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# Season's Greetings!



## The Winnipeg River Echo

will not be published for the weeks of December 24th and December 31st. Our next publication will be after the Holiday Season January 8th. Our office in Powerview will re-open on January 3rd.

Illustration by George Bayly

## Car thieves target Pine Falls/Powerview area

### 2 vehicles stolen from Pine Falls/Powerview and 1 attempt over weekend

Between Thursday and Sunday this past weekend, car thieves have left their slimy, malodorous trail through the Pine Falls and Powerview area. In the early morning hours of Friday, December 14th, a black 1996 Dodge Ram pick up was stolen from Cherry Street in Pine Falls and an attempt was made to steal a Jeep Cherokee from Cedar Street. That same morning a second Dodge Ram pick-up

was stolen from Art Avenue in Powerview, this truck being a 1999 gold and brown 4X4. During the attempted theft of the Cherokee, the owner was alerted by the vehicle alarm when the rear window was smashed to gain entry. When the owner looked outside there were two small cars and a black truck sitting in front of the residence with the lights off and there is a possibility that the truck was the black Dodge stolen from Cherry Street.

Early Friday afternoon police were advised of an abandoned vehicle behind the Pine

Falls arena and found it to be a grey 1992 Dodge Spirit stolen from Selkirk the previous day. Police also recovered a 2002 blue quad cab Dodge Ram pick up from the public access area below the Powerview dam on Sunday afternoon. It is believed that most, if not all these thefts, are related and the work of the same thieves.

In dealing with these thefts the Powerview R.C.M.P. liaised with the Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation for some of their expertise in this area, as they are keenly aware of and combating auto theft.

They gave the Detachment some very eye raising statistics that the public may want to be aware of. Auto theft cost MPIC and their rate payers 423 million dollars in 2000. There is one vehicle stolen every hour in Manitoba. Auto theft associated to five deaths, six permanently injured (disabled) and 60 injured in 2000. Top five automobiles stolen in 2000, from most to least, Dodge Caravan, Plymouth Voyager, Olds Cutlass, Dodge Neon and Chrysler Intrepid. Preferred day of week for auto thieves, from most to least, Sunday, Monday, Saturday,

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Thursday.

They also advised that most car thieves are not one time criminals, if they steal one car, they've probably stolen many, or will continue to steal them until caught. Car thieves are creatures of habit and like most thieves, lazy, therefore they target cars they know and find quickest to steal. At this point in time, statistics would indicate that the vehicle of choice is currently Dodge-Plymouth-Chrysler products, but of course all vehicles makes are at risk and stolen as well. See CAR/page 10

# Glen Howard Inn now open for business

by Shawn Tester  
Lac du Bonnet's newest hotel opened this week, offering luxurious accommodation and a variety of well priced rooms. Located on highway 11 at the corner of Minnewawa Street, the Glen Howard Inn is thoughtfully laid out to anticipate the needs of business meetings, weekend retreats and family outings.

Through horrendous weather conditions, infrastructure challenges and the realities of construction schedul-

ing, the management has maintained it's high standards. Tastefully decorated by Sherri Seifried, the rooms boast top quality beds, two Jacuzzi rooms with fireplaces and kitchenettes, large rooms to accommodate families, and some smaller rooms as well. A hospitality room, complete with elegant boardroom table, TV/VCR/DVD, whiteboard, fireplace, lounge area and kitchenette, bed and sofa bed is perfect for workshops and meetings. With room prices rang-

ing from 65.00-95.00 and a state of the art security system, the Glenn Howard is ready to accommodate holiday guests, business travellers, and hockey, curling or snowmobile enthusiasts alike.

Finishing work on the salt-water swimming pool and hot tub area will begin in the new year. There will also be a fitness center and out door hot tub and deck. A compound for snowmobiles and boats is planned for 2002. A tender to run the restaurant and lounge presents a great opportunity for the right entrepreneur.

The Bev Trask and shareholders Wayne Trask, Roy Trask, Kathy Trask, Ruby Steffan, and Shirley and Dale Frank are grateful for the community support they have had during this challenging project. Many thanks go out to Sherri and Jeff Seifried, Ed and Gabrielle Zawislak, Alan Lodge, Art Knopf, Sheldon



Guest can relax in one of the Jacuzzi rooms, which also feature a fireplace and kitchenette, as well as top quality beds. The rooms were tastefully decorated by Sherri Seifried.



Sveinson of Flying Pigment, Berhardt Plumbing, and to Richy Nally for bringing coffee during those bitter cold days of construction last year! Come on down and check out this impressive new establishment.

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# The Winnipeg River Echo

The Echo is an independent weekly newspaper published on Tuesdays in Pine Falls and Lac du Bonnet, Manitoba. Advertising and submission deadline is Friday at 3:00 p.m. prior to Tuesday's publication.

## Mrs. Lucci's wins \$10,000 award

by Shawn Tester

Anita Desrosiers of Agassiz School Division and Karen Kost, program coordinator, represented Mrs. Lucci's Second Hand Store as one of 29 projects at this year's Manitoba Association of School Trustees convention. The Project received the prestigious Manitoba School Board Innovation Award, presented by Xerox of Canada.

The award recognized Mrs. Lucci's for its innovative pre-school childrens and parents programming. Kids Kits were distributed which contained supplies which encouraged activities to assist parents in preparing their children for kindergarten. Mrs. Lucci's also facilitates an open gym night and iParents and Totsi, a drop in pro-

gram run from the lower level of the abundant Life Chapel. Other activities undertaken by the program are a homework club, babysitting training, and soon a girls club aimed at aiding the transition from elementary school to high school. Mrs. Lucci's also recruits volunteers to work with children who need extra support in reading, and to bake muffins for a breakfast program for children who arrive at school hungry. High school students come on a rotating basis for work experience and life skills programs.

Located in Lac du Bonnet, Mrs. Lucci's second hand store began in 1998 through Ms. Kost's involvement with the Centennial Schools at-risk team. The project's mission is to

help youth develop life and employment skills and self esteem through exercises and activities. With funding from Human Resources Development, the Healthy Child Initiative and National Crime Prevention programs, Mrs. Lucci's was on its way. The program owes much of its success to the generosity of the public who donates castoff clothing and hardware, and also the many volunteers who staff the store part of each week. While volunteering, a portion of sales is earned to support non-profit community organizations.

As observed by Family Services, Public Health and Schools, some results of the program have been improved parenting skills, more active parent in-

volvement in childrens education, and more volunteerism in the schools. Grade 4-6 teachers have also seen the benefit of the Homework Club in improved marks. Mrs. Lucci's encourages unemployed youth to work at the store, to volunteer in the community and to participate in life skills training and education upgrading to increase employability. 90% of these clients have either found employment or enrolled in post secondary education.

During the past 3 years, Mrs. Lucci's has forged many community

partnerships and continues to develop activities to support early childhood development. The award money will be used for parenting support programs and activities to help children be more successful at school.

In early



Anita Durocher, School Trustee for Agassiz School Division and Karen Kost, Program Co-ordinator at Mrs. Lucci's store in Lac du Bonnet

2002 Nicole Chamartin of the University of Manitoba, Jodene Toews of Public Health and Karen Kost will travel to

Vancouver, where Mrs. Lucci's has been chosen to be presented at the Early Childhood Development Conference.

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# Lac du Bonnet RCMP report



The following constitutes the Police Report of Lac du Bonnet Detachment for the Period of December 7 through to December 13, 2001.

**December 7:** A request was received to accompany subject to a location in the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet in order to pick up a vehicle from a garage on the property to comply with a court order.

A report was received of a break and enter to a cottage on Still Cove Road in the R.M. of

Alexander, with a quantity of items having been stolen.

A report was received of dogs running at large and fighting with each other on Poplar Ave. in Great Falls. Police patrolled the area and also contacted the dog catcher.

A report was received from a location in Lee Country Village in the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet of an eleven month old shepherd Lab cross dog being missing.

**December 8:** A report was

received of a deer being killed at a location on Still Road in the R.M. of Alexander and a break and enter to a shop belonging to a business at the same location.

Reports were received of snowmobiles being operated illegally along PR #433 and in the vicinity of Seddon's Corner in the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet.

A report was received of a snowmobile going through the ice at Bird Lake in Nopiming Park. No injuries.

**December 9:** A report was received of the theft of a Mercury 120 HP outboard motor from a location behind the old Poplar Bay Trading Post in the R.M. of Alexander.

**December 10:** A report was received from Pinawa of an under aged female being

assaulted by a subject at the Pinawa Arena.

A report was received of a vehicle failing to stop at a stop sign in the Town of Lac du Bonnet.

**December 11:** A report was received of a vehicle being side swiped by an unknown vehicle while parked in downtown Lac du Bonnet. The offending vehicle failed to stop at the scene.

A report was received of an off-road vehicle being illegally operated across the complainant's property on Charlie Hapko Road in the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet.

A report was received of a single vehicle accident on Blueberry Rock Road in the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet from the day previously. The passenger sustained minor injuries.

A report was received from White Mud Falls in the R.M. of Alexander of an adult male being outside a residence. The subject left when the subject call the police.

**December 12:** A report was received of Christmas trees being cut in an area off PR #435 in the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet. DNR confirmed that the area in question is in fact a tree-cutting area.

A report was received of a badly injured deer on the side of PTH #11 in the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet. Police attended and dispatched the animal.

**December 13:** A report was received of an adult female having been apprehended for Shoplifting at a business premises in Pinawa.

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# The Happy Tots Place

by Kathy Duff

December here at Happy Tots Place is an exciting time of the year. The children are on a countdown till the Jolly old man arrives with his sack full of toys. Our theme for December is Christmas. The children are very busy singing Christmas carols and completing crafts to give to people who are special in their lives.

On December 21, we will be having a turkey dinner (donated by Midway's). The Christmas dinner will be prepared by Geri our cook and will be enjoyed by the children and staff of our center. In the afternoon we will have a Christmas party. The children will be singing Christmas carols and maybe even a visit from Santa Claus himself, if his schedule allows. The children are eagerly awaiting this special day.

In this article I would like to touch on Literacy. What better way to spend some special holiday time together with your child or children by cuddling up with them and reading one of their favorite stories of books.

Here is some information which may help make reading a fun and exciting time for you and your children. Here are some suggestions: Snuggle up with your child and read a bedtime story. Go to the library together. Sing ABC's. Write love notes to your child. Label things in your house. Serve alphabet soup. Make a storybook together out of old junk.

Here are some tips on reading aloud to your child: Start young, read or sing anything you like to your infant he/she loves the sound of your voice. Make time, anytime is a good time for a story, song or a rhyme (walking, in the

car, before bed, in the bath etc.) Be a ham, be enthusiastic when reading a story use different voices, actions and speeds to suit the story. Be interactive, let your child examine the pictures and ask questions about the story, encourage your child to join in when parts of the story are repeated. Make connections, use the story to pertain to things that are current in the child's life relating to the story will make it more enjoyable.

Here are some ideas for age-appropriate books for your child or children: Infants, board books with simple, clear illustrations which are chewable are great. Babies, love books which have nice pictures and rhyme. Black and white picture books are great for children up to three months of age as they are just learning to focus. Older infants enjoy books with faces of children and family. Toddlers, enjoy concept books such as, shapes, colors, animals, alphabet and numbers. They also like to know the name for everything in their world. They like short picture books with clear illustrations. Children's attention span develops at this stage and they bond with you during story time. Board books that allow the children to turn the pages easily and play with the book as well as lifting the flap and touchy feely books are great at this age. Pre-school aged children, enjoy books which have repetitive phrases, words of patterns. Children can read the story through memorization, this helps boost their imagination and vocabulary, and lets the children imitate you. As the children's attention span grows the length of the story you choose can also increase. Children at this age

like stories where we can use our imaginations. Fairy Tales are great as they appeal to a child's sense of courage and adventure and stories help children to face their fears and to deal with troubles as they arise in their lives.

Here at The Happy Tots Place we do a lot of storytelling. Each week we have a theme and we try our best to relate our stories to theme of the week. We do this by picture and wordbooks, using flannel board stories, touch and feel books and scratch and sniff books. We also use puppets here, the children are able to tell their own story using their imagination. Their favorite seems to be when staff makes up their own story and they include the children's name in parts of the story. The look on their faces is priceless and they eagerly sit waiting for their name to be mentioned. The Happy Tots Place in the past has been involved in a Bookmates Program. They are a valuable resource and work wonders with creating something wonderful out of junk materials. They are very helpful at giving solutions to those of us who might have trouble reading ourselves. Bookmates offers Family Literacy Workshops for those of us who have children in our care. If you are interested give Iris a call at 367-2601, so she can set something up for the new year.

Just recently we received a box of used books donated by Pine Falls School (Heather Adams). The children are enjoying looking at the pictures in these books and staff are using them to read to the children. Please keep us in mind during the holiday season if you are cleaning. We appreciate children's books, used Christmas cards, wrapping paper, ribbons and bows for craft ideas.

All of us here at The Happy Tots Place wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and all the best for the New year 2002.


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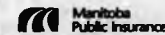

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# 10 Recreation strategies for the holiday season Recreation Ramblings

by Michelle Chudd, Recreation Director  
Winnipeg River Recreation District, 345-8816  
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10. Practice your ballet and/or jazz moves over the Christmas break (Miss Chantal would like that).

9. Bam! Kick it up a notch in the kitchen and do an Emeril-esque Christmas dinner (essence is a must).

8. Get your family off the couch and go carolling door to door.

7. Family challenge of road hockey!

6. Indoors scavenger hunt.

5. For some quiet time (and a break from the family) grab a book and read. I hear the Harry Potter collection is pretty good.

4. Crazy carpet it and go

sliding at the Town Dock or Yo-Yo Hill

3. Go horsey... I know a few people that enjoy the horseracing board game.

2. Decopage.

And the #1 thing to do over the Holiday season... Have fun with family and friends! Holiday hours.

Please note that the Recreation office will be closed December 24-27, 31 and January 1. RWB Dance classes resume on Saturday, January 5/02.

**Boxercise**

Wednesdays from 6:15 - 7:15 p.m. and Sundays from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. at Pinawa Community

Centre commencing on January 9/02 until March 31/02. One night a week fee \$45 and two night a week fee of \$85.

**Karate**

Tuesdays from 8-9pm at Gilbert School in Pinawa for ages 10 and up. Join David Ogren, second degree black belt, in this 10 week program which begins on January 8/02 and runs until March 12/02.

**Dancercise**

Warm up with yoga and then sway into jazz and fun dances that will get you moving, have fun and feel great. Every Tuesday evening commencing January 8/02 from 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. at LdBSS Gym.

**Highland dancing**

Sundays from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. at LdB Senior School Gym commencing Sunday, January 13 until March 10/02. Fee: \$40 For more info contact Tara at 345 2572.

**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!

**Parents and tots coffee group**

This drop in group is open to parents, grandparents, babysitters and their preschool children, age 5 and under! Come and enjoy a cup of coffee while your child enjoys some playtime, crafts, stories, songs and a snack! Every Tuesday from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. at Abundant Life Chapel.

**MTS Eastman winter games in Springfield**

Sign up and be a part of the 2002 Eastman Winter Games. The list includes youth sports of female hockey, male hockey, figure skating, curling, youth bowling, ringette, alpine skiing, cross country skiing, badminton and gymnastics. And for adults there is 5-pin bowling, co-ed volleyball, basketball, badminton, cross-country skiing and alpine skiing. So how do you register? Contact Louise at Eastman Sport Development Association at 268 2172 or come by the Rec office and pick up a form. The Regional

competitions takes place January 19-20 in Springfield and the winners go on to the Manitoba Games in The Pas March 6-10/02. Get into the games and sign up today!

**Preschool open gym**

Mrs. Lucci's would like you to know about this program that runs Wednesdays, from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at Centennial School Gym and it's Free! This program is for children ages 5 and under accompanied by their parent. Come on out and enjoy some physical activity with your child.

**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! Every Monday to Friday from 4:30 - 8:30 p.m. there is Hallwalking in the LdB Senior School hallways. No need to sign up - just drop on by! (School closed on Halloween night). And in Pinawa you can walk the quad around the Library/Community Centre at Pinawa Secondary School weekdays from 3:35 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

*Looking for something to do during the Christmas Break*

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# Candy: The Christmas Miracle

# ECHOES FROM THE Heart

Steve had little patience with people, and he didn't have much more with puppies, either. He preferred, on the whole, the adult dogs. Puppies, however, came in after the holidays, because people found out: they were allergic, the puppy was too hard to train, the puppy was too much work, the landlord didn't allow puppies, the landlord didn't allow puppies that were going to be BIG, the puppy barked too much, the puppy wasn't the kind of dog they wanted.

This list could have been elaborated on, over and over. But I watched Steve's face as he faced the man in the lobby, the man who was brining in the puppy for adoption 8 days be-

fore Christmas.

Steve was our 'dog' person. He was the one who in general, was the 'expert', and I liked him alot. Tall, laconic, dry witted, and incredibly intelligent, he had gotten to the point with many people where they tried what little was left of his patience. As I leaned against the counter, I had a feeling this would be one of them.

"You see," the man holding the puppy was saying "We just found out we can't have dogs where we are. We got the puppy from my friend, Joe, who works with me downtown. He got the puppy from this guy he knew who got it for his kid, but the kid was allergic, and he got the puppy from someone who had gotten the puppy from this lady who got it for a present from

her kids, but she was too old to take care of it and figured it would be a good present for someone with kids. We figured that, too. She's a nice little puppy."

The nice little puppy was beautiful, slightly longish white fur. She was obviously a mix.

She was only about 9 weeks old. She was cowering in fear, with huge dark eyes, and I could see the confusion there. She looked in good shape, but emotionally, I wondered where she was. She was very young, and she had already been through more homes than many adult dogs.

Steve looked at me, and I shrugged. "I'll have the vet examine her, and if she checks out, we'll take her," he told the man, taking the puppy.

"What an idiot." Was Steve's remark as we leaned across the exam table in the clinic. The puppy sat there, quivering, obviously terrified of yet one more strange thing in her life. Dr. Morris gently gave her a once over, and gave her the thumbs up for adoption, but suggested she remain in the clinic a couple days, as she was a little underweight, probably from stress.

We told the man we'd be taking the puppy, and he looked relieved. He handed us a small leash and a box of biscuits. "Her name is Candy," he said, as we parted company.

Steve came and sat beside me

at the desk. He looked gloomy and morose. "I wish people wouldn't think that getting a dog for Christmas is a great idea...it just makes the pet stores profit and the puppies wind up...if they are lucky...like that one there."

I agreed. Every year we saw alot of the same thing. Candy's difference was that she came before Christmas, and that was at least a small change.

The next day Dr. Morris called me. "This puppy doesn't know how to eat much on her own, Fyre. I think that must have been taken away from her mother too young. Someone's going to have

See CANDY/page 23



## NOTICE OF APPLICATION

APPLICANT: MANITOBA HYDRO

PURPOSE OF FILING:

1. Manitoba Hydro has filed with The Public Utilities Board ("Board") an update on matters related to the acquisition of the shares of Centra Gas Manitoba inc. ("Centra") and the status of actions taken by Manitoba Hydro in response to Board recommendations and directives from previous Orders related to the acquisition of Centra's shares by Manitoba Hydro.
2. Manitoba Hydro is not seeking any general rate changes for its electrical customers with this filing. Manitoba Hydro has filed with the Board an Information Update, including its financial results, forecasts, processes, cost of service methodology revisions and events which have impacted the electricity industry since the Board's General Rate Order No. 51/96, and which will enable the Board to review existing Manitoba Hydro rates.
3. Pursuant to *The Crown Corporations Public Review and Accountability Act, the Manitoba Hydro Act, and the Public Utilities Board Act* of Manitoba, Manitoba Hydro has applied to the Board for a new Curtailable Rate Program (CRP). This CRP is to replace the current Curtailable Service Program (CSP), the terms and conditions of which originally expired on November 30, 2001, but were extended until May 1, 2002 pursuant to Board Order No. 182/01. The proposed CRP would become effective on the date as approved by the Board and would continue to be in effect until November 30, 2003. The CRP, which was first offered on November 1, 1993, provides rate discounts to qualified industrial customers who, at the request of Manitoba Hydro, are able to curtail electricity load on short notice for periods of time varying from a few hours, up to ten days.
4. In its Application Manitoba Hydro is also seeking confirmation of:
  - interim ex parte Orders which set the monthly reference discount price for CSP customers;
  - any interim ex parte Orders setting monthly reference discount prices subsequent to the publication of this notice and prior to commencement of the public hearing;
  - interim ex parte Orders which had established weekly spot market replacement energy rates for Dual Fuel Heating (DFH), Surplus Energy to Sell Generators (SESS) and Industrial Surplus Energy (ISE) customers. The DFH, SESS and ISE programs are no longer offered by Manitoba Hydro and have been replaced by the Surplus Energy Program (SEP);
  - interim ex parte Orders, which had established weekly spot market replacement energy rates for SEP customers;

- any further Interim ex parte Orders setting weekly spot market rates for SEP customers subsequent to the publication of this notice and prior to commencement of the hearing

PARTICULARS OF THE FILING:

For full particulars, interested parties should examine the corporation's filing and supporting materials at the Corporation's head office, or at the Board's office.

Interested parties who wish to obtain copies of the filing should contact:

Manitoba Hydro  
Attention Ms. Maria D. Murphy,  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor - 820 Taylor Avenue,  
WINNIPEG, Manitoba, R3C 2P4,  
Telephone 474-3468 (Collect calls accepted)  
e-mail: mmurphy@hydro.mb.ca

VARIATION:

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 partial, further or other relief.

PUBLIC HEARING AND PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE:

All persons, firms or corporations wishing to intervene in respect of this Application or any part thereof and to participate in the examination of witnesses, to provide evidence or to make submission and final arguments are required to attend, or send a representative to, a Pre-Hearing Conference (PHC), to be convened by the Board in its Hearing Room, 4<sup>th</sup> floor, 330 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba on Monday, January 14, 2002 at 10:00 a.m..

The objectives of the PHC are:

- i) to identify the intervenors, their reasons for intervention and to avoid duplication of content;
- ii) to establish status of certain applicant intervenors; and
- iii) to establish a timetable for the orderly exchange of evidence and information.

Persons wishing to address this PHC in French are required to notify the Board's Secretary as soon as possible, prior to January 4, 2002.

The Board will hold a public hearing in respect of Manitoba Hydro's Application and filing. Manitoba Hydro has requested the public hearing commence March 11, 2002. The public hearing date, and other dates for the orderly exchange of information, will be finalized by the Board after the Pre-Hearing Conference.

PARTICIPATION:

Intervenor

For the purpose of this hearing, intervenors shall be persons, firms or corporations wishing to participate in the examination of witnesses, or to provide evidence, or to make submissions and final argument. Intervenors are requested to notify the Board of their intention to do so by applying to the Secretary of the Board as soon as possible and before January 10, 2002.

Presenters

Those parties wishing to submit a written brief or to express oral comments to the Board, but who do not wish to participate in the entire proceeding, are known as presenters. They should advise the Secretary of the Board of their intention to appear at the public hearing by no later than March 4, 2002.

Based on the public's response to this Notice and other Notices, the Board is prepared to convene meetings in other locations as are warranted by the response. Presenters who wish to appear are to write the Board's Secretary by January 10, 2002 requesting the location where they wish to appear.

Confirmation of these meetings will appear in future Notices. Interested parties may also contact the Board office for details.

PROCEDURE:

The Board's draft Rules of Practice and Procedure will apply to the conduct of this hearing. Copies of this document are available on written request to the Secretary of the Board at 400 330 Portage Avenue, WINNIPEG, Manitoba, R3C 0C4 or by calling (204) 945-2638 (Winnipeg) or 1-866-854-3698 (outside Winnipeg).

INTERVENOR COSTS:

Intervenors may be entitled to financial assistance. Board Order No. 163/87 dated November 12, 1987 provides for the procedure for the award of cost intervenors and the Board's guidelines for an award of costs. Parties who may wish to make an application for an award of costs should obtain a copy of this Order from the Board Secretary.

DATED this 6<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2001.

H. M. Singh  
Acting Secretary  
The Public Utilities Board



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## Pineview Atoms win B Side



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The Pineview Saints Atoms were involved in their first hockey tournament for the season on December, 7, 8, and 9th in Kenora, Ontario. It was a great fun filled weekend for all. Parents and players enjoyed the pool, slide and hot tub between games.

The team had their first game Friday afternoon, they played the MEC Bulldogs and lost 3 - 1. The second game played on Friday was a nail bitter against McDonalds team. The final score was tied at 0 - 0 with equal chances to score

by both teams. The third game was on Saturday, we played against Kroppy's Hawks, Saints coming out with a win 4 - 1. This brought the boys to the semifinal which was played against Dryden Esso. Final score was 3 - 1 for Pineview.

The final game played on Sunday was a great display of teamwork and determination by all players. The B side final was played against Kenora Esso and what a game, Kenora came out with a quick goal in the first period. The boys did

not give up, Pineview retaliated with a thundering wrist shot by number 80 Clifford Houston making the score 3 - 2 and in the third period Cody Cyr topped it off with another goal. Final score 4 - 2 Pineview. Kenora had many chances to score but our goal tending and defence were outstanding in keeping the puck clear of our net. Good work guys!

The boys all received trophies - which they were very proud of. Congratulations boys for a fun and hard played

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# Library Corner

## Lac du Bonnet Regional Library



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If you are in need of a few

stocking stuffers, please check the remaining gift items on sale at the back of the library. As well, we still have a great selection of good-as-new books for sale! The draw for our Christmas raffle will take place on Tuesday, December 18th. Winners will be called immediately.

The response to our "Fines Amnesty" has been great! Many patrons have been more than generous - they have paid their fines as well as contributed to the Christmas Hamper. The spirit of Christmas giving is alive and well in Lac du Bonnet!

Despite all the business of the season, we are still a library and we always have books to tell you about!

Yes... We do have the book that everyone is asking for! "When Memories Remain" by Karen Emilson is the continuing saga of David Pischke and his struggle to live a respectable life despite the difficulties he endured throughout his tormented childhood. The first book "Where Children Run" covered a span of 12 years of the twins' lives, and left a lot of unanswered questions for

the reader. However, the real incentive to take polygraph test in a 12 year old murder investigation. Would there be no end to suspicions and probes into the past? There will be a waiting list for this book - call the library to add your name to it.

On March 2, 2000, in the middle of curling season, Sandra Schmirler, died of cancer at the age of 36, leaving behind a family, a curling team, and a nation that loved and admired her! Her story, "Sandra Schmirler: The Queen of Curling" has been written by Perry Lefko and is now available at the library.

A new book by Stanley Weintraub tells the story of the World War I Christmas Truce - one of history's most powerful --yet forgotten--Christmas stories. "It still stands as the only time in history that peace spontaneously arose from the

lower ranks in a major conflict, bubbling up to the officers and temporarily turning sworn enemies into friends."

We end on a lighter note - "A Treasure of Christmas Stories" chosen by Sian Hardy is ideal for reading aloud with younger children. Enjoy modern stories, traditional folk tales, and stories from a variety of cultures around the world.

There are truly a story for every occasion, and our hope during this Christmas season is that you would not neglect to read the greatest story of all - the story of Christ's coming to earth as that baby in the manger. We know that the story dies not end there and that God's gift of salvation far surpasses any gift that we can hope to give this Christmas!

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**Best Wishes**

for health and happiness this holiday season.

**DARREN PRAZNIK**  
MLA Lac du Bonnet Constituency

# Coaches Comment

by Jamie Leach

As of December 14th we have won 4 games in a row at home! It's a big step for the Blades to making the playoffs. The last 10 games we have won 4 with 1 of those losses a loss in overtime for which we get a point out of it. Unfortunately it was against the team we are focusing on, the Selkirk Steelers. On the positive side we play Selkirk

twice this week a home and home series with a game on Friday in Selkirk and our final game of 2001 on Saturday at home against the Steelers. We would love to see a good crowd out for that one. These games against Selkirk are "must win" games for us if we are to see the post season.

We are coming together as a team and the players are not only playing the system but

also believing in this system and each other and that's the difference between a winning and losing hockey team. I wish it was August instead of the end

of December!

We have won 4 in a row at home and these players deserve a nice Christmas present. I think putting some more people in the stands would be a great present, the game on Saturday is a HUGE one for us

and having that extra 6th skater, the fans, would be much appreciated. The Blades would like to extend our warm wishes for the holiday season! As always a big thank you to the people and businesses that support the Blades!

# SE Blades Player Profiles



**Rémi Gosselin #22**

**Position:** Centre, **Shoots:** Right, **Hometown:** St. Pierre, Manitoba **Single/Taken/Player:** Single, **High School Grade:** Graduate **Favourite High School Subject:** French, **Hockey Idol:** Steve Yzerman, **NHL Team:** Detroit **Dream car:** Porsche GT3 **Favourite food:** Pizza, **Favourite TV Program:** TSN, **Hobbies:** Golf, Water Ski, and having a good time with my friends. **Most Memorable Hockey Moment:** Winning AAA Midget Championship with the Eastman Select in 99/00 **Goal and aspirations for the 2001-2002 Season:** Helping the Blades get in the playoffs and doing the best that I can on and off the ice.



**Nathan Allen Santo #4**

**Position:** Defence, **Shoots:** Left **Hometown:** Snow Lake, **Single/Taken/Player:** Single, **High School Grade:** Graduate, **Favourite High School Subject:** Power Mechanics, **Favourite NHL Team:** Calgary **Dream car:** Dodge Viper Venom 800 **Favourite food:** Fast Food Whopper, **Favourite TV Program:** Survivor, **Hobbies:** Lifting weights, roller blading and watching TV, **What's your goal or aspirations for the 2001-2002 Season:** to help the team win the championship

# Car thieves -from page 1

The thieves from this past weekend were smash and grab types, with no finesse involved, making it unlikely that the vehicles were stolen for resale or stripping for parts. MPIC strongly advises that people take vehicle security seriously and always secure their vehicles, never leaving keys or valuables inside. They also strongly suggest a steering wheel locking device be used in conjunction with locking up the vehicle. More elaborate alarms and anti-theft devices are available if you are willing to spend the money. If you would like more information from Manitoba Public Insurance, call Brian Smiley at 1-888-554-9549.

Should anyone have any information about these auto thefts or any other crime, please contact the Powerview R.C.M.P. Detachment or Crimestoppers if you wish to remain anonymous. Keep in mind that the next time you gasp at your MPIC premium, it is crime like this that keeps it high and makes it necessary



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## Blues have weekend blowout

By Stu Evans

Christmas is a time of giving, good fellowship, eating as much as humanly possible and washing it all down with a pail of ale or the spirit of one's choice. This weekend the Lac du Bonnet Blues played like they indulged in all of the above noted subjects just prior to taking to the ice against the Beausejour Stars and the Stonewall Flyers. The Blues gave each team as much room as required to score, they showed good fellowship by not making it difficult for the teams to conduct their playmaking and it looked like they all ate a turkey and a 24 before lacing on the skates. It was as ugly as Osama with bed head. The Blues got pasted on Saturday night in Beausejour to the tune of 14-5 and again on Sunday night at home against the Fly-

ers to a similar tune of 13-6.

What can you say except the Blues had the worst let down to date of the season. On Saturday night, the Stars were ahead 5-0 after one period of play and were up 7-0 before the Blues got on the board. After two periods of suffering the Blues were down 9-2 before the final whistle and a 14-5 score etched on the scoreboard. The only bright spot for the Blues in this game was Dwight Hirst who added three more goals to his total. On Sunday night, the Blues faced off against the unbeaten Stonewall Flyers with the hopes of an upset to put away the horror from the previous night. After one period the teams were tied at 2 and it appeared that perhaps Saturday night was just a bad burp. Well if you don't burp the

baby properly, the baby will burp up a bad one on its own. And that's what happened to the Blues. The Flyers opened the flood gates scoring six unanswered goals showing why they are unbeaten. They are a well balanced squad with no weak spots and the Blues were simply not able to contain them. The Blues saved some face in the final frame scoring 4 times to match the Flyers third period output. Hirst had another great night on the scoresheet putting five behind Greg Grieve in the Stonewall net. Kyle Millar had one of his usual nights for the Flyers putting 4 behind a beleaguered Donovan Henzel while Andrew Kirk also found twine three times behind Henzel. I think it is safe to say that the Blues goal tending tandem of Henzel and Lamoureux will

be looking for a little more help even if it has to come from the guy in the red suit. The Hirst can still keep the Lunch Box Award in case any one was wondering. The Blues

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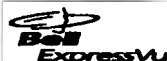
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 -Josh Melsted  
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 -Dustin Hall  
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 He has a red hat.  
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 You know the night is freaky,  
 and you know he's sneaky.  
 -Tim Rollins  
 Have a happy new year,  
 as Santa drinks his cheer.  
 -Matthew Smith  
 Santa dressed in red,  
 comes on a sled.  
 -Brittany Bruneau  
 Santa comes in the night,  
 He might come on a big, big  
 kite.  
 Matthew Braun  
 Candy canes with their sweets,  
 boys and girls love to eat.  
 -Devon Peterson.  
 The candle burning in the night,  
 leads Santa to the light.  
 -Kaitlin Schwoitman  
 Santa loves little girls and boys,

even when they make a lot of  
 noise.  
 -Katie Kingsland  
 Santa comes at night,  
 Santa's reindeer help him  
 with his flight.  
 -Kristina Kulikowski  
 Santa comes every year,  
 He helps us with our cheer.  
 -Jarret Molitowsky  
 There was a child chosen,  
 then he got frozen.  
 -Stephanie Geddes  
 Santa comes with a lift,  
 Santa comes with a gift.  
 -Jessica Freedy  
 Rhudolph's nose shines so  
 bright,  
 As Santa Claus goes into the  
 night.  
 -Sherilyn Adrian  
 Santa comes every year.  
 He brings with him good  
 cheer.  
 -Jennifer Bellin  
 Santa comes in the night,  
 With his long beard of white.  
 -Chantal Vaillancourt  
 Santa comes in the night,  
 His beard a wonderful site.  
 -Kevin Worona  
 In the winter the snow is  
 white,  
 It is nice but I get frost bite.  
 -Kyle Larson Pendock  
 Skating and hot chocolate for  
 a treat,  
 To warm our frozen toes and  
 feet.  
 -Ms Korlak  
 I hang my stocking upon the  
 wall,  
 but I hear nothing at all.  
 -Emily Stefaniuk


**The cloud who stole Christmas**  
 A long, time ago, a cloud; an  
 evil cloud, stole all the Christmas  
 spirit from the world and put it in  
 a cloud and that he put in a box.  
 He put the box in the most se-  
 curely best - hidden place ever -  
 that being himself, because he was  
 hiding from the cloud police.  
 Now, that same cloud dropped  
 down and put his box right in the  
 middle of a tornado which spread  
 the spirit all over the world. Ever-  
 ybody remembered at once what  
 Christmas was all about. They  
 started to buy presents and to  
 decorate trees. The cloud flew  
 back into the sky. Everybody saw  
 it and all of this happened in one  
 year. This happens quite often and  
 it just might be that evil cloud who  
 had to release Christmas that's up  
 there in the sky.  
 Sophie Dufour - Beausejour  
 Grade 6 Immersion

**Christmas Night**  
 Karen is 8 years old and her  
 younger brother, John didn't be-  
 lieve in Santa Claus. She wanted  
 to prove to him that Santa did ex-  
 ist. She decided they would leave  
 milk and cookies for Santa. Then  
 they would wake up at midnight  
 to wait for him. When Christmas  
 finally came, they lay there half  
 asleep. Suddenly, they heard a  
 noise coming from the chimney.  
 John couldn't believe his eyes. It  
 was Santa!! They watched as he  
 ate the cookies and drank the  
 milk. John and Karen did not have  
 time to talk to Santa Claus be-

cause he left in such a hurry. John  
 said, "Karen, I admit I was wrong,  
 from now on I'll always believe  
 you."  
 Chelsey Papineau  
 Grade 6 Immersion

**Winter**  
 I look out the window and  
 watch the snow that sparkles. So  
 beautiful to see piled up on trees,  
 cars and roofs. The sun that shines  
 upon it that makes it glow. My

heart is racing with excitement of  
 the cold snow on the palm of my  
 hand. Enormous snow forts that  
 surround the white ground. Or the  
 giant hills covered by cheerful  
 children. The smile upon our  
 friend the snowman and his car-  
 rot nose. Or the different shovels  
 that clear the sidewalks. My  
 favorite part of winter is snow,  
 without snow there's no winter.  
 Elizabeth Fraser  
 Grade 6 Immersion

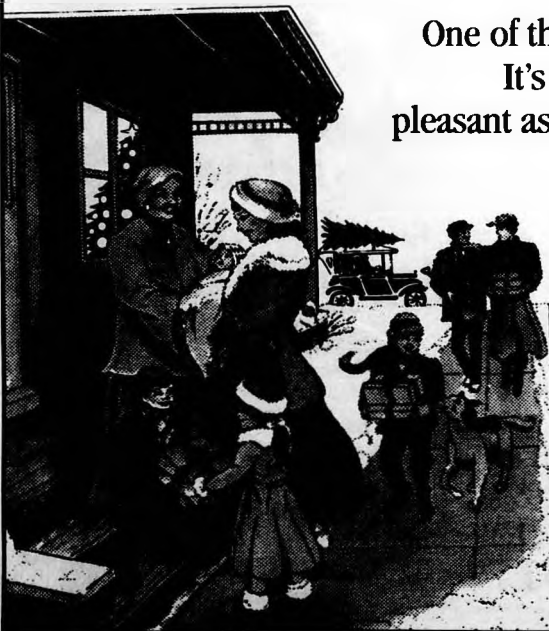
*Christmas Wishes* 

**Mrs. Cowie's K/1 class wrote about their Christmas wishes.**

**Kooper Wilson (K)** I wish for a real reindeer so I can fly around.  
**Paige Starr (K)** I wish for a little doll.  
**Samantha Kent (K)** I wish for a pretty baby doll and crayons to colour with.  
**Nicholas Clarke (1)** I wish for the movie Scooby-Doo and the Cyberchase.  
**Raymond Coss (1)** I wish for a toolset and a Playstation.  
**Shayre Cure (1)** I wish for my family to be together at Christmas time.  
**Jason Desmarais (1)** I wish for Nintendo games.  
**Casandra Gammon (1)** I wish for my very own Miracle baby doll.

**Myranda Hather (1)** I wish for new skates with picks on them.  
**Nicholas Henderson (1)** I wish for a gameboy and a Playstation II.  
**Tamara Simard (1)** I wish for new crayons so I can colour beautiful pictures for my family.  
**Justin Smith (1)** I wish for a toolset to build something and paint so I can paint it for my family.  
**Constance Whitford (1)** I wish for a Barbie doll with a house and a car.  
 Our whole class wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday Season.

# Home for the Holidays!



One of the joys of Christmas is remembering.  
 It's always nice for us to recall the  
 pleasant association we have with our customers.  
 Many thanks.

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Wednesday December 19	9:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Thursday, December 20	9:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Friday, December 21	9:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 22	9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 23	12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Monday, December 24	8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 25	Closed
Wednesday, December 26	Closed

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**Light Up  
Christmas!**

# Charitable gifts It's the Law

by Gerald Hawranik, Q.C.

*Gerald C. Hawranik, Q.C. is a lawyer in Beausejour 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, Beausejour, MB R0E 0C0, phone 268-6300.*

The latest tax changes in the February, 1997 budget are substantial and should be reviewed by everyone. From the standpoint of tax liability, one will be pleasantly surprised how worthwhile planned gift giving can be - and the added benefit in contributing to your community or favorite charity. Tax payers are eligible for

a non-refundable tax credit of 17% on total gifts up to \$200 and 29% on amounts over \$200. The 1997 budget increased the amount you can contribute in a given year to 75% of your net income from the previous 50% of your net income. In addition, donations made in the year are eligible to reduce a taxpayers net income up to 100%.

Planned gift giving is a particularly valuable tool in es-

tate planning. One can donate funds through your will. You continue to use and enjoy your assets knowing that a portion of your assets will eventually go to a charity of your choice. Your estate will get a tax receipt after your death which can be used to reduce your estate's tax liability in the final year and the immediately preceding year. The tax credit can be as high as 100% of net income, thereby saving estate taxes.

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. The facts of each case are important, and usually affect the way in which the law is applied. When you have a legal problem, it is best to consult a lawyer.*

## Happy Holidays

May your  
Holiday Season  
be filled with  
joy and  
good tidings for a  
Happy New Year!



**Dr. Arnold Anderson  
Optometrist  
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**Season's  
Greetings**



- 1 tablespoon whole cloves
- 6 cinnamon sticks
- 3 tablespoons chopped crystallized ginger
- 3 3/4 cups white sugar
- 2 quarts water
- 2 quarts orange juice
- 2 cups lemon juice
- 1 gallon apple cider

**Directions:**

1 Wrap the cloves, cinnamon stick, and ginger in cheese cloth, and tie with string.

2 In a medium saucepan, combine sugar, water and spice bag. Simmer and stir until sugar dissolves. Remove from heat, and refrigerate overnight.

3 Before serving, stir in the orange juice, lemon juice, and cider. Reheat over medium low flame, and serve warm. Be careful not to boil.

## Season's Greetings



Hope, you're fixing to have a good time, all through the season. You have our gratitude for helping us put together a great year!

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- \* Pinawa Hospital
- \* Pine Falls Health Complex
- \* Whitemouth District Health Centre

Merry Christmas  
and a very  
Happy New Year



from  
**DUFOUR  
DAYCARE**

# Who is Santa Claus?

According to tradition, he was born in the ancient Lycian seaport city of Patara, and, when young, he traveled to Palestine and Egypt. He became bishop of Myra soon after returning to Lycia. He was imprisoned during the Roman emperor Diocletian's persecution of Christians but was released under the rule of Emperor Constantine the Great and attended the first Council (325) of Nicaea. After his death he was buried in his church at Myra, and by the sixth century his shrine there had become well known. In 1087, Italian sailors or merchants stole his alleged remains from Myra and took them to Bari, Italy; this removal greatly increased the saint's popularity in Europe, and Bari became one of the most crowded of all pilgrimage centres. Nicholas' relics remain enshrined in the 11th-century basilica of San Nicola, Bari.

Nicholas' reputation for generosity and kindness gave rise to legends of miracles he performed for the poor and unhappy. He was reputed to have given marriage dowries of gold to three girls whom poverty would otherwise have forced into lives of prostitution, and he restored to life three children who had been chopped up by a butcher and put in a brine tub. In the Middle Ages, devotion to Nicholas

extended to all parts of Europe. He became the patron saint of Russia and Greece; of charita-

ble fraternities and guilds; of children, sailors, unmarried girls, merchants, and pawnbrokers; and of such cities as Fribourg, Switz., and Moscow. Thousands of European churches were dedicated to him, one as early as the sixth century, built by the Roman emperor Justinian I, at Constantinople (now Istanbul). Nicholas' miracles were a fa-

vourite subject for medieval artists and liturgical plays, and his traditional feast day was



the occasion for the ceremonies of the Boy Bishop, a widespread European custom in which a boy was elected bishop and reigned until Holy Innocents' Day (December 28). See SANTA/next page

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Saturday, December 22, 10am-5pm  
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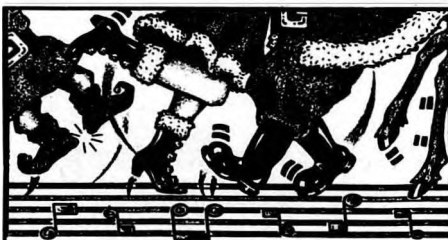
## Seasons Greetings

May you enjoy the riches of love, family, friends and good health this holiday season. Your patronage is our greatest asset and we look forward to growing together in the years to come.

Best wishes from Curtis, Monique, Linda, Carol, Adele, Michelle, Lynette, Donna and Gail at the Lac du Bonnet Branch of South Interlake Credit Union.

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## Being in charge and prepared Christmas poems

**Dawn Sawatzky, Outreach Worker, Anxiety Disorders Association of Manitoba**

The holiday season brings different things for different people, just as stress comes in different forms for different folks. Holiday time produces anxiety for many, both positive and negative. Positive stress helps us to plan and prepare for upcoming events. Negative stress begins to affect the way we feel and react to stressful situations. Anxiety can be friend or foe.

Thinking about the holidays may affect some people physically. Sometimes we do not realize that physical ailments

- such as shortness of breath, chest pains, repeated sighing, headaches, upset stomach, feeling dizzy or light-headed - that are not related to a physical condition may point to stress. This is our mind and body's way of letting us know that we are needing to pay attention to ourselves.

During the holiday season many people are faced with possibility of spending the holidays alone. This time of year can be difficult if it means facing the season without someone you once held dear. Perhaps you are caring for a loved one, a husband or wife, brother or sister, leaving little

time to wonder when there will be time to think about and plan for the holidays.

Preparing for the holidays can mean a reduction of stress. Perhaps you can call a friend or a family member, invite someone over, or arrange an invitation out. If that is not an option, could you arrange to spend time at a personal care home as a day guest to celebrate the holiday. Giving some thought and planning now for the holidays may relieve what may otherwise be a stress filled time.


May this holiday season leave you feeling in charge and prepared!

**My Christmas Poem**  
by **Katie Mysak, École communautaire Saint-Georges**

*Christmas is a special time of year,  
A time for happiness and cheer.  
A time for giving,  
And don't forget receiving!  
But that's not what Christmas is all about.  
It's about hanging with your family,  
That's for sure, without a doubt  
And for just one day, try to be friendly,  
Just this one day of the year,  
Try not to make your siblings shed one little tear,  
Because Christmas is a special time of year,  
A time for happiness and cheer!*

**Christmas**  
by **Mélanie Ratté, École communautaire Saint-Georges**


*I love Christmas because it's fun. The presents, the food and decorations too,  
Christmas is a celebration We celebrate when Jesus was born, I take pleasure in decorating the tree, The love that everybody spreads,  
I enjoy family reunions, Playing with my cousins in fun I love Christmas and everything about it!*



*It is with pleasure that the Staff & Board of Directors of the Caisse Populaires LaVerendrye*

*take the opportunity to express to you their gratitude and wishes for prosperity through the New Year!*

**Holiday Hours:**  
December 24, 9am to 3pm  
December 25 & 26, Closed  
December 27, 9am to 5pm  
December 28, 9am to 6pm  
December 31, 9am to 3pm  
January 1, Closed




*Holiday Greetings!*

*Thinking of you during the holidays, we wish you a safe and joyous Christmas and prosperous New Year.*

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*Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!*

**Best Theme Display:** Grant & Lori Facknowsky, 8 Beech  
Honorable mentions to:  
Tony & Colette Moss, 8 Cherry  
George & Evelyn Dodds, A1 Elm

**Best Original:** Mary Power, 25 Birch  
Honorable mentions to:  
Mr. & Mrs. W. Davidson, 2 Elm  
Butch & Cheryl Boisvert, 18 Maple

**Best Visual:** Richard & Dorothy Steinke, 17 Cherry  
Honorable mentions to:  
Warren Kane, Lot B Poplar  
Nita & Louis Van Rooyen, 5 Tamarac

**Best Business:** Northern Store  
Honorable mention to:  
Tom Wark MTS and Firehall

**Street Effect:** Cherry Street

# Pineview Girls Peewee Hockey, Game One

The Pineview Saints Girls Peewee Hockey team lost to Pinawa in their first ever hockey game, 12-0, not one bloody goal. Knowing the capacity for young girls, no these are not young girls; they are old girls who are becoming young women and sometimes their tendency to fly off the handle gets the best of them when situations like this occur. They did not fly off the handle, not one of them. On the contrary these young women remained incredibly positive and focused, using it all as a learning experience. Standing behind the bench, listening to the girls between shifts, there was not one, nagging or whining complaint, as can often be heard in situations like getting smoked badly generates. Nothing negative transpired from anyone.

Instead these peewee girls, many of who had never even seen each other before five practices ago, displayed a gallant effort and a reason why a women's hockey league should be established in this geographic area.

For half the hockey game, Pineview held the Pinawa team to a 3-0 score. For most of this time Pineview managed to skate with the Pinawa girls, a group who have played together for three years and who have already played six games this season.

The skating skills and determination of the Pineview team shone at moments in their match against Pinawa. Projecting how this team will perform after more coaching and game experience, head coach Ken Flanagan and assistant coach Marc Nolin feel very confident that the girls level of play will steadily increase.

The stats will show the strength of first time goal tender Stephanie Godard in her hockey debut. She was peppered in the final half of the game. The score could easily have been 30 to 0 but Stephanie was in that positive groove with the rest of her teammates. She came back determined and ready to play each time the puck found its way past her.

It has been my observation as an individual who has watched with great vested interest the life of a goalie, that unless you can shake it off, not look back and get into the game again, you're done. Mentally that is a very difficult thing to do.

You have only played one game Steph, but in that one game you have clearly shown that you can come back and make great saves after one gets by you. That is what great goalies do and that's hard. The deflection you could do nothing about, decking left instead of right, as a successful goalie you have to be able to shrug it off, write it off to get back in the game. You did that very impressively.

The Pineview Ringette League is an organization that should be acknowledged and thanked in this path to establishing a women's hockey program. Three of the girls playing on the Pineview Peewee Girls Hockey Team are products of the Pineview Ringette Organization; Samantha Cyr, Cassandra Flanagan, Carlee Tardiff and man can these girls skate. It is to the credit of the individuals who established and support the Pineview Ringette League that girls like Samantha, Cassandra and Carlee have such strong skating skills that contribute immensely to the overall potential for this peewee girls' hockey team and to the future of women's hockey in this area. Not to leave out the many people who organized, coached in and supported the Pineview Ringette

League, there are some founding individuals that the girls' peewee hockey team would like to acknowledge, Ed Forsyth, Dave Lower, Wayne and Sandy Martin, Allan and Wendy Tardiff and many others.

Allister Courchene, Recreation Director for Little Black River First Nations, must also be accredited for his support to establishing a women's hockey organization. Four girls from Little Black River First Nation who have been playing in a boy's hockey league for the past years are skating with the Pineview Saints Peewee Hockey Team, Kishy Starr, Tiffany Abraham, Jeanine Bird and Ali Courchene. The skills that the players from Little Black River First Nation bring to this team are invaluable because these girls have hockey experience, experience that is clearly evident when they are on the ice.

Women's Hockey is one of the fastest growing amateur sports in the world. The support and growth of this sport provides opportunities to fulfil Olympic dreams, win academic scholarships and to grow in a sport that is just now coming of age. The rivalry that already exists in the sport of women's hockey between

the Canadians and the Americans is intense.

In the past years the Canadian Women's National Hockey Team and the American Women's National Hockey Team have battled it out in two world championships and one gold medal Olympic match with merely one or two goals determining final outcomes. The high calibre of play and competitiveness between the National Canadian and American Women's hockey teams will ensure that support for women's hockey, and the opportunities that this sport will provide for girls in this and future generations will grow.

The communities in this area represent a mecca of hockey talent. Many of the individuals who contributed towards the strong men's hockey organizations of the past and present, now have daughters and granddaughters who could benefit from the experience of playing women's hockey. Hockey knowledge and experience can be passed on and the individuals who have this expertise are the ones who could establish and build a strong women's hockey organization.

It seemed kind of cool for the girls to be playing their first ever game of hockey on the eve of Wayne Gretzky's (swoon I love

him), announcement on the Canadian players who would represent the men's Olympic Hockey Team in Salt Lake City. *The Great One* showed confidence that this team would bring home Canada's first gold medal in men's hockey since 1952. Wow! That's quite an announcement!

The Pineview girls' first hockey game was all over. My kid got in the car after this game that saw her team get kicked 12-0 and I was just waiting for the whining to start, the excuses or maybe the reasons she didn't want to play hockey anymore. I looked at her in the rear view mirror, observing her surprisingly satisfied demeanor. She caught me gazing at her, held my eyes and said with a bigger smile than she usually shares, "I had a great time playing today." That's all I needed to hear to be convinced that girls' hockey has arrived and is here to stay.

All the girls on the Pineview Peewee hockey team and the coaching staff should be congratulated. If you can show that much desire and heart and play right to the end of a 12-0 hockey game, then imagine how great it will be when you score that first goal and in due time win that first game. It will be sweet!

**Happy Holidays!**

Here's hoping the holidays are filled with the best of everything for all our valued customers and friends!

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# Legion news

## Royal Canadian Legion Lac du Bonnet Branch #164

by Cde Norm Rimmer

Well here we are winter again, but so far the weather has been great when you consider the type of weather we have had at this time of the year. Remember that although the weather is good the roads still get slippery and these types of temperatures can make the roadways slipperier than if it was much colder. So be careful whether you're walking or driving.

The executive of the Branch and of the Ladies Auxiliary and staff would like to wish each and everyone of you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year. On January 1, 2002, we will be hosting our annual New Years Day Levee. We will be serving our traditional special recipe of "Moose Milk" and Clam Chowder. We hope to see you there, commencing at 1:00 p.m.

All in attendance enjoyed the Veteran's Dinner and Dance.

The guest speaker, Brian Wilson, President of Manitoba, Northwestern Ontario Command was very well received. The Ladies Auxiliary presented the Branch with a painting of the June 6, Juno Beach Landing, which has been framed and is now hanging in the Lounge. The Branch would like to thank the Ladies Auxiliary for their generous donation and Cde Al Campbell for the treasured painting.

Again this year we hosted a large crowd for the Remembrance Day Service. We would like to thank all the people who took part in the laying of the wreaths for the various organizations. The week prior to Remembrance Day was very busy for the Branch and Ladies Auxiliary as we took part in several Remembrance Day Services held at the various schools and Personal Care Homes in Lac du Bonnet, Pinawa and Whitemouth. When we attend

these various services as guest speakers we come away wondering if the message hit home. This year I had the privilege of being the guest speaker at the Pinawa School, addressing kindergarten to grade 12 as well as a large group of the general public. Firstly I was impressed with their opening ceremony of marching on the various colours and placing same in their respective holder. This was performed by the youngsters of the school. When it came time for "Last Post and Reveille" a young lad came out from the band with his trumpet and stood at centre stage and began to play without reading any music. He played both pieces very well. I should have recruited him for our service held on the Sunday instead of using tapes. A short while ago I received a thank you letter from the Chairperson of F.W. Gilbert parent Advisory Council and attached was a poem written by a Grade 1 student, who had gone home after hearing my speech and wrote the poem. I contacted the parents of the student and asked if I may copy the poem in my next

article for the paper; they said it would be all right. Here is the poem written by Draven Galeschuk, Grade 1 of F.W. Gilbert School;  
*Flowers in the Flanders Fields  
The poppies grow in the Flanders Fields.  
And the loved ones gone,  
Because they fought in a war and,  
Now buried in the Flanders Fields,  
Where poppies grow.  
So that others could live in their home,  
And in Flanders Fields,  
The poppies get some rain,  
To grow and grow and  
Always take a prayer for you and me.*

Upon receiving this I suddenly realized my message did hit home and they probably reach far more of the youth than we give credit. I would like to thank young Draven for this poem and his parents for allowing me to place it in this article.


The Branch and Ladies Auxiliary are hosting the Annual Christmas Dinner at the legion on Christmas Day. If you are going to be alone at home this Christmas how about coming to the legion and have a full course Christmas dinner with us. If you would like to join us for dinner

please give Fay a call at the branch office - 345-6522 and leave your names. We would like to know if your coming no later than December 20. You do not have to be a member to have dinner with us, just as long as you live in the general areas of Lac du Bonnet, Pinawa and Whitemouth.

The district sports playdowns are fast approaching us; the following are the dates for the various events. Curling will be held at Pine Falls on Saturday, January 5, 2002 and darts will be held at Henderson Highway Legion on Saturday, February 9 and Sunday, February 10, 2002.

The branch would like to congratulate all the following winners of our Grey Cup Raffle - John Honer, 1st quarter; Darryl Buhay, 1st quarter reverse; M. Mattausch, 2nd quarter; Jo Becker, 2nd quarter reverse; F. Duncan, 3rd quarter; R. Sabansky, 3rd quarter reverse; L. Byron, final score and E. Ehrlich, final score reverse.

The General Meetings in January for the Ladies Auxiliary is Monday, January 7 and for the Branch it is Tuesday, January 15.



Here's wishing all our valued friends and neighbors the best holiday season ever!

Management & Staff **A.M.L.**

**SEASON'S GREETINGS**  
From all of us at

**ENVIRONMENTAL OPTIONS**  
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**HOLIDAY RECYCLING TIPS**  
Have bags/boxes ready for the big day.  
Remove bows & ribbon from wrapping paper.  
Keep garbage such as plastic wrap & styrofoam out of recyclable wrapping paper and cardboard boxes.  
Boxboard and wrapping paper can be bagged together.

Have your tree chipped if possible

REMOVE all lids/caps from "Cheer" bottles & jars.

# Merry Christmas!

From all of us,  
our best wishes for a happy,  
healthy holiday season.



## Drifter's Inn

345-2915 — Lac du Bonnet

# Merry Christmas

*Wishing you all a joyful Christmas!  
May the joys of the season brighten each  
and everyone of your days!*

Dr. Mark Karpa  
Dr. Brian Matcychuk  
Michael, Yvette, & Donna

*Holiday Hours*

Closed December 25 & 26  
Open December 27 & 28, 9am to 5pm  
Open December 31, 9am to 12noon  
Closed January 1

**Powerview  
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# The Christmas Stocking

"The stockings were hung by the chimney with care in hopes that Saint Nicholas soon would be there"

There was a kindly nobleman whose wife had died of an illness leaving the nobleman and his three daughters in despair. After losing all his money in useless and bad inventions the family had to move into a peasant's cottage, where the daughters

did their own cooking, sewing and cleaning.

When it came time for the daughters to marry, the father became even more depressed as his daughters could not marry without dowries, money and property given to the new husband's family.

One night after the daughters had washed out their clothing they hung their stockings over the fireplace to dry. That night Saint Nicholas, knowing the despair of the father, stopped by the noble-

man's house. Looking in the window Saint Nicholas saw that the family had gone to bed. He also noticed the daughters stockings. Inspiration struck Saint Nicholas and he took three small bags of gold from his pouch and threw them one by one down the chimney and they landed in the stockings.

The next morning when the daughters awoke they found their stockings contained enough gold for them to get married. The nobleman was

able to see his three daughters marry and he lived a long and happy life.

Children all over the world continue the tradition of hanging Christmas stockings. In some countries children have similar customs, in France the children place their shoes by the fireplace, a tradition dating back to when children wore wooden peasant shoes.

In Holland the children fill their shoes with hay and a car-

rot for the horse of Sintirklass. In Hungary children shine their shoes before putting them near the door or a window sill.

Italian children leave their shoes out the night before Epiphany, January 5, for La Befana the good witch. And in Puerto Rico children put greens and flowers in small boxes and place them under their beds for the camels of the Three Kings.



**SEASON'S GREETINGS**

Wishing you a relaxing and joyful holiday season, all the best in the New Year.

**HENRY'S TOWING**

**Papertown Motor Inn**

**Season's Greetings**

Rooms & Twisters Water Park open throughout the Holiday Season.

**Holiday Season Hours - Dining Room**  
 December 24th - Closing at 5:30pm  
 December 25th - Closed  
 December 26th - Boxing Day open 10:30am to 9pm  
 December 31st - New Year's Eve open regular hours  
 January 1, Closed New Year's Day

**Nite Crawlers & Vendor**  
 December 24th open till 5:30pm  
 December 25th - Closed  
 December 26th - Boxing Day open regular hours  
 December 31st - New Year's Eve - Closed 10:30pm  
 January 1st - New Year's Day - Closed

May your holiday be rich in happiness.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and to coin a phrase, "Thank You"

From Lynn & Staff at

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**Christmas Hours:**  
 December 23, 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m.  
 December 24, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
 December 25 & 26, Closed  
 December 27, 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

May joy & happiness fill all your days!

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

**Midway Foods (1999) Ltd.**

Don, Lori, Grace, Brian, Andrea & Audrey

**Holiday Hours:**  
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 Closed December 25 & 26  
 December 31, 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
 Closed January 1  
 All other days regular hours.

**South Interlake**  
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May this holiday season fill your homes and hearts with peace, joy and love.

Season's Greetings from all of us at South Interlake Credit Union.

Brian, Tammy, Carol, Rina, Jody, Michelle, Stephanie, Cheryl, Lisa & Ryan

**Season's Greetings**

Wishing you a Safe & Happy Holiday Season!

From the Management and Staff of...

**Osie Building Supplies**

# Winnipeg River RCMP detachment report

**December 8:**

Police attended the Dufour Trailer Court regarding a spousal assault. Upon police arrival a male subject who was very intoxicated and violent was arrested for resisting arrest and assault.

**December 9:**

A call of a spousal assault was received from the Victoria Beach area. Members arrested a female subject who had assaulted her spouse. She was charged for assault, and three charges of utter threats, and remanded into custody for a court appearance on December 14.

A female driver from Hollow Water was charged for Impaired Driving and Drive

Over .08.

A cottage owner from Beresford Lake called and reported his cottage had been broken into. Two generators, T.V., VCR and tools were taken. Latter in the week several more cottages were discovered to have been broken into in the same area.

Police responded to a head on collision which had occurred on highway #59 just north of the PR #304 intersection. Both drivers died in the accident and a passenger from one of the vehicles was transported to Health Sciences Centre where he was treated for non life threatening injuries. The accident is still under investigation.

A male subject was stopped for Impaired Driving on the south shore of Sagkeeng. He was charged for Refusing the Breathalyzer and drive over .08. The police investigation as well revealed that he was as well wanted on a warrant from Winnipeg Police Services.

A call was received from the north shore of Sagkeeng of a spousal assault at 8:30 p.m.. Police arrested and lodged a male subject who is facing charges of assault.

Pine Falls Service Shell called stating someone got gas and did not pay for it. The matter is currently under investigation.

**December 10:**

A call was received that a female had been sexually as-

saulted in Little Black River. Police attended, and arrested a male suspect for sexual assault, who has since been remanded into custody at the Winnipeg Remand Centre.

A call was received of vandalism to a vehicle in Manigotogan. The matter is still under investigation and charges are pending.

A male was found driving an unregistered van on the south shore of Sagkeeng. The plates were from another vehicle. The registered owner was aware that the plates were invalid. The vehicle was seized and the plates were turned over to MPIC.

**December 11:**

There was a complaint of theft of a KP85TP pinkish col-


oured speaker which had been mounted outside of Department of Highway Scale Office on P.R. road #304.

**December 12:** A call was received of two people fighting on the roadway in the Townsite of Fort Alexander and then chasing each other down the road. Police attended and the situation was resolved.

**December 13:**

Police attended Beresford Lake to continue the investigation into several cottage break and enters which had occurred over the past few days. Numerous items such as tools, fuel, recreational equipment were taken as well as a 2000 Polaris anniversary model, Red and Black in colour snowmobile.

Police from the Powerview and Lac du Bonnet offices were involved in the pursuit of a vehicle after it failed to stop for the police in the area of Hollow Water. The vehicle was pursued through Bissett, south through the Beresford  
*See RCMP/page 23*



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*Wish you a happy & healthy  
Holiday Season*



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*Would like to  
wish everyone  
a joyous  
Holiday Season!*  
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*May Christmas and all the joy it brings  
be yours throughout the coming year!*  
*Our wish for health, happiness  
and a safe holiday season.*  
from the staff and volunteers of the  
**LAC DU BONNET  
RCMP DETACHMENT**  
**Happy  
Holidays!**  
PLEASE...  
DON'T  
DRINK  
AND  
DRIVE



**Holiday  
Greetings**  
for a Safe  
Snowmobiling Season  
from the staff of  
**Hillside Power Products**  
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**Season's Greetings**  
Wishing you joy and  
happiness this holiday  
season and in the  
New Year!



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from  
Liz &  
Karen



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Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
Friday 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**PINE FALLS  
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**Congratulations**  
**PINE FALLS  
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SALON**  
*Liz, congratulations on  
your first year of  
business.  
All the Best in the  
New Year.  
Your Bud Alana*

# Christmas Tree Care

## Cornerstone

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

December is the month many families being erecting Christmas trees in anticipation of that exciting day. Whether you purchase a tree off of a commercial lot, or cut it down yourself, below are some tips for keeping that tree fresh throughout the holiday season.

If you plan on purchasing a pre-cut tree, it is very important to be able to tell whether or not a tree is fresh. In general, each tree should have a healthy, green appearance without a large number of dead or browning needles. Needles should appear fresh and flexible and should not come off in your hand if you gently stroke a branch. A useful trick is to lift a cut tree a couple of inches off the ground and let it drop on the cut butt. Green needles should not drop off the tree. A few dried, inner needles may fall, but certainly the outer, green needles should not be affected.

Once you have returned safely home with your tree, its continued freshness depends upon the type of care you provide.

The tree should have a fresh cut across the bottom, about one inch above the old base. This removes any clogged wood that may not readily absorb water. Next, the tree should be placed in a stand with a large reservoir of water. Depending upon the size, species, and location of the tree, it may absorb four litres of water in the first day, so it should be checked frequently and re-watered as necessary. Although some people advocate placing various substances in the water to preserve freshness, pure tap water can be used to simply keep the tree well watered. As long as the tree is able to absorb and transpire water, it is reasonably fire-resistant.

It is important that the

tree always be kept watered and not allowed to dry out. If the tree does become dried out, it may not be able to adequately absorb moisture once it is re-watered, and it will shed its needles prematurely. Taking the tree down and cutting about a 1-inch slice off the bottom of the trunk, then replacing the tree in the stand and re-watering, will remedy this problem. Although inconvenient, it is the only way to prevent early needle loss. Overall, a good rule of thumb is to treat a green Christmas tree just like a fresh bouquet of cut flowers.


The Christmas tree should be located in a safe place, preferable near a wall or corner where it is not likely to be knocked over. Keeping the tree away from heat sources such as hot air ducts, wood stoves, fireplaces, etc. will help to preserve freshness and



lessen fire danger. Similarly, light cords and connections used in decorating the tree should be in good working

condition. Lights should always be turned off at bedtime or when leaving for an extended period of time.

For more information on Christmas trees in Manitoba, please visit the Manitoba Christmas Tree Growers Association website at <http://www.realchristmastrees.mb.ca/index.htm>.



Royal Canadian Mounted Police

Gendarmerie royale du Canada

### WINNIPEG RIVER DETACHMENT

- Hope all have a Safe Holiday Season!
- Wishing everyone the Best of Luck in 2002.
- Please Remember Don't drink & drive.




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*Wishing you a Happy Holiday Season!*

**Holiday Hours:**

December 21, 10am - 5pm  
December 24, 10am - 3pm  
Closed, December 25 & 26  
December 27, 10am - 3pm  
December 28, 10am - 5pm  
December 31, 10am - 3pm  
Closed, January 1


**Agassiz School Division #13**

## Kindergarten Registration For 2002-2003

If your child was born in 1997, he/she is eligible to attend Kindergarten during the 2002-2003 academic year.

Parents/guardians are asked to register their children at anytime between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on January 15, 16, 17 & 18, 2002 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
- Hutterite 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.

**ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION  
LAC DU BONNET BRANCH #164  
& LADIES AUXILIARY BRANCH #164**

We especially welcome the opportunity to say thank you for your friendship throughout the year!

## Merry Christmas!




Serving Seniors & Youth

Season's Greetings and a Happy New Year

Winnipeg River Senior Service would like to thank everyone for supporting our bartender's delight draw. A big thank you to all the local businesses who helped out in the sale of tickets.

Winners:

Marcel & Hermacse Roy  
Donna Veilleux & Patty  
Jo Papineau  
Debbie Sehn

## CPR FIRST AID COURSE

Open to any area residents.  
For more information  
Call 367-2394  
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# Echo Classifieds

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

**Suite for Rent** - In Powerview. If interested please call for details 367-4875. 23-TFN

**Apartments for Rent** - One and two bedroom apartments for rent in Powerview. Utilities and parking included, coin laundry, very clean and well maintained. If interested please call for details after 6:00 p.m., 367-4922. 23-TFN



**Colby Christopher Kemball**

Born November 5, 2001 at 8:55 a.m. in Pine Falls Hospital. Colby weighed 7lbs, 15oz, and was 21 inches in length. Colby's proud parents are Kristen and Sean. We send out warmest thanks to the nurses and especially Dr. Van Rooyen for helping us bring another anxious son into the world.

*Colby your Mommy, Daddy, and big brother Owen love you!*

**In Loving Memory of a dear wife who passed away December 19, 1994.**  
*We think of her in silence, No eyes can see us weep. But still within my aching heart her memory I keep.*

*Sadly missed by her husband Stanley, and the Chychaluk family*

Thank you to the OJ' Kings for your support again this year. Your support is greatly appreciated. Thanks again, Pineview Minor Hockey

**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. 31-TFN

## North Winnipeg Handivan Employment Opportunity

The North Winnipeg Handivan is currently seeking a casual driver. Must have a class 4. A medical is required. Seniors welcome to apply.

North Winnipeg Handivan  
Box 1109, Pine Falls, Mb  
ROE 1MO 367-9128

## Lac du Bonnet Lion's Club Winners

- Tanis McDonald of Whitemouth
- Karen Barton of Winnipeg
- M. Arnason of Lac du Bonnet

**Thanks to all the Ticket Sellers & Purchasers.**

## HOLLOW WATER FIRST NATION ELECTION IN HOLLOW WATER FIRST NATION

The Elections in Hollow Water First Nation will be held on January 23, 2002 at the Hollow Water Community Hall. Addresses for Mail-Out Ballots are required due to this year's off-reserve eligible band member votes.

To confirm if you are on the Voter's List or for more information, please call:

Electoral Officer: Shirley Smith (204) 363-7462  
Deputy Electoral Officer: Norman Moneyas (204) 363-7543 or  
Hollow Water Band Office (204) 363-7278.

*Mitigwech*

## Under the Planning Act NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Regarding By-Law 20/01 The Rural Municipality of Alexander

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Rural Municipality of Alexander has proposed a by-law providing for the closing of the following public reserve:

THAT all that portion of Public Reserve, Plan 18172 WLTO in Fraction SE 1/4 Section 28, Township 17, Range 11 EPM as shown bordered on a Plan of Survey of Land Required for Water Storage, prepared by John Charles Hamilton, Manitoba Land Surveyor and sworn to by him on August 20, 1997 (Deposit No. 667/97) attached as Schedule "A" to the By-Law.

And for conveying and transferring ownership of said Public Reserve to Manitoba Hydro for consolidation to Manitoba Hydro Water Storage Plan 27019:

A copy of the above By-law of the Rural Municipality of Alexander and supporting material may be inspected by any person during regular office hours at the office of the Municipality at St. Georges, Manitoba.

The Council of the Municipality will sit at the Municipal Offices in St. Georges on January 8, 2002, at 11:10 a.m., to hear in person or by agent any person who claims that his land will be prejudicially affected by the by-law and who applies to be heard.

DATED at St. Georges, Manitoba this 23rd day of November 2001.

Rose-Marie Blanchette, Chief Administrative Officer  
R.M. of Alexander

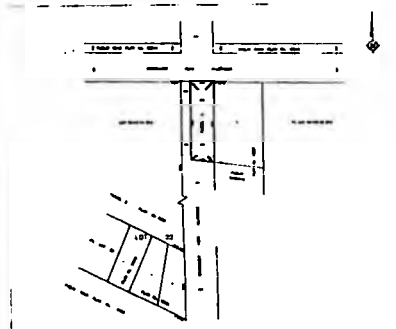
## UNDER THE MUNICIPAL ACT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING BY-LAW 16/01

### THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ALEXANDER

TAKE NOTICE that the Rural Municipality of Alexander has proposed a by-law providing for the closing, of the following municipal road allowance:

All that portion of the municipal road allowance identified on a plan prepared by Douglas Theodore Stevens, Manitoba Land Surveyor, and sworn to by him on the 22nd day of October, 2001 described as between Lot 48 and Lot 49 Township 18, Range 10 E.P.M.

as shown outlined by a heavy line on Appendix "A" below



and for consolidating and transferring the Municipal Road Allowance to the owners of

Parcel A - Title # 1311106 WPG  
Lot 1, Plan 15207 (Roll No. 135450)

A copy of the above by-law of the Rural Municipality of Alexander and supporting material may be inspected by any person during regular office hours at the office of the municipality at St. Georges, Manitoba.

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DATED at St. Georges, Manitoba this 16th day of November, 2001.

## SILVER HAVEN MEAL PROGRAM

Open to all seniors 55 and over.

You are welcome to bring a guest. All meals are \$4.50.

Meals are at 12:00 noon Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Your name must be put on the list the day before by calling Silver Haven at 367-4620 or Bernice at 367-8369

**Wednesday, Dec. 19**

Soup, pork cutlets and mushroom sauce, rice, peas, pineapple upside down cake.

**Friday, December 21:**

Soup, liver and onions, gravy, baked potatoes, green beans, cookies.

**Monday, December 24:**

Salad, Salisbury Steak, mashed potatoes, baked beans, muffins

**Wednesday, Dec. 26**

Closed for Christmas. Happy Holidays.

**Friday, December 28:**

Salad, pickerel with wild rice, celery & carrots, angle food cake.

**Monday, December 31:**

Soup, swiss steak, mashed potatoes, corn, green dessert.

**Wednesday, January 2:**

Closed for New Years.

**Friday, January 4:**

Salad, apricot chicken cutlets, noodles, stir fry vegetables, jello.

**Monday, January 7:**

Soup, beef pot pie, strawberry short cake.

# RCMP Report

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lake area and eventually stopped on roadway #314 near Springer Lake. The driver of the vehicle who was from Bloodvein, was arrested and charged for driving while impaired, over .08, and fail to stop for police. The other occupants of the vehicle were as well taken into custody as they were extremely intoxicated.

**December 14:**

Two vehicles were stolen from the Powerview, Pine Falls area. One of the vehicles which was taken from the 200 block of Art Street, in Powerview was a 1998 Brown Dodge Ram pickup, the second vehicle was stolen from Cherry Street in Pine Falls, a 1995 Black Dodge Ram pickup. There was also an attempt to

steal a Jeep Cherokee on Cedar Street in Pine Falls. However the vehicle alarm scarred off the culprits. Both vehicles were later recovered in Selkirk however not before a stolen vehicle from the Selkirk area was recovered abandoned behind the Powerview arena. The public is asked to ensure that your vehicles are properly secured as there has been an unusually high number of vehicles taken over the past two weeks.

A Jeep Cherokee which had been stolen during the latter part of October from Holly Street in Pine Falls has yet to be recovered. If anyone has any information in relation to these or any other vehicle thefts would you please call the Winnipeg River R.C.M.P. office in Powerview.

Just a reminder that the Provincial Wide Check Stop Program focusing on Impaired Driving is in effect until January 2, 2002. We have attached an update which includes the number of vehicles checked within the Winnipeg River Detachment area and alcohol related driving offences for this past week.

Our office requests that if you have any information that might assist police with any of the above noted incidents, or any other criminal matter, you are asked to call the Winnipeg River Detachment of the R.C.M.P. at either 367-2222 or 754-2300. If you would like to remain anonymous you can call Manitoba Crime Stoppers at toll free 1-800-782-8477.

# Candy the Christmas Miracle

from page 7

to watch her eat, and help urge her along. I don't think she should go to just anyone...make sure the home she gets they have alot of time to spend with her."

People were coming in like crazy for puppies and kittens, but it was not our policy to adopt right before the holidays, which were too stressful for most puppies and kittens. This seemed to agree with Candy, who got to know our staff, and in two days time was romping in the small back room with 2 of our cats who liked dogs.

That afternoon, Steve was asked to pick out a dog or a puppy to take with him to do an educational presentation at the Greenpoint Library. The lecture, to kids and their parents, was why you shouldn't get a pet for the holidays. Steve wanted to take an older dog, but being he needed a dog he could fit in the small car that belonged to our handyman, he reluctantly decided on Candy.

Steve got there, got set up, and spoke with the library staff, who were animal lovers, about the shelter, all of who admired the puppy. Candy, in her days with us, wasn't as shy as she had been, but Steve took great pains to make sure the puppy was comfortable. He put her into a large carrier to nap til they were ready for her, and he set up for the talk.

The audience that filtered in were made up of adults and kids of all ages. They took seats in the kids library, and Steve watched them with irony, wondering how many would really listen to him.

He was introduced by the Head Librarian and had just begun to talk when he noticed a slight disturbance in the back of the room. A man was entering, pushing a wheelchair with a child in it. Steve noticed the little girl, who looked to be about 10, had a scarf over her head and looked very pale. They took their place near the side and Steve noticed they were very

attentive.

A few mintues into the presentation, Steve lifted out Candy from her box. There was a chorus of 'ooohs' and 'aaahhhs' but from the side there came a small scream. Steve turned and saw the man, his face white, clutching the girl's hand. The girl looked as if she was seeing a ghost.

"It's her, dad!!! It's her." the child's voice was filled with anguish, and Steve and everyone turned to look at the man. He was white faced and obviously shaken. The little girl was crying, reaching out her arms. "Oh, please, please let me hold her. She's mine, she's mine!"

There was dead silence in the room. Steve looked at the man and held up his hand to the group. He went over to the man, and settled the puppy in the little girl's lap. She buried her face in the puppy's fur and Candy turned and began to lick her ear. Her scarf slipped and Steve could see she had no hair. The man reached out and squeezed her hand, then looked up at Steve.

"We can discuss this when I'm done." Steve said, not knowing what else to do. Despite his jaded nature, he felt a lump in his throat, and the rest of the lecture was delivered with a paced warmth and more acceptance than probably anything else he'd done. At the end, he let the children come up and gently pet the puppy where it sat in the little girl's lap. The little girl showed them how to pet the little animal, gently, and held some of the smaller children's hands. When the lecture was over, after Steve had fielded several questions about the shelter, he went back to the man and his daughter. The little girl smiled up at him through tear streaked lashes. "Thank you for bringing her to me! I knew I'd see her again! I just knew it!"

Steve turned to the man, who led her a desperate look. He led

him to the side of the library. "Please let us adopt this puppy. This must be a miracle."

He paused and looked at Steve. "You see, a few weeks ago we answered an ad about someone who had puppies for adoption. Ann...my daughter...she has cancer. For Christmas she asked for a puppy, and we thought it would be a good idea. My wife and I had wanted a dog too, and Ann, well, it seemed to be an incentive for her to not give up, too, you know? We picked out this puppy, and the woman said she'd hold it for us til the puppy was a little older. It was still nursing and being taken care of by it's mother. We gave the woman our number, and told her to call us. We figured she would. But two weeks later when I called, she told me she had sold the whole litter. We tried to find out more, but she wouldn't tell me anything.

It devastated my daughter. She's been sort of having a hard time with things. I didn't think she'd ever get over it. She prayed for that puppy...."

He began to cry. Steve did too. He had a lump in his throat. He shook his head. "Come back to the shelter with me. You'll have to do the paperwork to make it official."

That afternoon, Candy, renamed Holly, went home in the arms of a little girl who thanked us for being angels. Her parents, who had both come in, hugged us in tears.

A year later Steve came upstairs and handed me an envelope. There was a Christmas card inside with a pretty young blond girl sitting on a sofa, her arms around a silky snow coated dog, with a red collar around it's neck. "Merry Christmas from Anne and her sister, Holly," the card read. "I feel better now, Steve, because of you. I will always take good care of Holly. Love, Ann." It was the only time I'd ever seen Steve cry.

# Who is Santa Claus?

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After the Reformation, Nicholas' cult disappeared in all the Protestant countries of Europe except Holland, where his legend persisted as Sinterklaas (a Dutch variant of the name Saint Nicholas). Dutch colonists took this tradition with them to New Amsterdam (now New York City) in the American colonies in the 17th century. Sinterklaas was adopted by the country's English-speaking majority under the name Santa Claus, and his legend of a kindly old man was united with old Nordic folktales of a magician who punished naughty children and rewarded good children with presents.

("Nicholas. SAINT". Britannica CD. Version 97. Encyclopaedia Britannica, Inc., 1997.)

It is amazing but true that the common, popular view of Santa that we all have today, along with all the crazy things around Santa like the sleigh, the reindeer and the chimney, all came largely from two publishing events that occurred in the 1800s and one advertising

campaign in this century. Clement Moore wrote "The Night Before Christmas" in 1822 for his family. It was picked up by a newspaper, then reprinted in magazines and it spread like wildfire. Moore admitted authorship in 1838. If you read the poem you will find that he names the reindeer, invents the sleigh, comes up with the chimney and the bag of toys, etc. Nearly everyone in America has been able to recognize or recite this poem since the 1830s.

Then, between 1863 and 1886, Harper's Weekly (a popular magazine of the time) ran a series of engravings by Thomas Nast. From these images come the concepts of Santa's workshop, Santa reading letters, Santa checking his list and so on. Coca-Cola also played a role in the Santa image by running a set of paintings by Haddon Sundblom in its ads between 1931 to 1964.

The red and white suit came, actually, from the original Saint Nicholas. Those colors were the colors of the traditional bishop's robes.

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