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\$1300 raised for slain officers fund

by Charles Norman

The third Annual Rob Thomas Memorial Hockey Tournament raised \$1,300 for the RCMP slain Officers fund on the weekend of March 8, 9, and 10. Sixteen hockey teams participated, twelve men's teams and four women's.

Constable Rob Thomas was shot and killed during the night of March 6, 1986 during a routine traffic check in Powerview outside what was the Shell Service station and is now a sun tanning salon. His partner, Reg Gulliford was shot in the back and paralyzed in the same incident.

The murderer, Edgar Olson, got back in his truck and drove to the home of Harry Fontaine on the Sagkeeng North Shore looking for

Fontaine's ex Wife. For the entire hair raising night Fontaine was held at gun point by the intoxicated Olson. Towards morning Fontaine had an opportunity to grab the rifle and did so. He hit Olson over the head with it sufficiently hard enough to break the stock, but not hard enough to knock him out. He had to choke him into unconsciousness before he was able to call the RCMP. Olson was convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment. He died in Prison.

The sixteen teams played in three arenas, Powerview, Pine Falls, and the Sagkeeng Multiplex Arena. Hockey began on the Friday night but the opening ceremony honouring Constable Thomas took place in



Official Opening Ceremonies of the Rob Thomas Memorial Hockey Tournament
left to right: Cst. Jim Coburn, Chief Gary Swampy, Reeve George Harbottle, Quincy Thomas - son of the late Cst. Rob Thomas, Harry Fontaine, Sgt. Brian Lynch and Cst. Dwight Wilson

the Sagkeeng arena on Saturday morning.

Following the opening ceremonies were individual skills competitions, and more hockey.

Participating were: Powerview RCMP pistols, Little Black River, Stony Mountain

Penitentiary Ice Dogs, Manitoba Sheriffs, St. Georges Voyageurs, The Pas RCMP, Powerview Leftovers, Hollow water Panthers, Lac du Bonnet Buzzards, Pine Falls Ol Kings, Sagkeeng Braves and Powerview oldtimers. Women's teams were: The Winni-

peg Sirens, The RCMP Scarlet, The Sagkeeng Stars and The Pineview Saintes.

More than 250 athletes participated.

The Powerview Old Timers won the men's tournament.

The women's event was won by the Pineview Saintes.

13% School tax hike

by Eleanor Zieske, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees

Following a series of budget meetings, the Agassiz School Division Board of Trustees approved the 2002-2003 budget of Operating expenditures of \$20,449,095 and Transfers to Capital accounts of \$374,120. The accumulated deficit that occurred in June 1999 will be eliminated by June 30, 2002, therefore, no further budget provisions are

required.

A public meeting was held in Lac du Bonnet, March 4th to share the proposed budget with a 1.05 mill increase. After further deliberations, the majority of the Board agreed the budget would remain as presented to the Public, Municipalities, Parent Advisory Councils, and School Administrators, with the exception of an additional 0.25 Assistant Principal for Centennial School.

The Board approved the 2002-03 budget with a Special Requirement of \$8,466,222. This means an additional \$418,626 was required from taxpayers in order to meet the needs of the schools in the upcoming year.

The Division receives notification of the 2002 Portioned School Assessment from the Schools Finance Branch. This Assessment increased by \$26,871,280 which amounts to additional revenue of

\$561,335. In the previous budget, the Board had increased the mill rate by 3.2 mills (\$1,189,821) which was collected 45.5% in the 2001 special levy (\$541,369) and 54.5% in the 2002 special levy (\$648,452). Therefore, the dollars that the increased assessment generated went towards the portion of the 2002 special levy that was for the previous budget. If the Portioned School Assessment had remained the same as last year, the mill rate increase would have been greater to generate the same

dollars.

The Special Levy billed to the Municipalities for 2002 is 20.89 mills and represents a 13.21% increase. This mill rate of 20.89 for 2002 is still below the Provincial average of 21.9 for the tax year 2001.

The Provincial Government announced an increase of 4% which translated to a net increase of 2.8% for Agassiz. Provincial funding represents 58% of the total revenue budgeted. Transportation funding formulas have changed over
See SCHOOL page 10

School expected to increase convenience store business

The construction of the new elementary school on the Sagkeeng South Shore is expected to increase business for Mo's Movies and Mini Mart on the river side of Highway 11.

The store owner, 46 year old Maureen Abraham, did not wait for the school before opening. With the help of a grant from Sagkeeng the building was built by her husband and son-in-law in the Summer of 2000, and the store opened the following year.

As the name implies, the store rents movies and sells standard convenience store

products, soft drinks, candy, cigarettes, bottled water, and a limited range of food items. DVDs will be added to tape movie rentals in the near future. The store currently employs three people. Two more will be added in the spring when school construction workers will likely be purchasing soft drinks and cigarettes.

After several years of delays the elementary school will be under construction in the spring. Completion is expected in time for the school year beginning in September.



Maureen Abraham behind the counter at her convenience store on the South Shore of Fort Alexander



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TransCanada Trail

The Trans Canada Trail - or the Blue Water Recreational Trail as it is locally known, is it part of a national dream or just a local nightmare! People were caught up in the excitement of the moment when the proposed trail

was opened during the presence of all the official dignitaries. Lots of good ideas and promises were made in the heat of the moment which are still waiting to be fulfilled. We realize that there is a lot of government conditions that

have to be met, and this all takes time. However, frustration is high and some people are running out of enthusiasm trying to make this all year round trail a definite possibility in this region. We realize that with such a low population base in this area and so many interest groups all vying for attention that it is hard to get volunteers to take part in discussions. We know that until we actually have something tangible to show people it is

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7th Annual Bozo Wood Memorial

by V. Anderson

This past weekend the 7th Annual Bozo Wood Memorial was held at the Pine Falls Curling Club. Twenty-one teams entered this years event. Games began Friday night, and many friends and family came out to cheer on their favorite team. Special thanks was extended to the Ed Belfour team for coming out all the way from Norway House.

Saturday evening curlers were treated to a delicious meal which was catered by Brostrum's Catering. The evening was a fun filled night which had curlers singing their favorite Karaoke tunes, which were provided by

Michelle Hanson and Kelly Palmer. Participants also had a chance to enter and have some fun with a draw competition, closest to the but-ton, without any sweep-ers and such.

A-event winner's were the Lionel Chartrand rink, Alice Meade/third, Art Meade/second, and Karen Delronde/lead who defeated Robert McMullan/skip, Tanya Earl/third, Jeff Oakes/second, and Pat Nixdorf/lead in a 8-4 victory. B-event winners were Vic Dupont/skip, Norma Dupont/third, Gabe Boulette/second, and Colleen Boulette/lead who defeated Norman



A Event Winners - Daren Delronde - lead, Art Mead - second, Alice Meade - third, and Lionel Chartrand - skip

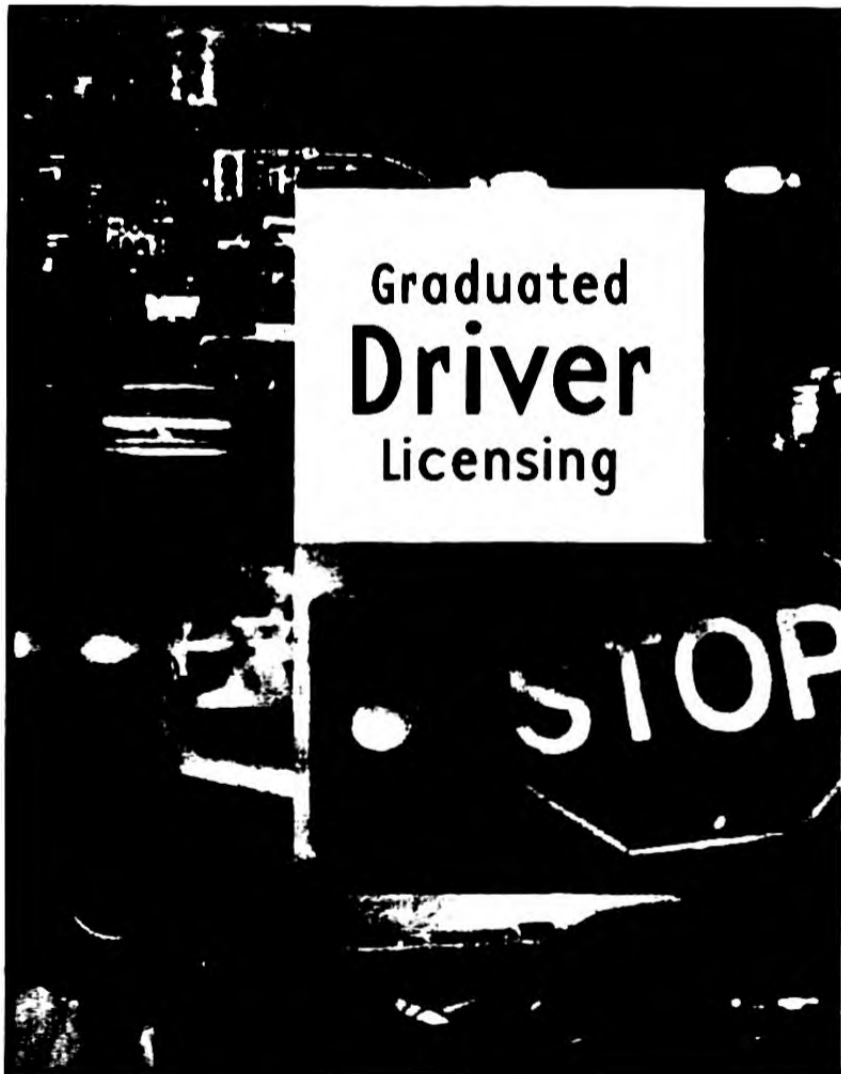


B Event winners - Colleen Boulette - lead, Gabe Boulette - second, Norma Dupont - third and Vic Dupont - skip.

Meade/skip, Loretta Meade/third, Derek Ross/second, and Karen Elyson/lead in a 6-2 win. C-event winners were Nick Ogryzlo/skip, Val Ogryzlo/third, Allen Meade/second, and Val Anderson/lead who defeated the Brian Moneyas/skip, Lorna Moneyas/third, Norm Christianson/second, and Kathleen Christainson/lead in a 10-4 victory.



C - Event Winners - Skip - Nick Ogryzlo, third - Val Ogryzlo, second - Allan Meade and lead - Val Anderson



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Soccer 2002 – Let's kick it up a notch!

Spring is just around the corner and with it comes another season of soccer in the North Eastman Soccer Association (NESA) region including: Pine Falls, Powerview, Sagkeeng, Winnipeg River and the Beaches. (There is opportunity for other communities in the area to also join as well.)

The North Eastman Soccer Association (NESA) encourages all children/youth to have fun and enjoy the evenings playing soccer outdoors. Soccer is very inexpensive, easy to catch on to, and requires little in the way of equipment. Soccer promotes team spirit, skill development and new friendships. Mini-soccer (a scaled down version with smaller field/goals and less players) gives kids much more direct contact with the ball and more opportunities to acquire soccer skills. The soccer program is offered to boys and girls from age four to 16 years of age (higher ages depending on interest). Registration will be held the week of April 2002 with league play starting the second week in May 2002.

Upcoming child/youth soccer registration dates: Tuesday,

April 2nd at Pine Falls School, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. (front foyer); Wednesday, April 3rd at Powerview Arena, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. (upstairs); Beaches registration - TBA. Please bring proof of age such as a birth certificate.

Important changes for the upcoming 2002 season:

- A new spring/fall only schedule (similar to Winnipeg youth leagues) with prime holiday weeks in July/August off.
- Full player insurance/registration through Manitoba Soccer Association;
- Opportunities to send teams to represent the league in Provincial Cup play.
- Possibly new home fields for Sagkeeng, The Beaches and Winnipeg River teams;
- Organized adult soccer leagues will go ahead only if a minimum of four full teams preregister in both the women's or men's divisions.

Soccer 2001 – A year in review

Last year was a huge success thanks to all the efforts of the volunteer executive members, the players, the coaches, parents and spectators. In the very first season for organized kids' soccer in the area, the sport attracted almost 200 participants. This year, it is expected that those numbers will increase. The season ended on a beautiful weekend in October with a mini-soccer play-off festival, team photos and a wind-up banquet and trophy presentation. And for those of you that were wondering, the winning team names voted in were: The Wpg. River "Raptors", The Pine View "Storm" and the Sagkeeng "Hawks".

The winning teams for 2001 were: under 13 division – The Pine View Stingers; Mavericks



Division (9 & 10) – The Sagkeeng Hawks; Sprockets Division (7&8) – The Sagkeeng Stars.



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Sincerely,
GERALD HAWRANIK



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How to get rid of the cold and snow

by Grade 4F Class Anicinabe School

Alana O'Laney - We can say "snow, snow go away"

Adrian Boubard - To get rid of the cold and snow is to use 1 million hair dryers.

Lance Buboire - Use a time machine and speed up time.

Laura Whitesell - If I was a giant I will bring the sun more closer to the world, that's how you get rid of snow.

Tim Courchene - I will ask all the water bombers to use hot water and spill it all over the world.

Janna Bannab - Gather up the cold air in a jar. Put a glass around Earth to help snow from coming in.

Keri Buboire - I will use a helicopter and blow all the snow away.

Ariel Courchene - We will make a big quilt and put it over Canada.

Stephani Daniels - Use a vacuum to suck up

the snow.

Obe Courchene - We can blow up the volcanoes.

Lance Mandamin - I think we should take a magnifying glass and put it by the sun so it will melt the snow.

Darion Bruyere - Ask the Creator if he can make the sun hotter.

Jacques Pacey - I will use a flame thrower.

Dakota Starr - We could use heaters and plug them outside.



(left to right) Darren Praznik, former MLA for Lac du Bonnet, Gerald Hawranik, the newly elected MLA for Lac du Bonnet and Vic Toews, MP Provencher all conversing at the Farewell Dinner held in honour of Darren Praznik

Toews congratulates new MLA on by-election win

Provencher M.P. Vic Toews has offered congratulations to new Lac du Bonnet, MLA Gerald Hawranik on his victory last night in the by-election of Lac du Bonnet.

Toews wished Gerald, his wife Pamela, and his daughters Marcie and Melanie, all the best in his new position, and said that he was looking forward to working with Gerald on the many is-

ssues that concern their shared constituents. "We have already developed a good working relationship, and I hope to continue building that relationship in the future to ensure that the concerns of our residents are represented both provincially and federally," said Toews.

"Gerald's experience as a businessman and lawyer will bring added expertise to his caucus

and to the Manitoba legislature. He has served his community faithfully for many years on a number of fronts and the people of the region are truly fortunate to benefit from Gerald's dedicated service," continued Toews.

The former Manitoba PC, MLA for Lac du Bonnet, Darren Praznik, resigned to work for Canadian Blood Services in Ottawa.

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Jeremy Bruneau soulève fièrement un beau brochet. Student Jeremy Bruneau proudly shows off his catch.

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Hepatitis C is an infection of the liver that is transmitted through the blood.

- People may carry the virus for many years without any symptoms.
- Canada's blood supply is now routinely tested for the hepatitis C virus.

Manitoba Health

Essential Tax-Smart RRSP Strategies for Investors

By Kurt Rosentreter, CA, Senior Financial Advisor, Berkshire Securities Inc.

With the turn of a new year comes the opportunity to organize your finances now and receive the benefit over the entire year and future years to come. During the calendar year, the first deadline we face is the RRSP deadline. March 1, 2002 is the last day you can contribute to your RRSP and be able to claim a tax deduction on your 2001 personal tax return.

Here's a collection of important rules and strategies to consider for RRSP investors focused on stock market related investments:

Don't wait until the deadline to contribute - set up a monthly contribution plan that zips the money out of your

bank account and into your RRSP. This means of saving is less painful since it happens in small amounts all year long, and also gets the money into your tax sheltered plan faster, enhancing the tax deferred growth.

Go with a spousal RRSP plan if you think your spouse will have a lower income in retirement than you will. Note it is your RRSP contribution room that is affected if you do this - not your spouse's. He or she can still make their own contribution if they have their own contribution room.

If you are younger, over-contribute to your RRSP by up to \$2,000. Every Canadian can top up their RRSP by \$2,000 cumulatively. This is more tax deferred money

working for you.

Take out a loan to make your RRSP contribution, but only borrow as much as you can repay in one year. The tax deferred growth you get over time, and the tax refund easily outweigh the loan interest costs. Note, the interest expense is not tax deductible!

Minimize fees inside your RRSP. Remember, your RRSP is tax deferred money and you want to preserve and grow this tax deferred cash. Paying fees out of money within your RRSP is a bad thing - you are using tax deferred money to do so. It is far better to pay all investment fees using money from outside the registered plan. There are ways to ensure fees such as RRSP admin fees, stock trading commissions, and even

some mutual fund MERs can be paid from money outside of your RRSP. Explore investment accounts with asset based fees.

Pay attention to what investments go where. Your RRSP is a tax deferred savings plan where you generally will only pay tax when you collapse the plan at age 69. However, if you also have a taxable savings pool in addition to your RRSP, this money is taxable every year. Given some of your savings are tax deferred and some are taxable, make sure you are tax-smart about which investments you put in each type. It may not make sense to put the same mutual funds or even stocks and bonds in both accounts! Put the highly taxed investments like bonds, GICs, and bond funds inside the RRSP. Put the lower taxed investments in your taxable account. Overall you save more taxes this way.

Don't rush to assume that it is okay to put the same stocks, bonds and mutual funds in your and your

spouse's savings accounts. If you and your spouse are in different tax brackets and paying different levels of taxes each year, it is tax smart to put highly taxed investments in the hands of the lower earning spouse.

Note that your RRSP deduction is not the same as your RRSP contribution. Your contribution room is the amount of money you can deposit into an RRSP each year. The RRSP deduction is the amount you deduct from taxable income on your tax return. Most people deduct what they put in, but you don't have to. If your income will be rising next year, it can make sense to contribute the maximum this year, but save the deduction and take a larger tax deduction next year. This will refund you more taxes than you would otherwise get.

Kurt Rosentreter is the Author of Tax Smart Investing and Rosentreter's Rules: 100 Financial Strategies to Achieve High Net Worth. He can be reached at krosentreter@berkshire.ca.

Library Corner

Lac du Bonnet Regional Library

March weather is certainly unpredictable! We were not sure what to call our kid's reading program, but it appears very appropriate to say "There's SNOW better time to read" than the month of March. The fresh white blanket of snow we wake up to, and the oft-times bright sunshine are good reasons to enjoy the day! And what better way to enjoy a day than with a cup of coffee and a good book!

Regardless of the weather, our thoughts are slowly turning to spring! The books we are highlighting today will surely grab your attention.....

"Lemon-aid New Cars and Minivans 2002" and "Lemon-aid SUV's, Vans, and Trucks 2002" are ready for the shelves. Both new and used ratings are given for the SUV's, Vans and Trucks.

"The Book of Garden Secrets" is a down-to-earth guide

to the art and science of growing better vegetables. If you take your gardening seriously at all, you probably have questions about what's happening (or not happening) in your garden. Authors Diane Bilderback and Dorothy Patent are long-time organic gardeners who have become experts on gardening under less than ideal conditions.

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Lac du Bonnet will have a bakery again starting soon. After two successful years in Powerview, Roberta and Dave Desautels will be expanding their Sunrise Bakery business with the purchase of the bakery building on Park Avenue in LdB. The target date for opening is the 2nd of April. They will be baking a full line of breads, donuts, cookies, pies, and cakes, etc. from scratch (starting at midnight to do so). Cake decorating is a house specialty. A modern

twist to the old standard is "the edible image cake"! Yes- they can scan your favorite picture and put it, in edible form, right on your cake. The Desautels will also be serving coffee, so you can once again enjoy the sit down fresh baked experience you've been missing. The Sunrise Bakery's hours of business will be Tuesday to Saturday, 8:30-5:30. Their motto is "order ahead, don't be disappointed-no order to small". 345-2593 will be the number to call!



Dave and Roberta Desautels, owners of Sunrise Bakery at their new location in Lac du Bonnet

Recreation Ramblings

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

Act up, act fast, register today!

Manitoba Theatre for Young People are ready, willing and able to come out to our area to do an intro to drama workshop. Due to the numbers registered so far, it will now be done on one day, being March 28 from 1-3 p.m. Registration for this program is for children ages 5 and up. Call the rec office at 345 8816 or 753 2639 asap if you are interested.

Spirit of the games

Well, I survived my northern vacation to The Pas-OCN for the 2002 MTS Manitoba Winter Games. The days were definitely action-packed with

over 1400 athletes participating in the 4-day competition of 12 sports, all going on in one phase! It was so great to see our local athletes compete and excel in their sport. But, above all, it was wonderful to be a part of the spirit of the games with Team Eastman as we cheered on all of the teams at their competitions... "Who rocks the house"? Eastman definitely rocked the house in The Pas. And remember Winners Finish... Finishers win! Congratulations to all - you have done your region proud!

Jewellery making update

Instructor Doreen LaPointe has a course coming up in

Winnipeg April 8 at Sturgeon Creek for those of you interested please contact the Rec office at 345 8816/753 2639. Doreen is sending the information to me this week on exact dates, registration fee, etc.

Jam Can update

The schedule should be ready and post by Wednesday for the upcoming March 25 & 26 bonspiel at Pinawa Arena for children in Kindergarten to Grade 12. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the Rec office at 753 2639.

Family Jam Can update

This Sunday from 1-3 p.m. at Pinawa Arena the Rec District is having drop in Jam Can Curling. Bring your family down and play some Jam Can Curling. Free! This is a program done in partnership with the pinawa early childhood

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Who can attend? Anyone can do it, no experience necessary, this class is set up so that individuals that might have difficulties with a normal exercise class, through age or infirmities can participate.

Happy Tots Place

by Kathy Duff

February "I love to read month" was a very enjoyable and exciting month for both the children and staff at the Learning Centre.

Highlights of February include: February 4-8, we discussed fairy tales with the children and talked about some of their favourites. This was an excellent theme as it fit in quite well with I love to read month.

February 11-15, the children decorated Kleenex boxes and we had a Valentine party and a delicious snack with treats provided by the parents. Their generous donations made our afternoon snack quite tasty.

February 18-22, the children learned about different types of music. We sang during circle times, before snacks and lunches. Our songs chosen are usually related to our weekly themes. The children are also exposed to soft soothing music at nap time each day creating a relaxing time for them to rest their bodies from a busy day at our centre.

February 25-March 1, the children learned about different types of shapes. By the end of the week the majority of the children were able to recognize them in their surroundings through games played, activities and songs sung regarding this theme. For this week we made a special meal of teddy bear pancakes which re-enforced this theme.

June Kush from our Early Start program developed some challenges which the parents took part in during the I love to read month.

Challenge 1 - Parents sent their child's favourite book to our centre for the staff to read to them throughout the day.

Challenge 2 - Parents read a book they never read before to their child/children.

Challenge 3 - No television Tuesday. Parents did not use the television with their children and here at the Happy Tots Place we did the same.

Challenge 4 - The parents wrote a letter to their child and sent it to the centre. These were priceless keepsakes.

Challenge 5 - The parents brought in a favourite family recipe to use at the centre.

Challenge 6 - The parents read a book with their child at our centre on the Family Pizza and Literacy night on February 27. At the end of these challenges the parents received a certificate for all their hard work and each child received a magazine (Your Big Back Yard) and an animal figure as a keepsake.

June also organized the third annual Pizza and Literacy night for the children of our centre with a mini workshop conducted by Terry Moore from Bookmates. Both staff and parents learned about nursery rhymes, sang songs and how to present them to the children in an enthusiastic manner making it fun and enjoyable for the staff, parents and children. The large turnout and participation made this night a huge success.

Recently we had both a fire inspection and a daycare inspection and are proud to say we do not have any non-com-

pliances up to this point. We are still waiting on the inspection from the Health Inspector to complete the licensing procedure, for the year 2002. Currently our centre is running without any exemptions and qualified staff is at 80%.

I leave you with a few updates and our themes for the month of March.

March 1 and 2, eight staff members updated our first aid/CPR certificates. We had Pam Simmons come from Winnipeg to teach us this course. This is a requirement from the Daycare Officer in order to obtain a current license that all staff who work at a child care training centre hold current first aid/CPR certificates and these must be completed on an annual basis.

Update from our staff Bea Henderson is leaving us to work at her family's greenhouse at the beach. Good luck

Bea on your future endeavours and we will miss you. Carolyn Boisjoli our Program Director will return on March 18 after some illness. Welcome back Carolyn.

Themes for the month of March include: March 4-8, Senses (hearing, smell, sight, touch and taste), March 11-15, St. Patrick's Day (the children will be sure to watch for a visit from the leprechaun if they can catch him), March 18-22, Numbers (counting and sorting), March 25-29, Easter (the children will be anxious to see if Peter Cottontail hops around town leaving any goodies from them to enjoy).

Just a reminder before I close, the Happy Tots Place will be closed on Good Friday March 29 and Easter Monday, April 1.

Have a very Happy Easter from everyone at Happy Tots Place.

Pine Falls Preschool

February was a delicious month. Our Valentine parties and card exchange was enjoyed by all. Thank you to all the parents who brought treats for our hungry Valentines!

Our themes in February covered numbers, the alphabet, seasons, and bears. Our teddy bear day was be on Thursday, February 28 and Friday, March 1. We will have our own "Teddy Bear Picnic" This is always beary much fun.

In March we will introduce dinosaurs, St. Patrick's Day, and of course Easter. our "Green Days" will be on Thursday, March 14 (3 year olds) and Friday, March 15 (4 year olds). Our Spring Break will be on the week of March 25-29. Our open house and pre-registration will take place in May.

If you are interested in our program for the fall please feel free to contact us at the school 367-8082, ask for Felicia or Suzan. Watch for our posters and ads in the near future.

Have a great month.

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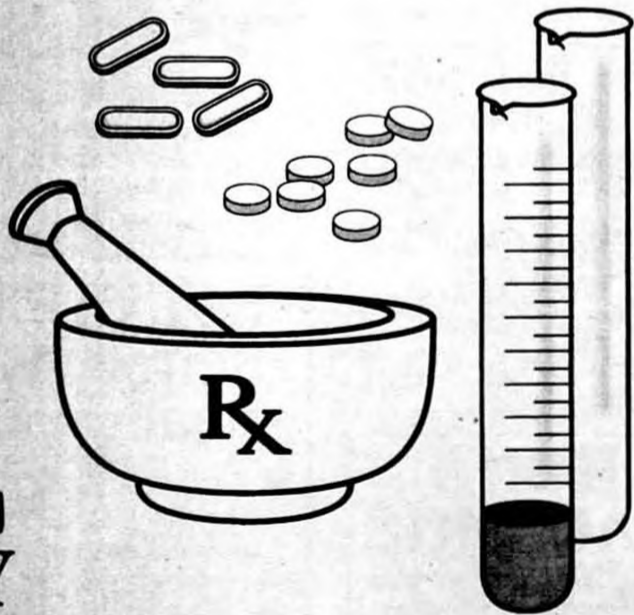
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Eastman takes 45 medals at MTS winter games

by Christine Hemminger

After five long but exciting days, the 2002 MTS Manitoba Winter Games in the Pas are over and Team Eastman comes home with 46 medals.

Starting on Thursday with a very cold opening ceremonies, 188 Eastman athletes, coaches, managers and mission staff took part in the festivities. The second largest team to take part in these games. Badminton player Trevor Coss carried out the flag to lead Team Eastman into the opening ceremonies venue.

Highlights of the ceremonies included the pipers who entered in kilts (a little cold), lighting of the game's flame, which was brought in by dog sled, and an impressive fireworks display depicting the northern nights.

The next morning the games began. Teams that weren't playing showed up in loud cheering groups to support other teams of Eastman, most notable was the Precision Figure Skating Team who had several cheers in their repertoire and taught them to any other Eastman team members who showed up. Showing great spirit, cheers and enthusiasm were strongly displayed at all venues as EAST-MAN,

EAST-MAN, EAST-MAN chants could be heard.

Besides Team Eastman members, many parents and supporters braved the long drive to The Pas to help support their teams. The Niverville Clippers Ringette team's major support group in the form of four sets of grandparents arrived en masse to help cheer on their team. These grandparents have been following the team all season from game to game. As well, several parents arrived from Beausejour, Lorette, and Lac du Bonnet.

When the last day arrived and the results were posted Eastman had collected the second largest number of medals - 46. 7 Gold; 18 Silver; and 21 Bronze.

Eastman medals - team sports

BADMINTON - 3 Bronze
Destiny Williams of Manigotogan and Memory Moneyas of Wanipigow took Bronze in the Youth Female Doubles; Alex Walton of Steinbach took Bronze in the Male Single Category - this is Alex's third Winter Games, he took Gold at his other 2 visits; Melanie Cure of St. Pierre and Patrick Morin of Otterburne took Bronze in Youth Mixed Doubles.

MEN'S BASKETBALL - Bronze

The Lorette Bullrush Basketball team won Bronze in a heated 54 - 50 final game against Parkland. Mike Durupt was game high scorer with 16 points. The team consisted of Joseph Chammartin, Paul Johnson, Matthew Chammartin, Brant Cruikshank, Jason Ballegeer, Lee Crierie, and Mike Durupt.

CO-ED VOLLEYBALL - Silver

The Co-ed Volleyball team from Landmark took the Silver in a fast paced and exciting final match against Winnipeg. The team consisted of Russ Dirks, Michelle Koop, Bonnie Loewen, Claudette Reimer, Cherie Peters, Brendan Reimer, Paul Reimer and Jer Funk.

FEMALE HOCKEY - Bronze

The St. Adolphe Hawks took Bronze in a close 2-0 game against the Host Team from The Pas, Jocelyn Larocque dumped in the final goal to clinch the game. Team members are Stephanie Bull, Kristin Mohr, Natalie LaFreniere, Andria Lamirande, Elise Lavallee, Stephanie Kuffel, Brett Thibideau, Courtney Lagasse, Danielle Perron, Brittney Parkman, Brandi Parkman, Natalie Trudel, and



Greeters - Games mascot and Aurora and Borealis



Cross Country Ski team - Sixteen skiers collect 21 medals

Jocelyne Larocque.

RINGETTE - Silver

The Niverville Clippers took the Silver in a hard fought 8-7 game with Interlake. Danae Krahn scored 4 goals in this close and exciting final. The team is Raesha Friesen, Kelsey Regehr, Danae Krahn, Vanessa Krahn, Elissa Cook, Jessica Friesen, Jannah Friesen, Julianna Klippenstein, and Catherine Ashwell.

INDIVIDUAL SPORTS
CROSS COUNTRY SKI

An amazing 21 medals were taken home among the 18 skiers on the team. Of these members are: Doreen Bigelow of Pinawa who has now won Gold in two consecutive Winter Games; Derek Owen of Pinawa who has been to all of the 5 Winter Games since it started; and Keith Olson also of Pinawa who served as Mission Staff for these games for the first time, but has been to the last 5 Winter Games as well - as an athlete, coach and manager. All three ski out of the Whiteshell Ski Club in Pinawa.

CLASSIC

Danielle Burke, Lorette - Female 15 to 17 - Bronze.

Francine Pacquin, Lorette - Female 18 to 20 - Gold.

Bryn Goodwin, Pinawa - Female 21 to 30 Bronze.

Doreen Bigelow, Pinawa - Female 51+ - Gold.

Richard Koroll, Pinawa - Male 10 to 11 - Silver.

Kirk Vilks, Pinawa - Male 12 to 14 - Bronze.

Drew Hawranik, Stead - Male 15 to 17 - Silver.

Jay Hawranik, Stead - Male

18 to 20 - Silver.

Derek Owen, Pinawa - Male 21 to 30 - Silver.

Peter Vilks, Pinawa - Male 41 to 50 - Bronze.

Hans Eysel, Dugald - Male 51+ - Bronze.

FREE STYLE

Danielle Burke, Lorette - Female 15 to 17 - Silver.

Francine Pacquin, Lorette - Female 18 to 20 - Silver.

Bryn Goodwin, Pinawa - Female 21 to 30 Bronze.

Doreen Bigelow, Pinawa - Female 51+ - Gold.

Richard Koroll, Pinawa - Male 10 to 11 - Silver.

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Jay Hawranik, Stead - Male 18 to 20 - Silver.

Derek Owen, Pinawa - Male 21 to 30 - Silver.

Hans Eysel, Dugald - Male 51+ - Silver.

FIGURE SKATING

Perry Sinclair of Beausejour took the Silver in the 10-16 Male category.

GYMNASTICS

Mathieu Thevenot of Powerview - 13+ Male - Gold in All-Around; Gold in Floor; Gold in Rings, Gold in High Bar and Silver in Vault.

Sean Schefelbein of Whitemouth - 13+ Male - Silver in Vault; Bronze in Rings.

Luc Perron of Beausejour - in the 10-12 Male category Luc took a Bronze in All-Around; a Bronze in High Bar; and a Bronze in Floor.

Dustin Hein of Beausejour
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Dying without a will 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.

When it comes to estate planning, too many people

think in terms of "if I die" rather than "when I die". This explains the result of a 1993 survey conducted for the Trust Companies Association of Canada that found that only 50% of Canadians over the age of 18 years have a will. The Manitoba Government has statutory rules (in the Intestate Succession Act) that lay out who gets what and other rules for those who

die without a will. The distribution of assets according to these rules may have nothing to do with what your beneficiaries need or how you would have liked your estate to be handled.

Some people assume that their assets will go to the Government if they die without a will. This is not true. The government will only be your beneficiary if you die without a will and you have no living relatives, a process called "escheat" (Why does it have the word "cheat" in it?).

If you die without a will,

people will want to benefit may be left out, and those who benefit may not be whom you would have chosen. If there is a family member who you would like to receive a little extra to cover a special situation or who has special needs, the statutory rules do not make allowances. If you have a common-law spouse, he or she is not entitled to receive property under the intestate rules. If you have children from a former marriage, your assets could end up in the hands of your current spouses' children rather than your own. If you want your step children to receive an inheritance, they will not be treated the

same as your own children. There are many reasons why you would make a will, and these are only a few instances where a will would be necessary.

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.

Lac du Bonnet Community Billboard

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Lac du Bonnet Regional Library open Tues. and Thurs. 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.; Wed. and Fri. noon to 4:30 p.m.; Sat. 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., ph. 345-2653.

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

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

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

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

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

St. John's ACW meets first Monday of every month 1:30 p.m., parish hall.

Lakeshore At-Home Group Thursday 7:30 p.m. Lac du Bonnet District Health Centre, 89 McIntosh. Call Teri 345-8712.

Lac du Bonnet Church Directory

ABUNDANT LIFE CHAPEL

Pastor Jeff Andrews, church 345-2934, home 345-1950
Sunday: 10:30 a.m. - morning worship (children's church during service); 7:00 p.m. - hymn and prayer.

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS

Church/office 345-8654

Sunday: 11:00 a.m. - worship service

NOTRE DAME CATHOLIC CHURCH

Father Richard Machura, 345-2908

Lac du Bonnet: 5:00 p.m. - Saturday mass; 11:00 a.m. Sunday mass

Pinawa (senior school): 9:15 a.m. - Sunday mass

ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

Rev. Brian Rountree 367-8615, church 345-2357

Sunday: 11:30 a.m. - worship; 11:30 a.m. - first and third Sunday of each month, holy eucharist.

Lakeshore At-Home Group For further information, Phone Kathie 367-8237 (evenings), Vickie 345-6520 (days).

Town of Lac du Bonnet Council Meetings second and fourth Thursday of the month

Lakeshore A.A. meetings every Sunday and Tuesday 8:00 p.m. at St. John's Anglican Church, 86 McArthur, Lac du Bonnet. Last Sunday of the month open to the public. Call Ted 345-2839, Ron 753-8403.

Ladies A.A. Meetings Thursdays 1:00 p.m., 18 McDermot, Pinawa. Doreen 753-8357.

Battered Women's Crisis Line 1-800-362-3344

Lac du Bonnet Health Centre Auxiliary meets fourth Thursday of the month, Health Centre 1:30 p.m.

Lac du Bonnet Wildlife Association temporarily meets at the call of the chair. Call Peter 345-6190 for information.

New to town? Drop in to the Craft Basket on Second Street and pick up your Welcome to Lac du Bonnet gift, courtesy of the Chamber of Commerce.

Two Rivers Seniors Resource Council Inc. Call Pat at the Lac du Bonnet office, Health Centre at 345-1227 or 348-4610. Services: driver escort, life-line personal response system, friendly visitors, fee-for-service handy helpers.

Pioneer Club meets first Monday of month 9:30 a.m., Pioneer Club.

RM of Lac du Bonnet Council Meetings second Tuesday of each month 10:00 a.m. and fourth Tuesday of every month 6:00 p.m.

Alzheimer Society Theresa Conroy, Whittemouth 348-3505; Lac du Bonnet, Pine Falls, Victoria Beach, Pinawa, Beausejour, Whittemouth, Oakbank, Hadashville.

Little Day Baddies Nursery School Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m., Lac du Bonnet Community Centre. Janice 345-8979.

Agassiz Horticultural Society meeting every 2nd Tuesday of the month, except January, July & August. Centennial School, 7:00 p.m. All gardeners welcome.

School tax hike

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the years and at present the expenses exceed the funding by over \$367,000. The Vehicle Support grant for this budget year is \$282,120, this will be used to purchase three buses.

The funding for Adult Learning Centres has been transferred to the Training and Continuing Education Section in the Department of Education. The three Adult Learning Centres combined proposed budget for 2002-01 is \$1,100,000 and will be submitted by March 15 for approval. Adult Learning Centre funding is now based on approved programs and not on student enrolment as in the past.

Additional costs that have been identified in this budget include:

Additional teaching staff has been added to address the needs of schools and to maintain the level of quality of education for our students. The budget provides five new teachers for the schools.

Additional supports have been added for expected additional Special Needs students.

An additional Computer Technician has been added.

Employment contracts expired in June 2000 and provisions need to be included in the budget.

The remaining two thirds of the schools supply/operating reverses accumulated up to June 1999 will be released. The Schools will be allowed to carry forward \$25,000 from June 30, 2002.

The number of Agassiz students going to other school

Divisions will increase.

The number of Agassiz students going to the Special Revenue Districts of Pine Falls and Whiteshell will increase.

Costs association with amalgamation in this budget are for additional support staff within the Division Office.

Regarding Amalgamation, the new Division will have three years to harmonize mill rates and staffing agreements.

The Minister of Education has committed to provide \$50/per student to the new Division over a three year period, starting 2002-03. No dollars have been received to date nor is this Amalgamation Revenue included in this budget.

Example: The increase resulting from the mill rate increase will add \$22.42 in taxes for a home assessed at \$60,000.

The Agassiz School Division Board continues to work with the Municipalities in an effort to provide a larger voice on having the funding changed so the property owner will not have to absorb Education costs to the current extent.

The Division has also approached the Municipalities to share costs for services such as the October 2002 Election.

The Division is currently working on a pamphlet that will be available at the Municipal offices to further explain the elements of this budget.

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Eastman takes home 45 medals at MTS games

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- in the 13+ Male - Bronze in All-Around; Bronze in Rings; Bronze in Floor.

Leah Perron of Beausejour - 12 Female - Bronze in Beam, Silver in Vault.

Kristina Park of Beausejour - 13+ Female - Bronze in Uneven Bar.

Of special note, out of 23 participants, 10 year old Mackenzie Gmiterek placed 5th in 10-11 Female All-Around Category and Leah Perron placed 5th out of 23 in the All-Around Category for 12 Female.

A tired but happy crew assembled for the Closing Ceremonies on Sunday. This celebration was not as exciting as the Opening, but they were warmer and athletes spent this time exchanging addresses and phone numbers with the new friends they had made. Comments about "how much fun this was", and "I am definitely going to try out for the next one" could be heard throughout Team Eastman. Mathieu Thevenot of Pine Falls who

was a five medal winner in Gymnastics carried out the Eastman flag while Vanessa Krahn a Niverville Ringette player who is "a little digger" carried in the Eastman sign.

Several awards were handed out, though Eastman didn't receive any, the Mission Staff definitely thought they should have won "Spirit of the Games". Chef du Mission Shannon Schade stated "Team Eastman really got into the whole spirit of the games and showed great support for each other, we definitely should have won that one".

The Larry Desjardins Trophy for the region showing the greatest improvement since the last games was won by Team Interlake, Interlake also took home the Sports For Life Participation Award for the most regional participants per capita. The Manitoba Games Shield was won by Winnipeg for accumulating the highest total Games points, while Parkland took home the J.A. Ernst Trophy for Spirit of the



Closing ceremonies - flag carrier Mathieu Thevenot and sign carrier Vanessa Krahn

Games.

Appreciation is extended to all of the coaches and managers who gave their time to assist their teams in making this a great experience for athletes. Special mention goes out to

Junior Boys Curling Coach Harold Bender of Beausejour and Ringette Coach Tim Friesen who were presented with a "Thanks Coach" award in The Pas.

"I would like to thank the

Host team and the Host society for being so accommodating and for making us feel so welcome," stated Shannon Schade, Eastman Sport Development Association Executive Director and Chef du Mission.

North Eastern Annual Five Pin Bowling Tournament Results

by Sharon Mignon

Pine Falls hosted the 41st Annual Northeastern Bowling Tournament on Saturday, March 2nd with sixteen teams competing from Beausejour, Great Falls, Lac du Bonnet and Pine Falls bowling leagues. Each team bowled four games in this tournament.

The Northeastern Champs were Beausejour #2 team with a total pinfall of 4153. Team members were Marv Schinkel, Gord Steffes, Bonnie Hladun, Peter Gilbert and Lisa Gilbert. The runner-up team was Beausejour #3 team with a pinfall of 4099. Team members were Dwight Litke, Jan Litke, Phil Winnicki, Natalie Schinkel and Ron Buss.

Ladies High Single game was won by Sharon Tremain 249 of Pine Falls and Ladies High Four game was won by Wanda Berthelette 806 of Pine Falls. The Men's High Single game was won by John Mestery 283 of Lac du Bonnet and the Men's High Four game was won by Ron Buss 942 of

Beausejour. Close seconds in the High Four games were Pine Falls bowlers Janelle Carlson 803 and Jerry Gauthier 896. In this tournament you can only win one of the individual prizes.

Other honourable single games bowled were Ron Buss 303, 245, Jerry Gauthier 278, Carl Nilsson 274, Marv Schinkel 268, 242, Wanda Berthelette 263, Carl Palmquist 257, Nunzio Nardella 254, Mike Coss 254, Peter Gilbert 253, Graham Gauthier 251, 246, Bill Russell 250, Ken Stasiuk 249, John Szalai 241, Ron Radons 239, Elsie Stasiuk 239, Dwight Litke 237, and Oscar Magnusson 235.

Following the tournament a dinner was held at the Pine Falls Legion where everyone enjoyed a delicious meal from Boston's Catering. We look forward to meeting these teams again when it is held in Great Falls next year. Thanks to all our participants and scorekeepers.



Opening Ceremonies - flag carrier Trevor Coss and Eastman sign carrier Lee Courchene

Opening ceremonies cold but spectacular

by Christine Hemminger

The "Galaxy of the Stars" meeting area was the place to be as The Pas showcased their talents at a spectacular opening ceremonies kicking off the 2002 MTS Manitoba Winter Games on Thursday, March 7th.

188 Eastman athletes, coaches, managers and mission staff took part in the festivities. The second largest

team to take part in these games.

Though very cold, the ceremonies went on. The North Buffalo Cree Singers kicked off the event which boasted a very impressive dignitary list, including the Premier of Manitoba himself, The Honorable Gary Doer.

After a regional procession of the athletes, the Kelsey School Division and

Opaskwayak Education Authority Mass Children's Choir performed to an appreciative audience. Flag raising, athletes oath, lighting of the game's flame which was brought in by dog sled and the ribbon cutting lead to an impressive fireworks display depicting the northern nights that wowed the over 1700 crowd to end the night.

Winnipeg River RCMP detachment report



March 8

Police were called out to Hollow Water after being informed that a youth was in breach of his court order. The youth was apprehended and charged accordingly.

A call was received of a suspicious vehicle near the Dufour Trailer Court. Members attended but the vehicle was gone upon arrival.

Police were also called of a possible impaired driver on the North Shore of Fort Alexan-

der. This vehicle and driver were not located after members combed the area.

March 9

Police responded to two incidents of domestic verbal arguments. Both were alcohol related and the situations stabilized after police attendance.

One male subject was lodged in cells until sober after a call was received to have the individual removed for causing a disturbance.

Police received a call at

22:15 hours from the Community Constable at Manigotagan of a suspicious vehicle at the Department of Highways Yard on Highway #304. After a short pursuit members arrested a 40 year old father, a 38 year old mother and a 15 year old youth. The threesome are being investigated for at least four break, enter and thefts of signs from Highways Yards in the surrounding area.

The investigation continues.

March 10

At 4:02 hours police were called out to a residence where a male subject had assaulted another male with a weapon and then barricaded himself in a room threatening suicide. Police arrested one male subject who was charged accordingly and remanded into custody. Alcohol was involved in the incident.

March 12

A custody situation at the RCMP Detachment at 8:57 hours resulted in the apprehension of two children and a male subject being arrested. An investigation into the situation continues.

March 14

One male subject was lodged until sober after a call was received of an intoxicated person being a nuisance.

Pine Falls Community Billboard

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Village of Powerview: meets second Tuesday of each month.

Winnipeg River Senior Service Inc. Coordinator Tina Polischuk, Pine Falls Health Complex, phone 367-9128, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday to Friday. Services: transportation, home maintenance, foot care, volunteer help, info.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Lac du Bonnet RCMP report



The following constitutes the Police Report for the Lac Du Bonnet RCMP Detachment for the period of March 7th to March 14th 2002.

On March 7th a report was received of a drinking, possible impaired driver in the Pinawa area.

A report was received concerning a neighbour dispute concerning a barking dog in Pinawa.

An accident was reported to Lac Du Bonnet that had occurred in the Beausejour area.

On March 8th a report of an injury accident was received that had occurred on Highway #11 North of Lac Du

Bonnet.

A false alarm was received at a residence in the R.M. of Lac Du Bonnet.

On March 9th a report was received of loud music at a residence in Pinawa.

A report was received about a possible impaired snow mobile in the Pinawa area.

On March 10th a minor two vehicle accident occurred on Macarthur in Lac Du Bonnet.

A report of a Break in and Enter was received in the R.M. of Alexander.

A report was received of a fight occurring between two males in the Milner Ridge area.

On March 11th a set of

found keys were turned into the police.

On March 12th a report was received of a single vehicle roll over accident on Highway #11.

On March 13th a false alarm call was received at the Department of Natural Resources.

A report was received of youth attempting to gain entry into the Bona Vista Lodge.

On March 14th a report was received of a break and enter into a cottage near Bird River.

A report was received of an assault that took place in the Lac Du Bonnet area.

A report was received of a snow mobile on fire at Wendigo beach area.

If you have any information and want to remain anonymous to any of the above crimes, please call CRIMESTOPPERS at 1-800-782-8477



Pulse on Participation Rec Report



by Jay Seymour
Rec Director

Recreation is a key to balanced human development. "Participation in recreation can offer preventative, protective factors that contribute to greater resiliency in children, which has been defined as the ability of children to recover from adversity."

Around Town

Pool exercises

The Papertown has opened its doors to the public to enjoy some great exercise in their new pool. At a cost of \$120.00 for six months or \$20 per month for six months, you can use the pool to whip yourself into shape and enjoy some leisurely activities with some friends.

Evenings 4:00 pm - 9:00

pm from Sunday to Thursday & 9:00 am to 1:00pm Monday to Friday

Soccer Registration

April 3 from 6:30 to 8:30 at the Powerview arena. For more info call the rec. office.

Kickboxing

Larry says enrollment continues to rise as more and more people receive a great workout. Give him a call to sign up.

Youth Gym Night

Every week there are more and more youth participating which is great. We play a variety of sports and it's a great way to hang out with friends. Thursday night from 7:00 to 9:00 pm.

Curling

The mixed bonspiel goes this weekend at the Pine Fall Curling Arena

\$120 with get your team in for a fun weekend of 'spieling.

Please phone the Powerview School office by Wednesday to

sign up.

Looking for something to do while the kids are home? The Wings of Power group has a few ideas. Monday Mar 25th there is a movie & popcorn day from 1:30-4:00 pm @ the Wings of Power. Tuesday there is a toddlers play group from 1:30-4:00pm held at the Powerview school gym. Thursday include a story-n-craft morning @ Wings from 10:00-11:30 am and also the play group @ Powerview gym from 1:30-4:00 pm. For more info call the Wings of Power.

That's it for this week but I would like to thank the people who participated in the "Last Hoorah" on Saturday. Everybody had a great time displaying their "shinny" skills.-You can contact me @ 367-9142 or email-

pineviewrec@hotmail.com

Winnipeg River Church Services

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

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

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

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

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

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

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH Thalberg, 1 mile east and 1 mile south of Junction #12 and #304. St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Greenwald on Hwy. #12, 1 1/2 miles north of junction with #317. Sunday church school 10:00 a.m., worship 11:00 a.m. (alternate locations). For info. call 635-2625 or 754-8682.

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

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

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

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

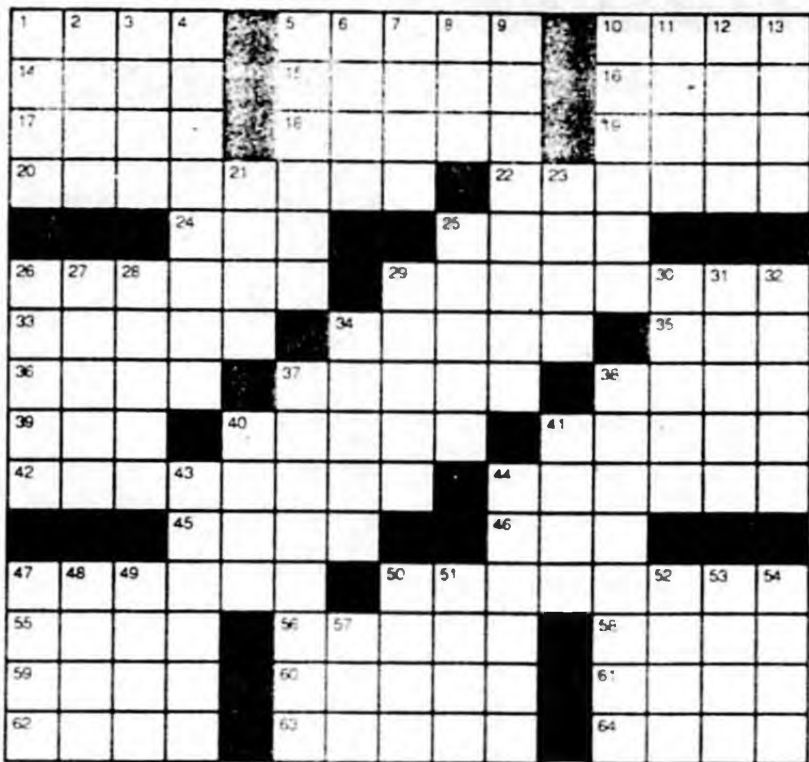
ST. THERESA R.C. MISSION 88 Glenvale Avenue, Grand Marais. Mass 12:00 noon first Sunday of November to last Sunday of April. May through October mass 10:00 a.m. Sunday.

SAGKEENG CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH - Lloyd Guimond (Pastor) Sagkeeng South Shore, service Thursday 7:30 p.m. and Sunday 2:00 p.m.

CHRIST CHURCH ANGLICAN - Sunday 2:30 p.m. at Hollow Water.

GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH - Bible study, Wednesday 7:30 p.m., call Pastor Todd Goudy for information 367-2531.

WEEKLY CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- 1. Maturing agent
- 5. Writing surface
- 10. Sonnet or ode
- 14. Actor's part
- 15. Conscious
- 16. Church part
- 17. Throw
- 18. Principle
- 19. Orderly
- 20. Strictest
- 22. 7th Planet
- 24. Charged particle
- 25. School dance
- 26. Emptiest
- 29. First aid strips
- 33. Animate
- 34. Attempts
- 35. Forty winks
- 36. Cipher
- 37. One of three parts

DOWN

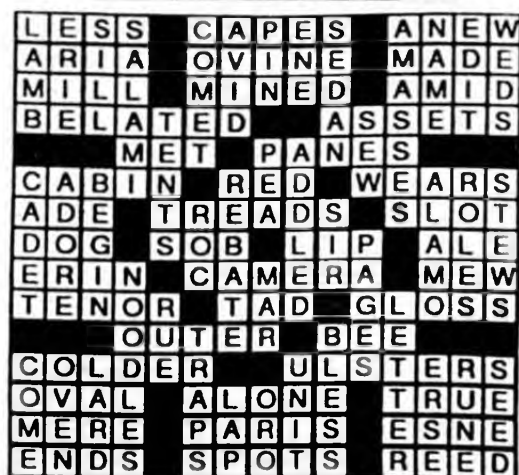
- 1. Circle parts
- 2. Sheep's kin
- 3. Other
- 4. Recover
- 5. Exclusive right
- 6. Inspires wonder
- 7. Gasp
- 8. Piece out
- 9. Came back
- 10. Canal country
- 11. Unclose
- 12. Jacob's brother
- 13. N.Y. baseball team
- 21. Organ of smell
- 23. Fishing poles
- 25. Twosomes
- 26. Breakfast strips
- 27. Solitary
- 28. Is a passenger
- 29. Fetch
- 30. Silly
- 31. Twist or waltz
- 32. Velocity
- 34. Reason
- 37. Three-wheeler
- 38. Museum officials
- 40. Happy
- 41. Man-eating giant
- 43. Subjects
- 44. Walkways
- 47. Wagon
- 48. Scent
- 49. Spouse
- 50. Fiber cereal
- 51. Facility
- 52. Threesome
- 53. ___Fitzgerald
- 54. Smell strongly
- 57. Above (poet)

ECHO Trivia

• Every citizen of Kentucky is required by law to take a bath once a year.

• Long before it was used as a "kiss encourager" during the Christmas season, mistletoe had long been considered to have magic powers by Celtic and Teutonic peoples. It was said to have the ability to heal wounds and increase fertility. Celts hung mistletoe in their homes in order to bring themselves good luck and ward off evil spirits.

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS



CRYPTIC PUZZLE

"AZBXCWDWBF BD VGTFGDXY GA H
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Each letter represents another letter in the alphabet.
See if you can break the code to figure out the famous quotation

Last Week's Solution

GREAT MEN ARE THEY WHO SEE THAT
SPIRITUAL IS STRONGER THAN ANY MATE-
RIAL FORCE, THAT THOUGHTS RULE THE
WORLD.

- RALPH EMERSON

WEEKLY ECHO HOROSCOPE

for the week of
March 18 to March 24

Aries - March 21 to April 20

If someone is not being clear, ask questions and straighten out the confusion before it gets worse. Before you get much farther along in the year, you had better take the time to organize your accounts and devise your financial goals.



Taurus - April 21 to May 21

Rely on your sense of humor this week. It may just get you through a tough situation. In addition, you may win some new friends because of it. Are you ready to move into the next phase of a personal relationship? Someone else may be.



Gemini - May 22 to June 21

Lately you have been feeling down. Take a look at your lifestyle and think about where you can make some changes. You can start with goals to get in better shape. In addition, what about becoming more involved in your community?



Cancer - June 22 to July 22

Take a closer look at your professional network. It could come in handy for you later in the week. You can depend on and trust an old family friend. Along the way, be sure to keep an open mind concerning ideas from others.



Leo - July 23 to August 23

Personal and professional problems mean you'll have to depend on a partner and trustworthy coworker this week. You've been there for them, let them both return the favor. By Thursday, the problem at home should start to work itself out.



Virgo - August 24 to September 22

Your flair for entertaining will come in handy this week. You may be called upon to help host a gathering for work or a social organization. Don't forget, you can ask for help. You don't want to spread yourself too thin, and others are willing.



Libra - September 23 to October 23

Remember to consider the practical side of a situation, not just the idealistic one. Listen to your heart on the romance front. If you do and really put yourself into it, this relationship can work. Don't let others tell you differently.



Scorpio - October 24 to November 22

Although it may seem like it, all your hard work will not go unnoticed. The research and preparation you did will pay off in the end. Spend Saturday in the park or at the beach. It will be a fun day, and you can renew an old and dear friendship.



Sagittarius - November 23 to December 21

Be ready for anything this week. You may even be called upon to organize and lead a presentation. You can do it! You're the one with the knowledge, now put it to good use. Take an evening to enjoy your partner or a close friend.



Capricorn - December 22 to January 20

Don't let your independent ideas get you in hot water this week. You may have some great suggestions, just be careful how you present them to your supervisor and others. It's time to reevaluate your savings and budget plans.



Aquarius - January 21 to February 18

With the weather getting nicer, take time to enjoy yourself, your family and the outdoors. Reevaluate your commitments to others and organizations. Try something new this week. How about that restaurant that just opened in town?



Pisces - February 19 to March 20

What is really important to you? Maybe it's time for you to take a step back from your responsibilities and decide who and what should be first in your life. Take a friend up on his/her suggestion this week. Remember a promise to another friend.



Echo Classifieds

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

House for Rent - Large Lot, many trees, 3 Bedroom house, 1 mile South of Lac du Bonnet. "Grass cutting" included in rent price. Call 345-8733. 33-TFN

Commercial Space for rent, for more information call Peter at the Manitou Lodge at 367-2252. 41-44

House for rent - Two bedroom in St. Georges, includes washer/dryer, fridge/stove, basement, garage, large yard with many trees, great neighbours, close to playground and beach. Rent includes water. Call 367-4321 or 367-9150 weekends. 41-41

SAFE BOATING COURSE, (Cdn. Coast Guard Approved), Be Safe, get your Pleasure Craft Operator Card. It is the law. Call Powerview School (c/o Tracy) at 367-2296 to register. Next Course: Thursday, March 21, 2002 at 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., Powerview School. Cost \$60 per person. Family Plan Available. Remember most boat operators will require their Pleasure Craft Operator Card by September 15, 2002.

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

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Snowmobiles - 1997 Arctic Cat ZR440, Can Am X-country racer, only 297 miles, race ready, mint condition, \$4500 Firm, Call 268-1450 ask for Peter. 36-TFN

2 Bedroom Condo - Powerview, Watson Place, air-conditioned, seven appliances included. Call 367-2493. 41-24

We wish to express our thanks to the community for their wonderful support and thoughtfulness during our difficult time.

The flowers, cards, food, mass offerings and especially the visits to the hospital were greatly appreciated.

Special thanks to Father Gray, honorary pallbearers, prayer chain, and all who participated in the wonderful service. Thank you also to the Ladies Auxiliary for the lovely lunch.

May God bless you all!
Rose Tardiff and family

Yes, there are still honest people in this world. Thanks for returning Ian's wallet.

Tiny Steps Daycare - has two full time spaces available for infant or pre-schoolers for information call Donna at 367-4589. 41-14

Wanted - 29 people to lose weight. Will pay \$\$\$ to lose. Call 1-866-617-5736. 36-44

In loving memory of Lynda who left us on March 22, 2000.

Sadly missed by daughter Beth, Celine (Mom), brother Len (Pauline), Lloyd (Carrie), nieces & nephews.

PRO Hardware

Now accepting applications/resumes for part-time cashier position. Apply within or call Peter's Pro Hardware at 367-2380. 41-24



Cathleen Crystal Brown
January 9, 1970 -
March 24, 1997

It's hard to believe it's been five years since you left the ones that hold you dear. But God wanted the best so he took you away, to that gold city away in the sky. We know you knew you were loved so much, It brings tears to our eyes yearning your touch. Your love, compassion and loyalty, we miss everyday. To hear your voice, any price we would pay. The years without you have been long and tough, but now just memories of you have to be enough. You are in heaven, way up above while we down here are sending you up our love.

Forever young,
Love Mom, Dad & family

Under the Planning Act NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Regarding By-Law 04/02

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Alexander under the authority of The Planning Act will hold a PUBLIC HEARING at the office of the Municipality of St. Georges, Manitoba on the 27th day of March, 2002 at 11:00 a.m., at which time and place the Council will receive representations at the location noted above in respect of By-law No. 04/02 to amend the R.M. of Alexander Zoning By-Law No. 08/98 as amended.

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

The general intent of By-law 04/02 of the Rural Municipality of Alexander is to amend R.M. of Alexander Zoning By-Law 8/98 as amended as follows:

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

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

Section 3.3.3(b) is hereby amended by adding that following completion of construction, said uses may be converted to a permitted or conditional use or accessory use, provided that all building code and zoning by-law requirements are complied with.

Section 3.3.3.(d) is hereby amended by repealing and substituting with the following subsection.

A development permit for a temporary building structure or use shall be valid for a period not exceeding twelve (12) consecutive months and may be renewed by the Development Officer for two additional period of six (6) consecutive months each. Said permit shall not be further renewed except by resolution of Council of the Rural Municipality of Alexander and for periods not exceeding six (6) consecutive months each.

3. ADMINISTRATION
Section 2.14 Fee Schedule is amended by amending the fees as follows:
CONDITIONAL USE ORDER \$250 for each order plus disbursements
VARIATION ORDER \$250 for each order plus disbursements

Rose-Marie Blanchetta
Chief Administrative Officer
R.M. of Alexander

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF LAC DU BONNET Request for Equipment Quotations

The Rural Municipality of Lac du Bonnet will be accepting quotations for hourly rental for the hiring of privately owned equipment for the 2002 construction season. Specifications must be picked up from the administration office and submitted on same.

Quotes will be accepted at the Rural Municipality of Lac du Bonnet administration office, #4187 - PR 317, Lac du Bonnet, Manitoba, during regular office hours 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday.

Deadline for quotes is 4:30 p.m., March 29, 2002.

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Recreation Ramblings

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development committee in celebration of Family Month. **Water Safety Instructor courses**

For those of you looking at being a swim instructor, Selkirk Pool has an upcoming Water Safety Instructor course. Pre-requisites are you must be 16 years of age, have completed AquaQuest 12, have your AquaLeader award along with the 10 hours

assistant teaching. Course dates are March 22, 23, 24 & April 5, 6, 7 or Sundays - 9 weeks April 7- June 9. For more info or to register contact Pat Croy at Selkirk Community Pool at 482 6926.

Scholarship

Applications are now being accepted for the Manitoba Foundation of Sport Scholarship. Applications may be obtained on the Sport Manitoba website at www.sport.mb.ca

Application deadline is April 30/02. Scholarships for students going into 1st year university as well as those entering 2nd year in 2002-2003.

Wednesday night slow pitch league in LdB

Haven't played for a while? Not into the mixed league? Wanna go out and play ball with other women? Here's your chance. For more info contact Connie Dancyt.

Soccer for kids registration

Spring is coming soon and for children ages 5 and up that means SOCCER! Registration Week is March 18-22. Forms may be picked up at Elementary Schools and the Rec offices. 2 adult coaches per team required! For more info contact the Rec office at 345 8816/753 2639.

Cardio kick boxing... a.k.a. boxercise

Ok, Kim has a little time on her hands and has come up with a funkified name for Boxercise. So - for the next session, commencing on April 3 to June 26 (Wednesdays 6:15 - 7:15 p.m. and Sundays from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m., at the Pinawa Community Centre) we have Cardio Kick Boxing. Interested? Call the Rec office to sign up! Drop in fee also available.

Recreational fishing league for youth

This local program, for youth ages 9-15 years is sponsored by the Lac du Bonnet Wildlife Association. Season runs from May 20 to June 24 1 day per week. For more information contact the Rec office at 345 8816 or 753 2639. Opportunities for a LdB and Pinawa Program. This program is run in conjunction with

the Manitoba Wildlife Federation and Manitoba Conservation (Fisheries Branch).

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? Roads a little bit icy? 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.

RWB - Lac du Bonnet satellite program recital update

The date of our recital, marking the end to our "rookie season" of the Royal Winnipeg Ballet Satellite Program will be on Saturday, April 20 from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. at the Lac du Bonnet Senior School Gym.

NCCP Level 1 Theory Coaching Clinic

Taking place this weekend (March 23) at W.B. Lewis in Pinawa. For more information or to register - contact Bruce Goodwin at 753-8393.

Trans Canada Trail

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hard to visualize the actual trail and see it being used by the different user groups. The TransCanada Trail Assoc. has researched trail usage and have the documented proof that every person using The Trail will spend on an average of \$20.00 per day somewhere on the Trail. This equates into about \$1,500,000.00 in total per day.

The question is, do the people of Pine Falls/Powerview want to be part of a national recreational network and take part of all the benefits this has to offer? With more and more people looking for a healthier lifestyle and seeking to improve their recreational choices, the TransCanada Trail is a healthy alternative to make available to them. Most places already have a basic trail in place. These are

relatively inexpensive to upgrade to acceptable standards - other areas however, will necessitate more expensive work. The Federal Government has set aside several million dollars for this to be done with. Donations are matched on a percentage basis for each section of trail completed. However, no one person can do all the originating and oversee all the constructing by themselves. That is why we need a more pro-active committee made up of volunteers willing to donate a little bit of time to see that things are being done and done right.

The Blue Water Recreational Trail Assoc. is representative of the section of The TransCanada Trail from the Old Pinawa Dam site to Lac du Bonnet, Great Falls, Silver Falls, St. Georges, Powerview, Pine Falls, Belair Provincial Forest, ending at #59 Highway. We have a monthly

general meeting on the second Wednesday for each month. These meetings have been alternating between the towns of Lac du Bonnet, Great Falls, Pine Falls/Powerview.

We are presently looking for a recording secretary to take minutes and answer correspondence. This is a paid position with probably one or two meetings a month to take notes at, sort and file correspondence, and answer necessary letters.

We are going to be running some features and trail news updates over the next few months. So, if you want to see what we've been up to or just to add your two cents worth, come out to the next meeting. It is tentatively scheduled to be at 7:00 p.m. on April 10, 2002 in Pine Falls at the Manitou Lodge meeting room. Hope to see you there.

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