balance of about \$1.35 million that the advisory committee say should be covered by Tembec.

Tembec have apparently not responded to this proposal. They are mostly concerned with the impending environmental order deadline. They are now suggesting that the replacement of about 150 feet

of 15" sewer line with 24" would solve their problem.

This might reduce the risk of basement flooding, and might send more storm water to the river than at present, but the assessment of the impact in pipeline size requires a complex network analysis usually only available in the offices of consultants specializing in that area. The pipeline change may get Tembec off the environmental hook, but it would have the potential of transferring a major environmental problem to Pine Falls. The discharge of storm water contaminated with sewage to the river is only tolerated by the environment department under a "grand father" arrangement. It would not be tolerated as a new proposal, and may not be tolerated with a transfer of responsibility to Pine Falls under whatever municipal arrangement may materialize.

One municipal arrangement being seriously discussed, and having the support of the majority of elected municipal officials is for the

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Help from residents requested, sewage lagoon size inadequate

by Brian G. Kotak, Tembec

Over the last year work has been initiated to address the limitations regarding the Pine Falls sewage lagoon system. Specifically, the lagoon does not have the capacity to handle all of the sewage and runoff from town and the mill. Adequate storage is especially critical during the period from November 1 to May 15, in which discharge is not normally permitted by the province. Therefore, the lagoon must be able to store all of the sewage and runoff generated during this period. There is usually just enough capacity

over the winter period to store all of the sewage generated from the town and mill. However, runoff caused by rain or snow melt can easily overwhelm the system, as was experienced during the past two springs.

As residents of Pine Falls, we can all contribute to minimizing the stress on the sewage lagoon capacity during this time period. This can be as simple as doing laundry less frequently but with larger loads, installing low flow showerheads (\$10-15), or installing low flush toilets. Water use reduction is one way in

which we can relieve the stress on the lagoon system.

Another way to minimize the loading to the lagoon is by reducing the amount of runoff created from snow melt. The town will be actively removing snow all winter to reduce the amount of water going down the street drains. Residents can also help by not shoveling snow onto the street where it will melt and run into the sewers.

A number of proposals are currently being evaluated to address the lagoon capacity limitations. A decision is expected early this winter. What-

ever option is pursued, it is expected that the lagoon capacity problem will be solved by the end of next year.

At present, the lagoon system is approximately 30% full. Based on historical water use and sewage generation, this means the lagoon will reach capacity by March 15 (2 months before the discharge deadline). However, this esti-

mate does not account for any rainfall or snowmelt, which would significantly reduce the amount of time before the lagoon is full. Daily monitoring of the lagoon levels will be conducted over the winter period, and I will provide regular updates in the newspaper.

Please help out by reducing water consumption over the winter period.

2001 Christmas hamper campaign underway

The 2001 organizational meeting of the Lac du Bonnet and District Christmas Hamper Committee recently took place at the Lac du Bonnet Town office.

Representatives of various community organizations met in order to plan the upcoming Christmas hamper campaign. Sharon Sveinson was elected as chairperson. Mel Mitchell was elected to continue on as secretary and Verna Emberley was elected to continue on as treasurer.

It was noted that the committee assembled 52 hampers for Christmas 2000. These hampers served 96 adults and 73 children, and it is anticipated that at least as many hampers will be required for 2001. There is always a need in the community, and the hamper committee attempts to address this need by providing hampers to those who otherwise might go without.

The procedure which was implemented in 1999 to ascertain those who are in need of a hamper will continue again this year. Anyone who feels that they are in need of a hamper, or who knows of someone who should receive a hamper, will be required to complete an application form. These forms are available at the Lac du Bonnet town office, the Rural

Municipality of Lac du Bonnet Office, Mrs. Lucci's, the Lac du Bonnet Health Centre and Great Falls Foods. The completed application forms can be mailed to the Lac du Bonnet Christmas Hamper Committee, Box 1271, Lac du Bonnet or dropped off at the Lac du Bonnet town office. The deadline for receipt of same is Monday, December 10.

The hamper committee wishes to encourage all individuals, businesses and organizations in the community to consider a donation to the cause. Collection cans for spare change are in a variety of locations. Instead of a gift exchange at a Christmas party, why not consider a donation from the group to the hamper committee? Any and all donations will be gratefully received. A sincere thank you to those groups and individuals who have already donated.

For further information on any aspect of the Christmas hamper campaign, please

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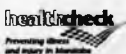
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Vic Toews, MP for Provencher

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In the aftermath of the September 11 terrorist attacks, Canada has taken steps to remedy this failure by moving quickly to introduce Bill C-36 in the House of Commons. As the senior justice critic for the official opposition, I have undertaken to work with the justice minister and the other opposition parties to ensure that this legislation meets the needs of our legal system and our security forces, including the RCMP and CSIS.

The official opposition has encouraged the minister to implement provisions that would deal with the problem of refugee

claimants who arrive in Canada by air and present themselves to our immigration officials without any documentation despite the fact that they would have had documentation in their possession at the time they boarded their flight overseas. Taking the example of other democratic nations, I have requested the Minister to ensure that these undocumented arrivals are detained until the necessary security and health checks are completed. If the results of these investigations are not satisfactory, these arrivals should be returned immediately to the country of origin.

Under the provisions of Bill C 36, terrorists who have been convicted of mass murder are still eligible to apply for parole after 25 years despite the fact that they may have been responsible for the death of thousands of innocent civilians. It is my position that those who are convicted of these acts of mass terrorism should never be released on parole.

The new laws being introduced by the government also fail to make provisions for the timely extradition of terrorists to countries where they have engaged in acts of violence. Since the decision of the Supreme Court of

Canada in February of this year, our government has been prevented from removing murderers from Canada if they could face the death penalty in the country where they committed those acts. This safe haven has been created even if the suspect is a terrorist who is not a citizen of Canada, or the country asking for his return is a democratic nation where the right to a fair trial is constitutionally guaranteed.

We have also asked the government to commit appropriate resources to the military, police services and intelligence agencies to properly fight terrorism. Without these resources, the best legislation won't make a difference in this struggle.

At the same time, we have been calling upon the government to ensure that this legislation is properly focused on the fight against terrorism and not on law-abiding citizens. Because some of the provisions in Bill C 36 have the potential to restrict the rights of Canadians without contributing significantly to the fight against terrorism, I have called for the ongoing oversight and monitoring of the enforcement of the legislation by either a civilian or parliamentary panel, with regular reports to parliament. This extensive ongoing review is necessary

because in the past the government has failed to honour similar legal commitments that did not include enforcement provisions.

I believe that the best way to protect the rights and freedoms of Canadians is to make sure that terrorists can no longer make Canada a safe haven from which to raise money and plan new attacks. The Canadian Alliance fought for many of these anti-terrorist measures well before September 11. I will continue to work hard to ensure that, through appropriate legislation and resources to our security agencies, the safety and security of Cana-

dians is protected.

I want to thank all of those who participated in the town hall forums on the war against terrorism that I held on November 12 and 15. Your comments, questions and suggestions were very helpful. Please feel free to contact my office if you have any further concerns or issues you would like to raise. Steinbach toll free 1-866-333-1933 or 326-9889, Altona 324-9709, Lac du Bonnet 345-9762. You may write to Box 2470, Steinbach, MB R0A 2A0, fax at 204-346-9874, e-mail toews.v1@mns.net or visit my website www.victoews.com.



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Drugs and driving don't mix It's the Law

by Gerald Hawranik, Q.C.

Gerald C. Hawranik, Q.C. is a lawyer in Beauséjour with 20 years of extensive experience in most areas of law. *It's The Law* will be published in each issue of *The Echo*. If you would like to know more about any legal topic, please write to Gerald at Box 880, Beauséjour, MB R0E 0C0, phone 268-6300.

Everyone seems to know that drinking and driving do not mix. However, prescription medicine or even over the counter drugs can seriously affect your driving ability. In fact, they can have as negative an impact on driving

skills as alcohol or illicit drugs.

Under the Criminal Code of Canada, it is illegal to operate a vehicle, vessel or aircraft while impaired by alcohol or drugs. A drug is defined as any substance consumed which brings about impairment, and therefore this can include medication. For that reason, it is important to understand the effect medication can have on your driving ability.

Driving is a complex process involving both mental alertness and physical coordination. The driver must receive information from both sight and sound, pro-

cess the information, make decisions and have the physical strength and coordination required to perform it. Medication that affects any of these processes can impair the ability to drive and therefore put the driver, passengers, fellow motorists and pedestrians at risk. Your doctor, nurse or pharmacist can advise you of any adverse effects associated with your prescription drugs or over the counter medications.

If you have any questions about the information appearing in this article, or any other legal question, please call me for a free initial consultation.

This article is intended to provide general information and not to advise anyone on what he or she should do in a particular situation.

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Keep playtime flexible, include a new experience

by Kathie Duff,
The Happy Tots Place

The month of October here at The Happy Tots Place was an eventful and busy month. We had full enrolment everyday. Highlights of October included a Thanksgiving meal prepared by Gerri our cook. It was enjoyed by both children and staff as we gave thanks together at the table.

We also had a visit from the public health nurse in October, Debbie Viel. She came in with a doll, which resembled a real baby, and she showed the children how to care for a baby and she gave it a bath using a bathtub, facecloth, soap and towel.

We also had a week where we talked about textures. The children stepped in tempura paint mixed with oatmeal or sand with their bare feet. They had fun making footprints all over the paint paper.

Halloween week was the most exciting for the children. They were very busy making scary crafts. On October 31, the chil-

dren and staff dressed up in costumes and the children went trick or treating around the centre at stations set up by the staff. They enjoyed a ghost cake made by the cook June, and some witches brew, which contained hands made of ice. It was neat to see their eyes when our cook pulled out two hands from the big pot.

Later that week we discussed Halloween safety, made traffic lights.

Playing

In this article I would like to give you some insight into the importance of playing with children. Play is a time for an abundance of self-selection opportunities for the child to make choices and understand the consequences of that decision. It is a time for developing social and cognitive skills, problem solving, experimenting and meeting new challenges physically as well as intellectually. Play times are flexible to include new experiences as the needs of the children change.

The importance of play dates back to the times of the educational philosophers: Gesell, Friedrich Froebel, Jean Piaget, Maria Montessori, W.E. Blatz and other philosophers who explored, defined and discussed the importance of play for all children.

"Through play children learn what no one can teach them" (Otto Weininger, Ph.D)

Every early childhood education centre including The Happy Tots Place uses a licensing manual, which is set up by child day care office and includes guidelines explaining the areas that are required of each centre in which the children can play. These include:

The science area - this activity area invites children to actively explore using their senses and it helps to broaden their understanding of the world.

The block area - here the children develop their large muscles, co-ordination balance and physical endurance. When

children play in groups in this area they develop their social skills. They take turns, share and co-operate with one another.

The cognitive area - provides children with materials that stimulate their intellectual or cognitive development in this area the children develop an understanding of shapes, sizes colours and an ability to match and group items playing with materials.

The music area - encourages children to express themselves musically and to learn about rhythm and musical instruments.

The language arts area - is a cozy, carpeted area which helps to promote the enjoyment of literatures. Children can sit alone or in a small group to look at books or listen to a story.

The dramatic play area - there are two types of dramatic play. Realistic roles in which children get to act out roles they are familiar with (i.e. mother/father) or fantasy roles in which children get to act out roles using their imagination (i.e. Santa's workshop, Easter bunny, Star Wars). Staff set up props for the children to use

to carry this type of play out.

The art area - gives children an opportunity to experiment, explore and create with a variety of art and craft materials.

The sand and water play area - offers children a rich tactile experience as well as an opportunity to create, measure, pour and mould.

"Play in it's deepest sense is the bridge over which children must cross in order to make satisfactory journey to adulthood" (Claire Lambert)

Before I close I will leave you with the themes for the month of November: *Body Parts and Remembrance Day* November 5 to 9; *Sesame Street* November 12 to 16; *Transportation* November 19 to 23 and *Winter* November 26 to 30.

If your thinking of cleaning out your children's toys before they get new ones for Christmas, please remember that the day care loves donations! Also save your old Christmas cards, wrapping paper and ribbons, we like to use them for crafts. Remember Christmas is less than six weeks away!!!

2002 MTS Winter Games

Hoopsters and spikers Pine Falls Badminton Club hitting the courts

Recreational adult basketball and volleyball teams will be shooting hoops and spiking balls in Oakbank January 19 and 20 as part of the 2002 MTS Eastman Regional Winter Games.

Men and women five-on-five basketball teams are made up of eight to 15 players, 18 years and older. Volleyball is coed 18 years and older with a minimum of eight players (four men, four women), and a maximum of ten.

Registration forms are

available at recreation offices throughout the Eastman Region, at Eastman Sport Development in Beausejour, or by downloading from the Games website at www.mts.manitobagames.mb.ca.

The registration fees help to pay for the cost of gymnasium time and officials. Registration deadline is December 21.

Winners in each age category advance to the MTS 2002 Manitoba Winter Games in The Pas March 6 to 10. The provincial registration fee includes Team Eastman fleece

vests, travel to The Pas, meals and accommodations in the athlete's village in The Pas.

The 2002 MTS Winter Games is great opportunity for all ages of athletes to experience a multi-sport event, travel throughout the province, and make new friends.

For more information contact Louise Malo, Eastman Region Games coordinator, toll free 1-888-836-8029, fax 268-6070 or email at esdagames@hotmail.com. Join Team Eastman and capture the spirit of the Games.

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Pine Falls Badminton Club held its first social tournament of the season Sunday, November 11.

The first event was captured by Joyce Sharpe and Alice Loucks with a win over Nicole Boulet and Lawrence Abraham.

The second event went to three games - Leitha Fraser and Mireille Perron emerged

victorious over Ginnette Vincent and Dan Boyer.

The third event was won by Jolene Trethart and Preston Courchee. They defeated Ariel Whitehill and Dan Cure.

For an evening of fun and exercise join us in the courts, at Pine Falls School, Wednesday and Sunday evenings at 7:00 p.m.


Special Christmas "Tree of Lights"

The Pine Falls District Health Care Foundation Inc. was created to support hospitals, personal care homes, ambulance services and other non-profit charitable, educational and cultural organizations. It is the mandate of the foundation to assist in maintaining and promoting the good health for all the residents served in this area. The work of the foundation is accomplished through donations from the community.

Honour the memory of a deceased loved one this Christmas season on the Pine Falls Health Complex's Special "Tree of Lights"

This special tribute will enable interested persons to acknowledge their memories by purchasing a light (\$10.00 per name) on this tree, while providing donation funds for the foundation. A tax deductible receipt will be issued to all donors.

Interested person can contact the reception desk at the hospital or send their donations to **The Pine Falls District Health Care Foundation Inc., Box 2000, Pine Falls, MB R0E 1M0**



Need help navigating unfamiliar roads

by Mary Ann Haddad

There is a great deal of concern regarding the use of drugs and alcohol among young teens, as parents, how do we manage to keep our children going in the right direction.

There is excellent information available during Manitoba Addictions Awareness Week dealing with some suggestion for parents and youth.

Making decisions on alcohol

and drug use: Strategies for parents and teens.

Lead by example: show self-respect in taking care of your health, and in your use of leisure time and drugs, especially alcohol. Discuss your own challenges and struggles to make healthy choices. Self-respect is closely tied to life skills. The more skills we have to handle life's challenges, the greater our self-esteem.

Communicate: talk with your teen, not at them. Talk honestly and openly, encourage them to express their views, and actively listen.

Get the facts: get accurate, current facts on drugs and objectively help your teen understand them. Don't bluff or employ scare tactics. Learn from the experiences of other parents by talking to them and by reading.

Express values: help your teen

make sense of lifestyles that they see on television, and on the news, and the community. Discuss the meaningful, realistic and important values that you share.

Make choices: give them the chance to make choices suitable to their age level, and let them know it's normal to have problems, and make choices to solve them. Ensure that they consider the consequences of their choices.

Focus on learning: help your children develop learning skills so they can apply their successes and failures to new goals that are neither too tough, nor too easy. Be an active learner yourself, and avoid acting like you know all there is to know. Where you can, work to find answers together.

Make rules: establish clear, reasonable, and safe rules in consultation with your teen, follow up on them, and be ready to overhaul the rules as your children mature. Be clear and allow logical and natural consequences of both appropriate and inappropriate behaviour to occur.

Be there: encourage and participate in a variety of activities with them, and help them reflect on their learning experiences, difficulties and achievements, and benefits. Positive reinforcement is always good practice.

Be reasonable: put yourself in your teen's shoes when dealing with them. Remember how you felt back when you were in their position. This could allow you insight on their behaviour and feelings and enable you to address the issue reasonably



WINGS OF POWER

Dealing with the problem, if you become aware that your child is using alcohol or drugs, try to stop and think carefully about how you will react and deal with the problem. Consider the following steps. Plan your discussion and wait until you are calm, and for an appropriate moment to do so. If your teen is under influence, it's best to wait until the effects wear off.

Address the problem. Try to begin by being calm, but firmly expressing your awareness of the use and your concern. Ask how your teen feels about it. Reject the behaviour, not the child. Deal with the real point of the conflict.

Respect the consequences. Choices made with knowledge of the consequences pave the way to responsibility. Seeing that teens should be held responsible for their actions, they should justify any unauthorized absences from school or poor grades; pay or work off their own debts, and otherwise make good any loss that they caused as a result of the problem.

- from the Manitoba Addictions Awareness Week promotion

Ask your Pharmacist

Thyroid disorders

If the human body could be compared to a house, then the thyroid gland is certainly the thermostat. But not just any thermostat. This one influences everything from body temperature, to growth and fertility, to the conversion of food to energy. There are two major disorders that can affect the thyroid: hyperthyroidism and hypothyroidism.

Hyperthyroidism occurs when the thyroid gland produces too much thyroid hormone. Symptoms might include weight loss, increased appetite, nervousness, heat intolerance, fast heart rate, shakiness, weakness or tiredness.

Hyperthyroidism is generally treated with anti-thyroid drugs, such as propylthiouracil or methimazole. Iodine treatment or surgery to remove part of the thyroid gland may sometimes be required.

Hypothyroidism occurs when the thyroid gland produces too little thyroid hormone. About 3% of the population have hypothyroidism, and it is more common in women. Sufferers usually feel weak, sluggish and always tired. In addition, symptoms might include goitre (a swelling in the front of the neck), constipation, weight gain, dry skin, hoarse voice, puffiness of the face, and intolerance to cold weather. Sometimes the symptoms are not evident and hypothyroidism is picked up by a blood test. Treatment for hypothyroidism is with a thyroid hormone supplement, usually with the drug levothyroxine (also called thyroxine, Synthroid or Eltroxin).

Levothyroxine is generally taken as a tablet once a day. The drug starts to work within 48 hours, however it may take sev-

eral weeks before its full beneficial effects are felt. You should take your dose at the same time each day; if you miss a dose, take it as soon as you remember. If it is almost time for your next dose, skip the missed dose and go back to your regular schedule. Generally this medication is maintained for life. Never stop taking the drug without checking with your doctor first.

Side effects are not common with levothyroxine and are usually the result of too high a dose. If you experience chest pain, increased heart rate, excessive sweating or any other unusual signs or symptoms, report these to your physician at once. Levothyroxine can, however, interact with many other drugs, including some for asthma, epilepsy, depression, heart disease and contraception. Always tell your pharmacist and physician if you are taking other medications.

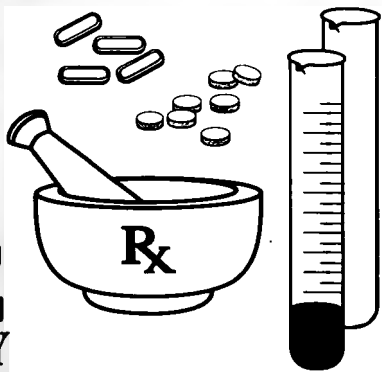
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Health concerns? Consider homeopathy and ear candling

Homeopathy is a system of natural medicines which uses plants, minerals or animal extracts in small doses to get rid of or cure chronic or acute illness. Homeopathic medicines, used in small quantities, may aid people experi-

encing health concerns to eliminate symptoms or remove a condition permanently. Homeopathic medicines are safe and produce no known side effects. They save on medical costs and are FDA approved. Ear candling is a peaceful

and relaxing method of lessening or getting rid of ear aches, sinus problems, headaches, ear infections, loss of hearing and more. It is a natural method that is used widely in Europe, Asia, India, China, Egypt and is part of the training for medi-

cal doctors in Germany. Today, a lot of misinformation about ear candling exists. Come learn the facts.

A presentation on ear candling and homeopathy is planned for December 3 in Lac du Bonnet. Plan to attend and learn how they can help you in your life.

Doctor of Homeopathy Philippe Desilets and Cindy

Reimann, certified in ear candling and nutrition, will be giving a presentation at 7:00 p.m. in Lac du Bonnet December 3. Plan to attend this presentation to find out more about homeopathy or ear candling. Refreshments will be served. There is no admission, but you must call for location confirmation and to reserve your seat 268-3235.

'Seize the moment' friend

ECHOES FROM THE **H** Heart

I have a friend who lives by a three-word philosophy "Seize the moment." Just possibly, she may be the wisest woman on this planet.

Too many people put off something that brings them joy just because they haven't thought about it, don't have it on their schedule, didn't know it was coming or are too rigid to depart from their routine.

I got to thinking one day about all those women on the Titanic who passed up dessert at dinner that fateful night in an effort to cut back.

From then on, I've tried to be a little more flexible.

How many women out there will eat at home because their husband didn't suggest going out to dinner until after something had been thawed? Does the word "refrigeration" mean nothing to you?

How often have your kids dropped in to talk and sat in silence while you watched Jeopardy! On television?

I cannot count the times I called my sister and said, "How about going to lunch in a half hour?" She would gasp and stammer, "I can't. I have clothes on the line. My hair is dirty. I wish I had known yesterday, I had a late breakfast, it looks like rain. And my personal favorite "It's Monday". She died a few years ago. We never did have lunch together.

Because we cram so much into our lives, we tend to schedule our headaches. We live on a sparse diet of promises we make to ourselves when all the conditions are perfect: We'll go back and visit the grandparents when we get Stevie toilet-trained.

We'll entertain-when we replace the living-room carpet.

We'll go on a second honeymoon when we get two more kids out of college.

Life has a way of accelerating as we get older. The days get shorter, and the list of promises to ourselves gets longer. One morning, we awaken, and all we have to show for our lives is a litany of "I'm going to", "I plan on" and "Someday, when things are settled down a bit".

When anyone calls my 'seize the moment' friend, she is open to adventure and available for trips. She keeps an open mind on new ideas. Her enthusiasm for life is contagious. You talk with her for five minutes, and you're ready to trade your bad feet for a pair of rollerblades and skip an elevator for a bungee cord.

My lips have not touched ice cream in ten years. I love ice cream. It's just that I might as well apply it directly to my hips with a spatula and eliminate the digestive process. The other day, I stopped the car and bought a

triple-decker. If my car had hit an iceberg on the way home, I would have died happy.

Now... go on and have a nice day. Do something you want to... not something on your 'should do' list.

If you were going to die soon and had only one phone call you could make, who would you call and what would you say? And why are you waiting?

Have you ever watched kids playing on a merry go round or listened to the rain lapping on the ground?

Ever followed a butterfly's erratic flight or gazed at the sun into the fading night?

When the day is done, do you lie in your bed with the next hundred chores running through your head?

Ever told your child, we'll do it tomorrow and in your haste, not see his sorrow? When you run so fast to get somewhere you miss half the fun of getting there.

Do you run through each day on the fly? When you ask "How are you?" do you hear the reply?

Life is not a race.

Pine Falls Community Billboard

Fort Alexander Health Centre: Diabetes Clinic 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. every Tuesday. Blood sugar check, nutritional counselling, phone 367-2208.

PACE 1-1375: meets first Tuesday of the month. Chicken Chef. Powerview meeting room.

Prenatal classes: held regularly at Pine Falls. Please register with Gail 268-6106 or call your local public health nurse.

Library Allard: Tuesday 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. and 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Friday 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Saturday 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Beaches Library: Tuesday 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., Thursday 4:00 to 8:00 p.m., Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Knights of Columbus: meetings every second Tuesday of the month 7:30 p.m. Powerview Church basement.

Silver Haven Club: cribbage every fourth and fifth Monday 1:30 p.m., whist every Thursday 1:30 p.m.

Pine Falls Health Auxiliary: meetings first Tuesday of every month 1:30 p.m.

Cottage Country Business Assoc.: meets first Monday of the month 7:00 p.m. October through May, phone 756-2596.

Alcoholics Anonymous: Sunrise Group meetings every Monday, Wednesday and Friday 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., last Friday of the month open to the public, at St. Georges Catholic Church basement.

Pine Falls Legion: meetings held second Thursday of the month 7:30 p.m. Legion, meat rallies held at Legion on Fridays 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Pine Falls Masonic Lodge #154: meets second Friday of every month, Pine Falls United Church, except January and February.

Badminton: Pine Falls School gym, Sunday and Wednesday nights 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Powerview garbage pickup: every Wednesday, recyclable pickup first and third Thursday of each month.

PAA: meeting first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Village of Powerview: meets second Tuesday of each month.

Winnipeg River Senior Service Inc. Coordinator Tina Polischuk, Pine Falls Health Complex, phone 367-9128, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday to Friday.

Services: transportation, home maintenance, foot care, volunteer help, info.

Family Care Giver Support Groups: at the United Church, Pine Falls, last Thursday of the month 7:00 p.m.

AA & Al-Anon: The Beaches family group, Thursday 8:00 p.m., Senior Scene, Victoria Beach, 1 Ateah Road 756-8018 or 756-2101.

Happy Tots Day Care: 367-2601, board meetings last Monday of each month 7:00 p.m. at the daycare.

Senior Scene Inc. #1 Ateah Rd., Victoria Beach: General meetings second Tuesday of the month, 756-6468 for more info.

Mental Health Support Group: meets second Wednesday of the month 7:00 p.m. Wings of Power office.

Beaches HELP Centre (seniors service): 756-6471, Wednesday 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., Friday 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Powerview Parent Advisory Council: meets first Thursday of every month.

Great Falls Hall workers: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Pine Falls Library: open 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday and Thursday.

Call The Echo 367-9468 to list your community event FREE OF CHARGE

Winnipeg River Church Services

NOTRE DAME DU LAUS: Powerview, Saturday evening 7:30 p.m. (English), Sunday 10:00 a.m. (English); Stead, Sunday 12:00 noon.

PINE FALLS UNITED CHURCH: Sunday service 11:00 a.m. Bonita E. Garrett, Minister, Church 367-2633 or Cell 754-7220. Everyone Welcome.

PINE FALLS ANGLICAN CHURCH OF THE ADVENT: Ph. 367-8347. Rector, the Rev. Brian Rountree. Sunday Service at 9:00 a.m.

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

ST. GEORGES: Mass Sunday at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

ST. JUDE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH: Grand Marais, Holy Eucharist - second and fourth Sundays, 11:00 a.m. Morning prayer 11:00 a.m. - first, third and fifth Sundays.

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH: Thalgberg, 1 mile east and 1 mile south of Junction #12 and #304. St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Greenwood on Hwy. #12, 1 1/2 miles north of junction with #17. Sunday church school 10:00 a.m., worship 11:00 a.m. (alternate locations). For info, call 635-2625 or 754-8682.

CHRISTIAN FAITH FELLOWSHIP: Bible study 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, church service 10:30 a.m. Sunday school 10:00 a.m.

HOUSE OF PRAYER, FULL GOSPEL: 2:30 p.m. every Sunday, Scantterbury, on Hwy. #59.

ST. MARGUERITE R.C. MISSION: Pitt Road - Traverse Bay, 11:30 a.m. Sunday additional mass mid-June through Labour Day 7:30 p.m. Saturday. Closed November 1 to April 30th.

ST. ALEXANDER R.C. CHURCH: located at Sagkeeng First Nations, Sunday mass 10:00 a.m.

ST. THERESA R.C. MISSION: #8 Glenvale Avenue, Grand Marais, Mass 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon first Sunday of November to last Sunday of April. May through October mass 10:00 a.m. Sunday.

North Eastman Health Association Inc.
Invites you to attend a
Christmas Memories
Bereavement Evening

December 4, 7:00 p.m., Pine Falls Sunnywood Manor

December 5, 7:00 p.m., Oakbank Kin Place Personal Care Home

December 6, 7:00 p.m., Beausejour East Gate Lodge Personal Care Home

December 10, 7:00 p.m., Whitemouth Whitemouth Personal Care Home

December 11, 7:00 p.m., Lac du Bonnet Lac du Bonnet Personal Care Home

Please bring a Christmas ornament to hang on our "Memory Tree" in remembrance of your loved one

For further information call Cheryl, Regional Palliative Care Coordinator at 1-204-753-3147

Library Corner

Lac du Bonnet Regional Library



A bit of potpourri for this week's library column: we have books on the war years, a book about Bin Laden, a wee bit of Christmas and several new titles about business and technology!

Marching As to War: Canada's Turbulent Years 1899-1953 is Pierre Berton's newest published work. This page-turning story of Canada's four wars spans three continents and includes a cast of extraordinary characters.

Bin Laden: The Man Who

Declared War on America by Yossef Bodansky was first published in 1999, and updated in 2001. This title speaks for itself - there has been and continues to be so much about terrorism in the news. If you are interested in learning more about the man behind the events, this book is now ready for circulation at the library.

Christmas is a happier topic to introduce... **Christmas Doughcrafts** by Elisabeth Bang guides you through 130 original salt dough projects.

Carols for Christmas has been compiled and arranged by David Willocks. The carols and Christmas hymns contained in this book have become popular over the years and have stood the test of time.

"Imagine a year without Christmas. No crowded malls, no corny office parties, no fruitcakes, no unwanted presents". **Skipping Christmas** is the title of John Grisham's newest book, a "classic tale for modern times... he offers a hilarious look at the chaos and frenzy that have become part of our holiday tradition". You'd better get your name on the reserve list!

On to business and technology - we have a great new selection of current information available: **Canadian Securities Exam - Fast-track Study Guide** by Sean Clary is a quick-review tool that covers all the basics you need to pass the exam. **B2B and Beyond: New Business Models Built on Trust** is written by Harry B. DeMaio, a firm director specializing in secure e-business technology within Deloitte & Touche's Enterprise Risk Services Practice. We also have **Office XP: The Complete Reference** by Stephen L. Nelson ready for loan. Read about "the making of the Sony PlayStation and the visionaries who conquered the world of video games" in **Revolutionaries at Sony** by Reiji Asakura. **Food for Thought** by Jean Blacklock brings estate planning to life. **How to Do Everything with HTML** by James H. Pence is written in an easy-to-understand format designed to help anyone who's even thought about creating a web page.

How parents can encourage girls to play sports

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

There are many ways parents can encourage their daughters to participate and be active. There are a few examples: photograph your daughter being active; actively support your daughter's involvement in physical activity; take your daughter to the park and be active with her; be an active role model. Mom's participation in sport increases her child's participation rate by 22%; emphasize fun and fitness rather than competition and slimness; introduce your daughter to an active woman; plan active vacations and weekend excursions.

Source: Marg McGregor

Hallwalking: Are you finding it a little too chilly to walk outside? Don't like walking in the evenings when it is so dark out? I have the place for you!

Monday to Friday from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. there is hallwalking at the Lac du Bonnet Senior School. No need to sign up, just drop by! And in Pinawa you can walk the quad around the library/community centre at Pinawa Secondary School weekdays from 3:35 to 8:00 p.m.

Square dancing: My square dancers remind me that every Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. at the Pinawa Lutheran Church is square dancing time. All are welcome!

Winter activities: What would you like to do this winter to become winter active? I am planning the winter programming guide as we speak so if you would like to see something offered, please give me a call at 345 8816 or email reccomm@granite.mb.ca.

Processing food safety

Cornerstone

Marilyn Zarecki, Home Economist
Manitoba Agriculture and Food, Beausejour, 268-6015
e-mail: mzarecki@agr.gov.mb.ca

If you have a food related business (jams, jellies, pickles, honey) you might like to take advantage of this workshop being held November 27 at Smitty's Restaurant in Selkirk. The registration includes one-day instruction, a workshop manual, lunch and coffee breaks, as well as a certificate of achievement upon comple-

tion of the workshop.

What is FoodSTEPS: Processing Food Safety?
Processing Food Safely is the first training course designed specifically to help beginning, small and medium-sized food processors address their responsibilities for the safety and quality of food products.

What can this training do for your business? Assist in producing high quality, safe food products. Provide a networking opportunity with other food processors and regulators. Employee training. Workshop topics include: the three R's of food processing - responsibilities, roles and regulations; basics of food microbiology; a food safe building/room; the safe food handler; methods of food processing; documentation as a key to operating a successful food business; methods of cleaning and sanitizing; pest control; and working towards HACCP (Hazard Analysis Critical Control Points).

For more information or to register, please call Michael Sykes at 785-5012.

When it comes to food products, you can never be too safe.

Lac du Bonnet Community Billboard

Health Concerns? Guest speakers on homeopathy and ear candling. Monday, December 3, 7:00 p.m. in Lac du Bonnet. Call 268-3235 to book your seat.

Cooking for better health. Lose weight, gain energy and prevent illness. Classes begin for every five people registered. Cindy Reimann, certified in nutrition, call 268-2168.

Lac du Bonnet Pioneer Club Bake Sale: Saturday, November 24, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Community Access Program: Learn how to use email. Saturday, November 24, 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., New Directions School, 40 Park Avenue, Lac du Bonnet. For more info call 345-2867.

Community Access Program: Make your own Christmas cards, December 1 or 8, 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., New Directions School, 40 Park Avenue, Lac du Bonnet. For more info call 345-2867.

PACE 7-1375: meets first Tuesday of the month, Chicken Chef, Powerview meeting room.

Sit and Be Fit exercise class: Thursdays, Lac du Bonnet Pioneer Club, 1:00 p.m.

Prenatal classes: held regularly at Lac du Bonnet. Please register with Gail 268-6106 or call your local public health nurse.

Lac du Bonnet Lions Club meets the first and third Monday of each month, 7:00 p.m., LdB Community Centre.

Lac du Bonnet Regional Library open Tues and Thurs, 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.; Wed and Fri, noon to 4:30 p.m.; Sat, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., ph. 345-2651.

Great Falls Women's Institute meets first Wednesday each month 7:00 p.m. Great Falls Hall. Pat 367-2586, Leone 367-8569.

Ladies' Auxiliary Royal Canadian Legion Branch #164 meets first Tuesday of the month 7:30 p.m. Legion Hall.

LdB Committee on Family Violence and Abuse meets second Tuesday of every month 7:00 p.m. Contact person 345-2664.

Royal Canadian Legion Branch #164 general meetings third Tuesday of each month 7:30 p.m. Legion Hall.

Horicultural Society meets second Tuesday of every month 7:00 p.m., Centennial School.

To list your community event FREE OF CHARGE CALL 345-9896

Lac du Bonnet Church Directory

ABUNDANT LIFE CHAPEL
Pastor Jeff Andrews, church 345-2534, home 345-1950
Sunday: 10:30 a.m. - morning worship (children's church during service); 7:00 p.m. - hymn and prayer

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS
Church/office 345-8654
Sunday: 11:00 a.m. - worship service

NOTRE DAME CATHOLIC CHURCH
Father Richard Wachura, 345-2900
Lac du Bonnet, 5:00 p.m. - Saturday mass; 11:00 a.m. Sunday mass
Pinawa (senior school); 9:15 a.m. - Sunday mass

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Rev. Brian Rantree 367-8615, church 345-2357
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Blues and Paper Kings go '0' for the weekend



by Stu Evans

The Lac du Bonnet Blues and Pine Falls Paper Kings both hit the

road this past Friday night but unfortunately forgot to pack the defensive part of their games as both teams were sent home with a rather severe spanking.

The Blues were in Warren losing their second game of the season to the Merces by a 7-2 margin. The story of this game was a melt-down in the third period by the Blues from their blue line to their goal line.

Warren held period leads of

1-0 and 3-1 before they exploded for four goals in the final frame to send the dog to the pound. Joel Henzel scored both markers for the Blues in a losing cause.

Lunch Box Award

One of the few bright spots for the Blues was the hard work of rookie Brad Scott who hustled all night and stood in tough in front of the Merces net. As such Mr. Scott takes home the Lunch Box Award this week.

All of the Blues will have to bring their boxes to work if they expect to have any success this Friday night at 8:30 p.m. when they play host to the Lake Manitoba Eagles. The Eagles

staved off execution last Thursday night at the league meeting after they were accused of exploiting the three player import rule. Lake Manitoba Chief and Council attended the meeting and assured the league that their roster was within the rules of the league.

With no evidence to prove the contrary, the league ruled that the Eagles can and will play out this season. They admitted to providing financial "incentives" to some of their players in addition to regular gas expenses.

Because of the uncertainty of the Eagles' fortune, the

game that was supposed to be played in Pine Falls on Sunday was cancelled due to non availability of referees outside the Winnipeg Stadium. Were the Bombers playing?

Thrashing

For the Paper Kings that did play in Ashern on Friday they may have felt that they were playing the Bombers as they were one goal short of having two converted touchdowns scored against them in a 13-4 thrashing at the hands of the Hornets.

This one was close until the second period started with the Kings only down 3-2 after one.

Ashern exploded for eight goals in the second as Chris Arns and Clive Hollordson each enjoyed a three goal night. Things evened out in the third but the damage had already been long done.

Scoring for the Paper Kings was Jay Seymour with a pair and singles going to Mark Robinson and Mike Oman.

The Paper Kings host the Beausejour Stars this Friday night at the Pine Falls Arena with the puck dropping at 8:30 p.m.

See next week's Echo for game recaps and other SIH news.

P'tits Loups news

The month of October was spent creating many Halloween crafts with my little witches and goblins. They enjoyed drawing and cutting out their little hands which they used to create a fall tree. They also traced their little footprints which are climbing all over the walls of the classroom. They placed lit-

tle ghosts and spiders in their tree. The bulletin boards are covered with little witches each having different expressions on their faces. They painted and decorated their pumpkins and celebrated with a Halloween party October 31. I would like to say a special thank you to Mrs. Ducharme who made each

child a beautiful little trick or treat bag, and to the parents who brought treats for the little monsters.

This month we also learned about zoo animals with Paul and Suzanne. We learned vocabulary for different parts of the body, our favorite toys and various animals.

Pine Falls Ol' Kings support 4P Festival



On behalf of the Pine Falls Ol' Kings, Chick Desautels presents Lori Pachkowsky, secretary of the 4P committee, a cheque for \$1000. The money was raised at this year's Ol' King events during 4P Weekend.

Nouvelles de la Pré maternelle de St. Georges

Le mois d'octobre fut très passionnant pour les petits loups. Ils étaient très occupés à la préparation de l'halloween. Ils ont très bien décoré la classe avec des sorcières dont chacune portait une défférente expression su le visage. Ils ont placé des fantômes dans le bel arbre d'automne qu'ils ont fait si soigneusement avec chacune de leur mains pour le feuillage.

Ils ont peint leur citrouilles et fait de petites araignées qui grimpaient partout su les murs. J'aimerais dire un gros merci à Mme Ducharme qui a fait des beaux sacs d'halloween pour chacun des petits ainsi qu'aux parents qui ont donné des bombons pour remplir les sacs.

Nous avons étudié le thème du zoo tout en apprenant le vocabulaire des animaux. Nous avons aussi regarder le magier photos et appris le vocabulaire de nos jouets préférés. Il ne faut pas oublier le vacabulaire des parties du corpos ainsi que les petites chansons que nous apprenons pour faciliter cet apprent-

issage.

Nous avons aussi jouer au gymnase su les trotinettes avec les cerceaux et les ballons au gymnase. Nous apprenons comment marcher silencieuse-

ment dans le couloir comment écouter et partager avec nos amis. Un gros mercie a tous les parents qui ont vendus des chocolats pour notre prélèvement de fonds.

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will be announced in next week's Echo

Craft sales draw record crowds

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chili, lemon meringue pie and the blueberry surprise.

The reputation of Lac du Bonnet's craft sales have reached ears beyond the Manitoba border. A new vendor with gorgeous shale oil lamps from Keewatin graced us with his presence this year, and shoppers from the Kenora area were also known to have made a

trip to check things out.

If anyone would like any information about this year's vendors or their products, or perhaps how to apply to be a vendor next year, contact Michelle Chudd at 345-8816. She said they are always looking for new products.

Farmers' Market

Angie Arthur, president of the Lac du Bonnet Farmers' Market,

had nothing but excitement in her voice as she explained the enormous prosperity experienced by her vendors at the Farmers' Market craft and bake sale just across the parking lot from the rec district's sale.

The Farmers' Market sale is known as 'the best little craft sale in town' as opposed to the district sale. With just 12 vendors, this event doesn't fall short of quality and supply. With 22 tables heaping with items from scrumptious baking and honey products to elegant quilting and knitting.

"This was our best Christmas sale ever!" Arthur expressed.

Usually, she said, there is a slight lull in traffic around lunch time, but this year, "we were busy from start to finish."

Arthur attributes this success, in part, to customers who are familiar with their products. The Farmers' Market is set up in downtown Lac du Bonnet every Saturday throughout the summer.

"We had a lot of our summer time customers coming out for the

sale," she said. "You know when they stop at your table, what they're going to buy. A lot."

The Farmers Market has been hosting their sale for 11 years now, but this is the third year it has been held on the same day as the rec district's.

"We've found what works. This works having in all on the same day. Since we've had it on the same day our sale have been up."

The Farmers Market keeps track of all sales and their treasurer reported well over \$5,000 was taken in. Their best sales ever.

"For only 12 vendors, that's pretty darn good," Arthur said.

"It was just a super, super day. We're really impressed," she added.

"The best little craft sale in town' supplies delicious complimentary apple cider and munchies which, according to Arthur, goes over extremely well.

Next year it is hoped to be bigger and better and Arthur says

new vendors are always welcome especially those supplying seasonal vegetables, "because vegetables are so popular". She also said that they currently only have one vendor who supplies homemade bread and that is the type of thing people are always looking for.

Anyone interested in the vendors of the Lac du Bonnet Farmers' Market, their products or becoming a summer-long vendor themselves, can call Angie Arthur at 345-8060.

Next year

The success of our local craft sales is fantastic and really great for the area because people are coming to visit the whole area, making a day or weekend out of it. The entire community is benefiting.

Congratulations to everyone involved - a job well done. We look forward to seeing growth in your events, and ultimately growth and strength in our community. See you next year!



Jennifer Williams 'couldn't help but be excited about the bright colors and all the CHOCOLATE on this vendor's table! She was especially keen on these.... false teeth?!

Lac du Bonnet RCMP detachment report

The following constitutes the police report for the Lac du Bonnet detachment for the period of November 8 to 15.

November 8: A report was received of subjects on the roof of a residence on Leslie Avenue in Lac du Bonnet. Police attended, but could find no evidence of anyone having been on the roof.

A report was received of an intrusion alarm at a financial institution in Lac du Bonnet. Po-

lice attended and ascertained that it was a false alarm.

November 9: A report was received of a school bus having been passed while stopped with lights activated on PR 502. Investigation being carried out with a view to charge the offending driver.

A report was received of a vehicle being damaged by a hit and run driver while parked on Park Avenue in Lac du Bonnet. The suspect vehicle is described as a

newer red Chrysler which looks like an older model vehicle.

November 10: A report was received of an adult male leaving his residence and taking a number of items, including an item he was not apparently entitled to take.

An adult male was checked at a location in Lac du Bonnet and found to be subject of a warrant to arrest from Winnipeg River detachment. Subject was arrested and released for court.

A report was received of youths throwing tree branches onto the street in Pinawa. Police patrolled and youth and branches gone.

A report was received from a resident of the RM of Lac du Bonnet of being contacted via phone in contravention of a non-molestation order. Investigation continuing.

November 11: A report was received of an adult male missing from a residence on Black

Bear Crescent in the RM of Lac du Bonnet after having gone for a walk. The subject returned to his residence while police were enroute.

A report was received of an intrusion alarm on Anderson Road in the RM of Alexander. Found to be a false alarm.

November 12: A report was received of noise at a residence on Poplar Avenue in Great Falls. Police attended and all was quiet.

A report was received of a single vehicle injury accident on PR 313 in the RM of Lac du Bonnet. The driver, an adult male, was taken to Pinawa Hospital with non life-threatening injuries.

A report was received from a licenced premises in Lac du Bonnet of a counterfeit bill received on Saturday afternoon.

A report was received from a residence on McIntosh in Lac du Bonnet of having beer bottles thrown against a window on the residence and breaking same.

November 13: A report was received of an outside light cover being broken at the Lac du Bonnet Senior School, with a beer bottle broken in the same area of the school.

November 15: A report was received of a single-vehicle roll over on PR 211 in the LGD of Pinawa. The single male occupant received non life-threatening injuries and was checked at Pinawa Hospital.

Winnipeg River RCMP report

The following constitutes the police report for the Winnipeg River detachment for the period of November 10 to 15:

November 10: Two people attended the RCMP office reporting a male being beaten up down the street. Police attended general area and after a short search located the victim badly beaten. The ambulance attended and the victim was transported to hospital. A suspect has been identified and is presently facing a charge of aggravated assault. Alcohol related. Matter is still under investigation.

A resident of Seymourville returned home after being away for the afternoon and early evening to find that his home had been broken into. The only thing taken was beer.

Within minutes of this first call, RCMP received a complaint of mischief having been done to the Seymourville community hall and rink. Four possible suspects

have been identified and police are continuing their investigation.

While police were attending to the mischief call at Seymourville, another complaint was received of another break and enter at a residence. One subject was arrested and charged, further suspects identified and matter is still under investigation.

November 11: Police were requested to attend at the Papertown Hotel at 1:00 a.m. to help with three patrons. When police arrived on suspect became very combative towards members. One suspect is now facing criminal and liquor control act charges.

Members were called out to a residence at Sagkeeng about a possible break and enter. Investigation has since revealed that a family member had come home without a key and broken a window to come in.

Members were called to the north shore area of Sagkeeng on

a call of fight in progress on the road. Immediate patrol to area, all subjects were gone.

A report of an impaired driver at Sagkeeng, patrol made, no vehicle located.

A call was received of an intoxicated male found passed out in sunroom of the Pineview Manor. Police attended and took the subject home.

November 12: MTS operator reported a hangup on a call requesting RCMP phone number. With help of MTS the caller was identified. Police attended residence at Victoria Beach.

A resident of Pine Street in Pine Falls reported damage to passenger door of his vehicle.

A report was received that all four tires on the Wanipigow School maintenance truck were slashed some time over weekend.

A report was received that a rock had been thrown through lower rear window of school bus parked in mill garage parking lot

over the weekend.

November 13: A call was received of damage to window of vehicle parked on Baie Caron in St. Georges.

To date no witnesses have come forward with any suspects to the above four mentioned incidents.

A call was received that canteen in Seymourville council office had been broken into. Matter under investigation.

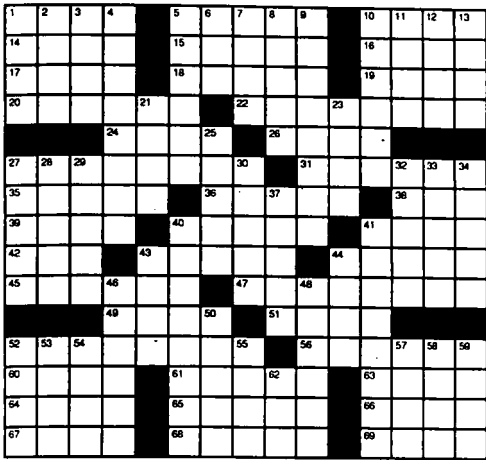
November 15: A call was received that a 1984 red Chev Camaro (Manitoba licence #BWW 621), had been stolen from the south shore of Sagkeeng.

Police are again reminding the public to take due care when parking their vehicles for the night. While we don't endorse any particular make and model, a steering column 'club' is a great deterrent to auto theft.



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CALL 1-800-782-8477

WEEKLY CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- 1. Wound mark
- 5. Stockholm native
- 10. Which thing
- 14. Loose run
- 15. Roof edges
- 16. Hawaiian dance
- 17. _____ Guinness
- 18. Build

19. By mouth

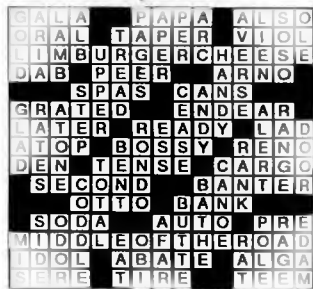
- 20. Foot levers
- 22. Morphine
- 24. Jacob's wife
- 26. Closed circle
- 27. Swelled with air
- 31. Matthew or Luke
- 35. Ram constellation
- 36. Make merry

- 38. Samuel's teacher
- 39. Beach soil
- 40. Adult female
- 41. Legume
- 42. Summer (Fr.)
- 43. Facial cavity
- 44. A la _____
- 45. Signify
- 47. Disease recurrences
- 49. Become tedious
- 51. Clan
- 52. Protected
- 56. Horse sounds
- 60. Ireland
- 61. Vine-covered
- 63. Jerusalem
- 64. Largest 1 digit number
- 65. Impudence
- 66. Other
- 67. Fortune-teller
- 68. Avarice
- 69. Appointment

- 12. Jai _____
- 13. Powder
- 21. Lion constellation natives
- 23. Chilly
- 25. Wading bird
- 27. Founded
- 28. Angry
- 29. Sheet
- 30. Object
- 32. Equals
- 33. Make glad
- 34. Rows of print
- 37. Flower holders
- 40. Handling

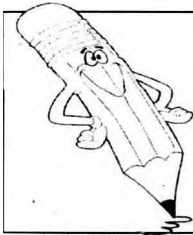
- 41. Sanctified with water
- 43. Comedian Laurel
- 44. Shoulder covering
- 46. Can unlocker
- 48. Loaned
- 50. Crowbar
- 52. Lairs
- 53. Great Lake
- 54. Cash penalty
- 55. Dreadful
- 57. _____ monster: lizard
- 58. Multitude
- 59. Dagger
- 62. Adam's mate

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS



DOWN

- 1. Strike open-handed
- 2. Nat King _____
- 3. Mimicked
- 4. Remembered
- 5. Playground device
- 6. Armed conflict
- 7. Smooth
- 8. Sticker
- 9. Female hormone
- 10. War cries
- 11. Injured



CRYPTIC PUZZLE

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

"GEE PQH BHJGRX APRJ FHQJ - TC SJ
KGIJ FKJ APQHGNIJ FP VQHXYJ FKJR."

-SGEF BTXLJW

Last Week's Solution

IT'S YOUR ATTITUDE NOT YOUR
APTITUDE WHICH DETERMINES YOUR
ALTITUDE IN LIFE..

-UNKNOWN

WEEKLY ECHO HOROSCOPE

for the week of
November 19 to November 25

Aries - March 21 to April 20

Don't let a close friend discourage you from meeting your goals. He/she is envious of your current situation, and that makes him/her even more green when it comes to your future. Instead, lead with your heart and listen to your head.



Taurus - April 21 to May 21

Be frugal this week. It's certainly not the time to go off the deep end when it comes to spending. Your friends are not expecting big, luxurious gifts. They would rather you give from the heart. Your extravagance makes them feel uncomfortable.



Gemini - May 22 to June 21

Lifestyle changes could bring extra tension. There's no turning back on this one - you'll just have to face it and move ahead. The best thing is that those around you will be more understanding and supportive than you ever thought possible.



Cancer - June 22 to July 22

A certain obligation may seem to be holding you back. Find a way to work around it, and you'll be able to get duties and extracurricular activities done. Plan on spending time with a sibling or child this weekend. Keep your promises.



Leo - July 23 to August 23

Expanding your ideas and ideals should be the goal of your week. You'll gain a lot with travel, reading or study. Don't let your location hold you back. Instead, put your resourcefulness and ingenuity to use. You can expand your future.



Virgo - August 24 to September 22

Lashing out is not the answer. It is very important that you keep your temper under control. Remember what happened the last time you "lost it." This is not the week to blow your diet. With the holidays right around the corner, it's best to wait.



Libra - September 23 to October 23

Serious problems are hounding a close personal friend. That means he/she is behaving very out of character. It's best if you didn't make certain decisions this week concerning him/her. And you'll want to stay open-minded about the personality change.



Scorpio - October 24 to November 22

Be patient. The answer may come from a very unlikely source, such as a competitor. Once you figure things out, you'll be so glad your patience paid off. Maybe you ought to try being patient about other events and people, too.



Sagittarius - November 23 to December 21

Your motto this week is "The only thing worse than a bad decision is indecision." Remember it throughout the week at home and at work. Make up your mind, then stick to it. Even if you're wrong, don't apologize - go on.



Capricorn - December 22 to January 20

You'll have a deeper understanding and heightened awareness of everything around you this week, so this may not be the greatest time to get involved in some emotional projects. Hold off on those until you have your emotions under control.



Aquarius - January 21 to February 18

Don't settle for second best - it will only cause you problems in the future. A few more dollars now will be well worth your time, effort and stress later. You may find that a distant relative needs your support and understanding.



Pisces - February 19 to March 20

You can find an escape route if you really want out. Be patient and do some planning, and you will find doors opening to you. You may be facing financial difficulties in the not-too-distant future. You can overcome the problems.



NOTICE OF HEARING BY THE MUNICIPAL BOARD OF MANITOBA

RE: OBJECTIONS TO PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW NO. 07/01 OF THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ALEXANDER BOARD FILE NO. 01B3-0006

TAKE NOTICE that The Municipal Board has received objections with respect to Zoning By-law No. 07/01 of the Rural Municipality of Alexander, and has scheduled **Wednesday, December 5, 2001 at 10:00 a.m. in the Rural Municipality of Alexander Council Chambers, PTH No. 11, St. Georges, Manitoba**, for the purpose of hearing the objections and the representations of any person given on his or her own behalf or on behalf of another.

The Zoning By-law proposes to amend By-law No. 8/98 being the Rural Municipality of Alexander Zoning By-law, as amended, as follows:

1. DEFINITIONS
Section 1.2 Definitions is hereby amended by adding a definition respecting *Temporary Building Use or Structure* to mean a removable building, use or structure permitted on a temporary basis during construction.

2. GENERAL REGULATIONS APPLYING TO ALL ZONES
Section 3.3 Temporary Buildings and Uses is hereby amended by adding that a Temporary accommodation shall be limited to a travel trailer as defined by By-Law 8/98 and shall not be used as temporary accommodation unless it complies with the Manitoba Building Code for residential purposes and that temporary buildings, uses and structures must be constructed, erected and/or replaced in such a manner that they can be removed upon completion of construction.

3. ADMINISTRATION
Section 2.14 Fee Schedule is amended by amending the fee for:

Conditional Use Order at: \$250.00 each plus disbursements
Variation Order at: \$250.00 each plus disbursements

4. RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT ZONE-APPLYING TO ALL RD ZONES
Section 10.3.2, Table XVI "RD" Resource Development Zone Use and Bulk Table is amended by deleting the conditional use "Race Tracks" and all applicable requirements and by adding the following conditional use and bulk regulations:

Home Occupations; Outdoor Entertainment Facility such as, but not limited to Outdoor concert, Music festival and theatre site; Race Tracks for horses, automobiles, motorcycles, snowmobiles and other motorized vehicles.

5. GENERAL AGRICULTURAL ZONE-APPLYING TO ALL A-80 ZONES
Section 11.3.2, Table XVII "A80" General Agricultural Zone Use and Bulk Table is amended by deleting the conditional use "Race Tracks" and all applicable requirements and by adding the following conditional use and bulk regulations:

Home Occupations; Outdoor Entertainment Facility such as, but not limited to Outdoor concert, Music festival and theatre site; Horse Race Tracks; Race Tracks for automobiles, motorcycles, snowmobiles and other motorized vehicles.

6. LIMITED AGRICULTURAL ZONE-APPLYING TO ALL A-40 ZONES
Section 11.3.2, Table XVII "A40" Limited Agricultural Zone Use and Bulk Table is amended by adding the following conditional use and bulk regulations:

Outdoor Entertainment Facility such as, but not limited to Outdoor concert, Music festival and theatre site; Horse Race Tracks; Race Tracks for automobiles, motorcycles, snowmobiles and other motorized vehicles.

7. Area affected for parts 1, 2, and 3 above shall be all of the R.M. of Alexander. Area affected for parts 4, 5, and 6 above shall be all lands currently zoned "RD" Resource Development Zone, "A80" Zone General Agricultural Zone and "A40" Limited Agricultural Zone.

In addition, the Board requires that any party who intends to submit as evidence at the hearing any written material or other documents, shall file four (4) copies of that material with the Board and one (1) copy with the Municipality for public review, at least 10 working days prior to the hearing.

DATED at St. Georges, in Manitoba, this 31st day of October, 2001.

Rose Gibbons Secretary The Municipal Board 1144-363 Broadway Winnipeg, MB R3C 3N9 Phone: (204) 945-4014	Rose-Marie Blanchette Chief Administrative Officer Rural Municipality of Alexander PTH No. 11 St. Georges, MB R0E 1V0 Phone: (204) 367-6170
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1997 Arctic Cat ZR 440, CanAm racer, only 297 miles, "nuts", 2001 leather arctic cat suit never worn, package deal, \$5985, call Peter at 268-1450. 24 118

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For Sale or Rent

In Powerview rent to own - commercial residential property. Spacious 3 bdrm. home with business in front. House has been re-painted inside and out, hardwood floors in living room and kitchen. Large treed lot. For more info call Marlene 367-2398. 22-118

House for sale or rent - 2 bdrm. house for rent or sale in the Powerview area. Call 367-8232.

For Rent

Suite for Rent - In Powerview. If interested please call for details 367-4875. 24 118

Small house for rent - 67 Cedar Street, Lac du Bonnet. phone 345-2414. 26 118

To Give Away

Puppies to give away - Adorable! Nine to choose from, ready this weekend. ph. 345-8724.

Business Opportunity

Business opportunity - Well established lawn maintenance spray business. Large customer base. For more information call 345-9193. 25 24

Miscellaneous

Bankruptcy Info-line - free, confidential. Call 1-800-463-8371. This is a community service offered by L.C. Taylor & Co. Ltd., Trustee in Bankruptcy.

In Memoriam

PETER MIGNON
In memory of our dad, who passed away November 21, 2000.

*Losing you is a heartache that never goes away,
But remembering you is easy,
we do it every day.*

*If all the world were ours to give, we'd give it yes, and more,
To see your loving smile again,
and greet you at our door.*

Lovingly remembered and sadly missed by your daughters Sharon, Pat and Angela

Birth Announcement

WALKER/BERTHELETTE
First son of Jamie and Patsy born on October 25, 2001, weighing 8 lbs., 15 ozs. Very proud grandparents are Flo and John Walker, and Noeline and Andy Berthelette.

Cards of Thanks

A huge thank you is extended to our children Annie, Brigitte, Martin, Kevin, Craig, Austin and Emily, for that wonderful surprise for our 25th anniversary.

We thank all of our friends who were able to join us, and the many friends who sent cards and well wishes on our special day.

Gilles and Francyne Lamoureux

We wish to express our sincere thanks to the many people that have helped us in our time of sorrow.

A special thanks to the Powerview church choir and those who organized it, the Powerview Ladies' Auxiliary, the many people who brought food to our home, and also a thank you to those who helped serve it. We also wish to thank those who brought flowers and sympathy cards and many offerings of help.

We will always remember the love people have shown us by helping us through our saddened times.

The Niedermayer family

HLADKI - The family of the late Doris Hladki would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for the kindness, support and compassion shown during the recent loss of our beloved wife, mother and grandmother.

Sincere thanks to Dr. Oelofse, the nurses and staff of the Pine Falls Health Complex, for their devoted care. Also to Cheryl Smith and Pat Peacock of the palliative care team.

A very special thank you to Father Machura for the beautiful service, the organist Betty Dancyt, and also to Dennis Papaden and Jim Abram for the touching eulogy. And also to Agnes Fiebelkorn for all her help and support during this difficult time.

Thank you to everyone who gave food, cards, flowers and donations to charities on behalf of mom. And Sobering Funeral Chapel for the service, attention and respect shown to all.

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

NOTICE OF OFFICE CLOSURE
The Public is hereby advised that the Regular Meeting of Council scheduled for November 27, 2001, will be held on November 21, 2001 at 1:00 p.m., and that there will be a Regular Meeting of Council held on December 5 at 2:00 p.m., 2001. The Public is also advised that the Administration Office will be closed from December 24, 2001 to January 2, 2002.
BY ORDER OF COUNCIL OF THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ALEXANDER

PUBLIC NOTICE SNOW REMOVAL

The Rural Municipality of Alexander hereby gives notice that any party who deposits snow upon a highway or the shoulders thereof, may be in contravention of Section 217(2) of the Highway Traffic Act, which reads as follows:

A person who drops, throws or deposits upon a highway any substance or thing likely to injure a person, animal, or vehicle shall immediately remove or cause it to be removed.

As the practice of cleaning private lanes and driveways and leaving of snow on the road and/or shoulders creates hazardous driving conditions, the Rural Municipality of Alexander will take whatever action is necessary to enforce the above-mentioned section of the Act.

NB* The term "highway" applies to all roads and streets within the Municipality; both Provincial and Municipal.

Council of the Rural Municipality of Alexander

Email us at
theecho@granite.mb.ca

Obituary

ALEXANDER GEORGE BOULETTE
(Pa Pa - Swamper)

Peacefully at the age of 83 years, Alexander George Boulette (Pa Pa - Swamper) passed away on Saturday, November 10, 2001 at the Charleswood Care Centre in Winnipeg, MB with his loving family at his side. Pa Pa got his wish to be with his loving wife Hilda Marie.

He is survived by his ten children Jeanette Doyle (Paul) of Pine Falls, Alex (Barbara) of St. Cloud, MN, Doreen Besenski (Dennis) of Vonda, SK, Wilmer (Millie) of Manigotagan, Fred (Judy) of Winnipeg, Barry (Emily) of Lac du Bonnet, Deanice Ayers (Clinton) of Manigotagan, Diane Johnson (Stefan) of Beausejour, Henry (Doreen) of Manigotagan, Shannon Baker (Clifford) of Red Lake, ON; 41 grandchildren; 49 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren; three sisters Dod, Dee Dee and Freda; and brother Harry (Lux); as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his loving wife Hilda; and three infant sons; brothers John, Frank, Fred; and his sisters Myrna, Tina, Ruth and Dorothy; as well as grandchildren Wayne, Joe and Pemell; and two great-grandchildren Danielle and Duston; as well as his parents Harry and Elizabeth Boulette.

Papa had a gentle and joyful nature. He enjoyed people of all ages and loved to play cribbage and blitz. His favorite pastimes were playing bingo and watching TV wrestling. Papa was a hard working mechanic for most of his life. He enjoyed spending time with his family and was always entertained by his

grandchildren. Papa will always be remembered for his mischievous smile and his great sense of humor.

A family prayer service was held Thursday, November 15 from Russell Funeral Home, Beausejour. Funeral services were held Friday, November 16 at the Manigotagan Community Centre with Fr. Randall Morrisseau officiating. Interment was beside his loving wife Hilda Marie in the Manigotagan Cemetery. Friends paid their respects at the community centre prior to the services.

Pallbearers were grandsons Ryan, Cory, Christopher, Paul, Jason and Kristijon.

If friends so desire, memorial donations in his memory may be made to the Charleswood Care Centre, 5501 Roblin Blvd., Winnipeg, MB.

The family would like to extend their deep appreciation to the nurses and aides for their love and kindness shown to Papa during his stay at the Charleswood Care Centre.

*Papa had a special smile,
And a special face.
He's in our hearts.
In a special place.
Deep are the memories.
Precious they stay.
No passing of time,
Can take them away.
Just as he was
He will always be,
Treasured forever,
in our memory.*

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The Lac du Bonnet Pioneer Club Kitchen Band takes a break from entertaining while Donna Boulanger, representative for the Abundant Life Chapel, expresses gratitude for the shoeboxes filled with toys and other surprises donated to Operation Christmas Child.

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Fisher said, "I think it's a nice thing for the community," and by the looks of the turnout, it was just that.

Unlike last year's lighting, when donations of hot dogs and goodies came from local businesses, Fisher asked for, and received support from our local service clubs. The Knights of Columbus and The Lions Club, as well as the Rural Municipality of Lac du Bonnet. The Town of Lac du Bonnet was gracious again this year, supplying the tree and lights that were the centre of excitement prior to Santa's arrival, and that will greet visitors coming into town for the holiday season.

Town of Lac du Bonnet Mayor Glen Hirst and Rural Municipality of Lac du Bonnet Reeve Dorothy Boznianin were also in attendance and joined forces with MP for Provencher Vic Toews and Lac du Bonnet MLA who generously volunteered to serve refreshments and holiday greetings. The Notre Dame du Lac Catholic Church Ladies Auxiliary also helped out preparing hot dogs for approximately 400 people.

Jerry Budgell of Dynamic Sound was responsible for getting everyone in the mood, supplying Christmas carols prior to Santa's arrival and the Lac du Bonnet Pioneer Club Kitchen Band took over once everyone reestablished themselves in the community centre.

"They were quite intrigued," Fisher said referring to kiddies' thrilled acceptance of the entertainment. After visiting Santa children enjoyed their goodie bags while tapping their toes front row and centre. Children patiently still waiting in the long lineup to visit Mr. Claus were being

manicured by their parents for photos with Santa made available by Kathy's Photography Service. It is estimated that Santa's knee supported over 100 children while parents and friends enjoyed chatting and visiting.

Fisher has organized this event for the past three years and says it has been fun, but is now looking for someone to volunteer to fill her shoes. "I would like to pass it on for someone else next year," she said.

She hopes it will develop to be bigger and better in the future, but isn't sure she is up to the task of organizing it again.

Fisher has been kept very busy her position as secretary on the board of the community centre and as volunteer coordinator for the Lac du Bonnet and Area Food Bank, not to mention her involvement with the Lee River Snow Riders.

"It all came together very well," she said. "I was really happy." She added that if she is as involved as she is now with everything else, it will be hard for her to manage. Anyone interested in helping out in any way, or taking over for that matter, is asked to contact the Lac du Bonnet Chamber of Commerce.

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