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Fire at Hillside Beach

The home of Jason Stutzke on Hillcrest Road, Hillside Beach was burned to the ground on Sunday morning, February 16th.

The cause of the blaze has not yet been determined.

The Winnipeg River RCMP report that a man was treated for burns to his hands at the Pine Falls Hospital and later released.

The fire was still burning at four o'clock, Sunday afternoon when the picture was taken.



Pine Falls ladies 53rd annual bonspiel

by V. Anderson

The Pine Falls Ladies Curling league celebrated their

53rd annual bonspiel this past weekend. There were 32 rinks that entered, and the fun and

festivities began Friday night. This year's theme was disco, and the girls had lots of fun, playing and dressing the part. Dinner was once again catered by Bostrum's and the meal was enjoyed by all.

There were some pretty good costumes that were put together for this weekend's spiel and the ladies had a riot laughing with delight at some of the teams antics. Honorable mention has to go to the Connie Dancyst team, for their crazy rendition of disco duck, the girls had the whole club roaring with laughter.

Sunday's finals had two teams from Winnipeg vying for top spot, with the Leslie Fanning rink defeating the Geri Bland rink. Second

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Winners of the Pine Falls Ladies Bonspiel, the Leslie Fanning Rink from the Pembina Curling Club in Winnipeg. They have been attending the ladies bonspiel since 1985.



Jim Hampshire joins The Echo

After a brief vacation, columnist Jim Hampshire is returning to the publishing business, inking a long-term contract with The Echo.

Hampshire has worked for other area newspapers but decided to bring his award-winning column and his unique news coverage to The Echo because of the editorial freedoms offered by the independent newspaper. Hampshire has won three column awards in the four years he has worked for MCNA newspapers around the Eastman region but now he looks forward to writing news stories and features specifically for the Lac du Bonnet area.

LdB Blues vs. Beausejour Stars
Saturday, February 22, 7:30pm
Lac du Bonnet Arena

Southeast Blades vs. St. James
Sunday, February 23, 4:00pm

The Pinawa puzzle

Why the secrecy?

A proposal to relocate the Pinawa Hospital is causing puzzled frowns in the area.

NEHA is in the process of completing a study on the feasibility of relocating the Pinawa Hospital to a site closer to Whitemouth and Lac du Bonnet. A location on Highway 11 has been mentioned.

The existing Pinawa hospital is said to be in urgent need of upgrading to bring it up to modern standards and the cost of that upgrading is said to be prohibitive. The hospital was built by AECL forty years ago. It was designed to be easily upgraded to suit a community of 6,000 people. Its steel structure is strong enough to enable additional stories to be accommodated; alternatively the hospital is located in the middle of nine acres of serviced land thus horizontal expansion could also be accommodated.

A week or so ago, NEHA Chairman Bill Boonstra told the Association of Manitoba Municipalities that provincial department of health architects had looked at the plans of the hospital and determined that the cost of upgrading the hospital would be prohibitive.

What these cost actually are has not been revealed to local citizens, nor has the need or nature of the upgrading been made public. The Echo has not been able to determine if the NEHA board has been informed because all communications from NEHA must come from the Chairman or the CAO, Jim Hayes.

When the federal government decided to pull AECL out of Pinawa it left Pinawa with the choice of becoming a ghost town, a resort community or - the only really practical alternative - a retirement community. A hospital is absolutely vital to a retirement community. Moving the Pinawa hospital will almost certainly destroy the town. Pinawa may not survive with a hospital. It certainly will not survive without a hospital.

So far NEHA has given no indication that the cost of the destruction of a community will be taken into consideration in the decision to relocate.

Building a hospital is an expensive undertaking. If the need to provide better service to Whitemouth and Lac du Bonnet is the rationale behind the investigation into relocating that better service could more easily and less expen-

sively be achieved by building a road from Lac du Bonnet to Whitemouth via Pinawa. As far as The Echo has been able to determine that possibility that option has not even been thought of.

People served by the Pine Falls Hospital are wondering what impact there will be on their own hospital if a brand new hospital is built near Lac du Bonnet. They wonder how many more services they will lose and how much of the local services will be transferred to the new hospital to prevent it from becoming a white el-

ephant. (It should be remembered that the function of regional health authorities is not to improve health care but to reduce its cost. Reducing health services is one way to reduce cost)

All of these questions could be answered if local board members were allowed to communicate with the public. It is difficult to see how having local board members appointed by the Minister of Health is of any use at all if they cannot communicate with the people they are supposed to represent, or with any of the health professionals in their area. The only information any board member gets comes to the board via the Chairman, Bill Boonstra, or CAO Jim

Hayes. Since the board can only make decisions on the available information they get, the only decisions they can make will be the same as those that Boonstra or Hayes want them to make. Also, since Hayes is an employee all decisions appear to be made by Boonstra.

Regional Health Authority is not provincial government policy. It is the policy of NEHA only. It is a policy that only occurs when the policy maker has something to hide. What is being hidden is anybody's guess. Whatever it is, it is not likely to be in the best interests of health care delivery in the area. If it were there would be no reason for secrecy.

You can't be serious



by Jim Hampshire

Here we are, once again, stuck smack-dab in the middle of winter, with nothing better to do than to read silly columns by silly writers who have the audacity to remind everyone that we're stuck smack-dab in the middle of winter.

Of course it's as clear as the icicle on the end of your nose but despite this brief warm spell over the last few days, it has been too cold for too long. And the object here isn't to depress anyone, but why is it that time seems to slow down in the dead of winter? If it's

true that the days are shorter in the winter, then technically it should also be true that next weekend should arrive by Thursday noon at the latest. In reality next weekend will probably arrive in ten days or so, when you consider that time has basically come to a halt.

But that's the way it is every winter. Everything slows down when it's forty below, including time. To help prove this theory, I'll point to summer, which is a season that goes fleeting by, likely due to the high temperatures. Now the calendar might say that you have a full two months of leisure time over the course of a traditional summer holiday,

but I kept a carefully detailed record of each day during this past summer season and as you're about to see, my detailed records prove that part of last summer mysteriously disappeared without explanation.

MONDAY: Summer vacation begins - take kids to water park and pick up milk on the way home.

TUESDAY: Drive down to the Grand Canyon for the afternoon. Don't forget the camera.

WEDNESDAY: Stay home and cut the grass. Fall asleep in hammock.

THURSDAY: Pick up Sun-Bloc and take the kids to the beach.

FRIDAY: Go to city and shop for back-to-school supplies. Now as you can clearly see, time literally disappears

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Pine Falls ladies 53rd annual bonspiel

from front page
 event had the Nancy Lavoie team playing the Laurie Bryksa rink, and Lavoie won by taking a big five points in the eighth to seal her victory, in a 12-7 win. Third event went to the Val Ogryzlo and her team,

who beat out Faye Bettelette in a closely played match. "I have been coming to this bonspiel since 1985, we look forward to playing here every year." The Pine Falls ladies host an excellent bonspiel that's fun, hospitable and has

great prizes" said Fanning. Special thanks is extended to all volunteers and the Pine Falls Ladies Curling Club Honorary Members. It is your help and dedication that contributes to the club and makes our honspiels a continued success.



Winners of B-Event - The Nancy Lavoie Rink



A local team and their coach liked their prizes so much they decided to wear them home. Nice hats ladies!



Winners of C-Event Val Ogryzlo - skip, Val Anderson - third, Melanie McKinnon - second and Susan Dugard - spare.

You can't be serious

from previous page
 during periods of high temperatures and if my theory is right, it only makes sense that time slows down during months of extreme cold. Once again, to help prove this point, I compiled a second set of detailed records from earlier this month and the results are startling.

MONDAY: (7:00 am)
 Get out of bed and put on every single item of clothing in the closet. Notice one woolen sock missing. Chase family dog around the house in an effort to retrieve woolen sock. Venture outside to start car. Unable to locate car due to eyelids freezing shut. Return indoors and stick head into coffee pot. Eyelids thaw - still un-

able to locate car.

MONDAY: (7:01 am)
 Finally locate car, huddled in basement trying to keep warm. Phone loans manager at home to make appointment to fill out paperwork for the purchase of a tank of gas and a case of antifreeze. Car still unwilling to venture outdoors.

There you have it. I spent half a day trying to coax my car back outside, yet according to my detailed records, only one minute of actual time elapsed. This proves, beyond all doubt, that temperatures have a direct effect on the acceleration of time in our everyday lives. If you don't believe me, just ask anyone returning from a two-week Caribbean vacation. They'll always tell you

that two weeks seems like just a few days.

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Blades come from behind to beat Selkirk Steelers in shootout!

The Southeast Blades came back from a 4-1 deficit to beat the Selkirk Steelers for the 2nd night in a row in a shootout by a score of 5-4 in the new Agro Sun Recreational Complex in Beausejour last night, February 15, 2003. This home game was played before 650 fans as part of the official opening of

this new arena.

St. Vincent was spectacular in goal again and shut the door on the Steelers in the third period with some great saves to win the game. In the first 3 minutes of the third period, Joel Boyetchko scored his 17th of the season and 2nd in the past 2 games to bring the Blades to

within one goal. The Blades outplayed the Steelers in the third period and Hartley Krulicki managed to tie the game with only 9 seconds left to force overtime. It was an exciting end to regulation time.

In overtime St. Vincent was outstanding and made 2 incredible saves including a break away with less than 2 minutes to play. He again robbed a Steelers player with only 2 seconds left to maintain a tie game and force a shootout.

In the first and second periods the Blades were not the same team that beat the Steelers the night before in Selkirk. They had no jump and the Steelers dominated the play and if it were not for outstanding goaltending by Guy St. Vincent the score would have been more lopsided. They luckily ended the first period down only 2-1. Blades grinder Joey Ewing (a.k.a. "Butter Fingers") scored his 13th goal of the season late in the first period to keep them close.

The Steelers went up 4-2 at the end of the second period and it was looking like the Blades were going to lose this rematch. Blades sniper Justin Wise scored another late goal for the Blades, his 35th with only 40 seconds left in the second period to give the Blades hope.

"The Blades Brigade" of Krulicki, Boyetchko, Mousseau, Ewing, and Larocque played hard and were extremely instrumental in this win. They dug hard and were constantly in the face of the Steelers. They are proving to be valuable members of the team as we approach the playoffs.

Corey Courchene played a good game. He is shifty and made some unbelievable moves to get in close to the goalie for a few scoring chances. He again played defence on the power play and was used consistently. George Canard was steady and a reliable defenceman.

Krulicki scored through the five hole on the Blades 6th shot

to tie the game in the shootout. Jamie Mousseau then scored a nice goal on the Blades 7th shot to win the game as he roofed the puck into the net for sweet revenge for 2 earlier losses in February to the Steelers.

DON'T MISS THE PLAY-OFFS!

All playoff games will be played at the Sagkeeng Arena Multiplex. Tickets can be purchased by contacting the Southeast Blades office at

1-204-367-4179 or email: management@athletichockey.com

Blades Next Regular Season Home Games: 7:30 p.m., Friday, February 21, 2003 at the Fisher River Arena vs. Waywayseecappo Wolverines. And at 4:00 p.m., Sunday, February 23, 2003 at Sagkeeng Arena Multiplex vs. St. James Canadians

Southeast Blades player profiles

Name: Blaine Beaulieu
Position: Left Wing
Birthdate: 03/12/84
Hometown: Sandy Bay, MB

Favourites:
NHL Team: Colorado Avalanche
Hockey Player: Peter Forsberg
Food: Pizza
Movie:
Actor/Actress:
Music Group: The Tragical Hip
Song: Thunderstruck



Name: Guy St-Vincent
Position: Goalie
Birthdate: 12/26/82
Hometown: Ste. Anne, MB

Favourites:
NHL Team: Montreal Canadiens
Hockey Player: Jose Theodore
Food: Pizza, Steak, All Pasta
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Fishing for the right weather

by Jim Hampshire

Bad weather can always have an adverse affect on any outdoor activities during the winter months and no one knows that better than the organizers of the Lac du Bonnet Ice Fishing Challenge. Over the last couple of years the derby has suffered brutal weather conditions, with high north winds and blowing snow last year and -30 degree temperatures the previous year. This year organizers can

only hope Mother Nature will cooperate as plans move forward for the March 8 event.

"Weather is always a factor for the weekend angler," Alan Kaplan said from his Winnipeg tackle outlet. "And that was especially apparent last year with the miserable conditions we had."

Kaplan reported that only 1,900 anglers braved the high windchills last year, which is a substantial drop from the attendance

of previous years. Kaplan noted that local organizers normally drill anywhere between 3 to 5 thousand holes to accommodate potential entries, but many anglers wait until derby day before making the decision to enter.

"We'll always have upwards of 2,000 dedicated anglers that will come out in any conditions," Kaplan explained. "But we have to be ready for double that amount if the weather



Blistery winds did not keep avid ice fishing enthusiasts away from last year's Lac du Bonnet Ice Fishing Derby. This year organizers hope Mother Nature will cooperate.

conditions are favorable."

To help meet the quota of fishing holes needed for the event, Kaplan enlists the help of the Lac du Bonnet Lions Club and the Knights of Columbus. Club members and volunteers can be seen out on the ice one day prior to the event, laying out grids and pre-drilling the thousands of holes needed to accommodate the anglers. To avoid overnight freeze-up, the holes are only drilled partially through to the water surface, which means the volunteers have to return

early on derby day to punch the holes through to the water surface.

"We continue to return to Lac du Bonnet each year to hold this derby because of the dedicated corps of volunteers," Kaplan offered. "This takes a lot of planning and a lot of work at the local level and other derbies have failed in other areas of the Province due to the lack of local support."

Kaplan also reported that the prize system will undergo a slight change this year. Overall there will be 100 prizes

awarded as seen in past derbies, but instead of giving away quad ATV's and snowmobiles, all major prizes will be cash awards. Kaplan noted that the first-place prize money will remain at \$20,000, with a further \$4,000 being awarded for each tenth spot based on fish size. As per last year, the 100th place position will receive \$5,000 for their efforts.

Entry information for the event can be picked up locally at Woody's Service, Drifter's Shell, La Verendrye Trading and at True Value Hardware.

Southeast Blades burn Steelers 3-2 in Steeltown!

submitted

The Southeast Blades defeated the Selkirk Steelers by a score of 3-2 in Selkirk last night, February 14, 2003.

The Blades played an exciting game and won with the help of spectacular goaltending from #1 man, Guy St. Vincent. The Blades were outshot 42-23 and played mostly shorthanded in the 3rd period. While playing shorthanded for too many men on the ice, he made several outstanding saves in the dying 2 minutes of the game to seal the victory. The Steelers went 0-10 on the powerplay largely because of St. Vincent's awesome display of goaltending.

There were close to 200 Blades fans at the game out of the 800 fans that attended. The Blades fans cheered loudly and

often to inspire their team onto victory. The Blades responded by playing hard, tough and managed to use their speed to their advantage.

Fight of the night went to Jamie Mousseau of the Blades and Brett Cross of the Steelers. They bareknuckled it at centre ice with Cross winning a close one. Each threw some good punches, however Cross came out on top when Mousseau slipped and was slammed face first into the glass at which point the referees moved in to halt the match.

Colin Tetrault scored the winner and his 11th goal of the season with 2 minutes and 43 seconds left in the game. Lady Tresi with his 36th marker of the year and Joel Boyetchko with his 16th goal also scored for the Blades.

Sagkeeng boys Corey Courchene and George Canard both played steady and with confidence. Corey Courchene at 16 years old is playing with amazing confidence and is starting to play defence on the powerplay. He is a fast skater, a good stickhandler and made an end to end rush to set up Boyetchko's powerplay goal. George Canard is a steady defenseman who can also play an offensive style when necessary. If the rumours are true then the Connecticut college that is scouting them would most certainly be impressed by their play.

Don't miss the rematch! The next game for the Blades is Saturday, February 15, 2003 in Beausejour versus the same Selkirk Steelers. Game starts at 7:30 p.m.

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Merger Committee hires consultants

The Pine Falls/Powerview Merger Committee has hired RLB Consulting to assist the committee in providing an independent perspective on the costs and benefits of amalgamation to both communities. They will also be reviewing infrastructure needs and costs for the two communities.

The proposed amalgama-

tion has not been smooth sailing. Misinformation, half-truths and insults have been hurled across the Pine Falls/Powerview border ever since Tembec CEO Frank Dittori announced that the company intended to divest itself of the townsite of Pine Falls.

Because of this it was felt that an independent perspec-

tive was required. The hiring of RLB consulting is the result. Bill Brown, an RLB partner told The Echo that openness and public disclosure was a vital part of the process. It will be welcome. The truth has been hard to come by in the discussions thus far.

RLB Consulting will be providing a two-man team to

assist the committee.

Robert Brown has a bachelor's degree in Urban Geography from State University of New York and Post Graduate Studies in City Planning and Urban Geography at the University of Manitoba. He has more than thirty-five years experience in property assessment, taxation, municipal re-

search, city and regional planning, urban redevelopment and public policy formulation.

Roger Denis is a chartered accountant. He has more than thirty years experience in rural development in Canada and internationally. This experience has been heavily biased towards financial management and administration and public sector accounting.

Maskwa snowmobile club newsletter

by Ian Cyr

The last two weekends were very busy for the avid snowmobiler. Last weekend was the annual ride to Bissett that 75 people participated in. The good news is that this trip will continue to happen as long as Bob Shindruk is running the place. Those were his exact words on Sunday morning. I would like to say thank-you to Bob and his staff for doing a bang up job in hosting the sledders for supper on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday the meals were top notch and the trail was superb thanks to

Eric Carlson dragging it on the way up to Bissett. The ride coordinator Chad Drabek did an excellent job assigning rooms, out of 75 people only one person did not have a bed. Denis Laroche would like his own room next year so nobody can steal his bed.

This weekend was the Maskwa's annual Poker Derby held on Saturday. The numbers were down this year because of the cold weather and other things going on in the area. There were still 70 participants that enjoyed the beautiful trails

and great hospitality of all the checkers. I would like to thank all of the checkers, Faith and Jules (no axe, no matches) Fontaine, Lynn and Lindsey (piston broke) Botterill, Steph and Kelly Kemball, Marc McHugh, Jagger, Big-E, Gazzoo, Jeff Houghton, Heather and Marcel Chevrefils, they did a excellent job.

Winners of the Derby were:
1st place-Heather Chevrefils with 4 Kings.

2nd place-Rene Dube with 3 Aces.

3rd place-Dan Boyer with 3 Queens.

The Maskwa would like to congratulate all the winners and everyone that participated.

The next event is Kids day at MUCK HILL on Sunday February 23 starting at 11:00am until 2:00pm. The developers of Muck Hill have volunteered to hold Kids Day for the Maskwa to promote the Hill into a full time recreation playground. We will have Kitty Cat rides as well as hot chocolate and Hot Dogs under the big tent. If you don't know where Muck Hill is, it is on Bouvier Rd off of Hwy 11 and 304 or better yet the dump road, drive until you see the big tent. Everyone is Welcome young and old so bring your tobaggan and try out the hill. This a good time for you to see what the developing committee have for ideas for the Hill as well as putting in your 2 cents towards

the project. So I hope to see you there come by sled or come by car.

There is a Poker Derby ride next Saturday February 22 registration is from 9am to 1pm. This Derby is sponsored by the Birchwood Motel that has check points at Shorliner Hotel(Gimli), Sandy Bar Hotel(Riverton)and Gull Harbour(Hecla). The ride is roughly 120 miles long and last years purse was \$2800 so it is worth the trip.

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PLACE: Beausejour Elementary School (Multi-Purpose Room)

Interim Budget Presentation (2003/2004 School year)
WHEN: Thursday, March 6, 2003 at 6:30p.m.
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Hats off to local artists



Local musicians entertained at the "Soirée du Bon vieux Temps" held in the St. Georges Parish basement on Friday, February 14th

On February 14, 150 people attending "la soirée du bon vieux temps" at the St. Georges Parish Hall, got the chance to experience an evening full of some good old time music. Our multi-talented musicians, jig dancers and singers: Armand & Gilles Boulet, Edouard Courcelles, Ronald Vandall (a group known as "Les Mocassins"), Alain Chevreffils, Helmar Ostrom, David, Nicolas & Eric Larocque, Fleurette Vincent-Boulet, Simone Gosselin, Jeannette St. Godard, Irene St. Pierre and Gilles Goulet all gave us their best performance. It was truly an enjoyable evening that premieres a series of planned activities for our centennial year.

The fiddling and singing had people clapping hands and stomping feet. "La Bolduc" came alive through Fleurette's choice of old time favourite songs for the evening. As for dancing a jig, age is not a factor; just ask Irene, Jeannette, Fleurette, Gilles and Alain.

To welcome local artists is always a pleasure but to have David Larocque and his two young sons, aged 6 and 8, perform for the first time ever was indeed a special treat for the audience. Playing guitars almost bigger than their own size, Eric and Nicolas simply captured everyone's heart. David was a young teenager when his family moved to Winnipeg in 1978. We are honoured to have him chose his hometown for his sons' debut in the music world.

We thank all of the performers and appreciate them sharing their talents with us. It was a privilege having them and we certainly hope they'll be back to entertain us during the centennial celebrations in August. Our next event will be a supper and play on March 30th. Tickets will be on sale at the beginning of March at the Caisse Laverendrye. Don't be disappointed; buy your tickets early.

The lucky winners of the calendar draw, so far, are as follows: Jan. 7- Gary Oakes, Jan. 14- Malvina Vincent, Jan. 21- Fleurette Chevreffils, Jan. 28- Trevor & Shelley Cowie, Feb. 4- Ovide Lambert, Feb. 11- Lorraine Raymond. Who will be our next winner?

children who wish to reduce or possibly eliminate sibling rivalry in their families with facilitator - Janet Hilliard. Six Thursdays commencing on March 13/03 from 7-9pm at Gilbert School in Pinawa. No fee. For more information or to register contact Janet Hilliard at 753 2116 or Karen McDougall at 345 1214.

Sewing and Beyond Are you interested in a course this Fall? What aspects of sewing would you like to learn? Need to start from the beginning? How to pick a pattern, sew buttons, use your machine... give me a call at the rec office at 345 8816 or 753 2639. Instructor is Leona Butchart.

Eastman Juried Art Show The Eastman Juried Art show will take place May 8-11 in Steinbach. Application forms may be picked up at the Recreation office.

Cardio Kickboxing - Drop right in! Two nights in LdB running now! (Mondays and Fridays) from 6:00-7:00pm at Centennial Gym. Pinawa class runs on Wednesdays from 6:15 - 7:15pm at the Community Centre. For more info contact the Rec office at 345 8816 or 753 2639. Drop in fee, 1 night, 2 night and 3 night a week rates too!

Facility diploma courses Arena/Curling Rink Level 2 and Pool courses are being held April 7 to April 11 at the St. Norbert Community Centre. For more information call 750 0058.

Tai Chi watch I've been twisting the arm of our resident tai chi'er Mike Quinn to get a program going. So if you are interested - please call and also let me know the level of tai chi you would like offered (beginner, intermediate, etc).

Recreation Ramblings

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

Relax through Recreation Relaxation, rest and revitalization through the opportunity of leisure is essential to stress management in today's busy and demanding world. Stress is a serious issue in modern society - all of the popular prescriptions or solutions highlight the role of leisure and relaxation. The catharsis achieved through intense physical activity is an ideal antidote to the build-up of otherwise negative tensions, anger and aggression.

So what does that all mean? Your yoga, kickboxing, curling, bowling, etc. are all playing a role in reducing your stress level. How about that! Cardio Kickboxing notice The Wednesday, February 19 class is cancelled due to High School Sports in Pinawa. March is family month The Pinawa Early Childhood Development Committee has an exciting line-up for you! Activity #1: The Bonfire Event - March 9 at 3pm. Join

the JackRabbits for some fun. Park at the Hydro Substation and follow the markers to Hole #7. Toboggan run, ski demo and bonfire with marshmallows and hot coco.

Activity #2: Rhythmic Gymnastics and Yoga for Kids on Tuesday, March 25 from 6:30 - 7:30pm at Gilbert Gym

Activity #3: Family Jam Can Curling on Sunday, March 30 at Pinawa Arena.

Activity #4: The Hip Hop Event for all! Friday, March 21 from 6:30 - 7:30pm at Gilbert Gym.

Siblings without rivalry - a parenting program

The program is for parents of pre-school or school age chil-

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Trans-Canada Trail Pinawa and Blue Water trail route finalized

The Pinawa and Blue Water Trail system is about the transition between the Canadian Shield and the Prairies. It is about the Winnipeg River and the boreal forest and the mammals, birds, and fish that thrive there. It is about a diverse people, their cultural heritage, and the small towns and country-side we call home. Its about dams, agriculture, and logging. It is about living on the edge of the wilderness. It is about an interesting past and an exciting future.

These trails are designed for walking, mountain biking, cross-country skiing, and horseback riding. Snowmobilers also use portions of them. We wish to extend to you a warm invitation to come on out and explore!

Pinawa Trail

You can begin this trail at the Seven Sisters Falls Generation Station, the highest dam head on the Winnipeg River. Travel along the north dyke of Natalie Lake to enter a mixed forest coming to the start of the Ironwood Interpretive Trail. It is an easier walk through an urban park skirting the Winnipeg River and Goldeneye Pass. Stop and view the Pinawa Her-

itage Sundial at the centre of the Pinawa town site.

Continue along the trail to the rock Diversion Dam at the start of the Pinawa Channel. Observe the rock pile created while enlarging the channel in 1903 to 1906 to increase water flow to the Pinawa Dam.

Carry on along the north bank of the channel to the suspension bridge and rest at the pavilion. Proceed north along the Alice Chambers Trail, which at one time was the Winnipeg Electric Streetcar Company Road.

The tread descends to follow the west bank of the Pinawa Channel marsh to the rapids at the marsh outlet and ascends to the old buggy road. It connects to the west dyke of the Pinawa Dam. Soon the remains of the first year round operating hydroelectric generating station in Manitoba comes into view.

It ran from 1906 to 1951 and is now the Pinawa Dam Provincial Heritage Park.

Restaurants and hotel accommodations are located in Pinawa.

Blue Water Trail South

You begin your adventure at Pinawa Dam. As you leave the Park you walk past a heritage

easy walking surfaces for the hiker looking for a variety of terrains. At the bank of the Winnipeg River a cairn marks the historic Eastern Boundary of Manitoba.

From there you proceed across the river. You will find yourself on miles of relatively flat land as you walk the dyke to Great Falls or you can explore the beauty of Blue Berry Rock. This granite outcropping, five kilometres from the Town of Lac du Bonnet, lends itself to the naturalist who wishes to walk a rocky terrain and explore the

You can stop and admire the flora and fauna or continue along the trail to Great Falls where we pass the McArthur Dam Generating Station. This generating station has the distinction of being the largest hydroelectric producer in the world operating with the lowest head of seven meters.

Restaurants and hotel accommodations are located in and around Lac du Bonnet.

Blue Water Trail North

Arriving at Great Falls you will cross the Manitoba hydro dam: their oldest generating station on the Winnipeg River. Here a self-guided nature trail takes you across the bridge that spans the falls on North Coca Cola Creek. In the spring you will witness a large and furious runoff.

From here on the terrain varies. Level stretches separated by rocky ridges provide an entertaining challenge as you wend your way to the head of the Broadlands community. If you enjoy rural country roads, this area of farms, woodlands, and wildlife is for you.

Take in the sights and sounds at White Mud Falls. At low water levels explore the bedrock shoreline and riverbed. Proceed to Baie Dupont and view the beautiful community of St. Georges across the river with its historic church, rebuilt in 1929, and its adjacent museum. Further along, you cross a wooden bridge over the Maskwa River. Keep a watch out for animals and birds, especially owls, as this is a known owl flyway. Next you'll cross Pine Creek and follow its shores on to the campground and then over to the Pine Falls power dam located above the Manitou Rapids.

Restaurants and hotel accommodations are located on PR 304.



home that will be moved to a location in Lac du Bonnet in the future. You have your choice of cross-country cycle trails for riding enthusiasts or

variety of vegetation along the trail. With a lookout tower that provides a great view of the river to the north, it is a place for a well-deserved rest.



Division scolaire franco-manitobaine n°49 INSCRIPTIONS À LA MATERNELLE

Les inscriptions à la maternelle auront lieu dans nos écoles au courant de la semaine du 3 au 7 mars 2003. Les enfants qui auront cinq (5) ans avant le 31 décembre 2003 sont admissibles. Veuillez apporter à l'école un certificat de naissance.

Les écoles françaises sont ouvertes à tous les ayants droit. Un «ayant droit» est un résident du Manitoba dont la première langue qu'il a apprise et qu'il comprend encore est le français ou un résident du Manitoba qui a reçu au moins quatre ans d'enseignement scolaire dans le cadre d'un programme français au Canada ou encore être le père ou la mère d'un enfant qui reçoit de l'enseignement scolaire dans le cadre d'un programme de français ou qui a reçu un tel enseignement pendant au moins quatre ans. Si vous avez des questions, veuillez communiquer avec les directions d'école de votre quartier dont la liste est la suivante:

Ecole communautaire Aurele-Lemoine	Saint-Laurent	646-2392
Ecole Christine-Lesperance	Saint-Vital	255-2081
Ecole Gabrielle-Roy	Île des Chenes	878-2147
Ecole communautaire Gilbert-Rosset	Saint-Claude	379-2177
Ecole Jours de Plaine	Laurier	447-3364
Ecole Lacerte	Saint-Boniface	256-4384
Ecole Lagimodiere	Lorette	878-3621
Ecole Noel-Ritchot	Saint-Norbert	261-0380
Ecole e/é Notre-Dame-de-Lourdes	Notre-Dame-de-Lourdes	248-2147
Ecole Pointe-des-Chenes	Sainte-Anne	422-5505
Ecole Precieux-Sang	Saint-Boniface	233-4327
Ecole communautaire Real-Berard	Saint-Pierre-Jolys	433-7706
Ecole communautaire Saint-Georges	Saint-Georges	367-4224
Ecole Saint-James	Winnipeg	885-8000
Ecole Saint-Jean-Baptiste	Saint-Jean-Baptiste	758-3501
Ecole Saint-Joachim	La Broquerie	424-5287
Ecole Saint-Lazare	Saint-Lazare	683-2251
Ecole Saint-Léon	Saint-Léon	744-2243
Ecole Sainte-Agathe	Sainte-Agathe	882-2275
Ecole Tache	Saint-Boniface	233-8735

Nous souhaitons la bienvenue à tous nos nouveaux parents et à tous nos nouveaux amis et nouvelles amies de la maternelle.

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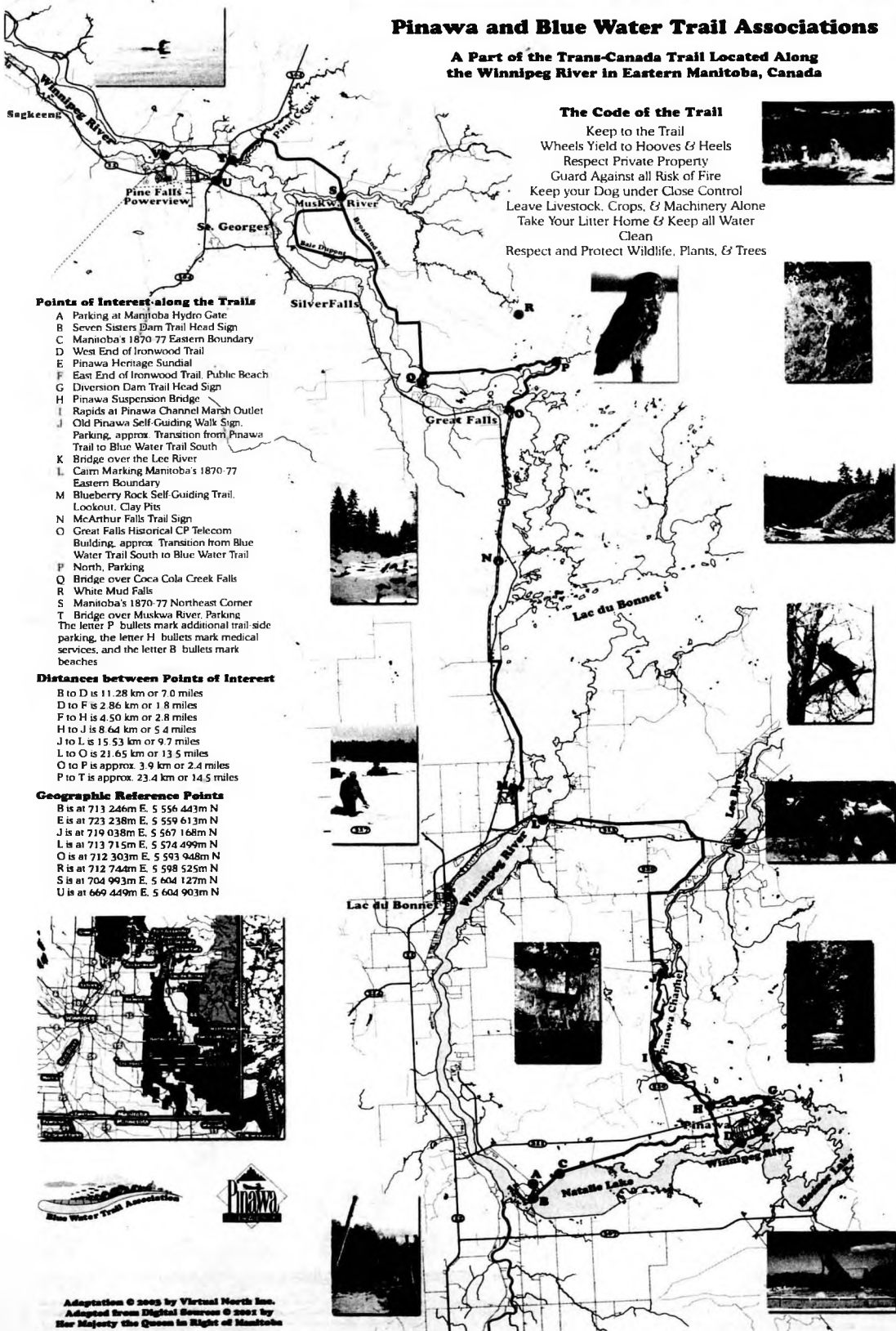
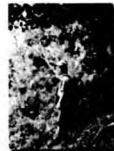
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Pinawa and Blue Water Trail Associations

A Part of the Trans-Canada Trail Located Along the Winnipeg River in Eastern Manitoba, Canada

The Code of the Trail

- Keep to the Trail
- Wheels Yield to Hooves & Heels
- Respect Private Property
- Guard Against all Risk of Fire
- Keep your Dog under Close Control
- Leave Livestock, Crops, & Machinery Alone
- Take Your Litter Home & Keep all Water Clean
- Respect and Protect Wildlife, Plants, & Trees



Points of Interest along the Trails

- A Parking at Manitoba Hydro Gate
 - B Seven Sisters Dam Trail Head Sign
 - C Manitoba's 1870-77 Eastern Boundary
 - D West End of Ironwood Trail
 - E Pinawa Heritage Sundial
 - F East End of Ironwood Trail, Public Beach
 - G Diversion Dam Trail Head Sign
 - H Pinawa Suspension Bridge
 - I Rapids at Pinawa Channel Marsh Outlet
 - J Old Pinawa Self-Guiding Walk Sign
 - K Parking, approx. Transition from Pinawa Trail to Blue Water Trail South
 - L Bridge over the Lee River
 - M Cairn Marking Manitoba's 1870-77 Eastern Boundary
 - N Blueberry Rock Self-Guiding Trail, Lookout, Clay Pits
 - O McArthur Falls Trail Sign
 - P Great Falls Historical CP Telecom Building, approx. Transition from Blue Water Trail South to Blue Water Trail North, Parking
 - Q Bridge over Coca Cola Creek Falls
 - R White Mud Falls
 - S Manitoba's 1870-77 Northeast Corner
 - T Bridge over Muskwa River, Parking
- The letter P bullets mark additional trail-side parking, the letter H bullets mark medical services, and the letter B bullets mark beaches

Distances between Points of Interest

- B to D is 11.28 km or 7.0 miles
- D to F is 2.86 km or 1.8 miles
- F to H is 4.50 km or 2.8 miles
- H to J is 8.64 km or 5.4 miles
- J to L is 15.53 km or 9.7 miles
- L to O is 21.65 km or 13.5 miles
- O to P is approx. 3.9 km or 2.4 miles
- P to T is approx. 23.4 km or 14.5 miles

Geographic Reference Points

- B is at 713 246m E, 5 556 443m N
- E is at 723 238m E, 5 559 613m N
- J is at 719 038m E, 5 567 168m N
- L is at 713 715m E, 5 574 499m N
- O is at 712 303m E, 5 593 948m N
- R is at 712 744m E, 5 598 525m N
- S is at 704 903m E, 5 604 127m N
- U is at 669 449m E, 5 604 903m N



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Lac du Bonnet RCMP Report



For the periods of February 6, 2003 to February 13, 2003
February 6

A report was received of a domestic assault at a residence on Leslie in the Town of Lac du Bonnet. As a result of this call, an adult male was arrested, lodged over-night, and released on conditions for court.

A report was received of an Intrusion Alarm at a location on Edward Crescent in the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet. This was found to be false.

A report was received of a possible sexual assault on an under-age male whom the victim had apparently met via the internet. Took place at Ste. Rita in the R.M. of Reynolds.

February 7

A report was received of a beer bottle having been thrown through the window of a door on a residence on 3rd St. in the Town of Lac du Bonnet.

A report was received of under-age female calling a residence in Pinawa in contravention of a court order. Investigation revealed that no offence had taken place.

A report was received of a tool box, quantity of tools and air gun having been stolen from a garage at the Industrial Park in Pinawa.

A report was received of an under-aged female being at a dance in Pinawa in contravention of a curfew. Police at-

tended and released the subject for court.

February 8

A report was received of a wheelchair ramp at a business in the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet having been damaged overnight by an unknown vehicle.

A report was received of a vandalism and theft of an ice shack at Big Whiteshell Lake in the Whiteshell Provincial Park.

February 9

A report was received of Intrusion Alarm at a location of Blueberry Rock Road in the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet. Police attended to find the door had been blow open by the wind.

A report was received of an under-age male from Pinawa having been dropped off at the corner of PTH # 44 and PTH # 11 in the R.M. of Whitemouth and concern expressed due to the light clothing he was wearing. Police were contact with the subject's father, and patrolled the area in question, but no sign of the subject.

A report was received of an adult male pushing other residence around the Lac du Bonnet Personal Care Home. Police attended and spoke with the subject as per the wishes of the complainant.

A report was received of an Intrusion Alarm at a location at White Lake in Whiteshell Provincial Park. This was found to be false.

Lac du Bonnet police provided assistance to police from Winnipeg River Detachment, in getting a patient to the Pinawa Hospital.

February 10

A report was received from Daniel Road in the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet of a vehicle catching fire while parked over-night in a garage at a residence. Appeared to have been caused by a block heater.

February 11

A report was received of an Intrusion Alarm at a location in the Grausdin Point area of the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet. Police attended and found that a door was open and appeared to have shifted, as no entry had been made.

A report was received of a 14' aluminum boat being hidden in bushes south of the Lee River Bridge in R.M. of Lac du Bonnet. Police attended and recovered the boat. Appears to have been a subject to a theft report from this summer.

A report was received of a hit and run to a black Dodge Caravan, at an unknown location in the Town of Lac du Bonnet.

A report was received of a black Motorola cell-phone having been lost, possibly in the Milner Ridge area.

February 12

A report was received of an Intrusion Alarm at a location off Blue Berry Rock in the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet. Police attended and found that all was secure.

A report was received of an intoxicated adult male outside a residence on Oak Street West in the Town of Lac du Bonnet. The subject was believed to be in possession of a rifle, and there was an indication that he was going to do himself some harm. Police attended to the location, and arrested the subject, who was found to have an outstanding Warrant for Arrest from the Winnipeg Police Service. The firearm in question was recovered at the location, and the investigation is continuing.

A report was received from Pinawa of an adult male causing a disturbance by swearing on the street and threatening two under-age subject.

February 13

A report was received of a residence on fire in Pinawa. Police attended with the Fire Department. No injuries, however, extensive damage to the residence.

Lac du Bonnet Community Billboard

Health Concerns? Call 268-3235 to book your seat.

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

Lakeshore Al-a-Teen Group For further information, Phone Kathie 367-8237 (evenings), Vickie 345-6520 (days).

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 Macbarr, 345-2900

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

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

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.

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 753-8157.

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, Whitemouth 348-3505; Lac du Bonnet, Pine Falls, Victoria Beach, Pinawa, Beausejour, Whitemouth, Oakbank, Hadashville.

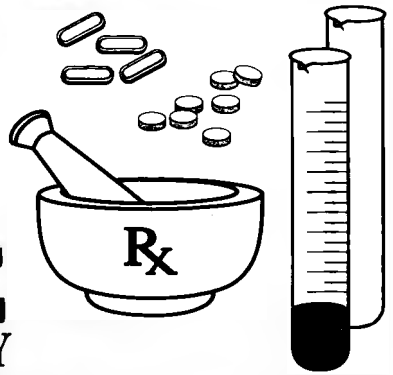
Little Day Buddies Nursery School Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m., Lac du Bonnet Community Centre. Janice 345-8979.

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

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Sagkeeng Anicinabe high school news

The girls basketball team are out of the playoffs but played hard, improved and had fun, which is the most important thing after all.

From March 3 - 5 the Jazz Dance Group will be attending a choreography workshop at the Contemporary Dancers studios in Winnipeg. The St. Regis Hotel has graciously provided a complimentary hotel room for the two nights the group will be in the city, which is very much appreciated by all the dancers. The following week, on March 13, the group will be attending a matinee performance of "Swan Lake" by the Royal Winnipeg Ballet.

On Thursday, February 13, four lucky students attended the first annual "Chow Down With Champions" dinner, a

fundraiser for the Southeast Blades hockey team. The dinner was held at The Delta Winnipeg Ballroom and featured Stanley Cup Winners Reggie Leach, Dave "the hammer" Schultz, and Jamie Leach as well as former Boston Bruins tough guy Stan Jonathan. Tickets were \$150 each but the chosen four got to attend gratis (courtesy of Sagkeeng Chief and Council) as a reward for their good attendance, work habits, attitude, and grades. Tyler Canard, Leslie Dorie, Larry Guimond, and Robyn Kent were picked from the grade 9 and 10 classes and were escorted by the principal, Mike Gilbert. Here are a couple reviews of the evening by two students who attended:

Last night I went to a Blades Banquet and Auction. It was good. The hockey players showed up a little bit after we did. I shook all the famous hockey players' hands that were there. We sat at our table for at least an hour, and then they announced that the first course was coming in soon. It was good. It was a soup covered with a bread coating on top. I think it was called bisque. I didn't finish mine because I was waiting for the main course. But I was fooled because there was another course before that. It was salad with a lot of good stuff on it with vinaigrette dressing. Then came the main course; rarely done steak with potatoes on the side

with zucchini but the problem was I didn't know what most of the forks and spoons were for. I was sitting there watching these people eat and I didn't know what fork to use. Then I just used any one. I ate it all. Then came dessert. It was very good. It was ripple ice cream with whip cream down the side and a banana cherry with raspberry sauce with a chocolate Blades puck on top.

On February 13 I went to Winnipeg for an auction banquet for the Southeast Blades. We also had an expensive dinner with Reggie Leach, Stanley Jonathan, Dave Shultz and Jamie Leach (coach of the Southeast Blades). Or table

was number ten; it was placed right in the middle of the ballroom. For our dinner we had a bisque soup, salad (it was my first time ever having salad!) and roasted potatoes with medium rare steak and zucchini on the side. For our dessert we had a creamy cake. After the dinner the hockey men made their speeches after showing each of their own video productions. Then later on they began their auction and bidding. It was very interesting being in a place full of interesting people. I had a nice time being there. I never got to actually meet Reggie, Stan and Dave but that's okay because at least I got to have dinner with them.

L'ombre dans le miroir

Pluri-elles, a Manitoba group for woman, has gotten together with Cilla Przbislawsky, a professional drama therapist, to develop a stage production in partnership with the Cercle Moliere.

Their show, which is touring in five communities is a sometimes funny, sometimes dramatic reflects of the violence which exists in communities throughout Manitoba.

Presented in French, the project was financed by Justice Canada. Its main goal is to show people the relationship that exists between abuse and victim. Is the abuse simply a monster or also a person we can love, we can confide in and we can depend on? The stories which inspired the writers are real ones, only the names and the personalities of the characters were changed to protect the identity of the people involved.

This show is coming to our community on March 2nd, 2003. It will be presented at Powerview School at 8p.m. Tickets can be purchased through the school. All proceeds will go towards the Powerview grade 10 Immersion's week at the College St. Boniface.

ECHOES FROM THE Heart

Friendly Fire

I have been thinking about him all month, and the thoughts get heavier, as Memorial Day draws closer.

I don't remember his name,

but I remember his face — pale, thin — and a body, spotted with a cancer that old men get. But he was just nineteen. He was a good looking boy, who should have had

a bright future before him. But he was dying. He had AIDS.

I was a Department of Defense "sand crab." One of those faceless, civilian people, who work for Uncle Sam at military bases. It was my job to discharge sailors whose discharges were "other than honorable." I thought about "honor" a lot, that day, as I interviewed that young boy and

See FRIENDLY FIRE/pg. 15

Muck Hill Family Day

Sunday, February 23, 2003
11:00am to 3:00pm

Family Fun Day

- Tobogganing
- Tubing
- Snowboarding

(Tubes will be Available for sliding)



FIRE PIT

Complimentary
Hot Dogs,
Coffee &
Hot Chocolate

Come join the Community Development Committee for a fun filled afternoon



The Maskwa Club will have Kitty Kat rides set up. Come join the fun!




WINNIPEG
BLUE
BOMBERS

VS.

Pine Falls
Paper
Kings
Alumni

February 22
at 8:00pm
Pine Falls Arena



Come out and join the fun!

Autograph signing!

TICKETS

Adults \$5
Seniors &
Kids \$2

Winnipeg River RCMP Report



February 7:
Two youth were apprehended on bail violations in Hollow Water. The 2 youth were in breach of their court ordered curfews and were reported to RCMP that evening.

February 8:
A search warrant was executed on a residence in the Townsite of Fort Alexander after information was received

of a Marijuana grow operation. Police seized 14 plants and associated items involved in the incident. Police charged 1 male, 39 year old Doug HUTT of Fort Alexander, MB.

Police responded to a disturbance on the South Shore of Fort Alexander. A female was attempting to try and gain access to a residence. The in-

cident revolved around a custody matter. Investigation continues.

A female youth was reported missing from Fort Alexander. Attempts to locate the youth were negative. A search continues. The youth may be with a relative or friend

A call to a disturbance on the North Shore of Fort Alexander had police apprehend 1 male. The male was highly intoxicated, lodged in cells and released when sober.

Police attended a residence on the North Shore of Fort Alexander where a mentally unstable male was speaking of attempting suicide. When police arrived the situation had stabilized and family members were taking appropriate action.

A request to remove an unwanted male who was believed to be in violation of a court order had police attend a residence on the North Shore of Fort Alexander. Police arrived to find the suspect had gone and could not be located later.

February 9:
A complaint of harassing phone calls which occurred St. George is being investigated by

Police.
Police were contacted regarding a Single Vehicle Motor Vehicle accident which occurred near Bissett. 2 males were taken to Pinawa Hospital for treatment. Alcohol may have been involved. Investigation continues.

February 10:
A call to a North Shore Road residence had police apprehend 1 male for causing a disturbance. The male was highly intoxicated and was lodged in cells until sober. He was released in the morning.

February 11:
Police are investigating a complaint of harassment which occurred in Pine Falls.

February 12:
A query to locate 2 missing youth from a healing centre in Selkirk was reported after several phone calls indicated they were in the Powerview area. The 2 youth were later located and had been returned home.

A fight had broken out between 3 male family members on the North Shore of

Fort Alexander. Police

attended and apprehended two intoxicated males for breach of peace. They were lodged in cells until sober and released. No charges were laid in the incident.

A complaint of harassment involving two youth on Fort Alexander is still under investigation.

February 13:
A break, enter and theft occurred at a residence on the North Shore of Fort Alexander. A DVD player was taken in the incident and some damage to a window. Investigation continues.

A break, enter and theft occurred at a residence in the Townsite of Fort Alexander. Taken in the incident were a Fender "Strat" guitar blue & white in colour, a 32" colour TV, a DVD and movies. Investigation continues.

A report of shoplifting was received from a business in Pine Falls. Police are still investigating.

A spousal assault occurred on
See WINNIPEG RIVER/pg. 15

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, meal 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 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday and Thursday

Foster Homes Open your heart and home to a foster child, foster homes needed in Pine Falls and surrounding area, call Debby at 268-6158.

Sunrise Ladies Ensemble: meets every Thursday from 7:00 to 9:00pm at the Pine Falls United Church

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

Winnipeg River Church Services

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

PINE FALLS UNITED CHURCH: Sunday service 11:00 a.m. Bonita E. Garrett, Minister. Church 367-2633 or Cell 754-7220. Everyone Welcome. Sunday School, September 8 at 11:00 a.m., 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. JUDES' 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. 11:00 a.m. Sunday. 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.

Bill C-13 - The debate over stem cell research



Your voice in Ottawa

Vic Toews, MP for Provencher

Parliament recently commenced its debate on Bill C-13. This proposed law seeks to regulate or ban a number of controversial medical and scientific procedures and in the process raises significant ethical issues.

Canadians are generally agreed with Bill C-13's intention to put into place a law that sets out how human embryos or other human tissues are to be used by medical and scientific researchers. Most Canadians would also agree with the provisions in Bill C-13 that ban reproductive or therapeutic cloning of humans, as well as its provisions that ban animal-human hybrids and the buying and selling of human embryos.

An underlying concern with the bill is its failure to clearly set out an acknowledgement of human dignity or respect for human life. Even though this bill is intimately connected with the creation of human life, there is no strong statement or recognition of the principle of

respect for human life.

A further concern involves embryonic research. Embryonic research is ethically controversial and divides Canadians. Embryonic stem cell research inevitably results in the death of the embryo, which many Canadians consider human life. For these Canadians the destruction of human embryos violates the ethical commitment to respect human dignity, integrity and life.

In recognition of this significant concern the Canadian Alliance, in its minority report on the bill, has asked the Minister of Health to consider the use of adult stem cells as a safe, proven alternative to embryonic stem cells. Adult stem cells are easily accessible, are not subject to immune rejection and do not pose the same ethical concerns involved in the destruction of human embryos.

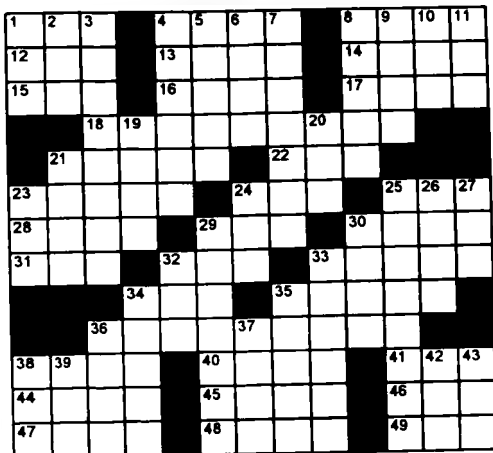
Adult stem cells are being used today in the treatment

of Parkinson's, leukemia, M.S. and other conditions. The Canadian Alliance believes that the focus of research should be on the more promising, and proven, alternative of adult stem cells. It therefore opposes the provisions that would allow for the use of embryonic stem cells and has called for a 3-year prohibition on experiments with human embryos, corresponding with the first scheduled review of the bill.

The Canadian Alliance believes that our laws do not need to sacrifice ethical concerns in the search for ways to improve human life. Bill C-13 does not need to be an exception to that rule.

Please feel free to contact my office if you have any concerns or issues you would like to discuss. You may contact me toll free in Steinbach at 1-866-333-1933 or 204-326-9889, in Altona at 204-324-9709, or in Lac du Bonnet at 204-345-9762. You may write me at Box 2470, Steinbach, MB R0A 2A0, by fax at 204-346-9874, or by e-mail at toewsvl@mtns.net

WEEKLY CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- 1. Washington DC airport code
- 4. Former Red empire (abbr.)
- 8. Insect secretion
- 12. Driver's aid (inits.)
- 13. Lion's abode
- 14. Holy Land mountain
- 15. Crowd
- 16. Shell money
- 17. Size of type (music)
- 18. Not to be omitted (lt.)
- 21. Paraguay tea
- 22. Oil-yielding tree
- 23. Cuban measure

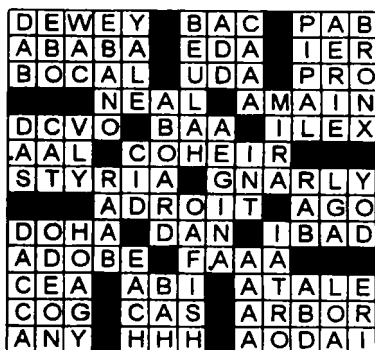
- 24. Faerie Queene heroine
- 25. Fastener
- 28. Bit
- 29. Peer
- 30. Actor Guinness
- 31. Meadow
- 32. Dream queen
- 33. Wing (suffix)
- 34. Fireplace shelf
- 35. Garrulous
- 36. Sassy state
- 38. Stubble
- 40. ___ poisoning
- 41. Author Fleming
- 44. Oncemore
- 45. Swiss
- 46. Vigoda or Burrows
- 47. His logo is a griffin
- 48. It may be rigged
- 49. Pro hoop league (abbr.)

DOWN

- 1. ___ a Camera (2 wds.)
- 2. Dentists' org. (abbr.)
- 3. Irish heath
- 4. Cliquish
- 5. Lily
- 6. Eyelid (word stem)
- 7. Children

- 8. Thin (pref.)
- 9. Lifeless (comb. form)
- 10. Aircraft landing system (abbr.)
- 11. People of Benin
- 19. Spike
- 20. Publishers' org.
- 21. Time past
- 23. Bundle (abbr.)
- 24. City area
- 25. Commonplace
- 26. Out of this world
- 27. Radar (inits.)
- 29. Mind food
- 30. Plasticizer (abbr.)
- 32. Cleaning implement
- 33. Man esteemed for wisdom
- 34. Modified jeep (abbr.)
- 35. Toothed wheels
- 36. Ulm's river (Ger.)
- 37. Ten (comb. form)
- 38. Prosciutto
- 39. Donkey (Fr.)
- 42. Low grade wool
- 43. Teacher's association (inits.)

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS



CRYPTIC PUZZLE

BZCZY DBWFVQ GB GVVDPGQHY FBQDV
GRQZY JHF KGCZ LYHWWZM QKZ YDCZY.

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

NEVER INVEST YOUR MONEY IN ANYTHING THAT EATS OR NEEDS PAINTING.

WEEKLY ECHO HOROSCOPE

for the week of Feb. 18 to Feb. 24

ARIES (Mar. 21 - April 20)



If you've been under stress and worrying about older members of the family, it's time to come to terms with the situation. Be careful signing important contracts this week. Efforts made to improve yourself will turn out to your satisfaction. You may find that someone you really cared for in the past has come back into your life.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)



Time is money and you must be ready to take action in order to reach your highest potential. You would be wise to consider attending lectures that will broaden your awareness concerning your professional direction. You can easily wrap up overdue personal legal matters that have caused problems for you. Rethink your motives and make the necessary changes to yourself.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)



It will do you some good. Money can be made if you use your ingenuity. Your temper may get the better of you if a colleague has tried to ruin your reputation. Your tendency to vacillate will drive everyone crazy.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22)



Opportunities for new romantic encounters will unfold through the social events you attend. Help with your aspirations is likely, and profits could follow. Take care of any pressing health problems. Opportunities for new partnerships will develop through the organizations you encounter.

LEO (July 23 - Aug 22)



Try not to push your philosophies on others. You can get the attention of important individuals but it might not be the time to get them to help or to back your ideas. You may overspend if you travel this week; however, the trip will be one to remember. You may have difficulties or problems dealing with close friends or relatives.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 23)



Do not travel unless absolutely necessary. Be careful. Romance is likely if you participate in unusual forms of entertainment. You will be emotional about family matters. This is a great day to spend with family.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)



Your energetic personality will make you the center of attention at social gatherings. Your ability to put things together will be appreciated by your comrades. Get involved in groups that can offer intellectual stimulation. You could find yourself left with someone's dirty laundry.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)



You may be overreacting to personal problems. Be careful not to reveal private information. Don't avoid situations that may deteriorate; try to mend them. Your time, not your cash, will do a lot more for your relationship.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)



Romance will develop through work related activities. Moneymaking opportunities will surface. Travel will entice you; however, a tendency to overspend is quite possible. You need to keep the peace and you will have to bend in order to do so.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22 - Jan. 20)



A lack of support and negativity have been the main problems. Business trips might prove unproductive. Make sure that you have all the pertinent information before any reprisals or making any moves. A little overtime may help you reduce the workload.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)



You may be more emotional than usual. You will feel so much better about yourself if you can control your addictions. A change of attitude has probably disrupted your home environment. Don't rely on others to do your work.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar. 20)



You should be doing something special with children. Travel will also entice you. Children will keep you busy. This will not be the day to start new business ventures or make drastic changes in your career.

Echo Classifieds

Miscellaneous

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

For Sale

Hay for Sale - Protect your septic system, hay for sale. Good for all types of insulation, \$1.00 each or \$2.50 delivered. Minimum of 10 bales, Pine Falls area. Call 367-8836 or 367-9284.

Wedding Shower

You are cordially invited to a Come & Go Shower in honour of Lisa Oakes (Schichl), wife of Robert Oakes at the Manitou Lodge, February 23rd, at 2:00 p.m. For gift ideas, please visit any Sears location or on-line at www.sears.ca (Registration # - 200302511457). Photos of Rob and Lisa's wedding will be displayed at the shower.

Have something for Sale? Place your ad in the Echo Classifieds! Low, Low Rates. Call 367-9468

Casino Trip

Thief River Falls Casino-\$129.00 March 10, 11 & 12, 2003. \$0.85 US exchange. Free 40 ounce, early booking rebate of \$10.00. Your cost \$119.00, call 345-2664.

Help Wanted

Certified Florist - required for innovative floral design shop. Initial part-time, flexible hours with possibility of full-time. Must be familiar with all aspects of floral work and have demonstrated ability to work well with public. Computer skills an asset. Please submit resume to Box 1300, Lac du Bonnet, ROE 1A0 or fax 345-9416.

Birthday

Feb. 23/03
Happy 20th Birthday
Graham!



What happened to this cute kid?



Happy 20th Graham!
From your big sister

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

Friday, Feb. 21:
Soup, pizza, (ham and pineapple), cherry cheese cake.

Monday, Feb. 24:
Soup, chicken legs, hashbrowns, carrots, jello.

Wednesday, Feb. 26
Soup, roast beef, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, banana pudding.

Friday, Feb. 28
Coleslaw, chili, garlic bread, blueberry flan cake.

UNDER THE PLANNING ACT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING BY-LAW 01/03

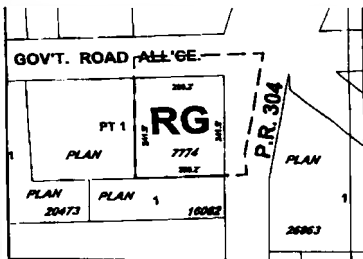
The Council of the Rural Municipality of Alexander under the authority of The Planning Act will hold a PUBLIC HEARING at the office of the Municipality at St. Georges, Manitoba on the 26th day of February, 2003 at 11:00 a.m., at which time and place the Council will receive representations and objections from any persons who wish to make them in respect of By-law No. 01/03 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 at St. Georges, Manitoba.

(1) The general intent of By-law 01/03 of the Rural Municipality of Alexander is to amend Zoning By-Law Map 7-29 in order that that area described as follows:

Part of Parcel 1, Plan 7774 WLTO, being part of River Lot 46, 18-10EPM

and shown outlined by a heavy broken line on Appendix "A", attached hereto, presently zoned "RR2" Rural Residential Zone be hereby re-zoned to "RG" General Residential Zone.



APPENDIX "A"

Attached to By-law No. 01/03 of the Rural Municipality of Alexander Amending Zoning Map 7-29 of By-law No. 8/98 Being the Rural Municipality of Alexander Zoning By-law as amended.

LEGEND:
SRG "RG" General Residential Zone
Limits of area affected



Rose-Marie ...crette, Chief Administrative Officer
Rural Municipality of Alexander

NEWS TIPS?

Call 367-9468

Sagkeeng First Nation Memebers

The Sagkeeng Post Secondary Education Program is accepting applications for the 2003-2004 Academic Year.

Please submit applications by April 15, 2003:

Sagkeeng Education Authority
Box 1610
Pine Falls, Manitoba
ROE 1M0



For applications call Franklin or Norma at 1-204-367-2287 or toll free 1-800-201-3505.

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DEADLINE FRIDAY 3:00 P.M.

56 Art Street Powerview

Phone 367-9468, Fax 367-9974
Corner of First Street and McArthur Avenue,
Lac du Bonnet

Phone 345-9896, Fax 345-0004
Box 550, Pine Falls, MB ROE 1M0

District Clerk, CL3
Regular part-time position - 81 FTE (42 weeks - Full Time and Part-Time schedule). Manitoba Conservation, Eastern Region - Operations Division, Bissett. Advertisement No. 10445. Salary Range: \$15.92 to \$18.25 per hour, plus remoteness allowance. Closing Date: February 27, 2003.

Qualifications: Previous office work experience; working experience with computers and with Microsoft Outlook, Word and Excel software is required. Working experience is dealing with the public, preparing payroll documentation, timekeeping and maintaining employee records as required. Working experience with accounts payable, processing invoices and requisitions, maintaining inventory records is required. Experience maintaining and balancing financial ledgers, preparing cash flow projection reports is required. Working experience with revenue collection and balancing and having good organizational skills, able to meet deadlines and work in stressful situations are also required. Experience with two way radio communication, ability to work with minimal supervision and knowledge of, experience or training with S.A.P. are assets.

Eligibility list will be established for future vacancies to be in effect for one year from the date of interview.

Duties: Act as a receptionist to the public, answering inquiries and complaints; provide information; issues and sells licenses, park passes, permits; conducts data entry for parks and fire program financial commitments; involved with attendance reporting, mail preparation, filing, inventory control and monitors contracts. Processes accounts payable invoices; maintains fire program information; operates a two way radio communication system with aircraft for fire suppression. May provide data entry for S.A.P. "We thank all who apply and advise that only those selected for further consideration will be contacted."

Apply in writing to:
Manitoba Conservation
Attention: Lance Wedelius
Regional Administrative Officer
Box 4000

Lac du Bonnet, MB ROE 1A0
Fax (204) 345-1440

Employment Equity is a factor in selection. Applicants are requested to indicate in their covering letter or resume if they are from any of the following groups: women, aboriginal people, visible minorities and persons with disabilities.

Winnipeg River RCMP Report

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the South Shore of Fort Alexander. The matter is still pending.

Several youth were involved in an assault on another youth in Little Black River. The investigation continues.

A house fire at the Townsite of Fort Alexander was attended to by police. Joint efforts by Sagkeeng Fire Dept & Pine Falls Fire Dept were utilized. The home was destroyed in the blaze.

February 14:

Police attended Hollow Water to apprehend a youth for violation of a Court Order. The youth could not be located at this time.

A resident on the North

Shore of Fort Alexander awoke to hear the smashing of glass from outside his home. Further checks revealed mischief to his vehicle. Police continue to investigate.

Police attended a location in Powerview to a report of a spousal assault which had occurred. Both parties were intoxicated at the time and uncooperative. They were lodged in cells until sober pending further investigation of the incident.

February 14:

Police received a complaint of fraud. An ATM card & Credit Card issued from a Bank in Pine Falls the property of a resident of Fort Alexander were reported missing. 1

of the cards had been utilized by an unknown suspect and have now been cancelled.

A male suspect was apprehended after being in breach of a court order to have no contact with a former spouse. The male was released on a recognizance with conditions and charged accordingly. Investigation continues.

An assault occurred between 2 females in Powerview in the early morning hours. Police are still investigating the matter.

February 15:

Police received a report of a stolen vehicle from the Townsite of Fort Alexander. The vehicle is described as a 1987 Mercury Saber blue 4

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typed his paperwork. He kept looking at my daughter's picture. She was about his age.

"She's so pretty," he said, wistfully.

I felt uncomfortable. I moved her picture, and I proceeded to do the job I hated. I placed the paperwork on my desk and gave him a pen to sign his name, asking all the meaningless questions I'd asked before, explaining his "rights". He nodded, sadly.

In my heart, there was a rage going on. This boy was being sent home, with an Other Than Honorable Discharge, and it wasn't fair! It was an abomination, and all of us who worked with him knew it! Worst of all, there wasn't a thing we could do about it!

He had been in surgery at a Navy Hospital, and he had needed a blood transfusion. He was given infected blood — blood that gave him AIDS. When he found out, he went berserk! In a panic, he also went UA, otherwise known as "Unauthorized Absence." The Navy proceeded to catch him, charge him, prosecute him, and discharge him — through me.

So, there I sat with a young boy who was dying, because

he was infected in a Navy Hospital with a disease that, at the time, NO ONE had survived! He didn't yell at me, or call me names, or threaten to have his mother sue the Navy. He just sat there, sweet and hopeless. And I was helpless to do anything, except process him out of the Navy.

Yes, he had committed a crime. Desertion is a crime, according to the Uniform Code of Military Justice. He should have been a man! He should have stood his ground! He should have stayed the course! I knew all the arguments. Instead he ran, and ran, and ran, and ran, trying to escape the disease he had caught in a Navy Hospital.

I completed his paperwork, my heart crying out to God, for some clue that could help his mother get some recompense for the healthy, hopeful child she had entrusted to the Navy — and for the shadow of a child who was going home. The records were silent. Anything that could hold the Navy responsible was no longer in existence. Everything in front of me condemned him, on new, crisp, white papers.

As he continued to sign his

name and date every paper, somehow my fingers got in the way. One of those new, crisp, white papers sliced the tip of my finger and, being a bleeder, I bled all over my desk, and him.

Then he did something extraordinary.

He grabbed some tissues and he began to blot the blood from my hand — our hands touching, for the first time — my hand pouring blood onto his diseased hands. Suddenly, we both realized that our hands had touched. That my blood had washed over his lesions, and his lesions had come in contact with the cut on my hand.

Our eyes met for an eternity. Then he jerked his hand away. We never spoke of it. We left the papers as they were, blood spattered, along with his single, bloody fingerprint. Then I sent him home, knowing that he'd never see another birthday.

As we approach Memorial Day — a day when we remember veterans of the past — I think of a mother placing flowers upon the grave of a boy, who had died in a losing battle, for his country.

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A house fire at Hillside Beach had police attend. The residence was destroyed in the blaze and 1 male was treated at Pine Falls Hospital for burns sustained to his hands and later released.

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A break, enter and theft occurred at a cottage in Boulder Bay. Point of entry was the back door being kicked in. A Sony Triniton 27" TV and a Water cooler were taken in the incident.

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