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Snowboarder Nolan Kurz enjoys testing his skills during the Muck Hill family day.

## Muck Hill attracts many

The minus 30 temperatures didn't keep everyone away from the Muck Hill Family Day held last Sunday. Over two hundred stopped by throughout the day and enjoyed hot chocolate and a hot dog by the open fire pit. The family outing provided activities for all to enjoy, people either went tobogganing, snowboarding, tubing, sliding, or riding on the kitty kat snowmobiles. The event was hosted by Community Development Committee, and the Maskwa Club.

## Rural Municipality of Alexander gets 911 service

by Charles Norman

Residents of the RM of Alexander can now dial 911 for emergency ambulance, fire or police calls. Victoria Beach, and the town and RM of Lac du Bonnet are already on the system. Powerview has recently decided to implement the required civic address system that is a prerequisite to joining. Pine Falls is in the process of joining the system.

A major advantage of the 911 system is that only one, very easy to remember, telephone number has to be memorized. This can be real benefit in a crisis.

All 911 calls are routed through a "Public Safety Answering Point" in Brandon. When a call comes through the operator will be able to see the number and address of the caller and the location of the nearest police, fire or ambulance service, and will be able to route the call with a minimum of delay.

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## Pine Falls ambulance to merge with NEHA?

The Pine Falls Ambulance Service, which has been running a deficit for the last two years, is negotiating a merger with the North Eastman Health Association.

A meeting of the ambulance board is tentatively scheduled for next Tuesday when the terms of the merger will be discussed.

It is reported that the same number of employees and the same level of service that is currently provided, will be maintained.



**Powerview School Girls win Jr. Varsity Basketball Championship - See story next week**

## LdB Blues vs. Lundar Falcons

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## Time for NEHA veil of secrecy to be lifted

Dear Editor  
 I am writing on behalf of the Council for The Rural Municipality of Lac du Bonnet in response to an editorial that appeared in the *Winnipeg River Echo* on February 18, 2003, entitled "The Pinawa puzzle". Why the secrecy?"

The author of the editorial is unnamed and the pieces of writing brings into question the veil of secrecy that seems to exist over the manner in which the North Eastman Health Association Inc. (NEHA) appears to be deciding the location for a proposed new hospital for Eastern Manitoba. The R.M. of Lac du Bonnet Council concurs with the writer on this issue.

During the Association of Manitoba Municipalities Conference held in Winnipeg in November 2002 elected officials from the Eastman region had an opportunity to meet with

Bill Boonstra, NEHA Chairman and Jim Hayes, the Association's chief Executive Officer. Obviously, the major topic of discussion centered on the construction of a new hospital.

During the course of Mr. Boonstra's presentation, a map was distributed to all in attendance identifying a site close to the junction of PTH # 11 and PR#307 as the ideal location for the construction of the new hospital. Bill Boonstra supposed this location by stating that it was central to all the communities to be serviced by the new facility.

On the following day, elected officials from the region, along with Bill Boonstra and Jim Hayes met with the Honorable Dave Chomiak and Manitoba Health staff to discuss the same subject. During a meeting a copy of the same map distributed the day before

was presented to the Minister of Health by Mr. Boonstra explained to the Minister why the PTH#11 site was the best for the region.

It came to our Council's attention following our meeting with the Minister that the site identified by Mr. Boonstra had not been approved by the NEHA Board of Directors. Therefore, it would appear that Bill Boonstra has arbitrarily selected a location for the new hospital and made this pitch to elected municipal officials and the Minister of Health without the blessing of his board.

On January 20, 2003, upon learning that a consultant had been hired by NEHA to identify prospective locations for

the new health care facility, our Council wrote to Jim Hayes requesting a copy of the Terms of Reference for the consultant, along with an opportunity to meet with their advisor. Regrettably, both requests were denied. Mr. Hayes explained that all municipal officials would have the opportunity to review the consultant's report once it was released at the end of March 2003.

To what degree the NEHA Board of Directors is being kept apprised of developments respecting the proposed hospital is anybody's guess. Nevertheless, to those of us on the outside looking in, it would appear that this project is firmly in the grasp of Bill Boonstra and Jim Hayes.

It is the contention of our Council, and one that is no doubt shared by other elected representative, the NEHA consultant should have been per-

mitted to meet with municipal officials of the stakeholder communities prior to the preparation of his/her report.

Is it not just common sense to allow the person who is on a fact-finding mission to meet with the people who are in the best position to divulge the fact?

The delivery of an effective and efficient health care system is a matter of importance to all people in the North Eastman Region. In light of this, it is vital that elected municipal leaders and citizens be kept apprised of all developments concerning this essential topic.

It is time for the veil of secrecy to be lifted and for the NEHA Board Chairman to communicate openly and honestly with the people he has been appointed by the government to represent!

Yours truly,  
 Don R. Halbert  
 Reeve

## The whole story should be told - not half of it

Dear Editor,  
 I read with great interest Mike Hameluk's Letter to the

Editor in last week's issue of the Echo. I noticed in his nomination speech reported last week that he felt that any MLA representing Lac du Bonnet Constituency should be "honest." After reading his Letter to the Editor last week, he should follow his own advice. Be honest with the residents of Lac du Bonnet Constituency, Mike!

You know little or nothing about Legal Aid! This Legal Aid crisis was caused because on January 6, 2003, Legal Aid without notice, changed the funding of cases, without consent. See *THE WHOLE* next page

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# Local seniors need a curling league

Dear Editor:

This is an appeal to the sports minded senior citizens in Pine Falls, Powerview, St. Georges and Sagkeeng.

There are a few things for us "old" people in the area. We have senior's golf at the Pine Falls Golf Club. Just show up Friday morning for the 9:00 am tee off and you are welcome.

We have senior's

bowling at the local bowling alley. If you are interested contact Arlene McIntyre. We bowl Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

The one sport I am trying to promote is senior curling. Pine Falls has a beautiful curling facility hardly being used. The RM of Alexander sponsored a Senior Bonspiel on Monday, February 24 and it was a huge success.

Great fun and great fellowship, that's what us "old" people need. There were sixteen rinks involved.

Lac du Bonnet has a very active senior groups and the beaches have over 300 members. I would sure like to see something get started in our area. I might be too late to get senior curling going this season, but if we

had a number of people who will contact me, we could get something started even this winter.

If you are interested in getting involved with senior curling contact me at 367-8982 or Jay Seymour, Recreation Director at 367-9142 or Karl Hutchison at the Pine Falls Curling Club.

Glen Hibbert

## Tragedy waiting to happen?

The Editor,  
Sagkeeng has, or is about to have, a real problem with our four legged friends. We just have too many stray dogs running around loose. They bark at, chase, and sometimes have bitten people. I personally know some of these people that have been bitten.

People can't even go for a simple walk, jog, or go and visit a friend or neighbour. The famous saying "my dog don't bite," sounds pretty shallow to a person, or, God forbid, a child, who is waiting to get stitched up at the hospital after being bitten by a dog. I drove one such person to the hospital myself a few years ago. That person was my grandson.

Before Christmas a dogfight on the highway interrupted traffic on the highway. When I came by the same way later there was a mauled dog on the side of the road. This mauled dog could easily have been someone's child. Some of us remember what happened to two or three northern reserves a few years ago; dogs mauled children who were playing with them a few minutes earlier. Dogs run in packs in the spring, some of these animals are starving. The Chief and Council have said there is a dog by-law. What does it say? Why is it not enforced? Are we waiting for a tragedy to happen?

Band members! We must stop this nonsense. I for one don't want to see us in the evening news again for something we can avoid now.

Harry Fontaine

# The whole story should be told - not half of it

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sultation with the lawyers who deliver the service. Then, the Justice Minister tells Manitobans that he thought they would negotiate a new deal without job action! Why wouldn't the Minister consult first, and then come up with an action plan. If he had, job action could have been avoided!

Your comments about Education funding are laughable. Just tell the ratepayers of Sunrise School Division how the Government has kept down costs and increased funding. The government forced the amalgamation

of the former Agassiz School division with Springfield and this year's budget, as a result of amalgamation, indicates an increase of 8.3% to the school portion of property taxes. This increase in no way reflects upon our School Trustees who are making the best of a bad situation - it reflects directly on the government! Perhaps I will direct the hundreds of calls I am expecting from local irate ratepayers to your attention, Mike, and then you will get the message.

There has been massive spending increases

by the government over the last 3 1/2 years. The government has spent more than a Billion dollars (that's a 1 followed by 9 zeros) of new revenue in that time - and has health care improved? Has our education system been improved? Has PR#304 been reconstructed? Has drainage been improved? All of this has not improved, because the answer does not lie solely in spending money! Whenever the govern-

ment is confronted with a problem it immediately blames the Federal government or the previous Provincial government - and then it throws money at the problem - and who's money are they throwing? It's your money! In order to solve the problem, you first need to take ownership of the problem, and we have seen none of this from the government, even though they have been in power for 3 1/2 years! Many problems or

issues can be solved without spending any money - but first you must take ownership of it.

You take great comfort in comparing what happened under the previous government 8 to 9 years ago. In case you haven't noticed the economic conditions around the world were far different 8 or 9 years ago than they are today. 8 or 9 years ago North America was in a recession, and the gov-

ernment of the day held the line on spending and instead used their ingenuity to stretch the tax dollar farther and their wits to improve programs without spending. If spending would have escalated at that time, the current government wouldn't have near the money it now has to spend! The whole story should be told - not half of it!

Your M.I.A.,  
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# Fishing Derby receives fabulous support

by Jim Hampshire

The ice in front of Lac du Bonnet will support the population of a small city this Saturday as anglers sweep into town to take part in the annual Ice Fishing Challenge. But behind this enormous event there is an enormous effort by the local volunteers who make this fishing derby possible.

"It can get a bit hectic," says Lions Club member Teddy Mathers. "Especially when you have to deal with severe weather conditions like we had last year."

Mathers is just one of the many local volunteers who helps to map out and drill the three or four thousand fishing holes needed to stage the mammoth fishing event. Last year Mathers recalls being out on the ice surface at 6:00 am, fighting the strong winds and frigid temperatures, while a team of volunteers completed the derby preparations. "It can definitely get brutal out here on the ice," Mathers explains. "Besides drilling the holes, you have to deal with setting up the tent and the confection areas, and it's not an easy task when the weather kicks up."

Mathers reports that several local organizations come out each year to lend a hand. The Lac du Bonnet Lions Club usually spearheads the effort, but Mathers is quick to point out that the effort is shared by many members of the community.

"We get enormous help from the Knights of Columbus and the local fire department, just to name a few," he notes. "We also get help from the graduating class at the Senior School, and there are a number of dedicated individuals who come out each year as well."

On-ice preparations for the derby begin the day before, when the ice is mapped out in a grid and holes are pre-drilled, to a depth just above the water surface. Volunteers then return early in the morning on derby day, to punch the holes completely through.

This year organizers expect up to 3,000 anglers, depending on the weather, and Mathers says the entire annual ordeal is well worth the effort for all organizations concerned.

"The Lions Club gets paid for their involvement, and in turn, we pay the graduating class at the Senior School for

their help," Mathers says. "And when you consider the amount of people this event draws, I'm quite sure the local business community benefits in economic terms."

The derby gets underway this Saturday, starting with a pancake breakfast at the Pioneer Club, and a shotgun start noon will signal the official start of the derby. Entry forms can be picked up locally at Drifter's Shell, Woody's Service, True Value Hardware and La Verendrye Trading.



The big tent provided shelter for volunteer cooks and ice fishing enthusiasts during last year's cold weather.

# Razor in grudge match at Pummelfest

submitted

Sharpe has been in training for his upcoming boxing match at "Pummelfest" on March 6th at the Hotel Fort Garry. Sharpe will take on Marc "House of Pain" Bourgeois.

The two met in the ring last July for the ISKA Canadian Muay Thai Title. In their first encounter Sharpe threw everything at Bourgeois except the kitchen sink, but Bourgeois kept on coming. Until the third round, when Sharpe seemed to be hurting Bourgeois. Bour-

geois never did come out for the fourth round and insists a leg injury was the reason he could not continue. Sharpe maintains that Bourgeois was beaten into submission and is lucky he didn't come out for the fourth round. However, Sharpe admits that Bourgeois is perhaps the toughest opponent he has ever faced.

It promises to be an interesting rematch, as Bourgeois doesn't have to worry about leg kicks, and Sharpe has to contend with Bourgeois'

rockhead.

Six other action packed matches are set for Pummelfest on March 6th at the Hotel Fort Garry. The event is all but sold out. Sharpe was rationed fifty tickets to sell, so don't wait. Get a ticket from Larry Sharpe 367-9797. Joyce Sharpe 367-8038, Neil Boulette 367-4364 or Pine Pharmacy.

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# You can't be serious

## DOOT DOOT DOOT (lookin' out my back door)



by Jim Hampshire

As the winter melts into spring, and as the snow recedes to reveal a long-lost lawn, I can't help but ponder: "What the hell did my dog eat all winter? Burritos?"

Whether you're a pet owner or not, you'd have to agree that there's nothing more cleansing than a fresh snowfall. Seemingly overnight, the unsightly leaves and strewn paper that once littered your lawn disappears with a fresh blanket of snow and suddenly you live in a picture-perfect postcard world. This world remains and is refreshed on weekly basis throughout the winter, and it's as though all things dirty have become obsolete.

Then comes spring and you soon discover that a snowfall is merely Mother Nature's way of sweeping the dirt under the carpet. With each warm day the snow recedes to reveal a new discovery. It starts with random toys, left outside in late autumn... and look! There's the

darn garbage can lid that blew off in an early winter storm! And what's that beside it? The garbage!

As time goes on and the snow melts away to expose even more trash, you pretty much resign yourself to the fact that your house is built on a landfill site. Or at least it looks like it. Then to top it all off you discover that your kids DID NOT scoop the doggy-doot on a regular basis during the winter months!

It's a painful process to watch as your winter wonderland shrinks, only to expose an entire garden of doggy delights. Now, in order to describe the following chaos without offending anyone, I will cleverly disguise the more disgusting details by writing the rest of this column in the form of a nursery rhyme.

### The Dog Leaves a Doot

There in the snow sits one little doot. And before you can blink, one doot becomes two! As the snow recedes, you

count three, four and five.

How could this be? Could the doots be alive!

You run for the shovel before they can mate.

And you slip on doot six, and you slide on doot eight!

There in between, laughs doot number seven.

As you lay in the snow beside doot ten and eleven!

You then pick up a shovel and get ready to scoop.

"Let's put an end to these mischievous doots!"

You first shovel a pile, then you shovel a hill.

There are just too many doots living in dootville!

These are bad little doots - they're down right rude!

The doot sticks to the shovel, and there's doot on your shoe!

Now there's a moral to this story, so I am told...

It's best to pick up a doot when all the doots are ice cold!

Okay, so I'm not Dr. Seuss.

In fact this whole mess brings another writer to mind, and now I finally know what inspired John Fogerty when he wrote Doot Doot Doot (lookin' out my back door).

# New physiotherapy practice opens

by Charles Norman

Celeste Basson has opened a new physiotherapy practice in Powerview two weeks ago.

Basson studied Physiotherapy at the University of Stellenbosch in Cape Town South Africa, then worked for four years in the United States, in Michigan, where she worked in a manual therapy program.

She came to this area two years ago and lives in Traverse Bay. She worked for Pine Falls Physiotherapy for two years but decided to open her own practice when Jenny Baturin sold the Pine Falls practice and moved to Vancouver.

Basson will be working with Ria Marc, who is also a physiotherapist. Physiotherapy is covered by Blue Cross, the Workers Compensation Board, and Manitoba Public Insurance. It is not covered by Manitoba Health. A doctor's referral is advisable but because of recent changes in legislation it is no longer essential.



Physiotherapist Celeste Basson at her new location

The new practice, Blue Water Physiotherapy, is located on the South side of Highway 11 in Powerview, between Church and Art Streets. A sign is to be erected within a week or so. Blue Water Physiotherapy also offers acupuncture and custom foot orthotics.

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Le 17 août 2002, le Gouvernement du Manitoba passait en Assemblée législative la Loi modifiant la Loi sur les écoles publiques (structure de gestion de la division scolaire de langue française P.250, Chapitre 21. Cette nouvelle loi modifiait la structure de gestion de la CSFM en abolissant les comités régionaux. L'article 21.9(1) de la nouvelle loi se lit comme suit:

**Constitution et mandat 21.9(1)**

La commission scolaire de langue française peut constituer un groupe consultatif pour chaque région de la division scolaire de langue française.

**Constitution et mandat 21.9(2)**

Les règlements administratifs de la commission scolaire de langue française peuvent prévoir la constitution, la composition et le mandat des groupes consultatifs.

La Commission scolaire franco-manitobaine organise présentement des rencontres de consultation publique pour sonder la communauté sur les trois options décrites ci-dessous ou sur toute autre option que le public jugera à propos. Ces rencontres sont ouvertes aux parents ainsi qu'à toute la communauté francophone.

**Modèle A**

- La consultation usuelle se fait par le biais des comités scolaires.
- Selon le besoin et de façon ad hoc, la CSFM ou les comités scolaires d'une région peuvent convoquer des représentants de chaque comité scolaire pour une consultation ou une concertation sur une ou des questions de nature régionale ou locale. Ces groupes relèvent de la CSFM.
- le mandat de la consultation est défini par l'instance qui invite à la consultation;
- la composition de ce groupe de consultation est flexible et reflète la nature de l'objet de consultation. Il est présidé par un commissaire de la région;
- le groupe cesse d'exister lorsque le mandat est complété.
- Les recommandations de ces groupes, s'il y a lieu, sont dirigées à la CSFM.
- Selon le besoin, la CSFM peut convoquer des représentants de chaque région à des consultations provinciales.

**Modèle B**

- La consultation usuelle se fait par le biais des comités scolaires.
- Des groupes consultatifs sont établis dans chaque région. Ces groupes relèvent de la CSFM.
- le mandat de ces groupes est de servir à la consultation pour la CSFM sur des questions de nature régionale ou provinciale;
- le groupe se rencontre de façon périodique, au minimum deux fois par année;
- les groupes sont composés des présidences des comités scolaires ou leurs délégués;
- les groupes sont présidés par un commissaire de la région.
- Les groupes consultatifs pourront être convoqués de façon ad hoc par les comités scolaires pour traiter de toute question qui les intéresse. La présidence du groupe consultatif sera responsable de coordonner ces rencontres.
- Il est possible de convoquer les quatre groupes consultatifs en une réunion plénière pour des consultations plus étendues.
- Les recommandations, s'il y a lieu, sont acheminées à la CSFM.

**Modèle C**

- La consultation usuelle se fait par le biais des comités scolaires.
- Un groupe consultatif est établi dans chaque région.
- Ces groupes relèvent de la CSFM.
- le mandat de ces groupes est de servir à la consultation pour la CSFM sur des questions de nature régionale ou provinciale;
- les groupes se rencontrent mensuellement selon un calendrier publié à l'avance;
- les groupes sont composés des présidences des comités scolaires ou leurs délégués;
- les groupes sont présidés par un commissaire de la région.
- Les groupes consultatifs pourront servir de table de consultation et de concertation sur des questions provenant des écoles de la région. Ils pourront servir comme foyer d'organisation pour des activités régionales.
- Les quatre groupes consultatifs peuvent être convoqués en une réunion plénière pour des consultations plus étendues.
- Les recommandations, s'il y a lieu, sont acheminées à la CSFM.

**Rencontres de consultation publique**

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|---|--|
| 17 mars 2003 à 19 h<br>École Sainte-Agathe, 310 chemin Pembina Trail, Sainte-Agathe | 19 mars à 19 h<br>Vivian Hotel, 236 rue Hamilton, Neepawa                          |
| 18 mars à 19 h<br>Bureau divisionnaire, 485 chemin Dawson, Lorette                  | 25 mars 2003 à 19 h<br>Gymnase de l'école Taché, 744 rue Languevin, Saint-Bonifère |

Ces rencontres sont ouvertes aux parents ainsi qu'à toute la communauté francophone.

# Pine Falls 5 pin bowling news

## Week #15

The ladies high games were Janelle Carlson 277, Wanda Berthelette 234, Nancy Breton 227, 205, Jennifer Guimond 227, Doris Kahle 212, Sharon Tremain 206.

The men's high games were Lawrence Abraham 314, 245, 206, Dwayne Duff 235, Graham Gauthier 233, 224, 200, Jerry Gauthier 231, 216, 208, Paul Fiset 226, Derek Anderson 224, 203, Joel Fiset 216, 203, Richard Coss 214, 209, Carl Palmquist 214, Todd Jesseau 213.

The female bowler of the week was Janelle Carlson 277, which was 107 pins over her average.

The male bowler of the week was Lawrence Abraham 314, which was 121 pins over his average.

The Legion Special was won by the Barred out team 3394.

High triple games were Lawrence Abraham 732, Jerry Gauthier 626, Richard Coss 620, Janelle Carlson 614, Nancy Breton 609, Wanda Berthelette 604.

## Week #16

The ladies high games were Wanda Berthelette 262, Lynn Sparrow 227, Doris Kahle 210, Diane Houston 206.

The men's high games were Graham Gauthier 268, Darryl Spence 265, Jerry Gauthier 231, 217, Dwayne Duff 229, 213, Todd Jesseau 229, 209,

George Dodds 226, Greg Gervais 225, Lawrence Abraham 217, Joel Fiset 201.

The female bowler of the week was Wanda Berthelette 262, which was 81 pins over her average.

The male bowler of the week was Darryl Spence 265, which was 97 pins over average.

The Legion Special was won by the Barred Out team 3195.

High triple games, Todd Jesseau 618.

## Week #17

The ladies high games were Doris Kahle 216, Sharon Tremain 208.

The men's high games were Jerry Gauthier 249, 237, 206, Todd Jesseau 237, Sonny Bercier 233, Byron Guimond 233, 201, Lawrence Abraham - 226, 201, Graham Gauthier 224, 208, George Dodds 211, 204, Dwayne Duff 211, Bob Hebert 207, 202, Daniel Coss 204.

The female bowler of the week was Amy Papineau 197, which was 54 pins over her average.

The male bowler of the week was Byron Guimond 233, which was 103 pins over his average.

The Legion Special was won by the Gutterballs 3225.

High Triple Games: Jerry Gauthier 692, Todd Jesseau 609, Graham Gauthier 603.



Winners of the 1st Annual Senior Curling Bonspiel, skip - Bob Wright, third Dennis Roth, second Joe Smith, and lead Norm Mailiot.

# 1st Annual Senior Curling Bonspiel

A one day Senior Curling Bonspiel was held on Monday February 24, 2003 at the Pine Falls Curling Club.

Teams came from Bird River, The Beaches, Stead and locally (all corners of the RM of Alexander were brought together).

The first ever bonspiel was sponsored by the RM of Alexander with intention to create a Senior Curling League for next year. Everyone received a prize and dinner which was catered by the Coachroom.

The top team received the "Ice Breaker Cup" (filled with Prune juice). They were Skip, Bob Wright, third Dennis Roth, second Joe Smith and lead Norm Mailiot.

# New Friends news

by Barbara Sabanski  
**Who is responsible for at-risk children and youth?**

Those young people who leave the school system, for whatever reason, will for a short period of time remain as school statistics (such as truants, alternative program students, dropouts or graduates). However, over time, many will become dropout statistics for other communities: the unemployed, welfare recipients, street kids, the drug culture, prisons. Somewhat less dramatically, they may become members of the under

employed or that group of persons who take on jobs that do not rely on their skills, talents or potential. Members of these groups are at-risk of dropping out, not from school but from society. What has in the past been narrowing labelled as a "school-community" issue must be perceived as a "community at large" issue. At risk youth can be more fully helped when the school and community expand their vision from one of being parts of a community to one of being partners in community.

**If so many young people are at-risk, how do so many survive?**

Resilient children will exhibit behaviours and attitudes that suggest their acquisition of prosocial skills, problems-solving skills, a sense of autonomy and a positive sense of their potential, while children who are less resilient will exhibit low level social skills or anti-social behaviour, poor problem solv-

ing skills, a lack of personal power or control and a sense of having not potential and therefore, no direction. There is a relationship between a young person's level of resiliency and protective factors found in three key environments.

The family environment (mother, father, siblings, extended family).

The school environment (teachers, administrators, support staff, peers).

The community environment (neighbours, clergy, social and health services agents, police, community centres, sports clubs, service clubs and business people.)

It is essential to the growth of resiliency in the child, that at least one significant person in one of these key environments takes some responsibility. Enter Mentor. For more information on our program, please telephone 345-2867 or 753-2406.

 **Sunrise School Division**  
Annoucement

**PUBLIC MEETING**

Sunrise School Division invites the Public to attend

**Special Regular Board Meeting - Budget**

**WHEN:** Tuesday, March 11, 2003 at 6:30p.m.  
**PLACE:** Beausejour Elementary School (Multi-Purpose Room)

**School District of Pine Falls No. 2155**  
**Kindergarten Registration**  
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If your child was born in 1997, he/she is eligible to attend Kindergarten during the 2003-2004 term. Parents/Guardians are asked to register their children by either calling the school at 367-2254 or visiting the School. Children must be 5 years of age as of December 31, 2003.

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## Lac du Bonnet Council offers construction dollars

by Jim Hampshire

Lac du Bonnet Town Council wants you to build locally and they are offering big dollars to help ensure that you do.

Town CAO Colleen Johnson reports that, beginning this year, the Town of Lac du Bonnet will offer a building incentive to anyone building on property within town limits.

"Council has been working on this proposal for some time," Johnson said from her office. "Basically it offers money over a three-year period

to anyone building a house or business at a cost of \$50 thousand or more." Johnson says that the incentive was put in place to help attract development to Lac du Bonnet, but so far there have been no inquiries at the town office.

"We want to make sure that the public is aware of this offer, and it might make the difference between someone deciding whether build in or out of town," she said.

According to Johnson, the building incentive is paid to the prospective builder over a period of three years for any new construction or major renovation. The first year will pay \$11 hundred, while a second and third year payment is worth \$8 hundred and \$5 hundred to the builder. Johnson also added that an additional \$5 hundred is available during the first year for outdoor improvements, such as a paved driveway or landscaping purposes.

"The outdoor improvement incentive is over and above the building incentive but the work

has to be completed during the first year and it is a one-time only payment," she explained.

Regional building inspector Karl Gugenheimer says that only two building permits have been issued in Lac du Bonnet over the last several months, which is a marked reduction from other years.

"It has been quite slow for construction within the Town of Lac du Bonnet recently and we are coming off a slow year last year," Gugenheimer confirmed. "The only big permit was of course the water treatment plant, but other than that the housing market has been relatively quiet."

Gugenheimer notes that, although he doesn't expect a stampede of builders to overrun Lac du Bonnet, he says the incentive package will help local building in general.

"I think this building incentive will help the renovation business in the immediate future," he explained. "It's a good deal for anyone who has considered building additions to their homes and this will probably be a big enough incentive to get them started."

## Official list of candidates for the Fort Alexander First Nation Election

The following individuals are the official candidates running in the March 26, 2003 election.

### Chief

Cynthia Gale Bunn, Donald Courchene, Earl Fontaine, Elmer Joseph Fontaine, Keith Morriseau, Gary Clement Swampy, Henry George Swampy, Joan Linda Lena Twoheart

### Councillors

Charles Philip Bruyere, Andrew Bruyere, Samuel Joseph Bruyere, Ivy Rose Canard, Darlene Rae Courchene, John Albert Courchene, Joseph Michael Courchene, Joyce Grace Courchene, Kenneth R. Courchene, Marilyn May Courchene, Miles Courchene, Morris J.P. Courchene, Norman B. Courchene, Peter Robert Courchene, Joseph Gerald Daniels, Donovan Craig Fontaine, Wayne M. Fontaine, Arlene Janet Guimond, Brian (Chuckie) Guimond, E. Lloyd J. Guimond, Neil John Guimond, Norbert Guimond, Alexander Paul Guimond, Zelma Jean Guimond, Adolph Morriseau, Larry Augustin Morriseau, Hector Wayne Prince, Richard Oliver Stevens, David Larry Swampy, Gerald Franklin Swampy, Jerry Earl Swampy, Earl Wayne Twoheart, Randy Quincy Twoheart.

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## Beaches Citizens on Patrol

Twenty-four permanent beaches residents in Ward 1 of the RM of Alexander are patrolling cottage country to assist the RCMP in reducing the number of cottage break ins in the area. In the last two weeks there have been two break ins in Belair alone.

Citizens on Patrol (COPP) is not a police force. They do not make arrests or attempt to apprehend criminals in any way. They are simply there to act as ears and eyes for the RCMP. They patrol their neighbourhood by foot, bicycle or by vehicle. They will report any break-in, and any suspicious people or vehicles, - or any other suspicious activity in the area.

The Beaches group is one of more than sixty groups registered with the provincial COPP and coordinated by Manitoba Public Insurance.

Notices announcing the formation of the local citizens on Patrol group will be posted at the entrance to each of the developments in the area.

## New cottage development at Lester Beach

A new twenty-two lot cottage development is underway immediately east of the Lester Beach community.

The project is being developed by Connie Lester of Delve Evolve Inc on property overlooking Lester Beach and Lake Winnipeg. Lots will be sold complete with cottages "designed for cottage life" - a 180 sq. screened in porch, for example, is incorporated in the design. Prices start at \$95,000

Two show homes will be completed and on view in time for the Victoria Day long weekend at the end of May.

## Blind Curling comes to Lac du Bonnet

by Jim Hampshire

While most curling leagues are winding down, the Lac du Bonnet Lions Club will be gearing up this week in preparation for the Western Canadian Blind Curling Championships, to be held on March 12 to 16 at the Lac du Bonnet Curling Club. Franklin and other Lions members have been working at the planning stages to host the event for two years, but as he explains, the real work begins this week.

"We are busy right now with the promotion aspect of this event, so we'll be back and forth between Winnipeg to speak with the newspaper and TV media," Franklin said ear-

lier this week.

Besides newspaper coverage, Franklin reports that local organizers will be shooting a 15 minute TV spot, promoting the championships and the town of Lac du Bonnet as well.

"We are scheduled for the at A-Channel for Thursday, I believe, and we expect the TV station will come into Lac du Bonnet for remote taping of the opening ceremonies," Franklin continued.

In all there will be 8 teams competing in the four-day event, with the first draw taking place next Thursday afternoon. Unlike traditional curling, each team consists of five players. The extra team member is a designated

sweeper that only plays that position.

Franklin also applauds the community of Lac du Bonnet for working to help plan and support the championships next week. Franklin reports that Ianco Mines donated \$5,000 in American funds to be used against the cost of holding the event, while Worona Bros. Ford dealers will supply the transportation needed to escort the players while in town.

The opening ceremonies begin at 6:30 pm on March 12 while the public banquet will take place on Saturday evening, March 15. For more information you're asked to contact your nearest Lions member.

**Advertising Deadline:  
Friday's at 3:00pm**

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# Recreation Ramblings

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

**Jam Can Curling**  
Coming soon to Pinawa Arena...Jam Can Curling March 31 and April 1. Registration will commence soon. For children in Kindergarten to Grade 12.

**Spring Activities**  
The Spring line-up of recreation activities is in the works right now. Stay tuned for registration information.

**Agrassiz Horticultural Society calendar**

March 11 is the regular meeting at LdB Centennial School. Seed and slip swap.

April 6 is a Garden Seminar from 9:00am - 4:00pm at Pioneer Club. Register by April 1<sup>st</sup>. For more info call 345 8520 or 345 2616.

**Hip Hop time change**  
Due to the one class cancellation the hip hop classes will each be 15 minutes longer for the next 4 classes to make up the time. So - our 6:00pm Hip

hoppers will actually start at 5:45pm and go until 7:00pm AND the 7:00pm class will run until 8:15pm.

**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 3:00pm.** 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 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 7:00-9:00pm 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.

**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!**

Come one, call all to the greatest workout around! In LdB on Mondays and Fridays from 6:00-7:00pm at Centennial Gym and in Pinawa 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.

**Facility 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.

## Library Corner Lac du Bonnet Regional Library



That's hockey! It's a sport well supported in Lac du Bonnet, and it's also the title of a new book for kids! This very Canadian book about a very Canadian sport is written by David Bouchard, who grew up on the prairies where he lived and breathed street hockey. "When Etienne takes his cousin out to play street hockey for the first time, he has a lot of explaining to do. Street hockey is nothing like ice hockey. Everyone has to wear a number nine Canadians hockey sweater, but beyond that, the game has more to do with a fun day in the snow than with winning or losing.

"Brady Brady scores with fun, sportsmanship, teamwork, and fair play!" says Bobby Orr about this new series of kids hockey books by Mary Shaw

and Chuck Temple. In "Brady Brady and the Runaway Goalie" our young hero saves the day when the Icehog's goalie goes missing before the big game! In "Brady Brady and the Great Rink" this young hockey player tries to build the greatest backyard rink ever, only to find out it's harder than he thought. But his hard work is about to pay off in a way he never imagined!

For our long-time players and fans, we have a new book by Andrew Podnieks entitled "Canadian Gold 2002: Making Hockey History". The 2002 Olympic Winter Games held in Salt Lake City, Utah, come to life in pictures and diary format, along with player profiles for the men and woman who participated.

And when the hockey sea-

son begins to wind down, we look ahead to the gardening season. Take a look at "The Perennial Garden: Color Harmonies through the Season" by Jeff and Marilyn Cox and begin to make plans for a spectacular display of color in your yards this summer. Do a bit of research about "Vegetables Gardening" as well - this "Sunset publication will help you plan for any size garden, including berries and herbs. Grow some new varieties this year, or find out what can be done differently to produce better gardening results.

We have a great selection of books and magazines to take your mind off the weather while we wait for a new season to make its appearance felt! Perhaps a visit to the library will brighten up your day....try it!

## Sagkeeng Anicinabe High School news

by Shawna Guimond

On Thursday afternoon, February 27<sup>th</sup>, Tim J. Butler, guitarist extraordinaire, performed for the staff and students of S.A.H.S. He was accompanied by our resident artist in the school, Sister Dorothy (Penner), a well-known Winnipeg recording artist and musician. They played hit songs such as "Hotel California" originally done by The Eagles, "Purple Haze", a Jimi Hendrix tune, and other songs by artists such as Led Zeppelin, Stevie Ray Vaughn and so on. Sister Dorothy also sang lead vocals on a song by Tracy Chapman and a couple others. Both artists played electric guitar. The performers held their audience spellbound for their entire hour-long performance. Following the show students were invited to participate in a jam session and musical workshop with both artists. It was a nice way to end the week as the following day, February 28, was a holiday for Sagkeeng and other aboriginal communities throughout Manitoba; J.J. Harper Day.

Stay tuned for further information: Tim J. Butler will be offering guitar lessons from 1 to 4 p.m. every second Saturday afternoon, starting soon!

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## Blues advance to round two of SIHL playoffs

Submitted by MP

Lac du Bonnet hosted the Beausejour Stars on Wednesday, Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> and closed out their best of five series in three straight to advance to the next round of playoffs in the South Interlake Hockey League (SIHL). Although the Blues emerged victorious, the final game was by a very slim margin.

Lac du Bonnet nabbed two quick goals in the first three minutes. Beausejour answered with one before the Blues grabbed two more less than a minute apart. The first period closed at 4-2 Blues after Beausejour managed one last offensive strike.

Lac du Bonnet opened the second period scoring in less than a minute, but Beausejour responding two minutes later. John Dancyt capped off a four-point night scoring the final goal of the second period at 7:54, providing the only excitement in what proved to be a pretty uneventful period.

The third period continued much the same as the second, until Beausejour's Captain, #11 Vincent Gemat, scored the

first goal of his upcoming hat trick performance with seven minutes left in the game. Jay Abraham temporarily took the pressure off for the Blues by scoring thirty seconds later, but Beausejour would not be denied their last "kick at the cat" in their final showing of the year. Gemat added his second goal with 1:12 remaining and then his third with 51 seconds left, bringing the score to within one of the Blues. Fans were on their feet as Beausejour kept the play in the Lac du Bonnet end. The buzzer sounded, ending the game 7-6 Blues.

No one seemed happier to see the ensuing goaltender's nightmare of a game end than Blues goalie Shane Hintz who recorded the win. Freeman Faloon recorded the loss, playing in net for Beausejour, much to the surprise of the Lac du Bonnet fans. Sitting out for Beausejour was top netminder Jayson LeRoye, who had earlier in the season been named to play in the SIHL all star game, and is one of only two goaltenders in the league to record a shut out this season.

LeRoye was obviously up-

set by the coach's decision not to play him in the third game, as he was spotted during the first period watching from behind the plexi glass in street clothes, after having participated in the pre-game warm up in full hockey regalia.

Faloon earlier in the series got the nod by Beausejour Coach Gerry Liske to start the playoffs, but was quickly replaced by LeRoye early in the second period. LeRoye went on to play the entire second game on Beausejour home ice, allowing only five goals in total, but the score closed at 6-4 Lac du Bonnet on an empty net goal.

The third game leaves fans wondering how Lac du Bonnet will conquer the tougher teams in the league when they managed to squander a 6-3 lead with seven minutes remaining against fourth place Beausejour.

Sean Reynolds has been absent for the entire Beausejour playoff series, and this absence may be a factor as the second line has contributed only 10 of the overall 52 point offensive total for the Blues. The second line, consisting of

Jay Abraham, Sean Reynolds and Devon Turner, has seen no changes over the entire Blues season until now. This line ended the season amongst the top 25 of the league's 209 players, with Abraham 8<sup>th</sup>, Reynolds 19<sup>th</sup> and Turner 23<sup>rd</sup>. Jay Abraham has so far contributed 7 of the 10 playoff points, including 5 goals.

Seifried has tried to fill Reynolds spot on the second line with various defencemen, Josh Abraham in game one, Usackis in game two, and a combination of Arsenault and Usackis in game three. It has been hit and miss to find the right combination at this point. Reynolds return to the lineup should raise the level of team play.

The third line has found a strong duo with Jay Griffith and Cam Sokoloski, but the remaining spot has yet to be filled by any one person.

The first line has remained constant however, with John Dancyt, Jay Seymour and Dwight Hirst contributing nearly half the playoff points at 24 on goals by Dancyt (4), Seymour (3) and Hirst (2). Leading team assists in

playoffs is Hirst with 7.

The Blues have been notorious for playing "only as good as they have to." Fans have witnessed the Lac du Bonnet Blues play exceptional hockey, on Ashern home ice to name one example, and Stonewall home ice to name another. Shane Hintz and Donovan Henzel have won the league goaltending award for least goals against. "Patience is a virtue," and the "chickens have yet to hatch". Bring on the next series.....

The Blues will start the weekend of March 7<sup>th</sup> versus the winner of the Lundar - Arborg series. Lundar is expected to win, but the series is tied 1-1 going into a three game schedule Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>, March 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Blues will have home ice advantage over the eventual winner.

In other playoffs, the Stonewall Flyers who are suffering financial woes with very little fan support, have won their first round three straight against Warren.

The Flyers expect to start their second round against the Ashern Hornets the weekend of March 7<sup>th</sup>.

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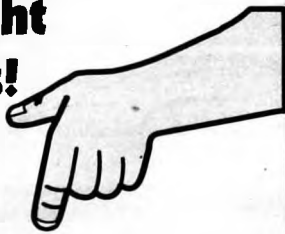
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# Lac du Bonnet RCMP Report



For the periods of February 21 to February 27, 2003

**February 21**  
Manitoba Hydro employees located a top end of an of an outboard motor near McArthur Falls. The owner was identified and claimed the motor as his. It was taken from his property without his knowledge sometime prior.

An accident report was received for an accident which occurred on the 6th of February, near Tanco Mines. Minor injuries were reported.

It was reported to a police by a resident in Whitemouth's area that a border had stolen his credit card and used it. A subject was arrested by police and the card recovered.

**February 22**

A report was taken that an inmate from Milner Ridge Corrections who was on a temporary absence failed to show up at the appointed time and was declared unlawfully at large.

A request was received to notify people at Davidson L.K. On an urgent family matter.

**February 23**

A report was taken of a false alarm at the Pinawa High School.

Police responded to assist a family in Pinawa regarding family issues.

**February 24**

A person turned himself in to the police in Lac du Bonnet on an outstanding warrant for

Winnipeg Police Service. He was escorted to the Remand Center.

A caller advised police that an ex-employee was on his property refusing to leave. Police assisted in diffusing the

matter.

**February 25**

Police arrested a male subject with regards to a spousal assault that occurred the previous week.

**February 26**

It was reported that

suspicious vehicle was operating near Halliday Dr.... Police attended and the vehicle in question was there for a lawful purpose.

## Pine Falls Health Auxiliary

Six volunteers from the Pine Falls Health Auxiliary donated 20 Laptop Quilts to the Sunny Wood Manor residents. "This was our January project, and something that we thought would be needed and liked by the residents," said volunteer Anita Borlase. Well she was right on the money, because the residents were very happy to receive the handmade quilts that were made especially for them. "I just love it" said one resident, "they are beautiful and I know I will put it to good use"

All of the material was donated, and the six volunteers went to work on making the quilts. The quilts were delivered to the residents this past Wednesday. During the Christmas season, as they have done in the past, was deliver oranges and Poinsettas to the residents and staff at the Health Complex, and Sunny Wood Manor in their efforts to spread goodwill and Christmas



Residents of Sunnywood Manor were very pleased with the kind and generous donation of lap top quilts from the dedicated volunteers of the Pine Falls Health Auxiliary

cheer to all. The Pine Falls Health Auxiliary is looking for volunteers to do knitting, as they have received two boxes of wool. The hats, mitts, and other items that are created are sold in the Pine Falls Health Complex and the money is put back into the community.

### Lac du Bonnet Community Billboard

**Health Concerns?** 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.

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

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

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

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

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

**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 Ten 345-8712.

**Lakeshore A1-a-Teen Group** For further information, Phone Kahlie 367-8237 (evenings) . Vickie 345-6520 (days)

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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 Rowntree 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 Sundays 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.

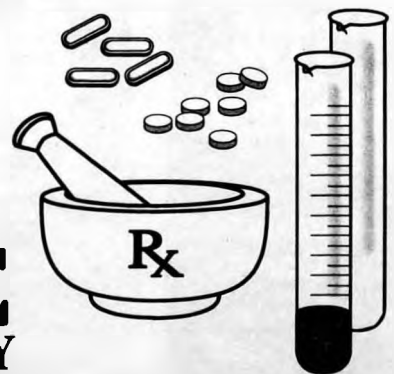
**Alzheimer Society** Theresa Conroy, Whitemouth 348-3505; Lac du Bonnet, Pine Falls, Victoria Beach, Pinawa, Beausejour, Whitemouth, Oakbank, Hadashville.

**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.

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## Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast

In February the Knights of Columbus Pine Falls Council hosted a Pancake breakfast in the Notre Dame du Laus Church Hall. Attendance was approximately 130 hungry souls who were treated to Norm Pachkowsky's famous shake and bake sausages and all the pancakes and eggs they could eat. The Juice and coffee flowed freely as parishioners gathered in conversation and fellowship. The Breakfast was being held as a fundraiser for the "Wings of Power." WOP is an organization that is housed in the former Pine Falls Church and provides much needed support for families in the area. A recent article in the Winnipeg River Echo addressed the appeal of teenage mothers for a daycare facility attached to the School so the Knights of Columbus dis-

cussed the issue of teenage pregnancy and the plight of new young mothers. The Knights do not wish to send the message that they are encouraging teenage pregnancy and believe that abstinence, good decision making skills, and parental support are the best way to prevent unwanted pregnancy. We wish to acknowledge the fact that these young mothers chose to carry their babies to full term and in doing so chose "The Right to Life" as opposed to abortion. We know that it was a difficult choice and one that others often fail to make. In an effort to help these young mothers the Knights will donate proceeds of the pancake breakfast approximately \$336 to the Wings of Power for programs to assist teenage mothers.



Knights Alain Wilcott, Richard Chevretils, Trevor Soloski and Raymond Berthelette dish out the goodies to hungry parishioners.

## Blues move to semi finals

Lac du Bonnet Blues moved a step closer to the S.I.H.L. Championship title by devouring Beausejour in 3 straight games.

Lundra dished Arborg 3 games to 1 set up the Semi final match with Lac du Bonnet starting this Friday in Lac du Bonnet (March 7, 2003) @ 8:30pm, then onto Lundra Saturday (March 8) @ 8:30pm. Teams return to Lac du Bonnet on Wednesday (March 12) @ 8:30pm and then back to Lundra on Friday @ 8:30pm. game 5 if necessary will be in Lac du Bonnet on Saturday night or Sunday afternoon. Please watch for game signs in your area to confirm.

In other S.I.H.L. action. Ashern made short work of the 415 Phantoms in 3 straight, as did Stonewall of Warren, to set up their semi final match.

Winners of there 2 semi final meet in the finals to start this weekend of March 21-23. Hope to see the Blues in the first for the 1st time since they joined the league 6 years ago.

## Sagkeeng Anicinabe High School news

by Shawna Guimond

On Thursday afternoon, February 27<sup>th</sup>, Tim J. Butler, guitarist extraordinaire, performed for the staff and students of S.A.H.S. He was accompanied by our resident artist in the school, Sister Dorothy (Penner), a well-known Winnipeg recording artist and musician. They played hit songs such as "Hotel California" originally done by The Eagles, "Purple Haze", a Jimi Hendrix tune, and other songs by artists such as Led Zeppelin, Stevie Ray Vaughn and so on. Sister Dorothy also sang lead vocals on a song by Tracy Chapman and a couple others. Both artists played electric guitar. The performers held their audience spellbound for their entire hour-long performance. Following the show students were invited to participate in a jam session and musical workshop with both artists. It was a nice way to end the week as the following day, February 28, was a holiday for Sagkeeng and other aboriginal communities throughout Manitoba; J.J. Harper Day.

Stay tuned for further information: Tim J. Butler will be offering guitar lessons from 1 to 4 p.m. every second Saturday afternoon, starting soon!

## WINGS OF POWER



Wings of Power will be continuing Family Nights on Wednesdays in March. Every Wednesday at 4 p.m. there will be a different activity for your family to enjoy. Here are some of the things we will be doing this month: making Flubber, clean mud, a reading night to keep our youngsters involved in the joy of learning new words, and much, much more. A reminder to parents that you must attend Family Night with your children. March is also Nutrition Month and Wings of Power will be having a Nutritional

St. Patrick's Day Party on March 17 at 4:00 p.m., come in green and enjoy some great green food and lots of fun.

Our Community Coordinator would like to remind you that she will be having another Cyber Camp. The focus will be on the internet. The camp will run on March 11, 12, and 13th from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Wings of Power. If you would like more details please contact Tara Lee at Wings of Power 367-9641 or the Library Allard 367-8443.

A reminder to everyone that

Gerry Dandeneau our Registered Dietician and her outreach worker Donna Kovari offer Pre and Postnatal drop-ins on Tuesdays and Thursdays. If you know of any one who would like to attend these sessions please feel free to have them join us or call Gerry or Donna at 367-8855 for more information. These sessions are very informative for moms and moms to be.

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# Winnipeg River RCMP Report



**February 24:**  
Sometime on Sunday, February 23, 2003 a utility trailer was parked at a cottage on Deer Street in Traverse Bay. Culprits accessed the trailer and stole numerous power tools and an old snowblower in the incident.

A vehicle fire which occurred on the North Shore of Fort Alexander was reported to police. Fire was accidental in nature and was extinguished before it engulfed the whole vehicle, by the owner. No one was injured in the incident.

Police attended a residence in Powerview to a call of a

possible spousal assault. Upon arrival police learned the couple had a verbal argument. One male subject was driven to another residence and the situation was stabilized.

**February 26:**

A break, enter and theft occurred at Lakeview Drive in Bel Air Properties. A shed and cottage were entered. Items taken were not available at this time.

A house at the Townsite of Fort Alexander was the victim of mischief. Culprits tore down some Xmas lights & spattered the back exterior wall with eggs.

**February 28:**

Police attended a residence in Powerview in response to a report of a spousal assault. Members arrived and found the couple had a verbal argument which had escalated to calling police. No assault had occurred and the situation was stabilized.

An intoxicated male was found asleep on a skidoo trail near the Papertown Hotel. He

was lodged in cells for his own safety until sober and released.

A male patron was given a ride home after police responded to a call at Slapshots Bar. The male had fallen asleep in a stairwell.

A call to the North Shore of Fort Alexander had police apprehend a male for causing a disturbance. The male was banging on doors and yelling trying to get in the residence. He was released in the morning when sober.

Police picked up a male subject from a restaurant in Pine Falls after staff advised a male was asleep at his table.

A complaint of a male banging on a vehicle, attempting to its smash windows at a residence in the RM of Alexander had police attend. The male was taken into custody and lodged until sober. No charges were laid in the incident.

Police responded to a

complaint of an assault in Powerview. A fight between 2 males had resulted in 1 male being hit with a bottle. The 2nd male subject was arrested and charged accordingly. Investigation continues.

**March 1:**

Police responded to a noise complaint on the South Shore of Fort Alexander. Upon police arrival the group had dispersed and no further action was required.

**March 2:**

A vehicle was stopped in Powerview and 1 male was charged with impaired driving.

Police are investigating a report of theft from a residence in Powerview.

Police responded to a call of an erratic driver on Dupont Street in Powerview. Members patrolled the area but could not locate the vehicle.

A break, enter and assault occurred at a residence in Fort Alexander. Police continue to investigate.

## 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.

**Weight Watchers Meeting:** Every Thursday - weigh in at 4:45 to 5:30 p.m., --call Dolores for info at 367-2945.

**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 9:00 p.m. at the Pine Falls United Church.

**Child Health Clinics - will be provided by area Public Health Nurse every Thursday afternoon at the Pine Falls Complex, Community Health Office assessments of babies (or child's) height, weight, infant nutrition, advice, immunizations (as necessary) and any other advice you may wish, please call 367-5406 for more info.**

## 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 ADMENT:** 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 Thalbreg, 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** Pin Road, Traverse Bay, 11:30 a.m. Sunday additional mass mid-June through Labour Day 7:30 p.m. Saturdays. Closed November 1 to April 30th.

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

**ST. THERESA R.C. MISSION** #8 Glenvale Avenue, Grand Marais. Mass 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. Clergy for information, 367-2531.**

## Gun registry costing almost a million dollars per day



Your voice in Ottawa

Vic Toews, MP for Provencher

60 Million Dollars More Spent Since December

OTTAWA - Provencher MP Vic Toews said that today's request by the Liberal Government for an additional \$170 million to run the firearms registry is a clear indication that the federal government is out of control. This request follows on the heels of last Friday's announcement that the administration of the firearms registry will be transferred from the Justice Department to the Solicitor General's Department.

"The Liberals think that they can fool Canadians by opening and closing office doors, but nobody is falling for it," said Toews. "Administration of the

firearms registry has been a mess in the Justice Department, and under the same bureaucrats, it will be a mess in the Solicitor General's Department - all they have done is change the titles on the door."

"Of the \$170 million request, \$60 million is simply to pay the bills since December. This amounts to almost a million dollars per day of taxpayers' money. Clearly, this government cannot control either its spending or its programs, let alone address crime effectively," continued Toews.

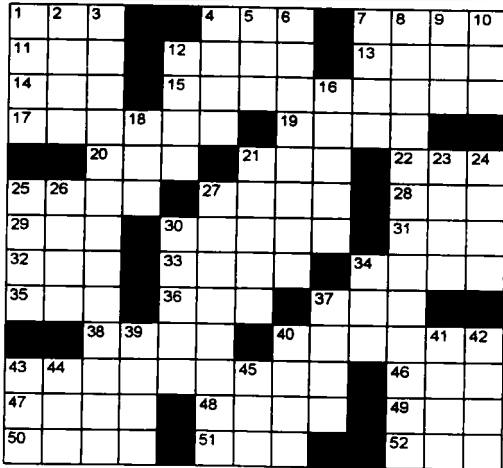
"Moving the registry into the Solicitor General's department is simply an attempt to

bury the escalating expenses in that department's many operational programs. For example, the costs may be attached to the RCMP budget to show increased funding for our police officers. In fact, the Liberal Government will continue to pour money into the ineffective, wasteful registry program rather than actually putting police officers onto the street to reduce violent crime," stated Toews.

Toews noted that the Auditor General abandoned her attempt to determine the actual amount spent by the Liberals on the gun registry because of the lack of records in the Department of Justice. This latest request for \$170 million brings the known total amount spent by the Justice Department to one billion dollars since 1995, but does not include the expenditures that other government agencies or departments have incurred.

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# WEEKLY CROSSWORD



**ACROSS**

- 1. Belly
- 4. Opening
- 7. British stock index (abbr.)
- 11. Actors union (inits.)
- 12. Narrow shoe width
- 13. Toward the mouth

- 14. Ice breaker (abbr.)
- 15. Tum inside out
- 17. Nabokov's nymph
- 19. Unknown author (abbr.)
- 20. Economic agency
- 21. Illness (slang)
- 22. Snow (Scot.)
- 25. Deity

**DOWN**

- 1. Measure
- 2. Habitat (comb. form)

- 27. Baseball brothers
- 28. Russian fighter plane
- 29. Digestive protein (abbr.)
- 30. Ages
- 31. "\_\_\_\_\_ Yankee Doodle..." (2 wds.)
- 32. From \_\_\_\_\_ Z (2 wds.)
- 33. Gardening basket
- 34. Agentless house sale (abbr.)
- 35. Card game
- 36. Erode
- 37. Ethiopian title
- 38. Temple
- 40. Assisting
- 43. Emotional
- 46. What ewe said
- 47. Scowl
- 48. Explorer Tasman
- 49. "A Shropshire \_\_\_\_\_"
- 50. Gymnastics coach Karolyi
- 51. Touch (comb. form)
- 52. Emergency radio (abbr.)
- 24. Hamitic language
- 25. False god
- 26. Outside (comb. form)
- 27. Balloon
- 30. Cruel (word stem)
- 34. Craze
- 37. Cambodian cash
- 39. Age
- 40. With (Fr.)
- 41. River
- 42. Flits
- 43. Robe
- 44. Enemy
- 45. Philippine tree

**LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS**



## CRYPTIC PUZZLE

J CJPZ MJAK. YRAK CRPP GM HR GK.  
 NXHK CRPP YRVI RI GK. MJAK  
 HDZXH GK XK ZBGXC.

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**

WHEN ONE BURNS ONES BRIDGES WHAT A VERY NICE FIRE IT MAKES.

## WEEKLY ECHO HOROSCOPE

for the week of March 3 to March 9

**ARIES (Mar. 21- April 20)**



Your ideas can be put into action. Don't divulge secret information. You may find that purchases or entertainment could be expensive. Secret intrigues could get you into trouble.

**TAURUS (Apr. 21- may 21)**



Be discreet about your personal life or whereabouts. Be mysterious. You will be in the mood for entertainment. Try not to be too lavish with your lover. Get involved in creative projects that will enhance your earning power.

**GEMINI (May 22-June 21)**



Get busy trying to make more money. Your ability to be a self starter will help get things done and motivate others. Your changing attitudes may be causing concern for your partner. Don't let friends or relatives rule your life.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22)**



Travel will lead you in new directions. Romance is likely if you participate in unusual forms of entertainment. Try not to lend or borrow money or belongings this week. Your moneymaking opportunities will flourish.

**LEO (July 23-Aug 22)**



You are best to avoid such unsavory circumstances, especially if you're in a group situation. Don't trust a deal that looks too good, or a lover who appears to have it all. Don't let an incident at work play on your mind. Your emotions may be hard to control if your mate is forcing you to undergo drastic alterations in your relationship.



**VIRGO (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23)**  
 Concentrate on yourself or your work. A trip to visit relatives should be rewarding. You may need the space, but you need the extra cash more. Check into art objects or precious stones. You can do well in group endeavors.

**LIBRA (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23)**



You like to stay busy and now is your chance to do just that. Insincere gestures of friendliness are likely to occur. You can make personal changes that will enhance your appearance and bring about greater social activity. Be careful not to show your temper when dealing with the boss.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)**



Travel opportunities must be taken advantage of. You may find that purchases or entertainment could be expensive. Deal with in-laws this week. You can pick up valuable information if you listen to those with more experience.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21)**



You'll be dropping friends for no apparent reason. You need to make changes that will raise your self esteem, such as a new hairstyle or a new image. Empty promises will cause confusion. You may not be as well received in group endeavors if you try to force your will on others.



**CAPRICORN (Dec 22- Jan. 20)**  
 Do not borrow or lend money or belongings to friends or relatives if you wish to avoid any hassles. Don't get involved in idle chatter that will hurt your position. Disappointments regarding partners will be subject to the way you react to their personal comments. You'll find you're detail oriented this week.



**AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19)**  
 Travel will turn out to be far more exciting than you imagined. Creative pursuits should payoff. You can make new connections through friends or relatives. Try to mix business with pleasure while traveling.



**PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)**  
 Your sensitive, affectionate nature will capture the heart of anyone you are attracted to. Your boss won't be too thrilled if you leave things unfinished. You can develop your creative talents if you take the time to practice your art. Talk to those in a position of power about your intentions.

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## Memoriam

**Verna Guimond  
March 4, 1981  
Mother & Grandmother**

God gave me a mother as special as her name. Without her to love, life is not the same. As long as we live, we'll always be glad.

To treasure the memories of the mother we had. Mom's memory is our keepsake which we'll never part. God has her in his keeping, we have Mother and Grandma in our hearts.

Sadly missed, loved and remembered by her family. Lee, Marlene, Chucky, Bertha & Dennis and grandchildren & great grandchildren.

### 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, March 7:**  
Soup, hot turkey sandwiches, mashed potatoes, green beans, ice cream.

**Monday, March 10:**  
Soup, roast pork, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas and carrots, fruit cocktail.

**Wednesday, March 12**  
Soup, salmon patties, scalloped potatoes, carrots and cauliflower, lemon pudding.

## Miscellaneous

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## Card of thanks

We would like to thank the following for their generous donations in helping our children Punky (Dwayne) Guimond, Jackie, Allyssa Mason, & Baby Julius who lost their home in a house fire.

Joyce Courchene, Northern Store, Midway Foods, B & M Pawn Shop, Teeny Boppers, Dave's New & Used, Wings of Power, Mr. Pics, Ed & Terry's, Dorothy Skeet, Bingo Player's Collection, Bertha & Gabe Swampy, Verna Girard & Mr. Jones, Sharon Johnston, Pine Pharmacy, Pro Hardware, Peter & Esabelle Courchene (Mamawening), Barb Gervais, Anita Harper, Marilyn & John Fontaine, Anicinabe School Staff donation.

If we forgot others who donated a great big thank you.

From the Guimond, Courchene & Swampy families.

A big thank you for the lovely gifts given at the baby shower for Jackie Courchene & Baby Julius.

Gifts from: Sandra Bunn, Ruby Swampy, Dorothy Skeet, Joyce Courchene, Rene Guimond, Cheryl Courchene, Verna Girard, Bertha Swampy, Tanya Bannab, Rita & Buffy Guimond, Darlene Courchene.

## Card of thanks

I would like to thank my relatives, friends and neighbours for the kindness that they expressed during the passing of my brother Raymond Lavoie. Thank you to everyone who sent food, cards, flowers and to everyone that attended the funeral.

Thank you to the Ladies Auxiliary from St. Georges for the lovely lunch. To Danny Kemball for coming to clean my driveway, it was greatly appreciated. Thank you to Edgar Desautels, Madelaine Guay, Mr. Ludger Jubinville, Mary Anne Chartier (organist), and the choir.

To Dr. Van Dyk at the Pine Falls Hospital. To Dr. Charles O'livney and staff at the St. Boniface Hospital and the cancer care of Manitoba.

To Father Rejean Belanger for visiting Raymond and giving him the last rights, also Father Lanoie on Christmas Day who prayed with us and gave Raymond the anointing for the sick.

To Leopold Gareau thank you for visiting Raymond every single day. I know your going to miss (your music partner). To Emile and Pat for all your help and support. To Lucille, Norma and Marc for being at your Uncle Raymond's side when he passed away.

To my children for being there for me, and helping to take care of your uncle at the hospital. To Marc for bringing your mandolin and playing him some tunes. He appreciated that more than he could say. Special thanks to Father Belanger for saying mass and for his kind words.

Also to Richard Lavoie and Maurice Lavoie for serving mass, and to the pallbearers, Alcide Bruneau, Louis Bruneau, Arthur Lavoie, Paul Gervais, Marc Bowman, Claude Bowman.

A special thank you to Alcide and Lucille Bruneau for all your kindness and support that you expressed to me during Raymond's illness and his stay at the hospital. To Alcide for leaving your family behind on Christmas Day to be at the hospital for me and my family. To both of you for bringing me food, flowers, and gifts, and for helping me with the funeral arrangements and especially for being at the hospital with me when Raymond passed away. Thank you both for your kindness, it was overwhelming.

Denise Bowman

## Obituary

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### Raymond Lavoie

Peacefully surrounded by his family on Sunday, December 29, 2002 at the St. Boniface Hospital in Winnipeg, MB. Raymond Lavoie aged 65 years of Powerview, MB. Raymond was born March 21st, 1937 in Pine Falls, MB. He was predeceased by his father Robert in 1972, brother Henri in 1983, brother Joseph in 1993, brother Raoul in 1994 and his mother Florence in 1994.

Raymond leaves to cherish his memory sister Virginia St. Croix, sister in law Jean Lavoie, sister Delina Gervais, brother Albert (Jeannette), Emile (Pat), sister in law Simone Lavoie, sisters Jeannette Hawranik, and Denise Bowman as well as numerous nieces and nephews, relatives and friends.

Raymond worked for the Abitibi Price Paper mill for 37 years. He loved music and especially playing his beloved guitars, which he played like no one we ever heard, he had so much hidden talent.

Raymond was a collector, and had a beautiful collection of Martin guitars which he loved, anyone that would drop by, he would take them out and show them off. He also had a beautiful gun collection which he was so proud of. Raymond also collected Ford Thunderbirds which he was also very proud of, especially his little 1956 T-Bird, which was his pride and joy. Raymond will be missed.

Funeral mass was celebrated on January 3rd, 2003 in the St. Georges Parish R.C. Church in St. Georges, MB. Interment in the St. Georges Cemetery.



## Pee Wee Girls Provincial Hockey Team Profiles



**Lindsay Mysak**

Position: Center  
Shoots: Right  
Age: 10 years  
Born: Selkirk, MB

It's hard to believe that Lindsay is in her first year as a hockey player. She has great speed and puck handling skills. Lindsay has worked hard at becoming the player she is capable of being. Look out for next year guys. This girl will be flying right by you.



**Karlee Nolin**

Position: Left Wing  
Shoots: Left  
Age: 10 years  
Born: Winnipeg, MB

Karlee has improved tremendously from the start of the year. It has been a pleasure as a Father and Coach to watch her develop as a player. Karlee works hard in practice and it shows in a game situation. With no background in ringette or hockey it's been all heart and determination for her to get that first goal.

## Lac du Bonnet Pioneer Club

This first champions in floor curling was declared this past week, congratulations goes out to Marlene Aveson, skip) Yvette Anderson, Bob Peacock, and Ed Wazny for taking the Grand Aggregate, well done. This curling bonspiel will be held this year on April 24, 25, 26th and were are expecting a good turn out from all of town rinks the public is invited to drop in for lunch and drinks all these days to see the action and visit with friends.

The annual fishing derby will be held on March 8th and the club will be having their pancake breakfast and will be open for 6:00am, for the early birds. Come one come all.

We had our pot luck supper on Saturday February 15th and was with attendance, food was disillusioned good times was had by everyone. To our members in the hospital or not well at home, we wish you a speedy recovery and hope to see you soon.

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## The real cost of forced amalgamation of school divisions



### Report from Legislature

by Gerald Hawranik,  
M.L.A. Lac du Bonnet Constituency

There is a real cost to school division amalgamations. Taxpayers in many parts of the province will be paying significantly more to support the same neighbourhood schools without seeing benefits in the classroom. Manitobans are now starting to see the real costs of school division amalgamation. It was reported that in the preliminary budget of the River East Transcona School Division, the local levy for the Transcona area will increase by 13%, where as the rates for the former River East area will rise by 5%. Of greater concern is the tax increase for residents within the Sunrise School Division. It is reported in the preliminary budget of the Sunrise School Division, that the local levy will increase the Mill rate by 8.3%. This is a shocking increase, but it takes into account only some of the increase costs due to the forced amalgamation of the former Agassiz School Division with the Springfield portion of the former Transcona Springfield School Division. Our School

Trustees and our Municipal Councils should not bear the blame - the blame rests solely with the Provincial government. The government forced the amalgamation of Agassiz with Springfield. Gary Doer promised Manitobans at a meeting of the Manitoba Association of School Trustees, that he "would not force school divisions to amalgamate - it's not the Manitoba way," he said, and then shortly thereafter, he forced the amalgamations of several school divisions. The Premier promised savings through amalgamations, but in reality, all those who were forced to amalgamate, will see huge increases in their property taxes.

I am confident that the Trustees of our Sunrise School Division and the administration are working diligently toward keeping the increases in taxes as low as possible, yet at the same time maintaining the quality of education in our schools we have come to expect. Our Trustees and our administration are simply mak-

ing the best of the hand that was dealt to them. Our Trustees and our administration deserve our support and our encouragement.

The Minister of Education is requiring amalgamated school divisions to submit their budgets soon so that he can review them, change them if necessary, and approve them. Because the province only increased education funding to schools across Manitoba by 2.8%, will the government now approve massive increases in property taxes, or will it force divisions to cut programs? Either way, it's not fair for students or taxpayers to be the victims of the government's boondoggle.

If you have any questions regarding this article, or any other issues or concerns in the Constituency, please feel free to contact me at 268-4664, write to me at P.O. Box 430, Beausejour, MB, R0E 0C0, E-mail me at [gerald@geraldhawranik.com](mailto:gerald@geraldhawranik.com) or visit my website at [www.geraldhawranik.com](http://www.geraldhawranik.com).

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